

Fiber optic cable connected to router and network cable



AI Overview

To connect a fiber optic cable to your router, you first link it to an Optical Network Terminal (ONT), then use an Ethernet cable to connect the ONT to your router's WAN port.

Step 1: Gather Required Equipment

- Fiber optic cable:** Usually provided by your ISP, with SC/APC or SC/UPC connectors.
- Optical Network Terminal (ONT):** Converts optical signals into electrical signals for your router.
- Router:** Ensure it supports fiber input via WAN or SFP ports.
- Ethernet cable:** Cat6 or higher recommended for high-speed data transfer.
- Power adapters:** For both ONT and router.

Step 2: Connect Fiber Optic Cable to ONT

Locate the fiber wall outlet where your ISP's fiber line enters your home. Remove protective caps from both the fiber cable and the ONT's optical port. Align the connector key or tab and gently insert the fiber cable into the ONT's optical port until it clicks securely. Handle the fiber by its plastic housing to avoid damage or contamination.

Step 3: Power On the ONT

Plug in the ONT's power adapter and wait 2–5 minutes for the status lights to stabilize, indicating a successful optical connection.

Step 4: Connect ONT to Router

Take an Ethernet cable and plug one end into the ONT's Ethernet/LAN port. Plug the other end into your router's WAN or Internet port. Power on the router and wait for the indicator lights to confirm connectivity.

Step 5: Configure Router and Network Access

Access the router's admin panel via a web browser (commonly at 192.168.1.1). Follow the setup wizard to configure your Wi-Fi network, change default credentials, and ensure the router recognizes the internet connection. Optionally, connect additional devices using Ethernet cables from the router's LAN ports for wired connections.

Step 6: Test the Connection

Run a speed test or connect a computer directly to the ONT to verify the fiber signal is properly converted and transmitted. Ensure all cables are securely connected and avoid ben...

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