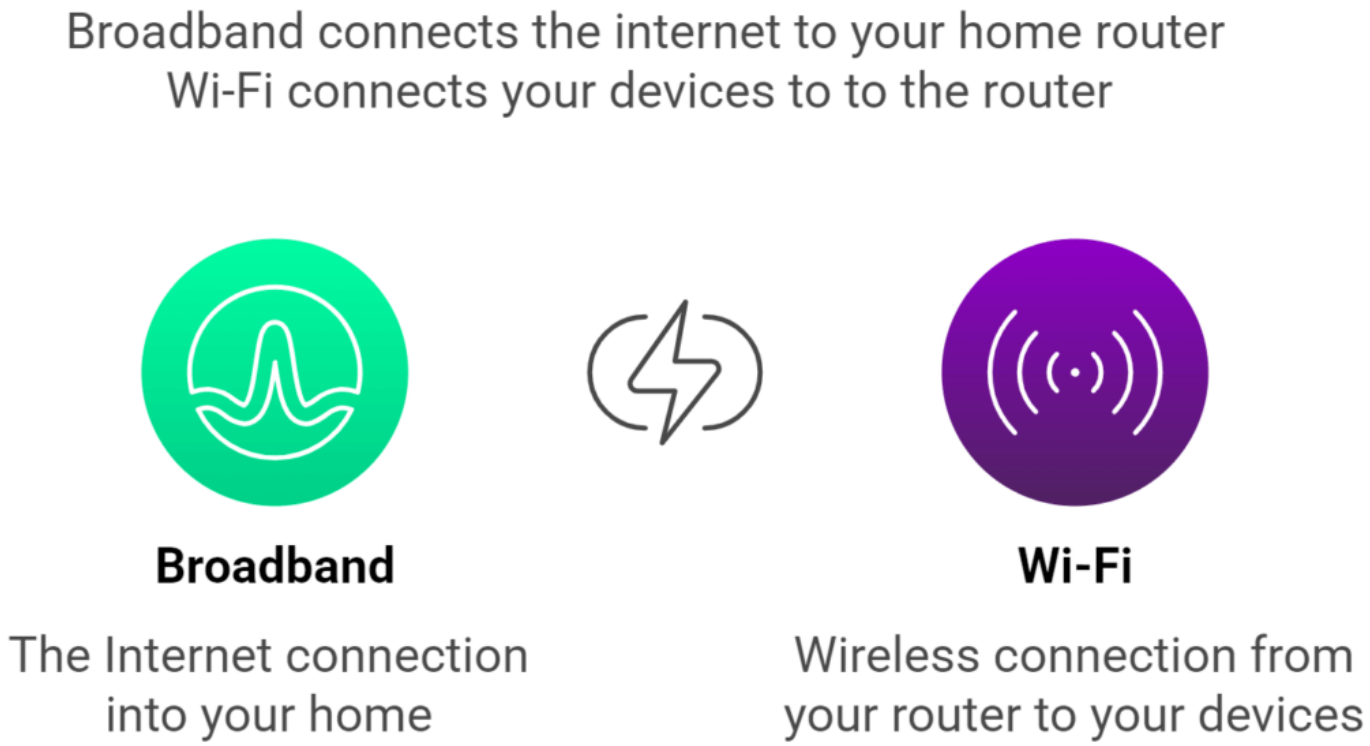
What’s the difference between broadband and Wi-Fi?

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It’s easy to confuse the difference between broadband and Wi-Fi since they both relate to getting online, but they actually refer to different parts of your internet connection.



Broadband

Broadband is the high-speed connection that brings the internet to your home. It’s the service provided by your Internet Service Provider (like us here at Quickline) that allows you to access the

internet. Broadband can come through various technologies, such as fibre optic, or fixed wireless, and it delivers data directly to your router. When you look at package speeds online this is usually what you're looking at!

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Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi, on the other hand, is a wireless way to connect your devices (like phones, laptops, and tablets) to your broadband connection within your home. For example, your router sends out a Wi-Fi signal, allowing you to use the internet anywhere within range, without needing to be physically connected by a cable.

Summary

When we refer to "broadband" what we mean is your actual internet service, while "Wi-Fi" is the wireless signal that lets you connect devices to that service within your home. Think of the broadband service as the total speed coming into your router, and Wi-Fi as one the ways you connect to the router and access our blistering speeds.

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