

WDM Wavelength Division Multiplexing System



Article Overview

A WDM system combines multiple optical signals at different wavelengths onto a single fiber, dramatically increasing its data-carrying capacity.

Overview

Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) is a fiber-optic communication technology that allows multiple independent data streams to travel simultaneously over a single optical fiber by assigning each stream a unique wavelength, or “color,” of laser light (wavelength) . This technique effectively multiplies the capacity of existing fiber infrastructure without laying additional fibers, enabling high-speed, high-capacity networks .

How WDM Works

At the transmitting end, a multiplexer (MUX) combines several optical signals, each at a distinct wavelength, into a single fiber. At the receiving end, a demultiplexer (DEMUX) separates the combined signals back into individual wavelengths for processing . Some devices, called optical add-drop multiplexers, can simultaneously add or remove specific wavelengths along the fiber path, enhancing network flexibility . Each wavelength acts as an independent channel, allowing data rates up to 400 Gbps per channel, with aggregate capacities reaching terabits per second when multiple channels are used . WDM exploits the broad bandwidth of optical fibers, typically supporting wavelengths in the 1260–1675 nm range, with channel spacing defined by ITU-T standards (e.g., 50 GHz or 100 GHz) .

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