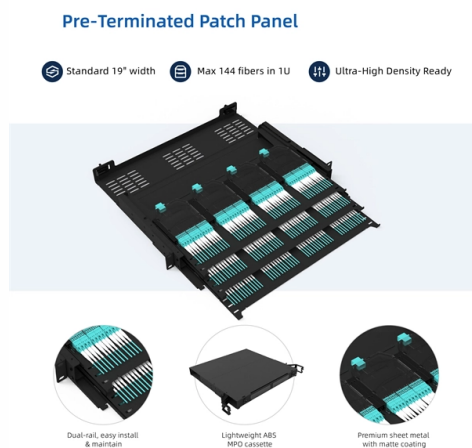


One fiber optic cable and four switches



AI Overview

You can connect four switches using fiber optic cables, but a single fiber strand cannot directly link all four; you need either a multi-strand fiber cable or a proper topology like star or daisy chain with SFP/SFP+ modules.

Recommended Topologies

Star Topology: Each switch connects to a central switch or hub using its own fiber strand. This ensures high performance and reduces collisions, as all traffic passes through the central switch, but requires multiple fiber strands . **Daisy Chain Topology:** Switches are connected sequentially (Switch 1 → Switch 2 → Switch 3 → Switch 4). This can work with fewer fiber strands, but a failure in one link can disrupt downstream switches .

Fiber Cabling Requirements

- **Multi-strand Fiber Cable:** A 4-strand pre-terminated fiber optic cable is ideal for connecting four switches. Each strand can serve as a dedicated link between switches or for redundancy .
- **Duplex Fiber:** Standard SFP/SFP+ modules typically require duplex fiber (two strands: one for transmit, one for receive). For four switches, you may need multiple duplex connections or a multi-strand cable .
- **Fiber Type:** Use multimode fiber (OM2/OM3) for short distances (

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