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## How can I increase the speed of the internet?

During the past years we have increased our internet speed by over 150%.

The fastest internet connection is to use a wired connection with a data cable instead of a wireless connection.

Wireless connections are shared between multiple computers, and works best for light-weight tasks such as:

- Checking Email
- Web Browsing
- Accessing Library Databases
- Using Blackboard, Webtools, and other SMUMN services

In all instances, a wired data connection will be faster since it is dedicated to just your computer. It is recommended to use the data jack for these activities:

- Video streaming including Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, etc.
- Taking online tests in Blackboard
- Playing online video games
- Downloading of large files
- Running updates on your computer
- Video conferencing and Skype

Other tips to speed up your internet connection:

- Do not use peer to peer file sharing programs
- When you are done using a program such as Skype, sign out and exit the program

If needed, stop at the HelpDesk to get your **free network cable!**

Here is a diagram of how the connections are layed out in each ResHall room:



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