

Cisco MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-Port Fibre Channel over Ethernet Module

Product Overview

The next-generation Cisco® MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-Port Fibre Channel over Ethernet (FCoE) Module (Figure 1) provides Cisco Unified Fabric connectivity to the SAN core. It empowers midsize and large enterprises that are rapidly deploying cloud-scale applications with Inter-Switch Link (ISL) consolidation by four to one over traditional 10Gbps FCoE and three to one over 16Gbps FC, and exceptional investment protection for their SANs. The data center fabric is already using 40-Gbps connectivity in the core for more efficient convergence, higher performance, and lower total cost of ownership (TCO). With the entire Cisco Nexus® Family supporting 40-Gbps FCoE, this capability can now be extended to the SAN core. You can extend the benefits of FCoE beyond the access layer to the data center core with a full line-rate FCoE module for the Cisco MDS 9700 Series Multilayer Directors.

You can save money; simplify management; reduce cabling, power, and cooling requirements; and improve flexibility by deploying FCoE, while protecting your Fibre Channel SAN investment with the MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-ort FCoE Module. FCoE allows an evolutionary approach to I/O consolidation by preserving all Fibre Channel constructs. It maintains the latency, security, and traffic management attributes of Fibre Channel, as well as your investment in Fibre Channel tools, training, and SANs. FCoE also extends Fibre Channel SAN connectivity. Now 100 percent of your network servers can be attached to the SAN.

Figure 1. Cisco MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-Port FCoE Module



Main Features

The main features of the MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-Port FCoE Module include:

- High performance: MDS 9700 Series architecture, based on central arbitration and crossbar fabric, provides 40-Gbps line-rate, non-blocking, predictable performance across all traffic conditions for every FCoE port in the chassis.
- CAPEX reduction: The 40Gbps FCoE capable ports support QSFP-40G-SR4-BD transceivers that allow users to deploy them on existing 10Gbps cable plants without having to rip and replace existing cabling in their data center thus greatly reducing capital expenditure.
- Higher Bandwidth: FCoE takes advantage of full bandwidth utilization on a 40-Gbps Ethernet link to provide 294 percent the bandwidth of 16-Gbps Fibre Channel (the actual throughput of 16-Gbps Fibre Channel is 13.6 Gbps). Therefore, you need fewer 40-Gbps links to achieve the same bandwidth as with multiple 16-Gbps links.
- High availability: MDS 9700 Series directors provide outstanding availability and reliability. These are the
 industry's first director-class switches that offer redundancy on all major components. They provide grid
 redundancy on the power supply and 1+1 redundant supervisors. Users can also can add fabric cards to
 enable N+1 fabric redundancy.
- Scalability: The MDS 9700 FCoE module provides up to 384 40-Gbps, full line-rate, ports in a single Cisco MDS 9718 Multilayer Director chassis or 192 40-Gbps, full line-rate, autosensing ports in a single Cisco MDS 9710 Multilayer Director chassis or up to 96 40-Gbps full line-rate ports in a single Cisco MDS 9706 Multilayer Director chassis.
- Resilient high-performance ISLs: FCoE ISLs can be grouped into port channels with up to 16 physical links, creating massive 640-Gbps logical links. When you connect to Cisco Nexus 7000 Series Switches populated with Cisco Nexus 7000 Series 40 Gigabit Ethernet modules, you can easily scale the number of director-class FCoE ports to meet the needs of the most demanding data center environments.
- Intelligent network services: VSAN technology, access control lists (ACLs) for hardware-based intelligent frame processing, and fabricwide quality of service (QoS) enable migration from SAN islands to enterprisewide storage networks.
- Sophisticated diagnostics: The MDS 9700 FCoE module provides intelligent diagnostics, protocol decoding, network analysis tools, and integrated Cisco Call Home capability for greater reliability, faster problem resolution, and reduced service costs.
- Programmable fabric: The MDS 9700 Series provides powerful representational state transfer (REST) and Cisco NX-API capabilities to enable flexible and rapid programming of utilities for the SAN.

Main Benefits

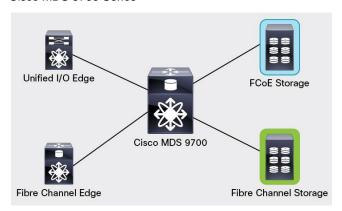
Converged fabrics are increasing host and application sprawl at the access layer, resulting in greater oversubscription on the converged link. The use of 40-Gbps links reduces the bandwidth contention at the access layer and core by as much as 400 percent and at the same time enables ISL consolidation without the need to make any changes to the existing cable plan.

You can bring the benefits of I/O consolidation at the access layer to the data center core with the MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-Port FCoE Module. This solution offers several important benefits:

Investment protection: FCoE is an evolutionary technology with the same management model as Fibre
Channel and with the roadmap of Ethernet, which is rapidly shifting from 10 to 40 Gbps. With FCoE, you
can preserve your investments in Fibre Channel tools, training, and SANs. The MDS 9700 FCoE module
provides investment protection for existing Fibre Channel storage by transparently bridging the gap between
FCoE SANs (traffic originating from server-side networks) and Fibre Channel SANs (traffic heading toward
storage arrays), as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2. Cisco MDS 9700 Interconnects FCoE and Fibre Channel SANs

Cisco MDS 9700 Series



- Agility: Over time, a converged network uses network capacity more efficiently in both LAN and SAN
 deployments. Greater bandwidth capacity also improves responsiveness for all traffic types. The end-to-end
 benefits of FCoE include the capability to set up, move, and change both physical and virtual assets with
 greater speed and fewer points of failure.
- Simplification: Through consolidation, a converged network can reduce complexity and provide a greater return on investment (ROI).
- Better convergence: 40-Gbps links benefit from lower latency than lower-bandwidth links, bringing betterperforming converged storage workloads to your storage array. Higher bandwidth also helps ensure less
 ISL congestion for newer converged storage workloads that are moving to the storage arrays: for instance,
 Small Computer System Interface over IP (iSCSI) and FCoE workloads with a combination of Nexus series
 switches.
- This module can also support connectivity to FCoE initiators and targets that send only FCoE traffic, thus
 providing a way to deploy a dedicated FCoE SAN without requiring any convergence at 40 Gbps: 147
 percent of 32-Gbps Fibre Channel owing to better bandwidth utilization on ethernet links.

Product Specifications

Table 1 lists the specifications for the MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-Port FCoE Module.

 Table 1.
 Product Specifications

Software compatibility R	Cisco MDS 9700 Series Multilayer Directors
Fibra Channal and	Requires Cisco MDS 9000 NX-OS Software Release 7.3 or later
FCoE protocols	 Fibre Channel standards: Fibre Channel standards: FC-BB-5, Revision 2.0 (ANSI INCITS 462-2010) FC-BB-8, Revision 2.7 (ANSI INCITS 419-2008) FC-BB-3, Revision 6.3 (ANSI INCITS 414-2006) FC-BB-3, Revision 6.1 (ANSI INCITS 414-2006) FC-BB-3, Revision 1.11 (ANSI INCITS 414-2007) FC-FS-3, Revision 1.01 (ANSI INCITS 472-2017) FC-FS-2, Revision 1.01 (ANSI INCITS 472-2007) FC-FS-8, Amendment (ANSI INCITS 472-2007) FC-FS, Revision 1.9 (ANSI INCITS 477-2011) FC-FS, Revision 1.9 (ANSI INCITS 477-2011) FC-LS-2, Revision 1.5 (ANSI INCITS 477-2011) FC-LS-2, Revision 1.5 (ANSI INCITS 477-2011) FC-SW-3, Revision 1.5 (ANSI INCITS 478-2007) FC-SW-3, Revision 1.5 (ANSI INCITS 478-2007) FC-SW-3, Revision 1.5 (ANSI INCITS 478-2007) FC-SW-3, Revision 5.3 (ANSI INCITS 352-2007) FC-SW-3, Revision 6.3 (ANSI INCITS 358-2001) FC-SW-3, Revision 8.1 (ANSI INCITS 355-2001) FC-GS-4, Revision 7.91 (ANSI INCITS 387-2004) FC-GS-3, Revision 7.91 (ANSI INCITS 387-2004) FC-GS-3, Revision 7.01 (ANSI INCITS 387-2004) FC-CS-3, Revision 7.01 (ANSI INCITS 389-2001) FC-C, Revision 1.2 (ANSI INCITS 357-2003) FC-PC-2, Revision 1.6 (ANSI INCITS 374-2003) FC-SB-3, Revision 1.6 (ANSI INCITS 349-2001) FC-SB-3, Revision 1.6 (ANSI INCITS 347-2003) FC-SB-2, Revision 1.8 (ANSI INCITS 349-2001) FC-SB-2, Revision 1.8 (ANSI INCITS 349-2001) FC-SB-2, Revision 1.8 (ANSI INCITS 349-2007) FC-SB-2, Revision 1.03 (ANSI INCITS 349-2007) FC-FR-R, Revision 1.04 (ANSI INCITS 349-2007) FC-FR-R, Revision 1.05 (ANSI INCITS 349-2007) FC-FR-R, Revision 1.05 (ANSI INCITS 349-2007) FC-FR-R, Revision 1.05 (ANSI INCITS 349-2

Item	Specification
item	F-port channeling
	∘ VSANs
	Fibre Channel port channel
	VSAN trunking
	Fabric Device Management Interface (FDMI)
	Fibre Channel ID (FCID) persistence
	Distributed device alias services
	In-order delivery Port tracking
	N-port virtualization (NPV)
	N-port ID virtualization (NPIV)
	 Fabric services: Name server, registered state change notification (RSCN), login services, and name-server zoning
	Per-VSAN fabric services
	Cisco Fabric Services
	Fabric Shortest Path First (FSPF)
	 Diffie-Hellman Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (DH-CHAP) and Fibre Channel Security Protocol (FC-SP)
	Host-to-switch and switch-to-switch FC-SP authentication
	Fabric binding for Fibre Channel
	Port security
	Standard zoning
	Domain and port zoning
	• Enhanced zoning
	 Cisco Fabric Analyzer Fibre Channel traceroute
	Fibre Channel ping
	Fibre Channel debugging
	Cisco Fabric Manager support
	Storage Management Initiative Specification (SMI-S)
Ethernet protocols	IEEE 802.3, Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Detect (CSMA/CD) access method and physical layer (phy) specifications
	IEEE 802.1Q, MAC address bridges and virtual bridged LANs
	IEEE 802.1Qbb, priority-based flow control (PFC)
	IEEE 802.1Qaz, enhanced transmission selection (ETS)
	IEEE 802.1Qaz, Data Center Bridging Exchange (DCBX) Protocol
Ports	24 fixed autosensing 40-Gbps FCoE ports
Slots	Can be used in any and all of 16 payload slots of the Cisco MDS 9718 Multilayer Director
	Can be used in any and all of 8 payload slots of the Cisco MDS 9710 Multilayer Director
	Can be used in any and all of 4 payload slots of the Cisco MDS 9706 Multilayer Director
Features and Functions	
Fabric services	Name server
	• RSCN
	Login services
	Cisco Fabric Configuration Server (FCS)
	Public loop
	Broadcast
	In-order delivery
Advanced capabilities	• VSAN
	Port channel with multipath load balancing
	QoS: Flow based and zone based
Diagnostics and	Power-on self-test (POST) diagnostics
troubleshooting tools	Online diagnostics
	Fibre Channel ping
	Fibre Channel debug
	Cisco Fabric Analyzer

Item	Specification
	FCoE to FCoE SPAN
	Syslog
	Port-level statistics
	Cisco Generic Online Diagnostics (GOLD)
Security	• VSANs
	• ACLs
	Per-VSAN role-based access control (RBAC)
	Fibre Channel zoning Post acquirity and fabric binding.
	Port security and fabric binding Cisco Switched Port Analyzer (SPAN)
	Management access
	 Secure Shell (SSH) Protocol Version 2 (v2) implementing Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)
	 Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Version 3 implementing AES
	Secure FTP (SFTP)
Serviceability	Nondisruptive, concurrent code load and activation
,	Configuration file management
	Nondisruptive software upgrades
	Cisco Call Home
	Power-management LEDs
	Port beaconing
	System LED COMP trans for slotter
	SNMP traps for alerts Network boot
Performance	Port Speed: 40-Gbps fixed bandwidth PortChangel: Up to 16 ports
	PortChannel: Up to 16 ports
Reliability and availability	Hot-swappable module History paper Sector Plygraphia (CED) action
	Hot-swappable Small Form-Factor Pluggable (SFP) optics Online diagnostics
	Stateful process restart
	Nondisruptive supervisor failover
	Any module, any port configuration for port channels
	Fabric-based multipathing
	Per-VSAN fabric services
	Port tracking
Network management	Access methods through Cisco MDS 9700 Series supervisor module:
	Out-of-band 10/100/1000 Ethernet port (Supervisor-1/Supervisor-1E)
	RS-232 serial console port
	• In-band IPFC
	DB-9 COM port Access protocols
	Command-line interface (CLI) by console and Ethernet ports
	 SNMPv3 by Ethernet port and in-band IPFC access
	Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) SMI-S
	Network security
	 Per-VSAN RBAC using RADIUS-based and TACACS+-based authentication, authorization, and accounting
	(AAA) functions • SFTP
	SSHv2 implementing AES
	SNMPv3 implementing AES
	Management applications
	∘ Cisco MDS 9000 Family CLI
	Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM) for SAN
	Cisco Device Manager Cisco Device Manager
	CiscoWorks Resource Manager Essentials (RME) and Device Fault Manager (DFM)
Programming	Scriptable CLI

Item	Specification
interfaces	Cisco DCNM for SAN GUI Cisco Device Manager GUI NX-API
Environmental	 Temperature, ambient operating: 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C) Temperature, ambient nonoperating and storage: -40 to 158°F (-40 to 70°C) Relative humidity, ambient (noncondensing) operating: 5 to 90% Relative humidity, ambient (noncondensing) nonoperating and storage: 5 to 95% Altitude, operating: -197 to 6500 ft (-60 to 2000m)
Physical dimensions	 Dimensions: 1.75 x 15.9 x 21.8 in. (4.4 x 40.39 x 55.37 cm) Occupies one I/O module slot in a Cisco MDS 9700 Series chassis Weight: 17 lb (7.7 kg)
Power	Typical: 680 watts (W)
Approvals and compliance	 Safety compliance: ○ CE marking ○ UL 60950 ○ CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 60950 ○ EN 60950 ○ IEC 60950 ○ TS 001 ○ AS/NZS 3260 ○ IEC60825 ○ EN60825 ○ 21 CFR 1040 ● EMC compliance: ○ FCC Part 15 (CFR 47) Class A ○ ICES-003 Class A ○ IN 55022 Class A ○ CISPR 22 Class A ○ AS/NZS 3548 Class A ○ VCCI Class A ○ KN22 Class A ○ CNS13438 Class A ○ CNS13438 Class A ○ CNS13438 Class A ○ EN 55024 ○ EN 50082-1 ○ EN 61000-3-2 ○ EN 61000-3-3 ○ EN 61000-3-3 ○ EN 300 386

Ordering Information

Table 2 provides ordering information for the MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-Port FCoE Module.

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Description	Part Number
Cisco MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-Port FCoE Module	DS-X9824-960K9
Cisco MDS 9700 40-Gbps 24-Port FCoE Module, spare	DS-X9824-960K9=
MDS 9706 24-port 40G module, 24 QSFP-40G-SR-BD,2 Fab1, spare	DS-X9824960BDC06=
MDS 9706 24-port 40G module, 24 QSFP-40G-SR4, 2 Fab1, spare	DS-X9824960SRC06=
MDS 9710 24-port 40G module, 24 QSFP-40G-SR-BD,2 Fab1, spare	DS-X9824960BDC10=
MDS 9710 24-port 40G module, 24 QSFP-40G-SR4, 2 Fab1, spare	DS-X9824960SRC10=
MDS 9718 24-port 40G module, 24 QSFP-40G-SR-BD,2 Fab1, spare	DS-X9824960BDC18=

Description	Part Number
MDS 9718 24-port 40G module, 24 QSFP-40G-SR4, 2 Fab1, spare	DS-X9824960SRC18=
40GBASE-SR QSFP+ Module, 150M	QSFP-40G-SR4
40GBASE-SR QSFP+ Module, 150M, spare	QSFP-40G-SR4=
40GBASE-CSR QSFP+ Module, 400M	QSFP-40G-CSR4
40GBASE-CSR QSFP+ Module, 400M, spare	QSFP-40G-CSR4=
40GBASE-QSFP BiDi	QSFP-40G-SR-BD
40GBASE-QSFP BiDi, spare	QSFP-40G-SR-BD=
Active optical cable assembly	QSFP-H40G-AOCxM (x=1, 2, 3, 5, 7, or 10)

See SFP optics data sheet for additional product numbers and information: http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/interfaces-modules/transceiver-modules/data_sheet_c78-660083.html.

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