

# Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port 40 Gigabit Ethernet Module

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The Cisco Nexus® 7700 M3-Series 24-Port 40 Gigabit Ethernet Module is a versatile I/O module with a comprehensive feature set that offers wire-rate performance on each port. The module provides deep buffers and high-capacity Ternary Content-Addressable Memory (TCAM), making this module an excellent choice for building high-density, low-latency, scalable data centers.

## Product overview

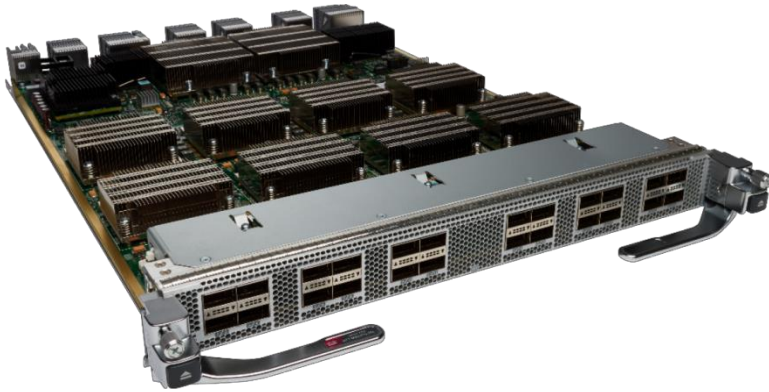
The Cisco Nexus 7000 Series Switches are the foundation of the Cisco® Unified Fabric solution. Designed to meet the requirements of mission-critical data centers, these switches deliver exceptional availability, outstanding scalability, and the proven and comprehensive Cisco NX-OS Software data center switching feature set.

The Cisco Nexus 7700 platform, which supports more than 83 Terabits per second (Tbps), is the latest extension to the Cisco Nexus 7000 Series modular switches. The Cisco Nexus 7700 platform switches are operationally consistent with the existing Cisco Nexus 7000 Series switches and have a similar system architecture. The Cisco Nexus 7700 Series switches are designed using the same Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) technology and run on the same proven NX-OS releases as the Cisco Nexus 7000 switches. Table 1 summarizes the 40GE port density of the switches in this platform.

**Table 1.** Cisco Nexus 7700 platform switches 40GE port density

Cisco Nexus 7700 Chassis	Maximum Number of Wire-Rate 40 Gigabit Ethernet Ports
Cisco Nexus 7700 18-Slot Switch	384
Cisco Nexus 7700 10-Slot Switch	192
Cisco Nexus 7700 6-Slot Switch	96
Cisco Nexus 7700 2-Slot Switch	24

The Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port module (Figure 1) is a high-performance, high-density 40 Gigabit Ethernet module designed for the Cisco Nexus 7700 platform. It delivers up to 384 wire-rate 40 Gigabit Ethernet ports in a single Cisco Nexus 7700 18-Slot Switch chassis. The module delivers 1.44 billion packets per second (bps) of distributed Layer 2 and Layer 3 forwarding and up to 960 Gbps of data throughput. A Cisco Nexus 7700 18-Slot Switch fully populated with sixteen 24-port 40 Gigabit Ethernet M3-Series modules can deliver up to 23 bpps and 30.7 Tbps of switching performance.



**Figure 1.**  
Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port 40 Gigabit Ethernet Module

The Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port module is based on the Cisco Nexus M3-Series Switch-on-a-Chip (SoC) ASIC. The M3-Series SoC is an innovative ASIC designed by Cisco that provides a power-efficient, flexible, high-performance packet engine, making it an excellent choice for building I/O modules that power the network infrastructure for public and private cloud environments.

## Features and benefits

The Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series modules are powered by the proven and widely deployed Cisco NX-OS Software. The Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series modules integrate a broad set of data center switching technologies, including both industry standards and Cisco's own innovations such as these:

- GPRS Tunneling Protocol (GTP) Hashing: This feature leverages the advanced packet parsing capabilities of the M3 modules to provide enhanced port channel and ECMP load balancing for GTP packets.
- Virtual Extensible LAN (VXLAN): VXLAN enables organizations to build highly scalable virtual overlay networks for virtualized environments. It also provides the architectural flexibility and agility required to scale cloud deployments with repeatable pods in different Layer 2 domains and to migrate virtual machines between servers across Layer 3 networks.
- Advanced Data Center Interconnect (DCI) protocols: Advanced protocols such as Cisco Overlay Transport Virtualization (OTV), Locator/ID Separation Protocol (LISP), Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS), and Virtual Private LAN Service (VPLS) offer customers a broad choice of technologies to transparently interconnect their data centers and to extend applications across geographically dispersed data center sites.
- Virtual Device Context (VDC): This feature enables the virtualization of a single physical device as multiple logical devices. Each provisioned logical device is configured and managed as if it were a separate physical device.
- Exceptional integrated hardware security capabilities:
  - MAC Security (MACsec) at wire rate with 128- and 256-bit encryption on all ports, supporting both key agreement protocols (Security Association Protocol [SAP] and MACsec Key Agreement [MKA]) in hardware
  - Cisco TrustSec® technology and Access Control List (ACL) processing for Security-Group Tags (SGTs) on all ports

- Control-Plane Policing (CoPP), which protects the supervisor CPU from excessive traffic
- ACL counters and logging capability to provide deeper packet visibility
- Layer 2-to-Layer 4 ACL for both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic
- Onboard Fabric Services Accelerator (FSA): The accelerator provides higher performance and greater scalability for distributed fabric services such as Bidirectional Forwarding Detection (BFD) and Cisco NetFlow.
- Cisco FabricPath: This technology enables organizations to build resilient, flexible, and massively scalable Layer 2 networks. FabricPath provides investment protection by allowing existing spanning-tree-based deployments to be connected to a FabricPath network.
- Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Fabric Extenders: The Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series modules can be used with the Cisco Nexus 2000 Series Fabric Extenders. These fabric extenders are designed to simplify data center architecture and operations by dramatically reducing the number of points of management.
- Port breakout capability: The breakout support for Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port 40 Gigabit Ethernet Module was introduced in Cisco NX-OS Release 8.0(1). This feature allows up to 23 of the 24 physical 40 Gigabit Ethernet ports on the module to be split into 4 logical and independent 10 Gigabit Ethernet ports. Any port that is not configured for breakout remains available for establishing 40 Gigabit Ethernet links. The capability to configure the breakout mode on each port independently of any other port without the need to reload the module enhances operational simplicity. Copper or fiber breakout assemblies are required to enable the physical separation of 10 Gigabit Ethernet channels.

This broad set of foundational and advanced features available on the Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port module provides flexible deployment options and investment protection for organizations that are consolidating their data centers and migrating to high-density 40 Gigabit Ethernet networks.

## Wire-rate 256-bit AES Encryption

The Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port module supports wire-rate 256-bit Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) MACsec encryption on all ports at all speeds. This encryption can be used to secure:

- Data center uplinks to campus or MPLS cores
- Data center interconnect links when using OTV, virtual Port Channel (vPC), direct links, etc.
- vPC and FabricPath links within a data center

## High-performance fabric services accelerator

The Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port module has an onboard high-performance coprocessor: a fabric services accelerator. The FSA is directly connected to the M3-Series SoC with high-speed links. This approach enables the module to provide higher performance and greater scalability for distributed fabric services such as BFD and NetFlow.

## Product specifications

Table 2 summarizes the specifications for the Cisco Nexus 7700 M-Series 24-Port module.

**Table 2.** Product specifications

Item	Specification
<b>System</b>	
<b>Product compatibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supported on Cisco Nexus 7700 2-, 6-, 10-, and 18-Slot Switch chassis</li> <li>Supported with Fabric-2 modules</li> <li>Supported with Supervisor2E modules</li> </ul>
<b>Software compatibility</b>	Cisco NX-OS Software Release 7.3 or later
<b>Memory</b>	8 GB of Dynamic RAM (DRAM)
<b>Front-panel LEDs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green (operational)</li> <li>Orange (module booting)</li> <li>Red (fault)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Link               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green (port enabled and connected)</li> <li>Orange (port disabled)</li> <li>Off (port enabled and not connected)</li> <li>Blinking green and orange in conjunction with blue ID LED (port flagged for identification; beacon)</li> </ul> </li> <li>ID               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue (operator has flagged this card for identification; beacon) Off (module not flagged)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Programming interfaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cisco NX-API</li> <li>XML</li> <li>Scriptable Command-Line Interface (CLI)</li> <li>Cisco Data Center Network Manager (DCNM) web services</li> <li>Python and TCL</li> <li>Puppet and Chef</li> <li>Cisco Embedded Event Manager (EEM)</li> </ul>
<b>Physical Interfaces</b>	
<b>Connectivity</b>	24 ports of 40 Gigabit Ethernet (Quad Enhanced Small Form-Factor Pluggable [QSFP+])
<b>Port density</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>384 x 40 Gigabit Ethernet ports in Cisco Nexus 7700 18-Slot chassis</li> <li>192 x 40 Gigabit Ethernet ports in Cisco Nexus 7700 10-Slot chassis</li> <li>96 x 40 Gigabit Ethernet ports in Cisco Nexus 7700 6-Slot chassis</li> <li>24 x 40 Gigabit Ethernet ports in Cisco Nexus 7700 2-Slot chassis</li> </ul>
<b>MACsec</b>	All 24 ports have built-in IEEE 802.1AE MACsec and an AES cipher with a 256-bit key
<b>Queues per port</b>	4 ingress and 8 egress
<b>Virtual Output Queuing (VOQ) buffer</b>	3 GB

Item	Specification
<b>Jumbo frames</b>	Up to 9216 bytes for bridged and routed packets
<b>Forwarding Engine</b>	
<b>Forwarding performance</b>	1.44 bpps of Layer 2 and Layer 3 forwarding capacity for both IPv4 and IPv6 packets
<b>MAC address entries</b>	384,000
<b>VLANs</b>	4096 per VDC
<b>IPv4 entries</b>	2 million
<b>IPv6 entries</b>	1 million
<b>ACLs</b>	128,000
<b>Policers</b>	8000
<b>Environmental</b>	
<b>Physical dimensions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupies one I/O module slot in a Cisco Nexus 7700 platform chassis</li> <li>• Dimensions: 1.75 x 15.9 x 21.8 in. (4.4 x 40.39 x 55.37 cm)</li> <li>• Weight: 18 lb (8.16 kg)</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating temperature: 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C)</li> <li>• Operational relative humidity: 5 to 90%, noncondensing</li> <li>• Storage temperature: -40 to 158°F (-40 to 70°C)</li> <li>• Storage relative humidity: 5 to 95%, noncondensing</li> </ul>
<b>Regulatory compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMC compliance</li> <li>• FCC Part 15 (CFR 47) (USA) Class A</li> <li>• ICES-003 (Canada) Class A</li> <li>• EN55022 (Europe) Class A</li> <li>• CISPR22 (International) Class A</li> <li>• AS/NZS CISPR22 (Australia and New Zealand) Class A</li> <li>• VCCI (Japan) Class A</li> <li>• KN32 (Korea) Class A</li> <li>• KN35 (Korea) Class A</li> <li>• CNS13438 (Taiwan) Class A</li> <li>• TCVN 7189 (Vietnam)</li> <li>• CISPR24</li> <li>• EN55024</li> <li>• EN50082-1</li> <li>• EN61000-3-2</li> <li>• EN61000-3-3</li> <li>• EN61000-6-1</li> <li>• EN300 386</li> </ul>

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<b>Environmental standards</b>	Designed to meet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GR-1089-CORE*</li> <li>• GR-63-CORE*</li> <li>• ETSI*               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ ETSI 300 019-2-1, Class 1.2 Storage</li> <li>◦ ETSI 300 019-2-2, Class 2.3 Transportation**</li> <li>◦ ETSI 300 019-2-3, Class 3.2 Stationary Use</li> </ul> </li> </ul> * Validation in progress ** Some exceptions apply
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UL/CSA/IEC/EN 60950-1</li> <li>• AS/NZS 60950</li> </ul>
<b>Warranty</b>	The Cisco Nexus 7700 platform switches come with the standard Cisco 1-year limited hardware warranty.

Table 3 summarizes distances and options for 40 Gigabit Ethernet interfaces.

**Table 3.** 40 Gigabit Ethernet interface distances and options

Cisco 40 Gigabit Ethernet QSFP+ Module	Wavelength (nm)	Fiber and Cable Type	Core Size (microns)	Modal Bandwidth (MHz * km) <sup>3</sup>	Connector Type	Cable Distance <sup>1</sup>
<b>QSFP-40G-SR4</b>	850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMF (OM2)</li> <li>• MMF (OM3)</li> <li>• MMF (OM4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50.0</li> <li>• 50.0</li> <li>• 50.0</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500</li> <li>• 2000</li> <li>• 4700</li> </ul>	12-fiber MTP/MPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30m</li> <li>• 100m</li> <li>• 150m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>QSFP-40G-SR4-S</b>	850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMF (OM3)</li> <li>• MMF (OM4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50.0</li> <li>• 50.0</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2000</li> <li>• 4700</li> </ul>	12-fiber MTP/MPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100m</li> <li>• 150m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>QSFP-40G-CSR4</b>	850	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMF (OM1)</li> <li>• MMF (OM2)</li> <li>• MMF (OM3)</li> <li>• MMF (OM4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 62.5</li> <li>• 50.0</li> <li>• 50.0</li> <li>• 50.0</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200</li> <li>• 500</li> <li>• 2000</li> <li>• 4700</li> </ul>	12-fiber MTP/MPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33m</li> <li>• 82m</li> <li>• 300m</li> <li>• 400m</li> </ul>
<b>QSFP-40G-SR-BD</b>	850/900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMF (OM2)</li> <li>• MMF (OM3)</li> <li>• MMF (OM4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50.0</li> <li>• 50.0</li> <li>• 50.0</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 500</li> <li>• 2000</li> <li>• 4700</li> </ul>	LC duplex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30m</li> <li>• 100m</li> <li>• 150m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<b>QSFP-40GE-LR4</b>	1310	Single-Mode Fiber (SMF)	G.652	-	LC Duplex	10 km
<b>QSFP-H40G-ACUxM (X=7 or 10)</b>	-	Direct-attach copper, active	-	-	QSFP+ to QSFP+	7 or 10m
<b>QSFP-H40G-AOCxM (x=1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, or 15)</b>	-	Active optical cable assembly	-	-	QSFP+ to QSFP+	1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, or 15m
<b>WSP-Q40GLR4L</b>	1310	SMF	G.652	-	LC	2 km
<b>QSFP-40G-LR4</b>	1310	SMF	G.652	-	LC	10 km



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QSFP-40G-LR4-S	1310	SMF	G.652	-	LC	10 km
QSFP-40G-ER4	1310	SMF	G.652	-	LC	40 km <sup>4</sup>
QSFP-4X10G-LR-S	1310	SMF	G.652	-	MPO-12	10 km
QSFP-4X10G-ACxM (x = 7, 10)		Direct-attach copper cable assembly				7 or 10m
QSFP-4X10G-AOCxM (x = 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10)		Active optical cable assembly				1, 2, 3, 5, 7, or 10m

<sup>1</sup> Minimum cabling distance of 0.5m for -SR4 or -CSR4 modules and 2m for -LR4 modules according to the IEEE 802.3 standard

<sup>2</sup> Considered an engineered link with a maximum of 1 dB allocated to connectors and splice loss

<sup>3</sup> Specified at transmission wavelength

<sup>4</sup> Links longer than 30 km for the same link power budget are considered engineered links as per IEEE 802.3 Table 87-6. Depending on the link architecture, attenuation may be required to help ensure operation

Please refer to the Cisco 40GBASE QSFP Modules Data Sheet

([https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/interfaces-modules/transceiver-modules/data\\_sheet\\_c78-660083.html](https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/interfaces-modules/transceiver-modules/data_sheet_c78-660083.html)) for further details about these QSFP Modules.

**Note:** This data sheet describes the hardware capabilities of the Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port module. Please refer to the Cisco NX-OS Software release notes

(<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/support/switches/nexus-7000-series-switches/products-release-notes-list.html>) or consult your Cisco representative to confirm the current or future NX-OS release required for any of these features.

## Ordering information

Table 4 provides ordering information for the Cisco Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port module.

**Table 4.** Ordering information

Part Number	Product Description
N77-M324FQ-25L N77-M324FQ-25L=	Nexus 7700 M3-Series 24-Port 40G Ethernet Module (req. QSFP+ modules)

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