

Verizon boosts FiOS uploads to match downloads

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Verizon is boosting the upload speeds of nearly all its FiOS connections to match the download speeds, vastly shortening the time it takes for subscribers to send videos and back up their files online.

Starting Monday, all new subscribers will get "symmetrical" connections. The cheapest plan will deliver 25 <u>megabits</u> per second up and down, an increase from 15 megabits down and 5 megabits up. Current subscribers will see their upload speeds raised over coming months.

With the speed increase, Verizon Communications Inc. is taking advantage of a technical ability its all-fiber FiOS network has. Cable connections can't match that, for the most part. Cable upload speeds top out about 35 megabits per second, while Verizon's top tier now offers 500 megabits per second.

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