

## Ethernet-to-Cable TV/Broadband Network Connectivity

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TOPIC
I'm interested in creating Ethernet drops onto the broadband, such as cable TV. Do you know specific companies who make this hardware product, or is it normal Ethernet drops that customers would use?
DISCUSSION
Ethernet over broadband cable is definitely not a standard coax Ethernet drop. The cable types are different, and only a portion of the bandwidth of the broadband cable is used for Ethernet while the rest remains free for video and audio information.
There are a number of companies that provide the hardware for implementing Ethernet over broadband cable. They include Digital Equipment Corporation, Bridge Communications, and Allen-Bradley Company. We want to emphasize that configuring this type of network is not plug-and-play, and you need to work closely with a network consultant or one of the above companies to determine the best configuration for your needs.
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