Cisco's New Router Family

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Cisco launches its Linksys E-Series product family-- a suite of wifi routers and switches offering what the company describes as the "next generation" in a new hardware design.

The E-Series includes x5 routers providing not only enough performance for connected homes, but also faster speeds (up to 450 Mbps), 3x3 spatial stream configurations, external power amplifiers and virtual USB technology.

The routers' design is also a winner-- receiving a Red Dot product design award.

Each router comes with Cisco's Connect software for simplified network setup and management, as well as an internet speed test with which users can check their connections' bandwidth and speeds.

Meanwhile the 3 Linksys switches include plug and play capabilities for ethernet-enabled devices, QoS for traffic prioritisation, auto-sensing ports and power saving features.

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