

Cisco Nexus 7000 Series 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module, 80Gb Fabric

Product Overview

The Cisco Nexus™ 7000 Series 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module (Figure 1) is a highly scalable, high-density module designed for performance driven mission-critical Ethernet networks

The Cisco Nexus 7000 Series Switches comprise a modular data center-class product line designed for highly scalable 10 Gigabit Ethernet networks with a fabric architecture that scales beyond 15 terabits per second (Tbps). Designed to meet the requirements of the most mission-critical data centers, it delivers continuous system operation and virtualized pervasive services. The Cisco Nexus 7000 Series is based on a proven operating system, with enhanced features to deliver real-time system upgrades with exceptional manageability and serviceability. Its innovative design is purpose built to support end-to-end data center connectivity, consolidating IP, storage, and interprocess communication (IPC) networks onto a single Ethernet fabric.

Figure 1. Cisco Nexus 7000 Series 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module



Features and Benefits

The Cisco Nexus 7000 Series 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module with 80 Gb of bandwidth to the fabric is a high-performance, high-density 10 Gigabit Ethernet module designed for mission-critical Ethernet networks. Up to 512 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet are supported in a single system in the 18-slot chassis, providing a high-density, compact solution for the largest 10Gb Ethernet networks.

Populating the 10-slot chassis with this module delivers up to 256 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet in a single chassis, or up to 512 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet in a single rack. These configurations are ideal for the core layer or the aggregation layer of a data center network, where density, performance, and continuous system operation are critical. This module can also be used as a 10 Gigabit Ethernet uplink when employing the Cisco Nexus 7000 Series 48-port 10/100/1000 Module for the access layer. The physical interfaces on the Cisco Nexus 7000 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module support SFP+ pluggable optics to meet the needs of a variety of distances and types of fiber cable.

All Cisco Nexus 7000 Series I/O modules contain an integrated forwarding engine. This architecture scales the forwarding performance of the chassis linearly by the number of I/O modules employed. The forwarding engine on the Cisco Nexus 7000 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module is part of the Cisco Nexus 7000 M Series of forwarding engines. Because this is the first generation of the M Series, the engine is referred to as the M1 forwarding engine.

The M1 forwarding engine delivers 60 million packets per second (Mpps) of Layer 2 and 3 IPv4 unicast forwarding or 30 Mpps of IPv6 unicast forwarding across all ports on a single I/O module. An 18-slot chassis with 16 M1 I/O modules delivers up to 960 Mpps of IPv4 Unicast forwarding. Multicast forwarding is built into the I/O module performing egress replication. The M1 forwarding engine also delivers access control list (ACL) filtering, marking, rate limiting, and NetFlow with no effect on performance. Powerful ACL processing supports up to 64,000 entries per module, where entries can address Layer 2, 3, and 4 fields in addition to new Cisco® metadata fields that employ security group tags (SGTs).

The Cisco Nexus 7000 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module offers exceptional security with integrated hardware support for Cisco TrustSec. This includes line rate data confidentiality, data integrity and ACL processing for Security Group Tags. Data confidentiality and integrity conform to the IEEE MAC security standard (IEEE 802.1AE [MACsec]). All 32 ports on the module support the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) cipher using a 128-bit key. New security ACLs are enhanced through hardware support for Cisco metadata headers capable of carrying SGTs. Security group ACLs (SGACLs) use SGT information to provide hardware-based enforcement of security policies¹. This removes dependencies on IP addresses thus improving scalability and simplifying manageability.

The fabric interface on the Cisco Nexus 7000 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module delivers 80 Gbps of bandwidth in each direction. Traffic destined for a different module is distributed across up to five fabric modules. At least two fabric modules are required in the chassis to realize the full 80 Gbps of bandwidth. Although this configuration offers fault tolerance, if one of the fabric modules fails, loss of bandwidth will occur. With three fabric modules installed in the chassis, one of the fabric modules can fail with no loss of bandwidth.

The 32-port 10 Gigabit Ethernet I/O module buffers data in virtual output queues before the data flows to the fabric. The data flow is controlled by a central arbiter on the supervisor module using a credit-based buffer design. This architecture offers a lossless fabric that delivers quality of service (QoS) and fairness across all ports, even during congestion.

The Cisco Nexus 7000 32-Port Ethernet Module can deliver 8 ports at line rate, or allow up to 32 ports to share 80 Gbps of bandwidth. The 32 ports are organized into eight groups of 4 ports. In dedicated mode, the first port in each group is active, delivering line rate performance while the other 3 ports are disabled. In shared mode, all 4 ports in the group are active. The software allows each group to be individually configured for dedicated mode or shared mode. Up to 64 and 128 ports of line rate 10 Gigabit Ethernet are supported on the Cisco Nexus 7010 and 7018 Switches respectively. Table 1 summarizes the features and benefits of the Cisco Nexus 7000 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module.

¹ Requires Cisco Secure Access Control Server (ACS).

Table 1. Features and Benefits

Feature	Benefit
High-density 10 Gigabit Ethernet module	Offers up to 256 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports in the 10-slot chassis and 512 ports in the 18-slot chassis for efficient and scalable network designs
Performance mode allows up to 8 line-rate ports per module	Delivers up to 64 line-rate 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports in the Cisco Nexus 7010 and 128 line-rate 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports in the Cisco Nexus 7018 for the highest levels of 10 Gigabit Ethernet
Shared mode allows up to 32 ports per module	Supports flexible provisioning of performance and shared modes in groups of 4 ports
Virtual output queuing with centralized arbitration	Enables fairness when one or more destinations is congested and future support for lossless unified I/O
Load sharing across all fabric modules	Through its high-availability design, shares bandwidth across all fabric modules simultaneously for optimal performance
Distributed forwarding	Through its fully distributed data plane, offers high-performance parallel forwarding
Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS)	M1-based feature rich line cards support MPLS in the hardware and these MPLS functionalities will be enabled in future with software upgrades
Integrated hardware support for Cisco TrustSec	Simplifies and scales access control by using SGTs and SGACLs and delivers data confidentiality and data integrity on all 32-Ports using the IEEE 802.1AE standard
Online insertion and removal (OIR)	Supports hot insertion and removal for continuous system operation
Identification (ID) LED	Through the beacon feature, allows administrators to clearly identify the module for a service condition; ports on the I/O module can send beacons as well

Note: Not all Cisco Nexus 7000 Series 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module features are enabled in the first software release. Refer to the release notes for up-to-date software version information to see what features are supported.

Product Specifications

Table 2 lists the product specifications for the Cisco Nexus 7000 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module, and Table 3 lists specifications for pluggable optics.

Table 2. Product Specifications

Item	Specifications
System	
Product compatibility	Supported in all Cisco Nexus 7000 Series chassis
Software compatibility	Cisco NX-OS Software Release 4.0 or later (minimum requirement)
Memory	1 GB DRAM
Front-panel LEDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status: Green (operational), red (faulty), or orange (module booting) Link: Green (port enabled and connected), orange (port disabled), off (port enabled and not connected), or blinking green and orange in conjunction with ID LED blue (port flagged for identification; beacon) ID: Blue (operator has flagged this card for identification; beacon) or off (module not flagged)
Programming interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensible Markup Language (XML) Scriptable command-line interface (CLI) Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM) GUI
Network management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cisco DCNM 4.0
Physical Interfaces	
Connectivity	32-Ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet (SFP+ pluggable optic module)
Maximum port density	256 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet for 10-slot chassis 512 ports of 10 Gigabit Ethernet for 18-slot chassis
MAC security	All 32 ports have built-in IEEE 802.1AE MAC security and an AES cipher with a 128-bit key (requires a Cisco Advanced LAN license to enable)

Queues per port	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingress: 8 queues and 2 thresholds (RX: 8q2t) Egress: 1 strict priority queue, 7 Deficit-Weighted Round-Robin (DWRR) queues, and 4 thresholds (TX: 1p7q4t)
Scheduler	Deficit-Weighted Round-Robin (DWRR) and Shaped Round-Robin (SRR)
Port buffers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 MB plus 65 MB per port on ingress and 80MB per port on egress for dedicated mode operation 1 MB per port plus 65 MB shared per 4-port group on ingress and 80 MB per 4-port group on egress in shared mode
Jumbo frame support for bridged and routed packets	Up to 9216 bytes
Forwarding Engine: M1	
Performance	60 Mpps Layer 2 and 3 IPv4 unicast and 30 Mpps IPv6 unicast
MAC entries	128K
Forwarding Information Base (FIB) entries	128K
NetFlow entries	512,000 shared (ingress plus egress)
VLANs	16,384 bridge domains and 4096 simultaneous VLANs per virtual device context (VDC)
ACLs	64,000
Policers	16K
Fabric Interface	
Switch fabric interface	80 Gbps in each direction (160 Gbps full duplex) distributed across up to 5 fabric modules (80-Gbps throughput requires two or more fabric modules)
OIR	Online insertion and removal
Environmental	
Physical dimensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occupies one I/O module slot in a Cisco Nexus 7000 Series chassis Dimensions (H x W x D): 1.733 x 15.3 x 21.9 in (4.4 x 38.9 x 55.6 cm) Weight: 18.5 lbs with SFP+ and 17 lbs without SFP+ modules
Mean time between failure (MTBF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50,081 hours
Environmental conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating temperature: 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C) Operational relative humidity: 5 to 90%, noncondensing Storage temperature: -40F to 158°F (-40 to 70°C) Storage relative humidity: 5 to 95%, noncondensing
Regulatory compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMC compliance FCC Part 15 (CFR 47) (USA) Class A ICES-003 (Canada) Class A EN55022 (Europe) Class A CISPR22 (International) Class A AS/NZS CISPR22 (Australia and New Zealand) Class A VCCI (Japan) Class A KN22 (Korea) Class A CNS13438 (Taiwan) Class A CISPR24 EN55024 EN50082-1 EN61000-3-2 EN61000-3-3 EN61000-6-1 EN300 386

Environmental standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEBS criteria levels • SR-3580 NEBS Level 3 (GR-63-CORE, issue 3, and GR-1089-CORE, issue 4) • Verizon NEBS compliance • Telecommunications Carrier Group (TCG) Checklist • Qwest NEBS requirements • Telecommunications Carrier Group (TCG) Checklist • ATT NEBS requirements • ATT TP76200 level 3 and TCG Checklist • ETSI • ETSI 300 019-1-1, Class 1.2 Storage • ETSI 300 019-1-2, Class 2.3 Transportation • ETSI 300 019-1-3, Class 3.2 Stationary Use
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UL/CSA/IEC/EN 60950-1 • AS/NZS 60950
Warranty	Cisco Nexus 7000 Series Switches come with the standard Cisco 1-Year Limited Hardware Warranty

Table 3. Pluggable Optics for the for the Cisco Nexus 7000 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module

SFP+ Product ID	Transceiver Type	Wavelength	Maximum Distance and Cable Type
SFP-10G-SR	10GBASE-SR	850 nanometer (nm) serial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26m over 62.5-micron Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI) grade multimode fiber • 33m over 62.5-micron 200 MHz x km multimode fiber • 66m over 50-micron 400 MHz x km multimode fiber • 82m over 50-micron 500 MHz x km multimode fiber • 300m over 50-micron 2000 MHz x km multimode fiber
SFP-10G-LR	10GBASE-LR	1310 nm SMF	10 km over single-mode fiber

Ordering Information

To place an order, visit the Cisco Ordering homepage. To download software, visit the Cisco Software Center. Table 4 provides ordering information.

Table 4. Ordering Information

Product Name	Part Number
Cisco Nexus 7000 Series 32-Port 10Gb Ethernet Module with 80Gbps Fabric (requires SFP+ optic module)	N7K-M132XP-12

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