

Metropolitan area network

A **metropolitan area network** (**MAN**) is a computer network that interconnects users with computer resources in a geographic area or region larger than that covered by even a large local area network (LAN) but smaller than the area covered by a wide area network (WAN). The term MAN is applied to the interconnection of networks in a city into a single larger network which may then also offer efficient connection to a wide area network. It is also used to mean the interconnection of several local area networks in a metropolitan area through the use of point-to-point connections between them. The latter usage is also sometimes referred to as a campus network.^{[1][2]}

See also

- Community network
- Municipal wireless network
- Smart city
- Wireless community network

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