

Gigabit and Carrier-Grade Fiber Pigeons



Overview

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Homing pigeons can theoretically transfer data faster

A recent test postulates that, across relatively short distances, pigeons can transmit information faster than gigabit internet. The process highlights the

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He decided to see if the conclusions from a 2009 in South Africa study still hold true today — that using carrier pigeons to send files can be faster than the internet.

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Dieses skurrile Experiment erinnert an das humorvolle, jedoch technisch fundierte Konzept des "IP over Avian Carriers" (IPoAC). Für diejenigen, die nicht vertraut sind mit dieser eher scherzhaften Idee:

Yes, a Pigeon is Faster for Data Transfer than Gigabit Fiber Internet

Popular TechTuber Jeff Geerling has delivered an updated take on the old chestnut about the relative merits of pigeon-based vs internet data transfers. With the proliferation of super

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His theory was that pigeons could potentially outperform today's fiber connections over shorter distances of around 800 kilometres. Jeff didn't race a pigeon, but his simulations indicated

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There are many uncertainties and risks in pigeon data transmission. For example, pigeons may get lost or be preyed on, storage devices may be damaged or lost, and data may be

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It has been noted by other researchers that avian carrier offers “high delay, low throughput, and low altitude service ..without significant interference with each other, outside of early

IP over Avian Carriers

IP over Avian Carriers Under RFC 1149, a homing pigeon can carry Internet Protocol traffic. In computer networking, IP over Avian Carriers (IPoAC) is a

A pigeon can deliver data faster than gigabit fiber Internet

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