



H3C S6550X-HI Series High-Density Intelligent Switches

Product overview

H3C S6550X-HI series high-density intelligent switches are developed for data centers and cloud computing networks. It provides powerful hardware forwarding capacity and abundant data center features. It provides high density ports and 1 out-of-band management port (one copper port). The 100G ports are 100G/40G autosensing and each can be split into four interfaces. The switch supports modular power supplies and fan trays. By using different fan trays, the switch can provide field-changeable airflows.

This series of switches is an ideal product for high-density 25GE, 100GE or 40GE accessing and aggregation at data centers and cloud computing networks. It can also operate as a TOR access switch on an overlay or integrated network.

The S6550X-HI series switches include the following models:

- S6550X-32H-HI: 32×40G/100G QSFP28 ports, 4×fan tray slots, 2×power module slots;
- S6550X-32Q-HI: 28×40G QSFP+ ports, 4×40G/100G QSFP28 ports, 4×fan tray slots, 2×power module slots;
- S6550X-56HF-HI: 48×1G/10G/25G SFP28 Ports, 8×40G/100G QSFP28 Ports, 4×fan tray slots, 2×power module slots.
- S6550X-54H-HI: 54×40G/100G QSFP28 ports, 2×10G SFP+ ports, 6×fan tray slots, 2×power module slots.

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S6550X-32H-HI	S6550X-32Q-HI
	
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Features and highlights

High port density and powerful forwarding capacity

H3C S6550X-HI series switches offer high-density 100G/40G ports and a forwarding capacity as high as 6.4Tbps, which enables the switch to provide high-density server access in high-end data centers without oversubscriptions.

Flexible programmability

H3C S6550X-HI series switches adopt industry-leading programmable chips, which can define forwarding logic according to user requirements. Users can develop new features that meet the evolving trend of their networks through simple software updates.

H3C intelligent resilient framework 2 (IRF2) (stacking fast convergence within 50ms)

H3C Intelligent Resilient Framework 2 (IRF 2) virtualizes multiple S6550X-HI switches into one virtual switch and provides the following benefits:

- **Scalability**—IRF 2 allows you to add devices to the IRF 2 system easily. It provides a single point of management, enables switch plug-and-play, and supports software auto-update for software synchronization from the master to the new member devices. It brings business agility with lower total cost of ownership by allowing new switches to be added to the fabric without network topology change as business grows.
- **High availability**—The H3C proprietary routing hot backup technology ensures redundancy and backup of all information on the control and data planes and non-stop Layer 3 data forwarding in an IRF 2 fabric. It also eliminates single point of failure and ensures service continuity.

- **Redundancy and load balancing**—The distributed link aggregation technology supports load sharing and mutual backup among multiple uplinks, which enhances the network redundancy and improves link resources usage.
- **Flexibility and resiliency**—The switch uses standard GE ports instead of specialized ports for IRF links between IRF member devices. This allows customers to assign bandwidth as needed between uplink, downlink, and IRF system connections. In addition, an S6550X-HI IRF fabric can span a rack, multiple racks, or multiple campuses.

Multichannel

Multi-channel technology, based on the standard Ethernet protocol, improves the transmission rate of optical modules through parallel multi-path transmission and is widely used in standard optical modules such as 40G and 100G. H3C adopts this standard technology to build a multi-channel solution using single-path fiber, multi-path parallel transmission, and 1:1 lossless transmission. S6550X-32H-HI, S6550X-32Q-HI, S6550X-54H-HI supports multichannel technology.

- **Passive Aggregation:** Utilizes passive optical splitters, requiring no power supply and offering greater deployment flexibility.
- **Ultra-High Density Access:** High-speed 40G/100G interfaces can support four 10G/25G terminals, with a maximum of 200 terminals supported by the entire system.
- **Single-Fiber Deployment:** Both the central optical module and access optical modules use single-fiber access, reducing cabling complexity and saving construction costs.
- **Blind Port Insertion:** Access optical modules support blind port insertion within the group, eliminating the need for one-to-one correspondence.

Powerful visibility

With the rapid development of data center, the scale of the data center expands rapidly, reliability, operation and maintenance become the bottleneck of data center for further expansion. H3C S6550X-HI series switches conform to the trend of automated data operation and maintenance, and support visualization of data center. H3C S6550X-HI series switches can send real-time resources information, statistics, and alarm of RDMA information to the data center operation and maintenance platform through ERSPAN and GRPC protocols. This can allow the operation and maintenance center to perform real-time analysis in order to achieve network quality tracing, troubleshooting, risk warning and system optimization, etc. Visualization can even adjust network configuration automatically and reduce network congestion, which makes it possible to move to automated data center operation and maintenance.

Enhanced SDN features

H3C S6550X-HI series switches adopt the next-generation chip with more flexible OpenFlow Flow Table, more resources and accurate ACL matching, which greatly improves the software-defined network (SDN) capabilities and meet the demand of data center SDN network.

H3C S6550X-HI series switches support standard OpenFlow protocol, which can be integrated and managed by H3C or mainstream cloud platforms to support flexible network customization and automated management. Users and third-party controllers can use standard interfaces to develop and deploy a dedicated network management strategy for rapid business deployment, functional expansion, and intelligent device management.

Smart management center (SmartMC)

SmartMC is H3C's latest offering and innovation that helps small and middle size enterprise network to address management issue and is free of charge, easy to use web management tool. SmartMC is embedded network management tool into the switch, it includes commander switches and other access switches.

SmartMC delivers the following benefits

Intelligent operation

Once the switch is powered on and SmartMC function is enabled, topology will be created automatically, and user can go enhanced web GUI to check the latest status.

Centralized management

All management can be achieved via commander switch such as centralized configuration backup, and software version management, increasing working efficiency.

One key device replacement

In case of one switch failure, the new added same type switch can download the same configuration and work as old switch immediately.

Abundant data center features

The switch supports abundant data center features, including:

- PFC: Helps provide FC storage and high-performance computing services with low-latency and no data loss.
- VXLAN: The switch can operate as a high-performance VXLAN hardware gateway to support 16M multitenant data center services. In conjunction with the H3C cloud management platform, the switch can be used to set up an agile, resilient, highly available high-performance Layer 2 network, with support for long-distance virtual machine mobility, data mobility, and business continuity.
- RoCE, and OAM: Provides high-performance services.

Flexible choice of airflow

To cope with data center cooling aisle design, H3C S6550X-HI series switches come with flexible airflow design, which features bi-cooling aisles in the front and back. Users may also choose the direction of airflow (from front to back or vice versa) by selecting a different fan tray.

Outstanding management capacity

The switch improves system management through the following ways:

- Provides multiple management interfaces, including the serial console port, USB port, one out-of-band management port.

- Supports configuration and management from CLI or a mainstream network management platform and H3C IMC Intelligent Management Center.
- Supports multiple access methods, including SNMPv1/v2c/v3, Telnet, SSH 2.0, SSL, and FTP.
- Supports GRPC and provides a flexible programmable interface for customized development.
- Supports Telemetry, allowing for real-time, high-speed, and precise data collection.

Multichassis link aggregation group (M-LAG)

H3C S6550X-HI series switches support M-LAG, which enables links of multiple switches to aggregate into one to implement device-level link backup. M-LAG is applicable to servers dual-homed to a pair of access devices for node redundancy.

- Streamlined topology: M-LAG simplifies the network topology and spanning tree configuration by virtualizing two physical devices into one logical device.
- Independent upgrading: The DR member devices can be upgraded independently one by one to minimize the impact on traffic forwarding.
- High availability: The DR system uses a keepalive link to detect multi-active collision to ensure that only one member device forwards traffic after a DR system splits.

Multiple reliability protection

H3C S6550X-HI series switches provide multiple reliability protection at both switch and link levels. With over current, overvoltage, and overheat protection, all models have a redundant pluggable power module, which enables flexible configuration of AC power modules based on actual needs. The entire switch supports fault detection and alarm for power supply and fan, allowing fan speed to change to suit different ambient temperatures.

H3C S6550X-HI series switches support diverse link redundancy technologies such as H3C proprietary RRPP, VRRP, and Smart Link. These technologies ensure quick network convergence even when large amount of traffic of multiple services runs on the network.

Rich QoS features

H3C S6550X-HI series switches support Layer 2 to Layer 4 packet filtering, which can provide traffic classification based on source MAC address, destination MAC address, source IP address, destination IP address, TCP/UDP port number, protocol type, and VLAN.

Each 100G port provides a flexible queue scheduling algorithm, which can be set based on ports and queues at the same time.

H3C S6550X-HI series switches support five queuing modes include SP (Strict Priority), WRR (Weighted Round Robin), SP+WRR.

H3C S6550X-HI series switches support CAR (Committed Access Rate) function with a minimum granularity of 1Kbps,

and port mirroring on both directions used to monitor packets on the specified port and forward the packets to the monitoring port for network detection and troubleshooting.

Comprehensive security control policies

H3C S6550X-HI series switches support AAA, RADIUS and user account-based authentication, IP, MAC, VLAN, port-based user identification, dynamic and static binding; when working with the H3C IMC platform, it can conduct real time management, instant diagnosis, and crackdown on illicit network behaviors

H3C S6550X-HI series switches support enhanced ACL control logic, which enables an enormous amount of in-port and out-port ACL, and delegate VLAN based ACL. This simplifies user deployment process and avoids ACL resource wastage. S6550X switch series can also take advantage of Unicast Reverse Path Forwarding (uRPF). When the device receives a packet, it will perform the reverse check to verify the source address from which the packets are supposedly originated and will drop the packet if such path doesn't exist.

Technical specifications

Hardware specifications

Item	S6550X-32H-HI	S6550X-32Q-HI	S6550X-56HF-HI	S6550X-54H-HI
SFP28 port	-	-	48	-
QSFP28 port	32	4	8	54
QSFP+ port	-	28	-	-
Port switching capacity	6.4T	3.04T	4.0T	10.8T
Packet forwarding rate	2800Mpps	2262Mpps	2800Mpps	5600Mpps
Weight (full loaded)	≤ 9kg			
Dimensions (H × W × D)	43.6 × 440 × 400 mm (1.72 × 17.32 × 15.75 in)			43.6 × 460 × 440 mm (1.72 × 18.1 × 17.32 in)
CPU cores	4			
CPU frequency	2.0GHz			
Packet buffer	24M			
Flash/SDRAM	4GB/8GB			
Serial console port	1			
Out-of-band management port	1 × 10/100/1000Base-T			
USB port	1			
Expansion slot	1			-
AC-input voltage	100V to 240V			

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DC-input voltage	48V to 64V			-
Power consumption (static)	Single AC: 81.54W Single DC: 82.56W Dual AC: 92.53W Dual DC: 90.28W	Single AC: 81.54W Single DC: 82.56W Dual AC: 92.53W Dual DC: 90.28W	Single AC: 67.72W Single DC: 68.39W Dual AC: 77.86W Dual DC: 75.09W	Single AC: 164W Dual AC: 167W
Power consumption (at full load)	Single AC: 390.5W Single DC: 410.1W Dual AC: 386.3W Dual DC: 404.2W	Single AC: 325.7W Single DC: 334.1W Dual AC: 323.3W Dual DC: 339.8W	Single AC: 315.4W Single DC: 324.5W Dual AC: 313.5W Dual DC: 328W	Single AC: 597W Dual AC: 638W
Power module slot	2			
Fan tray slot	4			6
Air flow direction	From front to back			
Operating temperature	-5~45°C			0~45°C
Operating humidity	5%~95%			

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Software specifications

Item	S6550X-HI series switches
Forwarding mode	Store-forward modes
Virtualization	Intelligent Resilient Framework 2 (IRF2) (fast convergence within 50ms) Distributed device management Distributed link aggregation Distributed resilient routing Stacking through standard Ethernet ports Local device stacking and remote device stacking
Link aggregation	40GE/100GE port aggregation Static aggregation, dynamic aggregation
Data center	VXLAN 802.1Qbb PFC, 802.1Qaz OpenFlow 1.3.1 Multiple types of OpenFlow controllers EVPN distributed gateway NETCONF, Python Service chain RDMA, RoCE

Item	S6550X-HI series switches
MAC address table	Static MAC address Black hole MAC address
VLAN	Port-based VLAN Default VLAN
Traffic monitoring	sFlow
DHCP	DHCP server/client DHCP snooping/DHCP relay DHCP snooping support for Option 82/DHCP relay agent support for Option 82 IPv6 DHCP server/client IPv6 DHCP snooping/DHCP relay
ARP	Gratuitous ARP Dynamic ARP inspection ARP source-suppression ARP black hole Multicast ARP ARP detection
IP routing	Static routing, RIPv1/v2, OSPFv1/v2/v3, BGP, IS-IS ECMP, VRRP, policy-based routing BGP4+ for IPv6, VRRP, IPv6 policy-based routing RIPng, OSPFv3, ISISv6 Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE)
IPv6	IPv6 ND IPv6 PMTU ICMPv6, Telnetv6, SFTPV6, SNMP over IPv6, BFDv6, VRRPV3 IPv6 portal IPv6 tunnel
Multicast	IGMP snooping v2/v3 IGMPv1/v2/v3 PIM-DM/SM IPv6 PIM-DM/SM/SSM Bi-directional-PIM MSDP MLD snooping MBGP Multicast policy
Zero-configuration	Auto-config
MPLS	MPLS L3VPN VPLS VRF (Virtual Routing Forwarding)
MSTP	STP/RSTP/MSTP PVST+/RPVST+ STP root guard BPDU guard

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QoS/ACL	Inbound and outbound traffic rate limit CAR Eight output queues on each port Flexible port-and queue-based queuing and scheduling algorithms SP, WRR, and SP+WRR queuing 802.1p and DSCP priority re-marking Packet filtering at Layer 2 to Layer 4 Traffic classification based on source MAC address, destination MAC address, source IPv4/IPv6 address, destination IPv4/IPv6 address, port number, protocol type, and VLAN Time range Inbound and outbound ACLs VLAN-based ACL assignment
IEEE standard	802.3x 802.3ad 802.3AH 802.1P 802.1Q 802.1X 802.1D 802.1w 802.1s 802.1AG 802.1x 802.1Qbb 802.1az 802.1Qaz
Mirroring	Traffic mirroring N:4 port mirroring Local port mirroring, remote port mirroring Multiple remote mirroring ports (reflector-port)
Security	Hierarchical user management and password protection AAA/RADIUS/HWTACACS SSH 2.0 IP address + MAC address + port number binding IP Source Guard HTTPs/SSL PKI 802.1X MAC authentication EAD IPv6 RADIUS Sever IPv6 port binding
LACP	LACP LACP local forwarding first LACP short-time LACP Stack split detection

Item	S6550X-HI series switches
Link layer	LLDP LLDP-MED DLDP
Loading and upgrading	Loading/upgrading through the XMODEM protocol Loading/upgrading through FTP and TFTP
Management and maintenance	Configuration via CLI, Telnet, and Console port SNMPv1/v2c/v3 Telemetry gRPC PTP IMC System logs Hierarchical alarms NTP, SNTP Power, fan and temperature alarms Debugging information output Ping and Tracert File uploading and downloading through the USB port
EMC	FCC Part 15 Subpart B CLASS A ICES-003 CLASS A VCCI CLASS A CISPR 32 CLASS A EN 55032 CLASS A AS/NZS CISPR32 CLASS A CISPR 24 EN 55024 EN 61000-3-2 EN 61000-3-3 GB/T 9254 YD/T 993
Safety	UL 60950-1 CAN/CSA C22.2 No 60950-1 IEC 60950-1, EN 60950-1 AS/NZS 60950-1 FDA 21 CFR Subchapter JGB4943.1

Performance specifications

Item	S6550X-HI Series Switches
MAC address entries	256K max
VLAN	4K
VLAN interface	1K
IPv4 routing entries	504K max

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ARP entries	96K max
IPv6 unicast routing entries	252K max
ND entries	96K max
IPv4 multicast L2 entries	4000
IPv4 multicast L3 entries	4000
IPv6 multicast L2 entries	4000
IPv6 multicast L3 entries	2500
Link group num	128
Max num in one link group	32
Jumbo frame length	10000 Bytes
Max stacking member	4(S6550X-54H-HI Max stacking member 2)

Ordering information

Item		Description
Product code	LS-6550X-32H-HI	H3C S6550X-32H-HI L3 Ethernet Switch with 32*QSFP28 Ports and 1*Slot. Without Power Supplies
	LS-6550X-32Q-HI	H3C S6550X-32Q-HI L3 Ethernet Switch with 28*QSFP Plus Ports,4*QSFP28 Ports and 1*Slot. Without Power Supplies
	LS-6550X-56HF-HI	H3C S6550X-56HF-HI L3 Ethernet Switch with 48*SFP28 Ports,8*QSFP28 Ports and 1*Slot. Without Power Supplies
	LS-6550X-54H-HI	H3C S6550X-54H-HI L3 Ethernet Switch with 54*40G/100G QSFP28 Ports,Without Power Supplies
Fan	FAN-40F-1-A	H3C Asset-Manageable Fan Module (Fan Panel Side Intake Airflow)
	FAN-40B-1-A	H3C Asset-Manageable Fan Module (Fan Panel Side Exhaust Airflow)
Power supply	PSR450-12A1	450W AC Power Supply Module (Power Panel Side Exhaust Airflow)
	PSR450-12A	450W AC Power Supply Module (Power Panel Side Intake Airflow)
	PSR450-12AHD	450W HVDC Power Supply Module (Power Panel Side Exhaust Airflow)
	PSR450-12D	450W DC Power Supply Module (Power Panel Side Exhaust Airflow)
	UN-GW-CRPS800N2-1	800W AC &240V HVDC Power Supply (GW-R2-Platinum-Light Load and High Efficiency)(Excluding Cables)(CTO&BTO)
	UN-GW-CRPS800N2	800W AC & 240V HVDC Power Supply(GW-R2-Platinum-Light Load and High Efficiency)(CTO&BTO)
Transceivers	QSFP-40G-LR4-WDM1300	QSFP+ 40GBASE Optical Transceiver Module (1310nm,10km, LR4, LC)
	QSFP-40G-SR4-MM850	QSFP+ 40GBASE Optical Transceiver Module (850nm,100m, SR4, Support 40G to 4*10G)
	QSFP-40G-BIDI-SR-MM850	QSFP+ 40GBASE BIDI Optical Transceiver Module (850nm,100m, SR)
	QSFP-40G-LR4L-WDM1300	QSFP+ 40GBASE Optical Transceiver Module (1310nm,2km, LR4L, LC)

Item		Description
	QSFP-40G-BIDI-WDM850	QSFP+ 40GBASE BIDI Optical Transceiver Module (850nm,300m)
	QSFP-100G-SR4-MM850	100G QSFP28 Optical Transceiver Module (850nm,100m OM4, SR4, MPO)
	QSFP-100G-LR4-WDM1300	100G QSFP28 Optical Transceiver Module (1310nm,10km, LR4, WDM, LC)
	QSFP-100G-LR4L-WDM1300	100G QSFP28 Optical Transceiver Module (1310nm,2km, LR4L, CWDM4, LC)
	QSFP-100G-4SFP-25G-CAB-5M	100G QSFP28 to 4x25G SFP28 5m Passive Cable
	QSFP-100G-4SFP-25G-CAB-3M	100G QSFP28 to 4x25G SFP28 3m Passive Cable
	QSFP-100G-4SFP-25G-CAB-1M	100G QSFP28 to 4x25G SFP28 1m Passive Cable
	QSFP-100G-D-CAB-5M	100G QSFP28 to 100G QSFP28 5m Passive Cable
	QSFP-100G-D-AOC-20M	100G QSFP28 to 100G QSFP28 20m Active Optical Cable
	QSFP-100G-D-AOC-10M	100G QSFP28 to 100G QSFP28 10m Active Optical Cable
	QSFP-100G-D-AOC-7M	100G QSFP28 to 100G QSFP28 7m Active Optical Cable
	QSFP-100G-D-CAB-3M	100G QSFP28 to 100G QSFP28 3m Passive Cable
	QSFP-100G-D-CAB-1M	100G QSFP28 to 100G QSFP28 1m Passive Cable
	QSFP-40G-D-AOC-20M	40G QSFP+ to 40G QSFP+ 20m Active Optical Cable
	QSFP-40G-D-AOC-10M	40G QSFP+ to 40G QSFP+ 10m Active Optical Cable
	QSFP-40G-D-AOC-7M	40G QSFP+ to 40G QSFP+ 7m Active Optical Cable
Cables	LSWM1QSTK5	40G QSFP+ to 4x10G SFP+ Cable 5m
	LSWM1QSTK4	40G QSFP+ to 4x10G SFP+ Cable 3m
	LSWM1QSTK3	40G QSFP+ to 4x10G SFP+ Cable 1m
	LSWM1QSTK2	40G QSFP+ Cable 5m
	LSWM1QSTK1	40G QSFP+ Cable 3m
	LSWM1QSTK0	40G QSFP+ Cable 1m



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