



# HPE Altoline 6921 Switch Series

## Key features

- High-density 10GbE ports and low latency for demanding applications
- Open networking and disaggregated solution for customer choice
- Choice of network operating systems, including Cumulus Networks Linux® NOS, and Pica8 NOS
- VXLAN L2 and L3 for efficient network virtualization overlay solutions
- Intel® quad-core x86 Atom CPU and Broadcom Trident II+ controller,
- Support for Big Switch Network's Big Cloud Fabric and Big Monitoring Fabric solutions

## Product overview

HPE Altoline 6921 Switch Series are top-of-rack (ToR) leaf switches for high-performance cloud data centers in a compact 1RU form factor. The switches provide line-rate L2 and L3 switching across up to 48 1/10GBASE-T or 1/10GbE SFP+ ports, with 6 x 40GbE QSFP+ uplinks.

HPE Altoline 6921 Switch Series is designed to be deployed as leaf ToR switches supporting 1/10GbE server connections.

In HPE Altoline 6921 Switch Series, bare-metal switches are loaded with the Open Network Install Environment (ONIE), which supports installing and uninstalling of compatible third-party switch Network Operating System (NOS) offerings.

## Features and benefits

### Data center optimized

- Flexible high-port density  
HPE Altoline 6921 Switch Series enables scaling of the server edge with 1/10GbE copper or fiber server connections, with 40GbE uplinks, to new heights with high density in 1RU design.
- High-performance switching  
Cut-through and non-blocking Trident II+ ASIC delivers low latency (720 nanosecond) for very demanding cloud data center applications; the switch delivers high-performance switching capacity and wire-speed packet forwarding



- Hot or 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 L2 and L3 VTEP overlay technologies; can terminate and forward VXLAN tunnels; supports over 16 million VXLAN IDs

#### 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 boot loader  
Switch is loaded with the ONIE boot loader for NOS installation and uninstallation
- Intel x86 CPU (quad-core Atom)  
Provides high-performance support of widely available, industry-standard software and utilities

#### L2 switching

- VLAN support  
Provides support for 4,096 VLAN IDs

#### Additional information

- Low-power consumption  
SFP version maximum power: 282W, without pluggable optics and Base-T version maximum power: 348W

#### Warranty and support

- 1-year warranty  
See [hpe.com/networking/warrantysummary](https://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 [hpe.com/networking/support](https://www.hpe.com/networking/support); for details on the software releases available with your product purchase, refer to [hpe.com/networking/warrantysummary](https://www.hpe.com/networking/warrantysummary)



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### Specifications

|                                   | <b>HPE Altoline 6921 48SFP+ 6QSFP+ x86 ONIE AC Front-to-Back Switch (JL317A)</b>  | <b>HPE Altoline 6921 48SFP+ 6QSFP+ x86 ONIE AC Back-to-Front Switch (JL318A)</b>  |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>I/O ports and slots</b>        | 48 SFP+ 1/10GbE ports (IEEE 802.3ae Type 10GBASE-ER, IEEE 802.3ae Type 10GBASE-LR, IEEE 802.3ae Type 10GBASE-SR, IEEE 802.3z Type 1000BASE-SX, IEEE 802.3z Type 1000BASE-LX)<br><br>6 QSFP+ 40GbE ports | 48 SFP+ 1/10GbE ports (IEEE 802.3ae Type 10GBASE-ER, IEEE 802.3ae Type 10GBASE-LR, IEEE 802.3ae Type 10GBASE-SR, IEEE 802.3z Type 1000BASE-SX, IEEE 802.3z Type 1000BASE-LX)<br><br>6 QSFP+ 40GbE ports |
| <b>Additional ports and slots</b> | 1 RJ-45 serial console port<br>1 RJ-45 out-of-band management port<br>1 USB 2.0   | 1 RJ-45 serial console port<br>1 RJ-45 out-of-band management port<br>1 USB 2.0   |
| <b>Power supplies</b>             | 2 power supply slots<br>1 minimum power supply required includes: 2 x PSUs  | 2 power supply slots<br>1 minimum power supply required includes: 2 x PSUs  |
| <b>Fan tray</b>                   | 5 fan tray slots<br>Switch comes with five (5) fan trays (front-to-back airflow)  | 5 fan tray slots<br>Switch comes with five (5) fan trays (back-to-front airflow)  |
| <b>Physical characteristics</b>   |   |   |
| Dimensions                        | 17.4(w) x 18.6(d) x 1.71(h) in. (44.2 x 47.24 x 4.34 cm)  | 17.4(w) x 18.6(d) x 1.71(h) in. (44.2 x 47.24 x 4.34 cm)  |
| Weight                            | 18.74 lb (8.5 kg)   | 18.74 lb (8.5 kg)   |
| <b>Memory and processor</b>       | Intel Atom C2538 quad-core x86 processor @ 2.4 GHz, 8 GB DDR3 SDRAM; Packet buffer size: 12 MB, 8 GB NAND flash ASIC: Trident II+   | Intel Atom C2538 quad-core x86 processor @ 2.4 GHz, 8 GB DDR3 SDRAM; Packet buffer size: 12 MB, 8 GB NAND flash ASIC: Trident II+   |
| <b>Performance</b>                |   |   |
| Latency                           | 720 ns  | 720 ns  |
| Throughput                        | Up to 1 Bpps  | Up to 1 Bpps  |
| Routing/Switching capacity        | 1440 Gbps   | 1440 Gbps   |
| Routing table size                | 64000 entries (IPv4), 20000 entries (IPv6)  | 64000 entries (IPv4), 20000 entries (IPv6)  |
| MAC address table size            | 320000 entries  | 320000 entries  |
| <b>Environment</b>                |   |   |
| Operating temperature             | 32°F to 104°F (0°C to 40°C)   | 32°F to 104°F (0°C to 40°C)   |
| Operating relative humidity       | 5% to 95%, noncondensing  | 5% to 95%, noncondensing  |
| Non-operating/Storage temperature | -40°F to 158°F (-40°C to 70°C)  | -40°F to 158°F (-40°C to 70°C)  |
| Airflow direction                 | Front-to-back   | Back-to-front   |



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|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Electrical characteristics</b> |  |  |
| Frequency                         | 50/60 Hz   | 50/60 Hz   |
| Voltage                           | 90 - 264 VAC, rated  | 90 - 264 VAC, rated  |
| Maximum power rating              | 282W   | 282W   |
| Idle power                        | 267W   | 267W   |
| 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.<br>PSU Efficiency: Up to 93% for AC PSUs | 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.<br>PSU Efficiency: Up to 93% for AC PSUs |
| <b>Safety</b>                     | 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  | 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  |
| <b>Emissions</b>                  | FCC part 15 Class A; EN 55022 Class A; VCCI; EN 60950-1  | FCC part 15 Class A; EN 55022 Class A; VCCI; EN 60950-1  |
| <b>Immunity</b>                   |  |  |
| ESD                               | EN 60950   | EN 60950   |
| EFT/Burst                         | IEC 68-2-14  | IEC 68-2-14  |
| <b>Management</b>                 | Command-line interface; out-of-band management; SNMP manager; Telnet; FTP  | Command-line interface; out-of-band management; SNMP manager; Telnet; FTP  |
| <b>Services</b>                   | Refer to the Hewlett Packard Enterprise website at <a href="http://hpe.com/networking/services">hpe.com/networking/services</a> 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.  | Refer to the Hewlett Packard Enterprise website at <a href="http://hpe.com/networking/services">hpe.com/networking/services</a> 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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|                                   | HPE Altoline 6921 48XGT 6QSFP+ x86 ONIE AC<br>Front-to-Back Switch (JL315A)  | HPE Altoline 6921 48XGT 6QSFP+ x86 ONIE AC<br>Back-to-Front Switch (JL316A)  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>I/O ports and slots</b>        | 48 1/10GBASE-T ports<br>6 QSFP+ 40GbE ports  | 48 1/10GBASE-T ports<br>6 QSFP+ 40GbE ports  |
| <b>Additional ports and slots</b> | 1 RJ-45 serial console port<br>1 RJ-45 out-of-band management port<br>1 USB 2.0  | 1 RJ-45 serial console port<br>1 RJ-45 out-of-band management port<br>1 USB 2.0  |
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