

Two fiber optic cables are combined into one router



Article Overview

A single router typically uses one fiber optic input via an ONT, but multiple fiber connections can be managed through specialized routers or network configurations.

Understanding the Setup

Fiber optic internet requires an Optical Network Terminal (ONT) to convert light signals from the fiber line into electrical signals that a router can process. Standard residential routers usually have one WAN port connected to the ONT via an Ethernet cable, meaning they handle a single fiber input. Directly connecting two fiber optic cables to a typical router is generally not supported, as most consumer routers are designed for a single WAN connection.

Options for Multiple Fiber Connections

- **Dual-WAN or Multi-WAN Routers:** Some advanced routers support dual-WAN inputs, allowing two separate internet connections (including fiber) to be aggregated or used for failover. This setup requires a router specifically designed for multiple WAN ports and proper configuration to manage traffic between the two connections.
- **Using Two Routers:** If you have two fiber lines, a common approach is to connect one router per fiber line and then link the routers via LAN ports to create a unified network or separate network segments. The first router acts as the primary gateway, while the second can function as an access point or secondary network, extending coverage or providing additional wired connections.

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Fiber-optic cable

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Fiber Couplers – optical fiber

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