

# Datacenters are Connected with High-Bandwidth

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## How are these datacenters connected?

The answer varies:

- Google **built its own** optical network;
- other companies **rent fibers** (multiple Tbps) **or wavelengths** (10-100 Gbps), or
- pay for guaranteed data rates **using virtual private networks** (VPNs).\*
- Another option: **pay another company** (such as Akamai) to handle content distribution.

\*The UIUC VPN serves a different purpose.