

The role of I2C in optical modules



Article Overview

I2C serves as the primary communication interface for monitoring, configuring, and controlling optical modules by providing access to their internal registers and memory maps.

I2C Overview in Optical Modules

I2C (Inter-Integrated Circuit) is a bidirectional, two-wire serial communication protocol consisting of a serial data line (SDA) and a serial clock line (SCL) that allows multiple devices to communicate over a shared bus. In optical modules such as SFP, QSFP, and OSFP transceivers, I2C is used to read status information, configure operational parameters, and manage device settings. Each module contains a memory map defined by industry standards (e.g., SFF-8636, CMIS) that can be accessed via I2C to monitor temperature, voltage, optical power, and other critical parameters.

Accessing Registers and Configuration

Through I2C, a host controller or network management system can read and write to the transceiver's internal registers. This allows for:

- Monitoring operational status: such as laser bias current, transmit/receive power, and temperature.
- Programming device settings: including application selection modes, modulation formats, and calibration parameters.
- Ensuring compatibility: by configuring the module according to the system requirements and verifying operational modes. I2C access is often implemented as...

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White Paper By He Junhua Optical Communication Solutions Division, Avago Technologies Limited appliances, communications

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Optical module

An optical module is a typically hot-pluggable optical transceiver used in high-bandwidth data communications applications. Optical

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Inter-Integrated Circuit Module (I2C)

Inter-Integrated Circuit Module (I2C) This chapter describes the features and operation of the inter-integrated circuit (I2C) module.

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Conclusion The I2C protocol in embedded systems plays a vital role in enabling seamless communication between

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