

Passive Optical Network User Terminal



Article Overview

A Passive Optical Network (PON) User Terminal is the device at the customer's end, typically called an Optical Network Terminal (ONT) or Optical Network Unit (ONU), that receives and transmits data over a PON.

Overview

In a PON system, the network uses a point-to-multipoint topology where a single fiber from the service provider is split passively to serve multiple users . The user terminal is the endpoint device that connects directly to the subscriber's equipment, such as computers, routers, or IP phones. It converts optical signals from the fiber into electrical signals usable by home or office devices and vice versa for upstream communication .

Components and Function

- **Optical Network Terminal (ONT):** Installed at the customer premises, the ONT terminates the PON fiber and provides interfaces for Ethernet, voice, or video services .
- **Optical Network Unit (ONU):** Functionally similar to an ONT, ONUs may serve multiple users in a building or campus environment. Both ONTs and ONUs handle upstream and downstream traffic, manage encryption, and support time-division multiple access (TDMA) for upstream signals .
- **Passive Optical Splitters:** These split the optical signal from the provider to multiple user terminals without requiring power, enabling cost-effective distribution

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FTTH PON: Passive Optical Network A PON system utilizes a passive optical splitter that takes one input and splits it to "broadcast"

Introduction to Passive Optical Network

The network path between the terminals is known as Optical Device Network (ODN), which comprises passive optical components,

Optical line termination

An optical line termination (OLT), also called an optical line terminal, is a device which serves as the service provider endpoint of a

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Gigabyte Passive Optical Network (GPON)

ONT (Optical Network Terminal) or ONU (Optical Network Unit): This is the device placed at the user's premise. It receives data sent

Passive Optical Network Architecture

PON architecture, or Passive Optical Network architecture, is defined as a passive optical network deployed in a point-to-multipoint

Schematic of a typical passive optical access network. Optical line ...

Optical line terminal (OLT), installed by a service provider, distributes a TDM or WDM signal via ODN, consisting of transmission

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This document provides an overview of Passive Optical Networks (PONs). It describes the key components of a PON including the

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