Epon network devices



Overview

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Key Takeaways

EPON (Ethernet Passive Optical Network) is not a network device; it is a fiber-optic network technology standard.

EPO

N is a network architecture that delivers high-speed data, voice, and video services over fiber-optic cables using Ethernet packets. It operates on a point-to-multipoint topology, where a central device called an Optical Line Terminal (OLT) at the service provider communicates with multiple Optical Network Units (ONUs) or Optical Network Terminals (ONTs) at customer locations. The network uses passive splitters, which are unpowered devices, to distribute signals to multiple endpoints, reducing the need for active electronics in the distribution network.

Key Components of an EPON NetworkOLT (Optical Line Terminal): Located at the service provider's central office, it manages and coordinates data transmission to and from multiple ONUs. ONU/ONT (Optical Network Unit/Terminal): Located at the customer premises, these devices receive and transmit data to the OLT. They act as endpoints but are part of the EPON system, not the EPON itself.

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Passive Optical Splitters: These unpowered devices split the optical signal from a single fiber to serve multiple users, enabling the point-to-multipoint design.

How EPO

N WorksEPON transmits Ethernet frames downstream from the OLT to all ONUs, which filter the data based on MAC addresses. Upstream, it uses time-division multiple access (TDMA) to prevent collisions when multiple ONUs send data back to the OLT. This design allows EPON to provide symmetrical speeds of 1 Gbps or higher, making it suitable for FTTH (Fiber to the Home) and FTTP (Fiber to the Premises) deployments.

Summary

While EPO

N involves physical devices like OLTs and ONUs, EPON itself is a network standard and architecture, not a single network device. It defines how data is transmitted over fiber-optic networks efficiently and cost-effectively, leveraging passive components to connect multiple users to a central provider.

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EPON ONU, optical network unit is a device that transforms incoming fiber optic passive component optical signals into electronics/terminals at a customer''s premises in order to provide

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GPON means Gigabit Passive Optical Network and EPON means Ethernet Passive Optical Network. Both of them belongs to PON (Passive Optical Network), which is a fiber network that only uses fiber

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