

# Basic Understanding of Broad Band DSL and Cable Internet Connection?

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## **Introduction**

How you connect to the Internet can vary, depending on your budget and what type of Internet connection is available where you live. For most people, Internet connectivity boils down to two choices: *Broadband DSL* or *Cable*.

## **DSL**

DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) is a type of Internet connection that runs through telephone wires. It is often packaged with telephone services, as it is connected to your telephone jack.

## **CABLE**

Cable Internet is usually provided by your cable company. It runs through coaxial cables, the same type of cable that your television uses to obtain channels from your cable company.

## **AVAILABILITY**

DSL connectivity is usually available in most densely populated areas, but it may not be available in smaller towns or rural areas. Cable connectivity is usually available anywhere cable services are provided.

## **BENEFITS**

DSL connections are primarily consistently the same speed, no matter how many people are using the same service. Cable Internet can fluctuate, depending on how many people are using the same service as you at any given time. Cable connections are capable of faster overall speeds than DSL connections.