Network Troubleshooting Tools

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Overview

Crimper

Cable Stripper

Tone generator and toner probe

Cable Tester

Loopback plug

Punchdown tool

Network tap

Wi-Fi Analyzer

Network Troubleshooting Tools

Crimper

Making your own ethernet connections

   – **Cutting the cable at exactly the required length**

Presser connector on the cable jacket

   – **Ensures metal from connector touches copper wires**

   – **Ensures connect won't easily pull off**

Cable Stripper

Used for removal of protective coating

Tone Generator and Probe

Find two ends of a cable

One end to a tone generator
- **Will create a sound on the wire**

Probe on the other end
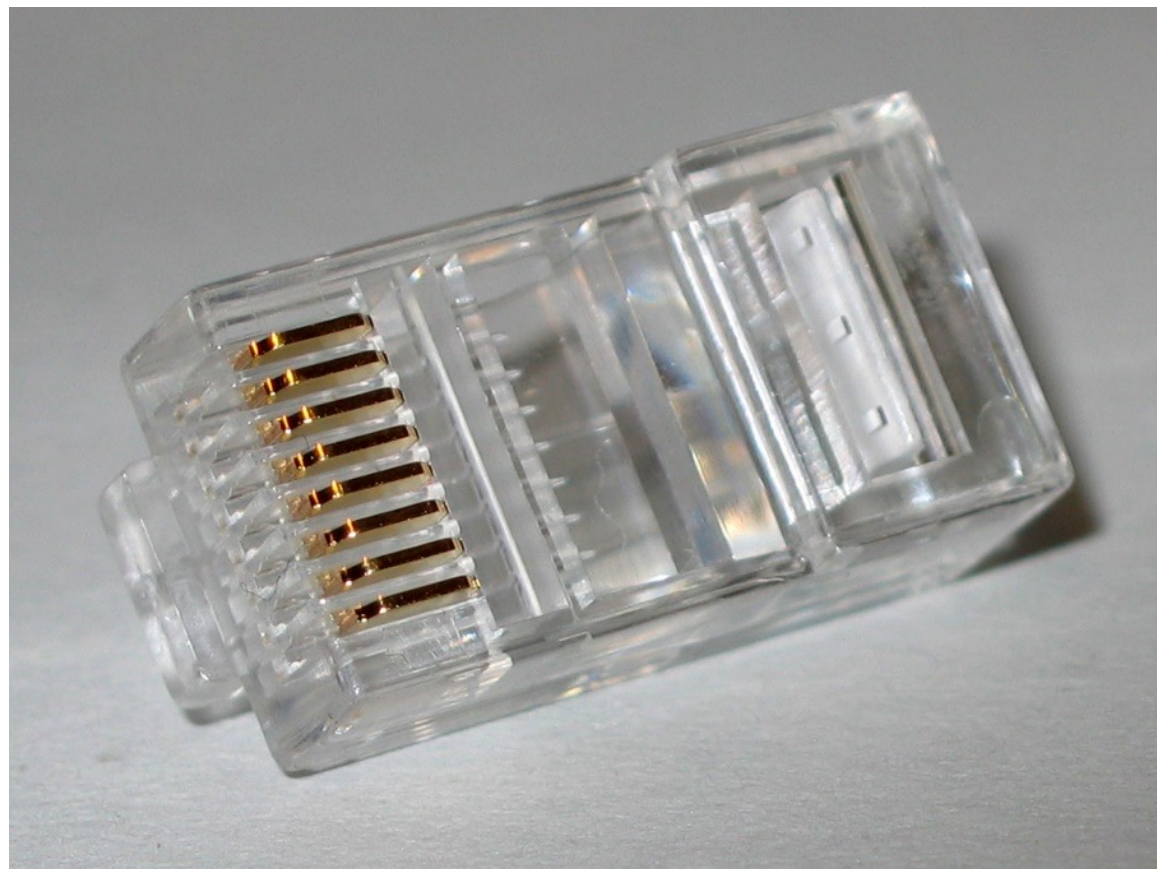- **Will hear sound when very close to it**

Cable Tester

Validates networking cables are well connected

Interference & signal loss measurement

Loopback Plug

Useful when trying to troubleshoot a physical interface

"Fakes" that a computer is being connected to a network
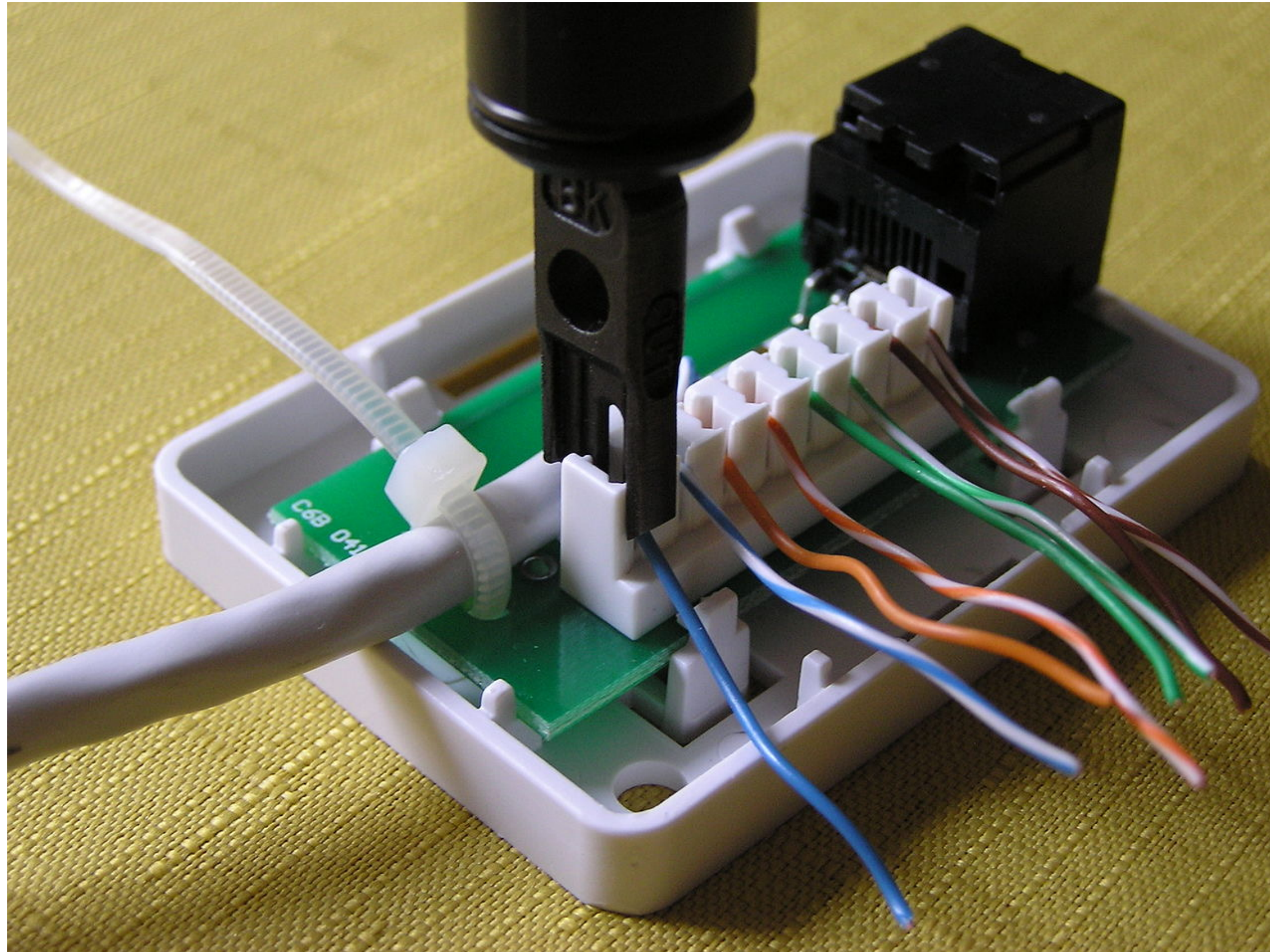
Will send back whatever you send on it

Punchdown Tool

Used with patch panels

Physically connect wire to connectors

Cuts down excess wire

Punchdown Tool

Network Tap

Test Access Point / Terminal Access Point

Connects directly to cabling infrastructure

Splits or copies packets

  Analysis

  Security

  Network management

Router

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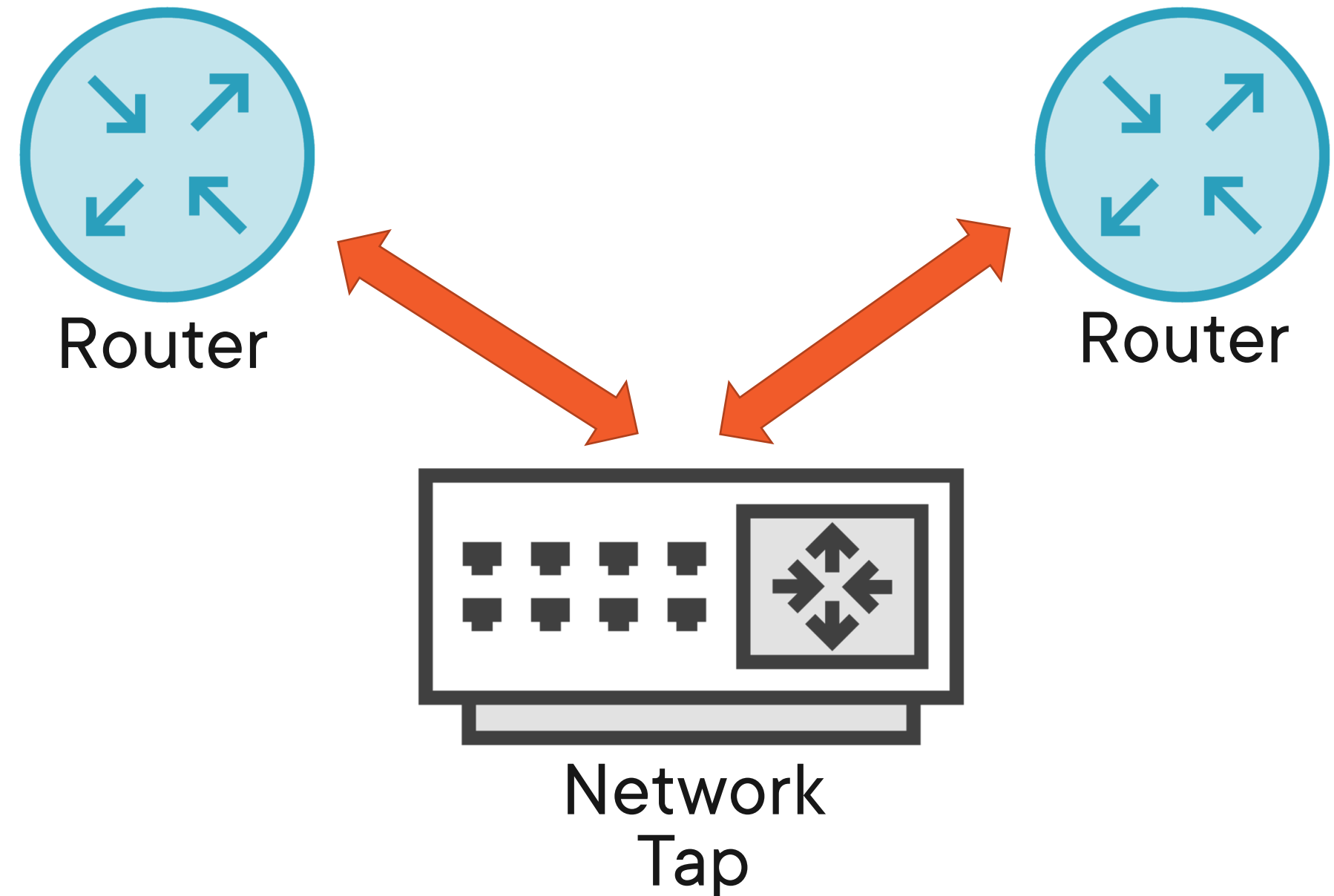
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Wi-Fi Analyzer

Either hardware or software

Show signal strength, interreference

Allows for network optimization

Conclusion

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Install and Configure a Basic Home and Small Business Network