

Overview

HPE Altoline 6960 Switch Series



Models

HPE Altoline 6960 32QSFP28 x86 ONIE AC Front-to-Back Switch

JL279A

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Key features

- High 100GbE port density and low latency for demanding applications
- ONIE boot loader for choice of network OS and easy installation
- Open-networking and disaggregated solution for customer choice
- VXLAN for efficient network virtualization overlay solutions
- x86 CPU, 100GbE and redundant fans and power supplies for data center deployments

Product overview

The HPE Altoline 6960 Switch Series are top-of-rack (TOR) or spine switches for high-performance data centers. In a compact 1RU form factor, the switch provides line-rate L2 and L3 switching across up to 32 x QSFP28 ports, supporting 25GbE server connections as a ToR switch, or 100GbE spine interconnects as a spine switch.

The 32 fixed QSFP28 ports support up to 32 x 100GbE connections.

The HPE Altoline 6960 Switch Series are bare-metal switches loaded with the Open Network Install Environment (ONIE), which supports the installation of compatible independent switch OS offerings.

Features and benefits

Data center optimized

- **Flexible high port density**
the HPE Altoline 6960 Switch Series enables scaling of the server edge with 100GbE spine and ToR deployments to new heights with high-density 32-port solutions delivered in a 1RU design. Up to 32 100GbE QSFP28 ports can also be configured as four 25GbE ports by using a 100GbE-to-25GbE splitter cable providing up to 128 25GbE ports.
- **High-performance switching**

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cut-through and nonblocking architecture delivers low latency (600 - 720 nanosecond for 100GbE) for very demanding enterprise applications; the switch delivers high-performance switching capacity and wire-speed packet forwarding

- **Hot/cold aisle support**
Models available with front-to-back (port-to-power) or back-to-front (power-to-port) airflow
- **Redundant fans and power supplies**
1+1 internal redundant and hot-pluggable power supplies and N+1 redundant fan trays enhance reliability and availability
- **VXLAN hardware support**
supports VXLAN VTEP overlay technologies

Manageability

- **Out-of-band interface**
isolates management traffic from user data plane traffic for complete isolation and total reachability, no matter what happens in the data plane
- **ONIE bootloader**
switch is loaded with Open Network Install Environment (ONIE) software installer
- **Intel x86 CPU**
provides high performance support of widely available, industry standard software and utilities

Layer 2 switching

- **VLAN support**
provides support for 4,096 VLAN IDs

Additional information

- **Low power consumption**
typical operation uses just 267W of AC power

Warranty and support

- **1-year Warranty**
see <http://www.hpe.com/networking/warrantysummary> for warranty and support information included with your product purchase.
- **Software releases**
to find software for your product, refer to <http://www.hpe.com/networking/support> ; for details on the software releases available with your product purchase, refer to <http://www.hpe.com/networking/warrantysummary>

Configuration

Build To Order:

BTO is a standalone unit with no integration. BTO products ship standalone are not part of a CTO or Rack-Shippable solution.

Router Chassis

HPE Altoline 6960 32QSFP28 x86 ONIE AC Front-to-Back Switch	JL279A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 32 QSFP+ 40GbE ports (min=0 \ max=32 QSFP+ Transceivers) Each Switch: • 2 Power Supplies Standard (min=2 \ max=2) • 6 Front to Back Fan Trays Standard (min=5 6\ max=5 6) • 1U - Height 	See Configuration NOTE: 1, 2, 5
PDU Cable NA/MEX/TW/JP	JL279A#B2B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C13 PDU Jumper Cord (NA/MEX/TW/JP) 	
PDU Cable NA/MEX/TW/JP	JL279A#B2C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C13 PDU Jumper Cord (ROW) 	
High Volt Switch/Router to Wall Power Cord	JL279A#B2E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEMA L6-20P Cord (NA/MEX/JP/TW) 	
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PDU Cable NA/MEX/TW/JP	JL280A#B2C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C13 PDU Jumper Cord (ROW) 	
High Volt Switch/Router to Wall Power Cord	JL280A#B2E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEMA L6-20P Cord (NA/MEX/JP/TW) 	

Configuration Rules:

Note 1 Localization (Wall Power Cord) required on orders without #B2B, #B2C (PDU Power Cord) or #B2E. (See Localization Menu)

Note 2 The following Transceivers install into this Switch

HPE X140 40G QSFP+ LC LR4 SM 10km 1310nm Transceiver	JG661A
HPE X140 40G QSFP+ MPO SR4 Transceiver	JG325B
HPE X140 40G QSFP+ MPO MM 850nm CSR4 300m Transceiver	JG709A

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HPE X140 40G QSFP+ LC BiDi 100m MM Transceiver	JL251A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ QSFP+ 1m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JG326A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ QSFP+ 3m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JG327A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ QSFP+ 5m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JG328A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ to 4x10G SFP+ 1m Direct Attach Copper Splitter Cable	JG329A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ to 4x10G SFP+ 3m Direct Attach Copper Splitter Cable	JG330A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ to 4x10G SFP+ 5m Direct Attach Copper Splitter Cable	JG331A

Note 5 The following DAC Splitter Cables install into this Switch:

HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ to 4x10G SFP+ 1m Direct Attach Copper Splitter Cable	JG329A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ to 4x10G SFP+ 3m Direct Attach Copper Splitter Cable	JG330A
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Rack Level Integration CTO Models

CTO Switch Chassis

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PDU Cable NA/MEX/TW/JP	JL279A#B2C
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C13 PDU Jumper Cord (NA/MEX/TW/JP) 	
PDU Cable NA/MEX/TW/JP	JL280A#B2C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C13 PDU Jumper Cord (ROW) 	
High Volt Switch/Router to Wall Power Cord	JL280A#B2E
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HPE X140 40G QSFP+ LC BiDi 100m MM Transceiver	JL251A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ QSFP+ 1m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JG326A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ QSFP+ 3m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JG327A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 40G QSFP+ QSFP+ 5m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JG328A
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Transceivers

SFP Transceivers

HPE X120 1G SFP RJ45 T Transceiver	JD089B
HPE X120 1G SFP LC SX Transceiver	JD118B
HPE X120 1G SFP LC LX Transceiver	JD119B
HPE X120 1G SFP LC LH40 1550nm Transceiver	JD062A

SFP+ Transceivers

HPE X130 10G SFP+ LC SR Transceiver	JD092B
HPE X130 10G SFP+ LC LR Transceiver	JD094B
HPE X130 10G SFP+ LC SR Data Center Transceiver	JL437A
HPE X130 10G SFP+ LC LR Data Center Transceiver	JL439A
HPE X130 10G SFP+ LC LH 80km Transceiver	JG915A
HPE FlexNetwork X240 10G SFP+ to SFP+ 0.65m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JD095C
HPE FlexNetwork X240 10G SFP+ to SFP+ 1.2m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JD096C
HPE FlexNetwork X240 10G SFP+ to SFP+ 3m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JD097C
HPE FlexNetwork X240 10G SFP+ to SFP+ 5m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JG081C
HPE FlexNetwork X240 10G SFP+ SFP+ 7m Direct Attach Copper Cable	JC784C

QSFP+ Transceivers

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Switch Enclosure Options

Rack Mount Kit

System (std 0 // max 1) User Selection (min 0 // max 1)

HPE Altoline Gen2 Rackmount Kit	JL198A See Configuration NOTE: 1, 3
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Configuration Rules:

Note 1	This rack mount kit is only supported on the following switches:	
	HPE Altoline 6940 32QSFP+ x86 ONIE AC Front-to-Back Switch	JL165A
	HPE Altoline 6940 32QSFP+ x86 ONIE AC Back-to-Front Switch	JL166A
	HPE Altoline 6920 48XG 6QSFP+ x86 ONIE AC Front-to-Back Switch	JL167A
	HPE Altoline 6920 48XG 6QSFP+ x86 ONIE AC Back-to-Front Switch	JL168A
	HPE Altoline 6960 32QSFP28 x86 ONIE AC Front-to-Back Switch	JL279A
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Note 3 If a switch is ordered and factory racked, then this rackmount must be #OD1

Technical Specifications

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I/O ports and slots	32 QSFP28 100GbE ports	
Additional ports and slots	1 RJ-45 serial console port 1 RJ-45 out-of-band management port 1 USB 2.0	
Power supplies	2 power supply slots 1 minimum power supply required includes: 2 x PSUs 	
Fan tray	5 fan tray slots Switch comes with five (5) fan trays (port to power airflow)	
Physical characteristics	Dimensions	17.26(w) x 20.28(d) x 1.73(h) in (43.84 x 51.50 x 4.4 cm)
	Weight	18.52 lb (8.4 kg)
Memory and processor	Intel Rangely C2538 4-core @ 2.4 GHz, 8 GB DDR3 SDRAM; storage: mSATA: 32G; Packet buffer size: 12 MB, 8 GB NAND flash	
Performance	Routing/Switching capacity	3.2 Tbps
	MAC address table size	8000 entries
Environment	Operating temperature	32°F to 113°F (0°C to 45°C)
	Operating relative humidity	5% to 95%, noncondensing
	Nonoperating/Storage temperature	-40°F to 158°F (-40°C to 70°C)
	Altitude	up to 10,000 ft (3 km)
Electrical characteristics	Acoustic	Power: 62 dB
	Frequency	50/60 Hz
	Voltage	90 - 264 VAC, rated
	Maximum power rating	315 W
	Idle power	267 W
	Notes	Idle power is the actual power consumption of the device with no ports connected. Maximum power rating and maximum heat dissipation are the worst-case theoretical maximum numbers provided for planning the infrastructure with fully loaded PoE (if equipped), 100% traffic, all ports plugged in, and all modules populated. PSU Efficiency: Up to 93% for AC PSUs
Safety	cUL Certified; EN 60950; EN 55022 Class A; VCCI Class A; ROHS Compliance; FCC Class A: Regulations for Radio Frequency Devices for Electromagnetic Compliance; UL	
Emissions	FCC part 15 Class A; EN 55022 Class A; VCCI	
Immunity	ESD	32°F to 113°F (0°C to 45°C)
	EFT/Burst	IEC 68-2-14
Management	Command-line interface; Out-of-band management; SNMP manager; Telnet; FTP	
Services	Refer to the Hewlett Packard Enterprise website at http://www.hpe.com/networking/services for details on the service-level descriptions and product numbers. For details about services and response times in your area, please contact your local Hewlett Packard Enterprise sales office.	

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Summary of Changes

Date	Version History	Action	Description of Change:
18-Apr-2017	From Version 6 to 7	Added	Transceivers added on the Configuration section: JL437A, JL439A
01-Aug-2016	From Version 5 to 6	Changed	Several updates on Configuration section including the addition of the #AC3 Option
17-June-2016	From Version 4 to 5	Changed	Edits made on Configuration and Technical Specifications, Product image added.
06-May-2016	From Version 3 to 4	Changes	Minor edits on Technical Specifications
15-Apr-2016	From Version 2 to 3	Changed	SKU descriptions updated (Accessories), Configuration section updated.
08-Apr-2016	From Version 1 to 2	Changed	Voltage on Technical Specifications



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