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Fiber to the building without a switch

Overview

All you need to know about installing fiber to buildingsIn practice, a fiber network has no limitations in transmission distance, and therefore, no connect.

Key Takeaways

Fiber can be delivered directly to a building using centralized termination points and passive distribution, eliminating the need for switches on each floor or unit.Centralized Fiber Termination

In a typical FTTB setup, fiber is extended from the service provider's exchange to a central point in the building, such as a basement or telecom room. From this node, fiber can be distributed directly to individual units using passive optical components or pre-terminated fiber bundles, avoiding the need for active switches on each floor . This approach is often called a centralized or splice-free network.

Installation Techniques
• Air-Blown Fiber Systems: Empty ducts (microducts or nanoducts) are installed from the central node to each unit. Fiber is then blown through these ducts, often pre-terminated at one end, which minimizes splicing and reduces installation time and risk of damage .

• Nanoducts: Slim ducts (e.g., 3/2 mm) allow easier vertical and horizontal routing within buildings, reducing drilling and construction costs while maintaining fiber integrity .

• Direct Termination: Fiber can terminate in a wall box or media converter at the user's location, converting optical signals to Ethernet or VDSL without requiring intermediate switches .

Advantages

• Cost Efficiency: Eliminates the need for switches, cross-connection panels, and node rooms on each floor, which can account for up to 70% of traditional network costs .

• High Capacity: Fiber supports long distances and high bandwidth, allowing multiple units to share a single fiber backbone without performance loss .

• Scalability: Additional units can be connected by extending ducts from the central node, making upgrades straightforward .

• Reduced Latency: Direct fiber connections minimize signal conversion points, improving speed and reliability for applications like gaming or 4K streaming .

Considerations

• Shared vs. Dedicated Bandwidth: Depending on the design, bandwidth may be shared among units or dedicated per unit. Passive splitters or pre-terminated fibers can manage this distribution .

• Physical Routing: Careful planning of duct paths and termination points is essential to avoid excessive bends and maintain signal quality .

• Future Expansion: Using modular ducts and pre-terminated fibers allows easy addition of new units without major construction . By using centralized fiber termination and passive distribution, buildings can achieve high-speed fiber connectivity without deploying switches on each floor, reducing both cost and complexity while maintaining scalability and performance .

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