

# In wavelength division multiplexing WDM

## Article Overview

Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) is a fiber-optic technology that transmits multiple data channels simultaneously over a single optical fiber, each using a distinct wavelength of light, dramatically increasing network capacity.

### Overview

WDM is a multiplexing technique in fiber-optic communications that combines several optical signals at different wavelengths (colors) onto a single fiber, allowing each wavelength to carry an independent data stream. This approach significantly increases the total transmission capacity without laying additional fibers and enables bidirectional communication over a single strand, sometimes referred to as wavelength-division duplexing. A multiplexer (MUX) at the transmitter combines the wavelengths, while a demultiplexer (DEMUX) at the receiver separates them. Advanced devices, such as optical add-drop multiplexers (OADMs), can insert or remove specific channels without affecting others.

### Types of WDM

- Coarse WDM (CWDM)
  - Uses fewer channels with wider spacing (typically 20 nm)
  - Cost-effective and suitable for metropolitan networks
  - Covers the 1310 nm and 1550 nm transmission windows, avoiding OH absorption regions in silica fibers
- Dense WDM (DWDM)
  - Uses many closely spaced channels (e.g., 40 channels at 100 GHz or 80 channels...

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Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM) is a technology that increases the bandwidth of existing fibre optic networks.

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## Wavelength division multiplexing

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## Wavelength-Division Multiplexing

Wavelength-division multiplexing (WDM) is defined as a technology that multiplexes multiple optical carrier signals onto an optical

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