Cisco Takes on Powerline

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Cisco announces a HomePlug AV Powerline solution range with products allowing costumers to use their existing home electrical wiring as a home network.



The Powerline standard provides speeds of up to 200 Mbps, and is set up by connecting the adapter to a router (via Ethernet cable) before plugging it into a wall socket. The network is complete after plugging a second adapter into another wall socket and connecting it to a device via second cable.

The Cisco Powerline range consists of 3 products-- the PLEK400 and PLSK400 adapter kits and the PLW400 wireless extender.

The PLEK400 includes x2 1-port powerline adapters, while the PLSK400 includes a 1-port and a 4-port powerline adapters. The PLW400 converts signals from an existing Powerline network into 802.11n wifi signal.

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