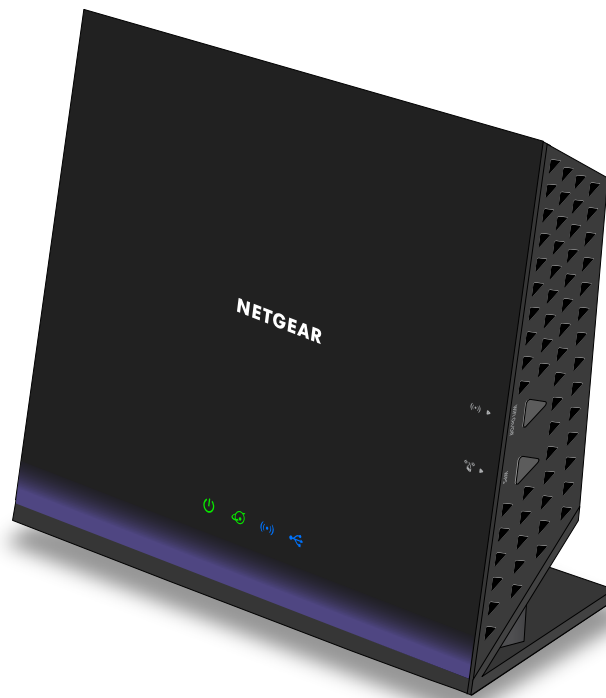


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Hardware Setup

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Getting to know your router

The R6250 Smart WiFi Router with AC dual band delivers AC1600 WiFi and Gigabit Ethernet speeds. It offers the best wireless coverage for large homes and is ideal for homes with ten or more wireless devices.

The router automatically uses NETGEAR Beamforming+ technology to enhance WiFi performance. Because it's automatic, you don't have to turn on Beamforming+ or configure it. When you connect to the WiFi network, Beamforming+ focuses on your location for even better WiFi performance and speed. Beamforming+ locks onto your laptop, tablet, or smartphone, and follows as you move from place to place, so you keep your optimal WiFi connection.

Compatible with next generation WiFi devices and backward compatible with 802.11 a/b/g/n devices, it enables HD streaming throughout your home. With up to 300¹ to 1300² Mbps speed and simultaneous dual band WiFi technology, the R6250 avoids wireless interference, ensuring top WiFi speeds and reliable connections. This technology also provides the best connectivity for dual band wireless devices like iPad and iPhone5. The dual-core 800 MHz processor delivers high-performance connectivity, while the USB 3.0 port provides up to 10X faster USB hard drive access.

If you already set up your router, you can skip this chapter. If you have not done that yet, this chapter covers the hardware setup. *Chapter 2, Getting Started*, explains how to access your router to view or change its settings.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- *Unpack Your Router*
- *Hardware Features*
- *Position Your Router*

For more information about the topics covered in this manual, visit the support website at <http://support.netgear.com>.

1. Maximum wireless signal rate derived from IEEE standard 802.11 specifications. Actual data throughput and wireless coverage will vary. Network conditions and environmental factors, including volume of network traffic, building materials and construction, and network overhead, lower actual data throughput rate and wireless coverage. NETGEAR makes no express or implied representations or warranties about this product's compatibility with any future standards. 802.11ac 1300 Mbps is approximately 3x faster than 802.11n 450 Mbps.
2. Up to 1300 Mbps wireless speeds achieved when connecting to other 802.11ac 1300 Mbps devices.

Unpack Your Router

Open the box and remove the router, cables, and installation guide.

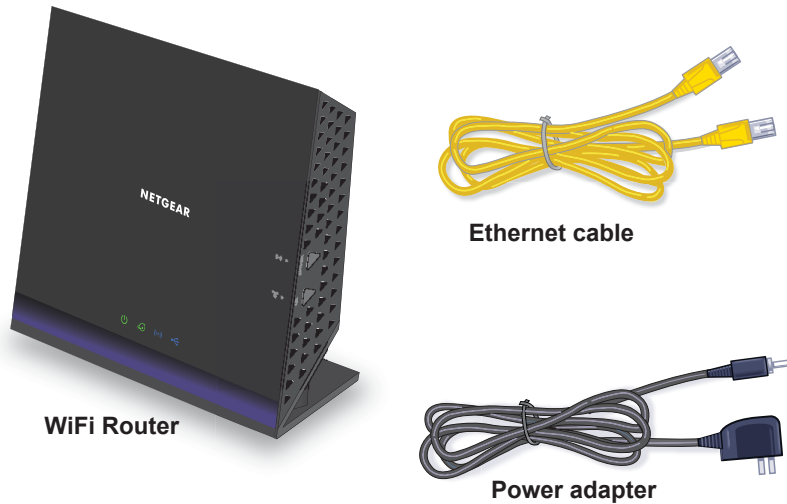


Figure 1. Check the package contents

Your box contains the following items:

- R6250 Smart WiFi Router
- AC power adapter (plug varies by region)
- Category 5 (Cat 5) Ethernet cable
- Installation guide with cabling and router setup instructions

If any parts are incorrect, missing, or damaged, contact your NETGEAR dealer. Keep the carton and original packing materials, in case you return the product for repair.

Hardware Features

Before you cable your router, take a moment to become familiar with the front, side, and back panels and the label. Pay particular attention to the LEDs on the front panel.

Front and Side Panel

The router front panel has the status LEDs and icons shown in the following figure.

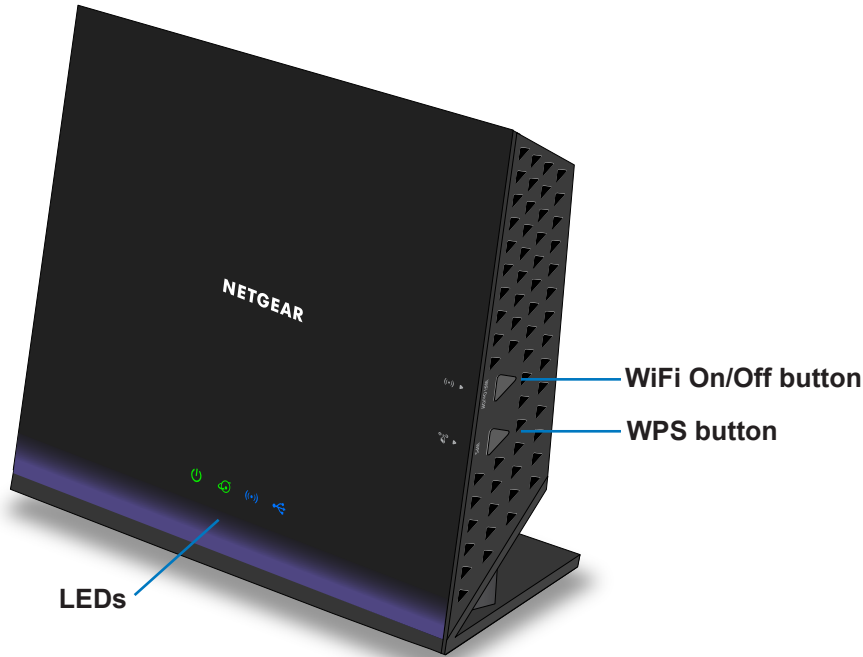






Figure 2. Router front and side view

Table 1. Front panel LED descriptions

LED	Description
Power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid amber. The router is starting. • Blinking amber. The firmware is upgrading, or the Restore Factory Settings button was pressed. • Solid green. The router is ready. • Blinking green. The firmware is corrupted. See www.netgear.com/support. • Off. Power is not supplied to the router.
Internet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid green. The Internet connection is ready. • Solid amber. The Ethernet cable connection to the modem has been detected. • Off. No Ethernet cable is connected to the modem.
Wireless 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid blue. The wireless radio is operating in either 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz mode. • Blinking. Someone is trying to join the WiFi network using the WPS method. • Off. The wireless radios are off for both 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz.
USB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid blue. The router has accepted the USB device. The USB device is ready to be used. • Blinking blue. A USB device is plugged in and is trying to connect. • Off. No USB device is connected; someone clicked the Safely Remove Hardware button, and it is now safe to remove the attached USB device.

The WiFi and WPS buttons toggle the WiFi and WPS functions on and off.

- **WiFi On/Off button.** Pressing and holding this button for 2 seconds turns on and off the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz wireless radios. If the Wireless LED is lit, the wireless radios are on. If this LED is off, the wireless radios are turned off and you cannot connect wirelessly to the router.
- **WPS button.** You can use this button to use WPS to add a wireless device or computer to your wireless network. The Wireless LED blinks blue when the router is trying to add the wireless device or computer. The LED stays solid blue when wireless security is enabled in the router.

Rear Panel

The rear panel has the connections and buttons shown in the following figure.

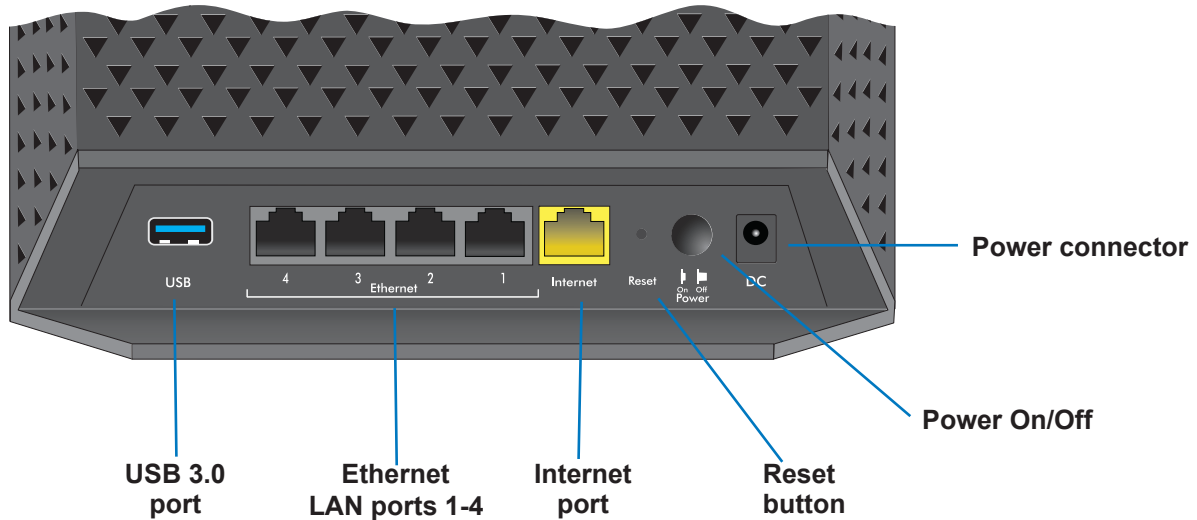


Figure 3. Router rear panel

The Reset button restores the factory settings. See [Factory Settings](#) on page 129.

Label

The label on the bottom of the router shows the WPS PIN, login information, MAC address, and serial number.

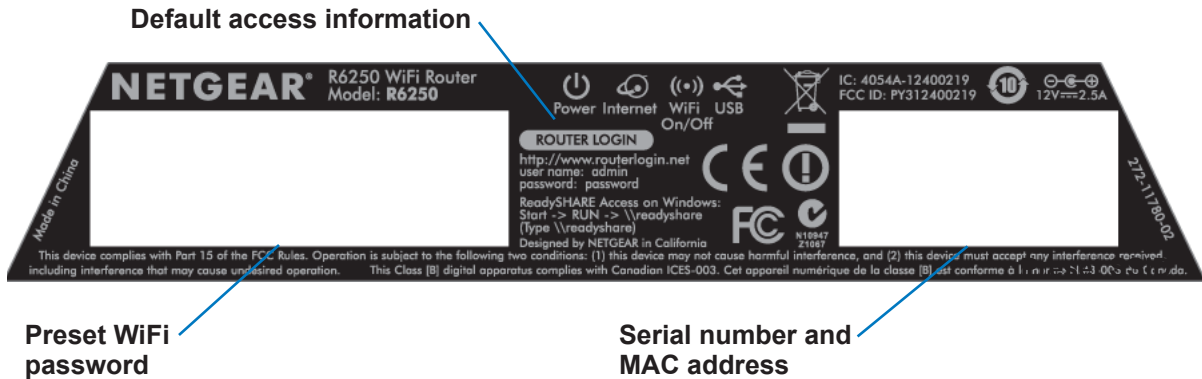


Figure 4. The label shows unique information about your router

Position Your Router

The router lets you access your network from anywhere within the operating range of your wireless network. However, the operating distance or range of your wireless connection depends on the physical placement of your router. For example, the thickness and number of walls the wireless signal passes through can limit the range. For best results, place your router:

- Near the center of the area where your computers and other devices operate, and preferably within line of sight to your wireless devices.
- So it is accessible to an AC power outlet and near Ethernet cables for wired computers.
- In an elevated location such as a high shelf, keeping the number of walls and ceilings between the router and your other devices to a minimum.
- Away from electrical devices that are potential sources of interference. Equipment that might cause interference includes ceiling fans, home security systems, microwaves, computers, the base of a cordless phone, or a 2.4 GHz cordless phone.
- Away from any large metal surfaces, such as a solid metal door or aluminum studs. Large expanses of other materials such as glass, insulated walls, fish tanks, mirrors, brick, and concrete can also affect your wireless signal.

2 Getting Started

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Connecting to the router

This chapter explains how to use NETGEAR genie to set up your router after you complete cabling as described in the installation guide.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- *Router Setup Preparation*
- *Types of Logins and Access*
- *NETGEAR genie Setup*
- *Use NETGEAR genie After Installation*
- *Upgrade the Firmware*
- *Dashboard (Basic Home Screen)*
- *Join Your Wireless Network*
- *Access the Router with NETGEAR the genie App*

Router Setup Preparation

You can set up your router with the NETGEAR genie automatically, or you can use the genie menus and screens to set up your router manually. Before you start the setup process, get your ISP information and make sure the computers and devices in the network have the settings described here.

Use Standard TCP/IP Properties for DHCP

If you set up your computer to use a static IP address, change the settings so that it uses Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP).

Gather ISP Information

If you have DSL broadband service, you might need the following information to set up your router and to check that your Internet configuration is correct. When your Internet service starts, your Internet service provider (ISP) typically gives you all the information needed to connect to the Internet. If you cannot locate this information, ask your ISP to provide it. When your Internet connection is working, you no longer need to launch the ISP's login program on your computer to access the Internet. When you start an Internet application, your router automatically logs you in.

- The ISP configuration information for your DSL account
- ISP login name and password
- Fixed or static IP address settings (special deployment by ISP; this is rare)

Wireless Devices and Security Settings

Make sure that the wireless device or computer that you are using supports WPA or WPA2 wireless security, which is the wireless security that the router uses.

Types of Logins and Access

Separate types of logins have different purposes. It is important that you understand the difference so that you know which login to use when.

- **Router login** logs you in to the router interface from NETGEAR genie. For details about this login, see [Use NETGEAR genie After Installation](#) on page 15.
- **ISP login** logs you in to your Internet service. Your service provider has provided you with this login information in a letter or some other way. If you cannot find this login information, contact your service provider.
- **Wireless network key or password.** Your router is preset with a unique wireless network name (SSID) and password for wireless access. This information is on the label on the bottom of your router.

NETGEAR genie Setup

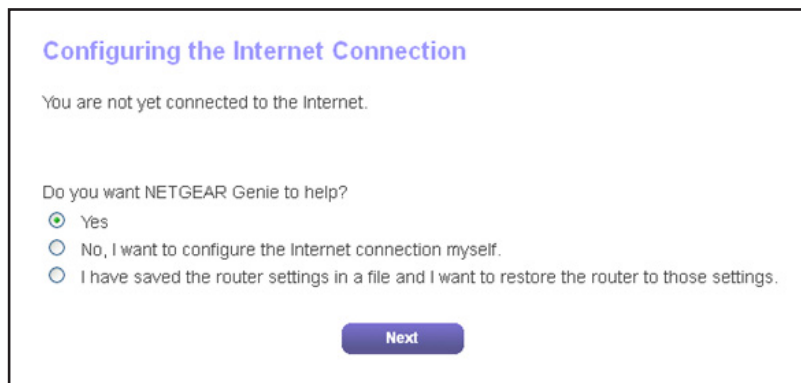
NETGEAR genie runs on any device with a web browser. Installation and basic setup takes about 15 minutes to complete.

➤ **To use NETGEAR genie to set up your router:**

1. Turn the router on by pressing the **On/Off** button.
2. Make sure that your computer or wireless device is connected to the router with an Ethernet cable (wired) or wirelessly with the preset security settings listed on the bottom label.
3. Launch your Internet browser.

The screen that displays depends on whether you accessed the router before:

- The first time you set up the Internet connection for your router, the browser goes to <http://www.routerlogin.net>, and the NETGEAR genie screen displays.



- If you already used the NETGEAR genie, type **<http://www.routerlogin.net>** in the address field for your browser to display the NETGEAR genie screen. See *Use NETGEAR genie After Installation* on page 15.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions.

NETGEAR genie guides you through connecting the router to the Internet.

If the browser cannot display the web page:

- Make sure that the computer is connected to one of the four LAN Ethernet ports or wirelessly to the router.
- Make sure that the router has full power, and that its WiFi LED is lit.
- To make sure that the browser does not cache the previous page, close and reopen the browser.
- Browse to **<http://www.routerlogin.net>**.
- If the computer is set to a static or fixed IP address (this is uncommon), change it to obtain an IP address automatically from the router.

If the router does not connect to the Internet:

1. Review your settings to be sure that you have selected the correct options and typed everything correctly.
2. Contact your ISP to verify that you have the correct configuration information.
3. Read *Chapter 10, Troubleshooting*. If problems persist, register your NETGEAR product and contact NETGEAR technical support.

Use NETGEAR genie After Installation

When you first set up your router, NETGEAR genie automatically starts when you launch an Internet browser on a computer that is connected to the router. If you want to view or change settings for the router, you can use genie again.

1. Launch your browser from a computer or wireless device that is connected to the router.
2. Type **http://www.routerlogin.net** or **http://www.routerlogin.com**.

A login window displays.

3. Enter **admin** for the router user name and **password** for the router password, both in lowercase letters.

Note: The router user name and password are different from the user name and password for logging in to your Internet connection. For more information, see *Types of Logins and Access* on page 13.

Upgrade the Firmware

When you set up your router and are connected to the Internet, the router automatically checks for you to see if newer firmware is available. If it is, a message is displayed on the top of the screen. For more information, see *Upgrade the Router Firmware* on page 83.

Click the message when it shows up, and click **Yes** to upgrade the router with the latest firmware. After the upgrade, the router restarts.



CAUTION:

Do not try to go online, turn off the router, shut down the computer, or do anything else to the router until the router restarts and the Power LED has stopped blinking for several seconds.

Dashboard (Basic Home Screen)

The router Basic Home screen has a dashboard that lets you see the status of your Internet connection and network at a glance. You can click any of the six sections of the dashboard to

view and change the settings. The left column has menus. You can use the Advanced tab to access more menus and screens.

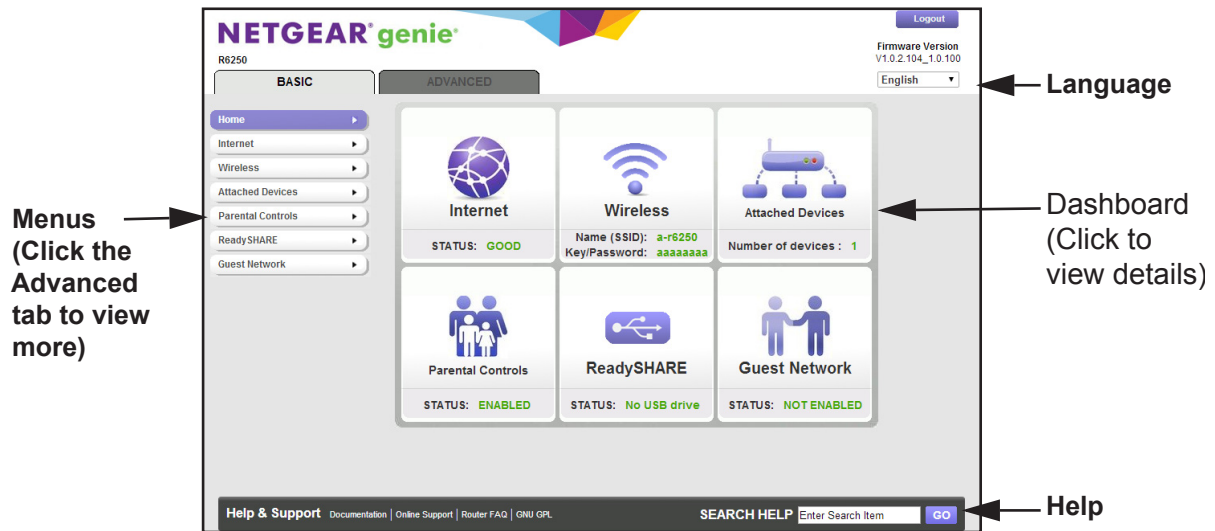


Figure 5. Basic Home screen with dashboard, language, and online help

- **Home.** This dashboard screen displays when you log in to the router.
- **Internet.** Set, update, and check the ISP settings of your router.
- **Wireless.** View or change the wireless settings for your router.
- **Attached Devices.** View the devices connected to your network.
- **Parental Controls.** Download and set up parental controls to prevent objectionable content from reaching your computers.
- **ReadySHARE.** If you connected a USB storage device to the router, then it is displayed here.
- **Guest Network.** Set up a guest network to allow visitors to use your router's Internet connection.
- **Advanced tab.** Set the router up for unique situations such as when remote access by IP or by domain name from the Internet is needed. See [Chapter 9, Advanced Settings](#). You need a solid understanding of networking to use this tab.
- **Help & Support.** Visit the NETGEAR support site for information, help, and product documentation. These links work once you have an Internet connection.

Join Your Wireless Network

You can use the manual or the WPS method to join your wireless network. For instructions about how to set up a guest network, see [Set Up a Guest Network](#) on page 25.

Manual Method

With the manual method, choose the network that you want and type its password to connect.

➤ **To connect manually:**

1. On your computer or wireless device, open the software that manages your wireless connections.

This software scans for all wireless networks in your area.

2. Look for your network and select it.

The unique WiFi network name (SSID) and password are on the router label. If you changed these settings, look for the network name that you used.

3. Enter the router password and click **Connect**.

Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) Method

Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) lets you connect to a secure WiFi network without typing its password. Instead, press a button or enter a PIN. NETGEAR calls WPS Push 'N' Connect.

Some older WiFi equipment is not compatible with WPS. WPS works only with WPA2 or WPA wireless security.

➤ **To use WPS to join the wireless network:**

1. Press the **WPS** button on the side of the router.
2. Within 2 minutes, press the **WPS** button on your wireless device, or follow the WPS instructions that came with the device.

The WPS process automatically sets up your wireless computer with the network password and connects you to the wireless network.

Access the Router with NETGEAR the genie App

The genie app is the easy dashboard for managing, monitoring, and repairing your home network. The genie app can help you with the following:

- Automatically repair common wireless network problems.
- Easily manage router features like Live Parental Controls, guest access, Internet traffic meter, speed test, and more.

➤ **To use the genie app to access the router:**

1. Visit the NETGEAR genie web page at www.NETGEAR.com/genie.
2. Follow the onscreen instructions to install the app on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.
3. Launch the genie app.

The genie app dashboard screen displays.

Basic Settings

3

Your Internet connection and WiFi network

This chapter contains the following sections:

- *Internet Setup*
- *Basic Wireless Settings*
- *Set Up a Guest Network*
- *View Attached Devices*

For information about the ReadySHARE feature on the Basic Home tab, see *Chapter 5, USB Storage* and *Chapter 6, Share a USB Printer*.

Internet Setup

The Internet Setup screen is where you view or change basic ISP information.

Note: You can use the Setup Wizard to detect the Internet connection and automatically set up the router. See *Internet Connection Setup Wizard* on page 29.

- **To view or change the basic Internet setup:**
 1. From the Home screen, select **Internet**.

The fields that display in the Internet Setup screen depend on whether your Internet connection requires a login.

- **Yes.** Select the encapsulation method and enter the login name. If you want to change the login time-out, enter a new value in minutes.
 - **No.** Enter the account and domain names, only if needed.
2. Enter the settings for the IP address and DNS server.

The default settings usually work fine. If you have problems with your connection, check the ISP settings.

3. Click **Apply**.

Your settings are saved.

- Click **Test** to test your Internet connection.

If the NETGEAR website does not display within 1 minute, see [Chapter 10, Troubleshooting](#).

Internet Setup Screen Fields

The following descriptions explain all of the possible fields in the Internet Setup screen. The fields that display in this screen depend on whether an ISP login is required.

Does Your Internet connection require a login? Answer either yes or no.

These fields display when no login is required:

- **Account Name (If required).** Enter the account name provided by your ISP. This might also be called the host name.
- **Domain Name (If required).** Enter the domain name provided by your ISP.

These fields display when your ISP requires a login:

- **Internet Service Provider.** PPPoE or PPPoA.
- **Login.** The login name provided by your ISP. This login name is often an email address.
- **Password.** The password that you use to log in to your ISP.
- **Service Name (if Required).** If your ISP provided a service name, enter it here.
- **Connection Mode.** Always On, Dial on Demand, or Manually Connect.
- **Idle Timeout (In minutes).** If you want to change the login time-out, enter a new value in minutes. This setting determines how long the router keeps the Internet connection active when no one on the network is using the Internet. A value of 0 (zero) means never log out.

Internet IP Address.

- **Get Dynamically from ISP.** Your ISP uses DHCP to assign your IP address. Your ISP automatically assigns these addresses.
- **Use Static IP Address.** Enter the IP address, IP subnet mask, and the gateway IP address that your ISP assigned. The gateway is the ISP router to which your router will connect.

Domain Name Server (DNS) Address. The DNS server is used to look up site addresses based on their names.

- **Get Automatically from ISP.** Your ISP uses DHCP to assign your DNS servers. Your ISP automatically assigns this address.
- **Use These DNS Servers.** If you know that your ISP requires specific servers, select this option. Enter the IP address of your ISP's primary DNS server. If a secondary DNS server address is available, enter it also.

NAT (Network Address Translation). NAT allows computers on your home network to share the router Internet connection. NAT is enabled by default because it is needed in most situations. The following settings are available:

- Enable
- Disable
- Disable Port Scan and DoS Protection

Router MAC Address. The Ethernet MAC address that the router uses on the Internet port. Some ISPs register the MAC address of the network interface card in your computer when your account is first opened. They accept traffic only from the MAC address of that computer. This feature allows your router to use your computer's MAC address (also called cloning).

- **Use Default Address.** Use the default MAC address.
- **Use Computer MAC Address.** The router captures and uses the MAC address of the computer that you are now using. You have to use the one computer that the ISP allows.
- **Use This MAC Address.** Enter the MAC address that you want to use.

Basic Wireless Settings

The Wireless Settings screen lets you view or configure the wireless network setup.

The router comes with preset security. This means that the Wi-Fi network name (SSID), network key (password), and security option (encryption protocol) are preset in the factory. You can find the preset SSID and password on the bottom of the unit.

The preset SSID and password are uniquely generated for every device to protect and maximize your wireless security.

NETGEAR recommends that you do not change your preset security settings. If you change your preset security settings, make a note of the new settings and store it in a safe place where you can easily find it.

If you use a wireless computer to change the wireless network name (SSID) or other wireless security settings, you are disconnected when you click Apply. To avoid this problem, use a computer with a wired connection to access the router.

➤ **To view or change basic wireless settings:**

1. Select Basic > Wireless.

The screen sections, settings, and procedures are explained in the following sections.

2. (Optional) Change the settings.

The settings are explained in the following section [Wireless Settings Screen Fields](#) on page 24.

3. Click **Apply.**

Your settings are saved.

If you were connected wirelessly to the router and you changed the SSID or wireless security, you are disconnected from the network.

4. If you changed the settings, make sure that you can connect wirelessly to the network with its new settings.

If you cannot connect wirelessly, check the following:

- Is your computer or wireless device connected to another wireless network in your area? Some wireless devices automatically connect to the first open network (without wireless security) that they discover.
- Is your computer or wireless device trying to connect to your network with its old settings (before you changed the setting)? If so, update the wireless network selection in your computer or wireless device to match the current settings for your network.

Wireless Settings Screen Fields

You can use this screen to view or change the wireless network settings and the security option.

Enable SSID Broadcast. This feature allows the router to broadcast its SSID so wireless stations can see this wireless name (SSID) in their scanned network lists. This check box is selected by default. To turn off the SSID broadcast, clear this check box, and click **Apply**.

Name (SSID). The SSID is also known as the wireless network name. Enter a 32-character (maximum) name in this field. This field is case-sensitive. The default SSID is randomly generated, and *NETGEAR strongly recommends that you do not change this setting*.

Region. The location where the router is used. Select from the countries in the list. In the United States, the region is fixed to United States and is not changeable.

Channel. The wireless channel the router uses. For 2.4 GHz, select a value from 1 through 13. (For products in the North America market, only Channels 1 through 11 can be operated.) Do not change the channel unless you experience interference (shown by lost connections or slow data transfers). If this happens, experiment with different channels to see which is the best.

When you use multiple access points, it is better if adjacent access points use different radio frequency channels to reduce interference. The recommended channel spacing between adjacent access points is 4 channels (for example, use Channels 1 and 5, or 6 and 10).

Mode. For 2.4 GHz, Up to 145 Mbps is the default setting, which allows 802.11n and 802.11g wireless devices to join the network. The other settings are Up to 54 Mbps, and Up to 300 Mbps.

At 5GHz, Up to 1300 Mbps is the default setting, which allows 802.11ac, 802.11a wireless devices to join the network. The other settings are Up to 289 Mbps and 600 Mbps.

Security Options. The router comes with unique preset wireless security. These settings are on the product label. **NETGEAR recommends that you use preset security so that you can refer to the label if you forget the WiFi password. However, you can change the security option and passphrase.**

Wireless Security Options

A security option is the type of security protocol applied to your wireless network. The security protocol in force encrypts data transmissions and ensures that only trusted devices receive authorization to connect to your network. Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) has several options including pre-shared key (PSK) encryption.

WPA encryption is built into all hardware that has the Wi-Fi-certified seal. This seal means that the Wi-Fi Alliance (<http://www.wi-fi.org/>) authorized the product because it complies with the worldwide single standard for high-speed wireless local area networking.

WPA uses a passphrase for authentication and to generate the initial data encryption keys. Then it dynamically varies the encryption key. WPA-PSK uses Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP) data encryption, implements most of the IEEE 802.11i standard, and works with all wireless network interface cards, but not all wireless access points.

WPA2-PSK is stronger than WPA-PSK. It is advertised to be theoretically indecipherable due to the greater degree of randomness in encryption keys that it generates. WPA2-PSK gets higher speed because it is implemented through hardware, while WPA-PSK is usually implemented through software. WPA2-PSK uses a passphrase to authenticate and generate the initial data encryption keys. Then it dynamically varies the encryption key.

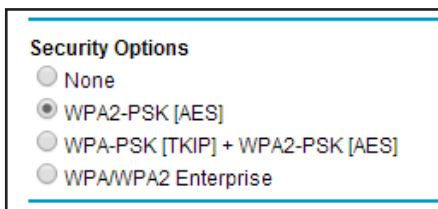
WPS-PSK + WPA2-PSK Mixed Mode can provide broader support for all wireless clients. WPA2-PSK clients get higher speed and security, and WPA-PSK clients get decent speed and security. For help with WPA settings on your wireless computer or device, see the instructions that came with your product.

Change the Wireless Security Option

NETGEAR recommends that you do not disable security.

➤ **To change the WPA settings:**

1. Select **Basic > Wireless Settings**.
2. Under Security Options, select the WPA option you want.



3. In the Passphrase field that displays when you select a WPA security option, enter the network key (password) that you want to use. It is a text string from 8 to 63 characters.
4. Write down the new password and keep it in a secure place for future reference.
5. Click **Apply**.

Your changes are saved.

Set Up a Guest Network

A guest network allows visitors at your home to use the Internet without revealing your wireless security key. You can add a guest network to each wireless network: 2.4 GHz b/g/n and 5.0 GHz a/n.

➤ **To set up a guest network:**

1. Select Basic > Guest Network.

2. Select any of the following wireless settings:

Enable Guest Network. When this check box is selected, the guest network is enabled, and guests can connect to your network using the SSID of this profile.

Enable SSID Broadcast. If this check box is selected, the wireless access point broadcasts its name (SSID) to all wireless stations. Stations with no SSID can adopt the correct SSID for connections to this access point.

Allow guest to access My Local Network. If this check box is selected, anyone who connects to this SSID has access to your local network, not just Internet access.

3. Give the guest network a name.

The guest network name is case-sensitive and can be up to 32 characters. You then manually configure the wireless devices in your network to use the guest network name in addition to the main SSID.

4. Select a security option from the list.

The security options are described in *Wireless Security Options* on page 24.

5. Click Apply.

Your settings are saved.

View Attached Devices

Use the Attached Device screen to view all computers or devices that are currently connected to your network.

➤ **To go to the Attached Devices screen:**

1. From the Basic Home screen, select **Attached Devices**.

Attached Devices			
Refresh			
Wired Devices			
#	IP Address	Device Name	MAC Address
1	192.168.1.2	MPAWLAN	F0:DE:F1:0F:35:FE
Wireless Devices (Wireless intruders also show up here)			
#	IP Address	Device Name	MAC Address

Wired devices are connected to the router with Ethernet cables. Wireless devices have joined the wireless network. The following information is displayed:

- **#** (number). The order in which the device joined the network.
 - **IP Address**. The IP address that the router assigned to this device when it joined the network. This number can change if a device is disconnected and rejoins the network.
 - **MAC Address**. The unique MAC address for each device does not change. The MAC address is typically shown on the product label.
 - **Device Name**. If the device name is known, it is shown here.
2. Click **Refresh** to update this screen.

4 Advanced Home Settings

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Specify custom settings

This chapter contains the following sections:

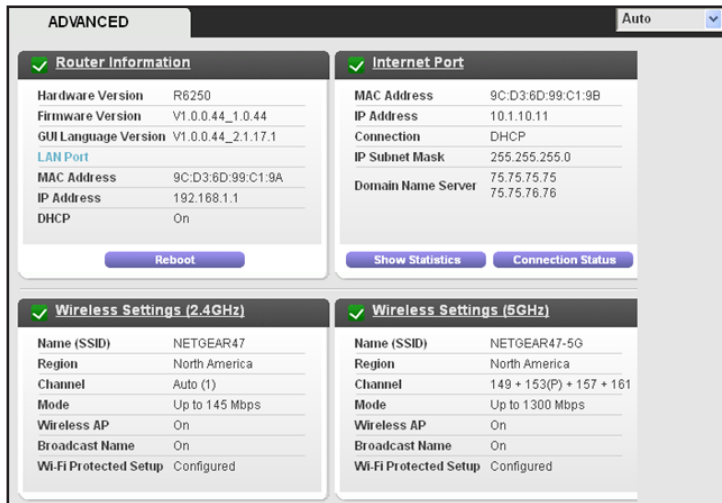
- *NETGEAR genie Advanced Home Screen*
- *Internet Connection Setup Wizard*
- *WAN Setup*
- *LAN Setup*
- *WPS Wizard for WiFi Connections*
- *Quality of Service (QoS) Setup*

Some selections on the Advanced Home screen are described in separate chapters:

- **USB Storage.** See *Chapter 5, USB Storage*.
- **Security.** See *Chapter 7, Security*.
- **Administration.** See *Chapter 8, Administration*.
- **Advanced Setup.** See *Chapter 9, Advanced Settings*.

NETGEAR genie Advanced Home Screen

The genie Advanced Home dashboard presents status information. The content is the same as what is on the Router Status screen available from the Administration menu. The genie Advanced Home screen is shown in the following figure:



probably show menus too

Internet Connection Setup Wizard

You can use the Setup Wizard to detect your Internet settings and automatically set up your router. The Setup Wizard is not the same as the genie screens that display the first time you connect to your router to set it up.

➤ To use the Setup Wizard:

1. Select **Advanced > Setup Wizard**.

Setup Wizard

The Smart Setup Wizard can detect the type of Internet connection that you have. Do you want the Smart Setup Wizard to try and detect the connection type now?

Yes
 No, I want to configure the router myself.

Next

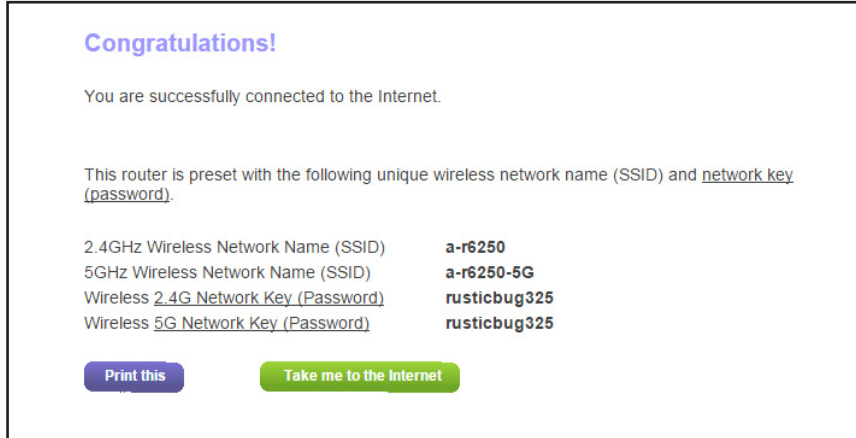
2. Select either **Yes** or **No, I want to configure the router myself**.

If you select No, you are taken to the Internet Setup screen (see [Internet Setup](#) on page 20).

3. Select **Yes** and select your location.

4. Click **Next**.

The Setup Wizard searches your Internet connection for servers and protocols to determine your ISP configuration.

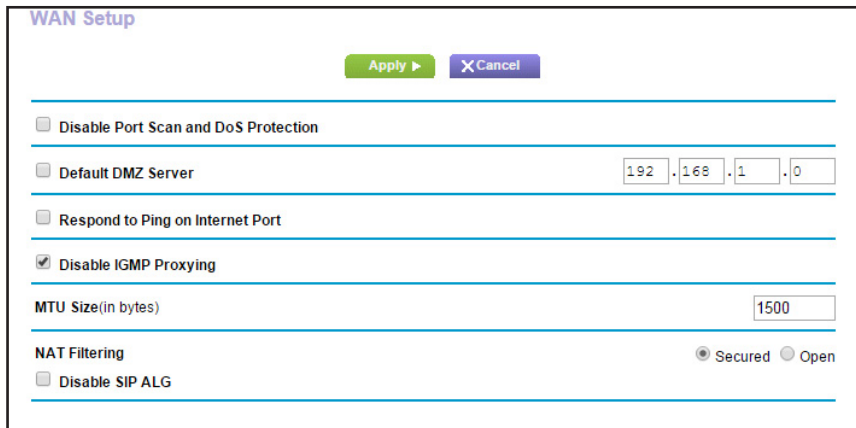


WAN Setup

The WAN Setup screen lets you configure a DMZ (demilitarized zone) server, change the maximum transmit unit (MTU) size, and enable the router to respond to a ping on the WAN (Internet) port.

➤ To view or change the WAN settings:

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > WAN Setup**.



2. Specify the following settings:

- **Disable Port Scan and DoS Protection.** DoS protection protects your LAN against denial of service attacks such as Syn flood, Smurf Attack, Ping of Death, Teardrop Attack, UDP Flood, ARP Attack, Spoofing ICMP, Null Scan, and many others. This should be disabled only in special circumstances.
- **Default DMZ Server.** This feature is sometimes helpful when you are playing online games or videoconferencing. Be careful when using this feature because it makes the firewall security less effective. See the following section, *Default DMZ Server*.

- **Respond to Ping on Internet Port.** If you want the router to respond to a ping from the Internet, select this check box. Use this setting only as a diagnostic tool because it allows your router to be discovered. Do not select this check box unless you have a specific reason.
 - **Disable IGMP Proxying.** IGMP proxying allows a computer on the local area network (LAN) to receive the multicast traffic it is interested in from the Internet. If you do not need this feature, you can select this check box to disable it.
 - **MTU Size (in bytes).** The normal MTU (maximum transmit unit) value for most Ethernet networks is 1500 bytes, or 1492 bytes for PPPoE connections. For some ISPs, you might need to reduce the MTU. This is rarely required. Reduce the MTU only if you are sure that it is necessary for your ISP connection. See [Change the MTU Size](#) on page 32.
 - **NAT Filtering.** Network Address Translation (NAT) determines how the router processes inbound traffic. Secured NAT provides a secured firewall to protect the computers on the LAN from attacks from the Internet, but might prevent some Internet games, point-to-point applications, or multimedia applications from functioning. Open NAT provides a much less secured firewall, but allows almost all Internet applications to function.
3. Click **Apply**.
- Your changes are saved.

Default DMZ Server

The default DMZ server feature is helpful when you are using some online games and videoconferencing applications that are incompatible with Network Address Translation (NAT). The router is programmed to recognize some of these applications and to work correctly with them, but other applications might not function well. In some cases, one local computer can run the application correctly if the IP address for that computer is entered as the default DMZ server.



WARNING:

DMZ servers pose a security risk. A computer designated as the default DMZ server loses much of the protection of the firewall and is exposed to exploits from the Internet. If compromised, the DMZ server computer can be used to attack other computers on your network.

The router usually detects and discards incoming traffic from the Internet that is not a response to one of your local computers or a service that you have configured in the Port Forwarding/Port Triggering screen. Instead of discarding this traffic, you can have the router forward the traffic to one computer on your network. This computer is called the default DMZ server.

➤ **To set up a default DMZ server:**

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > WAN Setup**.
2. Select the **Default DMZ Server** check box.
3. Type the IP address.
4. Click **Apply**.

Your change takes effect.

Change the MTU Size

The maximum transmission unit (MTU) is the largest data packet a network device transmits. When one network device communicates across the Internet with another, the data packets travel through many devices along the way. If a device in the data path has a lower MTU setting than the other devices, the data packets have to be split or “fragmented” to accommodate the device with the smallest MTU.

The best MTU setting for NETGEAR equipment is often just the default value. In some situations, changing the value fixes one problem but causes another. Leave the MTU unchanged unless one of these situations occurs:

- You have problems connecting to your ISP or other Internet service, and the technical support of either the ISP or NETGEAR recommends changing the MTU setting. These web-based applications might require an MTU change:
 - A secure website that does not open, or displays only part of a web page
 - Yahoo email
 - MSN portal
 - America Online’s DSL service
- You use VPN and have severe performance problems.
- You used a program to optimize MTU for performance reasons, and now you have connectivity or performance problems.

Note: An incorrect MTU setting can cause Internet communication problems. For instance, you might not be able to access certain websites, frames within websites, secure login pages, or FTP or POP servers.

If you suspect an MTU problem, a common solution is to change the MTU to 1400. If you are willing to experiment, you can gradually reduce the MTU from the maximum value of 1500

until the problem goes away. The following table describes common MTU sizes and applications.

Table 2. Common MTU sizes

MTU	Application
1500	The largest Ethernet packet size. This setting is typical for connections that do not use PPPoE or VPN, and is the default value for NETGEAR routers, adapters, and switches.
1492	Used in PPPoE environments.
1472	Maximum size to use for pinging. (Larger packets are fragmented.)
1468	Used in some DHCP environments.
1460	Usable by AOL if you do not have large email attachments, for example.
1436	Used in PPTP environments or with VPN.
1400	Maximum size for AOL DSL.
576	Typical value to connect to dial-up ISPs.

➤ **To change the MTU size:**

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > WAN Setup**.
2. In the MTU Size field, enter a value from 64 to 1500.
3. Click **Apply**.

Your change is saved.

LAN Setup

The LAN Setup screen allows configuration of LAN IP services such as Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) and Routing Information Protocol (RIP).

The router is shipped preconfigured to use private IP addresses on the LAN side and to act as a DHCP server. The router's default LAN IP configuration is:

- LAN IP address. **192.168.1.1**
- Subnet mask. **255.255.255.0**

These addresses are part of the designated private address range for use in private networks and are suitable for most applications. If your network requires a different IP addressing scheme, you can change these settings in the LAN Setup screen.

Note: If you change the LAN IP address of the router while connected through the browser, you are disconnected. You will have to open a new connection to the new IP address and log in again.

➤ To change the LAN settings:

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > LAN Setup**.

LAN Setup

Apply Cancel

Device Name: R6250

LAN TCP/IP Setup

IP Address: 192 . 168 . 1 . 1

IP Subnet Mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 0

RIP Direction: Both

RIP Version: Disabled

Use Router as DHCP Server

Starting IP Address: 192 . 168 . 1 . 2

Ending IP Address: 192 . 168 . 1 . 254

Address Reservation

#	IP Address	Device Name	MAC Address

+ Add Edit Delete

2. Enter the settings that you want to customize.

These settings are described in the following section, *LAN Setup Screen Settings*.

3. Click **Apply**.

Your changes are saved.

LAN Setup Screen Settings

LAN TCP/IP Setup

- **IP Address.** The LAN IP address of the router.
- **IP Subnet Mask.** The LAN subnet mask of the router. Combined with the IP address, the IP subnet mask allows a device to know which other addresses are local to it, and which have to be reached through a gateway or router.
- **RIP Direction.** Router Information Protocol (RIP) allows a router to exchange routing information with other routers. This setting controls how the router sends and receives RIP packets. Both is the default setting. With the Both or Out Only setting, the router broadcasts its routing table periodically. With the Both or In Only setting, the router incorporates the RIP information that it receives.
- **RIP Version.** This setting controls the format and the broadcasting method of the RIP packets that the router sends. It recognizes both formats when receiving. By default, the RIP function is disabled.
 - **RIP-1** is universally supported. It is adequate for most networks, unless you have an unusual network setup.
 - **RIP-2** carries more information. Both RIP-2B and RIP-2M send the routing data in RIP-2 format. RIP-2B uses subnet broadcasting. RIP-2M uses multicasting.

Use Router as DHCP Server

For most home networks, this check box is selected so that the router acts as a Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server.

- **Starting IP Address.** Specify the start of the range for the pool of IP addresses in the same subnet as the router.
- **Ending IP Address.** Specify the end of the range for the pool of IP addresses in the same subnet as the router.

Address Reservation

When you specify a reserved IP address for a computer on the LAN, that computer receives the same IP address each time it accesses the router's DHCP server. Assign reserved IP addresses to servers that require permanent IP settings.

The Role of the Router as a DHCP Server

By default, the router acts as a DHCP server. The router assigns IP, DNS server, and default gateway addresses to all computers connected to the LAN. The assigned default gateway address is the LAN address of the router. The router assigns IP addresses to the attached computers from a pool of addresses specified in this screen. Each pool address is tested before it is assigned to avoid duplicate addresses on the LAN. For most applications, the default DHCP and TCP/IP settings of the router are satisfactory.

You can specify the pool of IP addresses that the router assigns by setting the starting IP address and ending IP address. These addresses should be part of the same IP address subnet as the router's LAN IP address. Using the default addressing scheme, define a range between 192.168.1.2 and 192.168.1.254, although you might want to save part of the range for devices with fixed addresses.

The router delivers the following parameters to any LAN device that requests DHCP:

- An IP address from the range that you have defined
- Subnet mask
- Gateway IP address (the router's LAN IP address)
- DNS server IP address (the router's LAN IP address)

You can use another device on your network as the DHCP server, or specify the network settings of all of your computers

➤ To use disable the DHCP Server feature in the router:

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > LAN Setup.**
2. Clear the **Use Router as DHCP Server** check box.
3. Click **Apply.**
4. (Optional) If this service is disabled and no other DHCP server is on your network, set your computer IP addresses manually so that they can access the router.

Address Reservation

When you specify a reserved IP address for a computer on the LAN, that computer always receives the same IP address each time it accesses the router's DHCP server. Assign reserved IP addresses to computers or servers that require permanent IP settings.

➤ **To reserve an IP address:**

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > LAN Setup**.
2. In the Address Reservation section of the screen, click the **Add** button.
3. In the IP Address field, type the IP address to assign to the computer or server.
Choose an IP address from the router's LAN subnet, such as 192.168.1.x.
4. Type the MAC address of the computer or server.

Tip: If the computer is already on your network, you can copy its MAC address from the Attached Devices screen and paste it here.

5. Click **Apply**.

The reserved address is entered into the table.

The reserved address is not assigned until the next time the computer contacts the router's DHCP server. Reboot the computer, or access its IP configuration and force a DHCP release and renew.

➤ **To edit or delete a reserved address entry:**

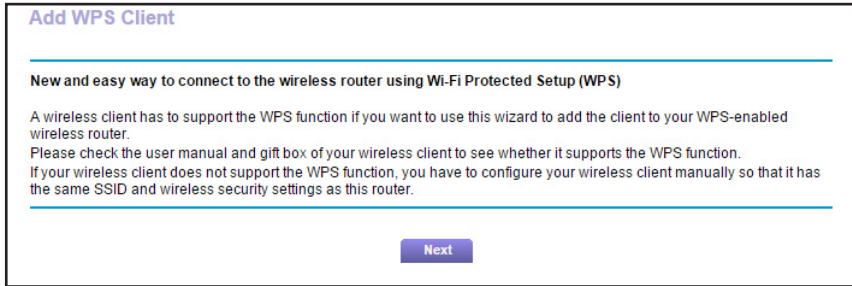
1. Select the radio button next to the reserved address you want to edit or delete.
2. Click **Edit** or **Delete**.

WPS Wizard for WiFi Connections

The WPS Wizard helps you add a wireless computer or device to your WiFi network. On the computer or wireless device, either press its WPS button or locate its WPS PIN.

1. Select **Advanced > WPS Wizard**.
2. Click **Next**.

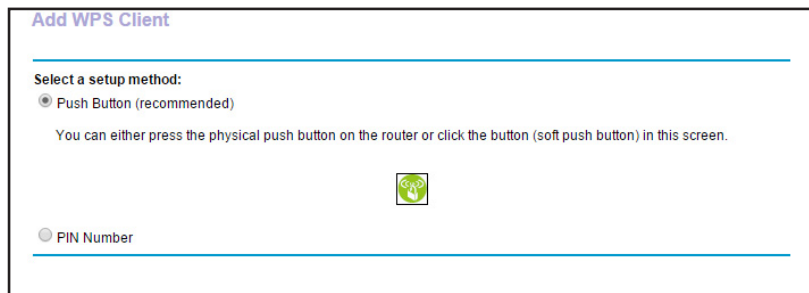
The following screen lets you select the method for adding the WPS client (a wireless device or computer).




You can use either the push button or PIN method.

3. Select either **Push Button** or **PIN Number**.

- To use the push button method, either click the **WPS** button on this screen, or press the **WPS** button on the side of the router. Within 2 minutes, go to the wireless client and press its **WPS** button to join the network without entering a password.
- To use the PIN method, select the **PIN Number** radio button, enter the client security PIN, and click **Next**.



Within 2 minutes, go to the client device and use its WPS software to join the network without entering a password.

The router attempts to add the WPS-capable device. The WPS LED  on the front of the router blinks green. When the router establishes a WPS connection, the LED is solid green, and the router WPS screen displays a confirmation message.

Quality of Service (QoS) Setup

QoS is an advanced feature that can be used to prioritize some types of traffic ahead of others. The router can provide QoS prioritization over the wireless link and on the Internet connection.

WMM QoS for Wireless Multimedia Applications

The router supports Wi-Fi Multimedia Quality of Service (WMM QoS) to prioritize wireless voice and video traffic over the wireless link. WMM QoS provides prioritization of wireless data packets from different applications based on four access categories: voice, video, best effort, and background. For an application to receive the benefits of WMM QoS, both it and

the client running that application have to have WMM enabled. Legacy applications that do not support WMM and applications that do not require QoS, are assigned to the best effort category, which receives a lower priority than voice and video. WMM QoS is enabled by default.

➤ **To disable WMM QoS:**

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > QoS Setup**.

2. Clear the **Enable WMM** check box
3. Click **Apply**.

Optimize Internet Gaming with Upstream QoS

Upstream Quality of Service (QoS) assigns high priority to Internet traffic from your Xbox gaming system

NETGEAR recommends that only gamers enable the Upstream QoS feature. If you do not game and you turn on this feature, some applications might not perform as well as usual.

➤ **To enable upstream QoS:**

1. Launch an Internet browser from a computer or wireless device that is connected to the network.
2. Type **http://www.routerlogin.net** or **http://www.routerlogin.com**.

A login screen displays.

3. Enter the router user name and password.

The user name is **admin**. The default password is **password**. The user name and password are case-sensitive.

The BASIC Home screen displays.

4. Select **ADVANCED > Setup > QoS Setup**.

The QoS Setup screen displays:

5. Select the **Enable Upstream QoS (Optimized for Gaming)** check box.
6. Specify the maximum uplink bandwidth for your Internet connection:
 - If you know what your uplink bandwidth is, type it in the **Uplink bandwidth Maximum** field and select either **Kbps** or **Mbps** from the drop-down list.
 - If you are not sure, click the **Speedtest** button.

Speedtest verifies the upstream speed of your Internet connection. The **Uplink bandwidth Maximum** field displays the result of the test.

7. Click the **Apply** button.

The router assigns a high priority to Internet traffic from your gaming devices to the Internet.

Set Up QoS for Internet Access

You can give prioritized Internet access to the following types of traffic:

- Specific applications
- Specific online games
- Individual Ethernet LAN ports of the router
- A specific device by MAC address

To specify prioritization of traffic, create a policy for the type of traffic and add the policy to the QoS Policy table in the QoS Setup screen. For convenience, the QoS Policy table lists many common applications and online games that can benefit from QoS handling.

QoS for Applications and Online Gaming

- **To create a QoS policy for applications and online games:**
 1. Select **Advanced > Setup > QoS Setup**.
 2. Click the **Setup QoS rule** button.

The QoS Priority Rule list displays.

QoS Priority Rule list

Apply Cancel

#	QoS Policy	Priority	Description	
<input type="radio"/>	1	MSN Messenger	High	MSN Messenger Applications
<input type="radio"/>	2	Skype	Highest	Skype Applications
<input type="radio"/>	3	Yahoo Messenger	High	Yahoo Messenger Applications
<input type="radio"/>	4	IP Phone	Highest	IP Phone Applications
<input type="radio"/>	5	Vonage IP Phone	Highest	Vonage IP Phone Applications
<input type="radio"/>	6	NetMeeting	High	NetMeeting Applications
<input type="radio"/>	7	AIM	High	AIM Applications
<input type="radio"/>	8	Google Talk	Highest	Google Talk Applications
<input type="radio"/>	9	Netgear EVA	Highest	Netgear EVA Applications
<input type="radio"/>	10	SSH	High	SSH Applications
<input type="radio"/>	11	Telnet	High	Telnet Applications
<input type="radio"/>	12	VPN	High	VPN Applications
<input type="radio"/>	13	FTP	Normal	FTP Applications
<input type="radio"/>	14	SMTP	Normal	SMTP Applications
<input type="radio"/>	15	WWW	Normal	WWW Applications
<input type="radio"/>	16	DNS	Normal	DNS Applications
<input type="radio"/>	17	ICMP	Normal	ICMP Applications
<input type="radio"/>	18	eMule / eDonkey	Low	eMule / eDonkey Applications
<input type="radio"/>	19	Kazaa	Low	Kazaa Applications
<input type="radio"/>	20	Gnutella	Low	Gnutella Applications
<input type="radio"/>	21	BT / Azureus	Low	BT / Azureus Applications
<input type="radio"/>	22	Counter Strike	High	Online Gaming Counter Strike
<input type="radio"/>	23	Ages of Empires	High	Online Gaming Age of Empires
<input type="radio"/>	24	Everquest	High	Online Gaming Everquest
<input type="radio"/>	25	Quake 2	High	Online Gaming Quake 2
<input type="radio"/>	26	Quake 3	High	Online Gaming Quake 3
<input type="radio"/>	27	Unreal Tournament	High	Online Gaming Unreal Tournament
<input type="radio"/>	28	Warcraft	High	Online Gaming Warcraft

Edit Delete Delete All

Add Priority Rule

You can edit or delete a rule by selecting its radio button and clicking either the **Edit** or **Delete** button. You can also delete all the rules by clicking the **Delete All** button.

- To add a priority rule, scroll down to the bottom of the QoS Setup screen and click **Add Priority Rule**.

QoS - Priority Rules

Apply Cancel

Priority

QoS Policy for

Priority Category

Applications

Priority

Specified Port Range

Connection Type

Starting Port

Ending Port

- In the QoS Policy for field, type the name of the application or game.
- In the Priority Category list, select either **Applications** or **Online Gaming**.
A list of applications or games displays.
- Scroll and select **Add a New Application**, or **Add a New Game**, as applicable.
- If prompted, in the Connection Type list, select either **TCP**, **UDP**, or both (**TCP/UDP**). Specify the port number or range of port numbers that the application or game uses.

8. From the Priority list, select the priority for Internet access for this traffic relative to other applications and traffic. The options are Low, Normal, High, and Highest.
9. Click **Apply**.

The rule is saved in the QoS Policy list.

QoS for a Router LAN Port

➤ To create a QoS policy for a device connected to one of the router's LAN ports:

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > QoS Setup**.
2. Click the **Setup QoS rule** button.
3. Click the **Add Priority Rule** button.
4. From the Priority Category list, select **Ethernet LAN Port**.

QoS - Priority Rules

Apply Cancel

Priority
QoS Policy for: LAN Port 1
Priority Category: Ethernet LAN Port
LAN Port: 1
Priority: Normal

5. From the QoS Policy for list, select the LAN port.
6. From the Priority list, select the priority for Internet access for this port's traffic relative to other applications. The options are Low, Normal, High, and Highest.
7. Click **Apply**.

The rule is saved in the QoS Policy list.

QoS for a MAC Address

➤ To create a QoS policy for traffic from a specific MAC address:

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > QoS Setup**, and click the **Setup QoS rule** button.

The QoS Setup screen displays.

2. Click **Add Priority Rule**.
3. From the Priority Category list, select **MAC Address**.

QoS - Priority Rules

Apply Cancel

Priority
QoS Policy for:
Priority Category: MAC Address

MAC Device List				
	QoS Policy	Priority	Device Name	MAC Address
⊙	Pri_MAC_0F35FE	Normal	mpawlan	F0:DE:F1:0F:35:FE

MAC Address: : : : : :
Device Name:
Priority: Normal

Add Edit Delete Refresh

4. If the device to be prioritized is in the MAC Device List, select its radio button.

The information from the MAC Device List populates the policy name, MAC Address, and Device Name fields. If the device is not in the MAC Device List, click **Refresh**. If it still does not display, fill in these fields manually.

5. From the Priority list, select the priority for Internet access for this device's traffic relative to other applications and traffic. The options are Low, Normal, High, and Highest.
6. Click **Apply**.

This rule is saved in the QoS Policy list.

Edit or Delete a QoS Policy

➤ To edit or delete a QoS policy:

1. Select **Advanced > Setup > QoS Setup**.
2. Click the **Setup QoS rule** button.
3. Select the radio button next to the QoS policy that you want to edit or delete, and do one of the following:
 - Click **Delete** to remove the QoS policy.
 - Click **Edit** to edit the QoS policy and change the policy settings.
4. Click **Apply**.

Your changes are saved.

USB Storage

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Access and Configure a USB Storage Device

This chapter describes how to access and configure a USB storage drive attached to your router. The USB port on the router can be used only to connect USB storage devices like flash drives or hard drives, or a printer. Do not connect computers, USB modems, CD drives, or DVD drives to the router USB port.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- *Connect a USB Storage Device to the Router*
- *Safely Remove a USB Drive*
- *Access the USB Storage Device*
- *File-Sharing Scenarios*
- *View a USB Device Attached to the Router*
- *USB Storage Device Network and Access Settings*
- *Available Network Folders*
- *Specify Approved USB Devices*
- *Back Up Windows Computers with ReadySHARE Vault*

For information about using the ReadySHARE Printer feature, see *Chapter 6, Share a USB Printer*.

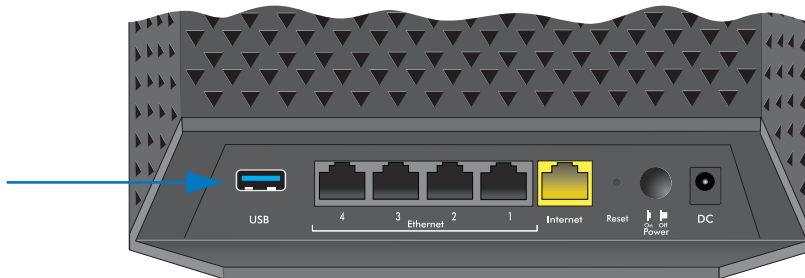
For more about ReadySHARE features, visit www.netgear.com/readystatechange.

Connect a USB Storage Device to the Router

ReadySHARE lets you access and share or a USB drive connected the router USB port. If your USB device has special drivers, it is not compatible.

➤ **To connect a USB storage device:**

1. Insert your USB storage device into the USB port on the rear panel of the router.



2. If your USB device has a power supply, you must use it when you connect the USB device to the router.

It might take up to 2 minutes before the USB device is ready for sharing.

Safely Remove a USB Drive

If you want to physically disconnect a USB drive from the router USB port, first, log in to the router and safely remove it.

➤ **To remove a USB disk drive safely:**

1. Select **USB Storage > Basic Settings**.
2. Click the **Safely Remove USB Device** button.
This takes the drive offline.
3. Physically disconnect the USB drive.

Access the USB Storage Device

When you connect the USB device to the router USB port, it might take up to 2 minutes before it is ready for sharing. By default, the USB storage device is available to all computers on your local area network (LAN).

➤ **To access the USB device from a Mac:**

1. Select **Go > Connect to Server**.
2. Enter **smb://readyshare** as the server address.
3. Click **Connect**.

➤ **To access the USB device from a Windows computer:**

Use any of these methods to access the USB device:

- Select **Start > Run**. Enter **\\readyshare** in the dialog box and click **OK**.
- Open a browser and enter **\\readyshare** in the address bar.
- Open My Network Places and enter **\\readyshare** in the address bar.

➤ **To map the USB device to a Windows network drive:**

1. Connect your USB storage device to the USB port on the router.

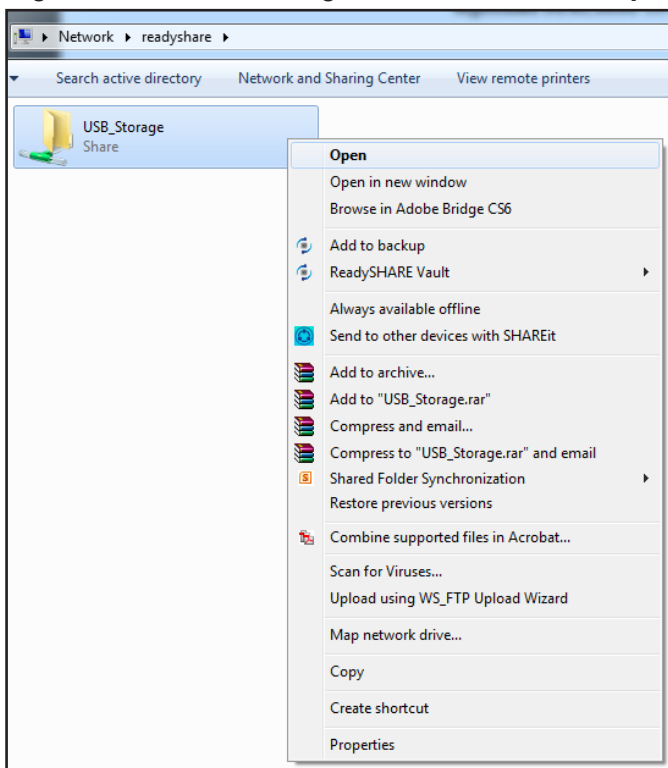
If your USB device uses a power supply, you must use it when you connect the USB device to the router.

When you connect the USB device to the router's USB port, it might take up to two minutes before it is ready for sharing. By default, the USB drive is available to all computers on your local area network (LAN).

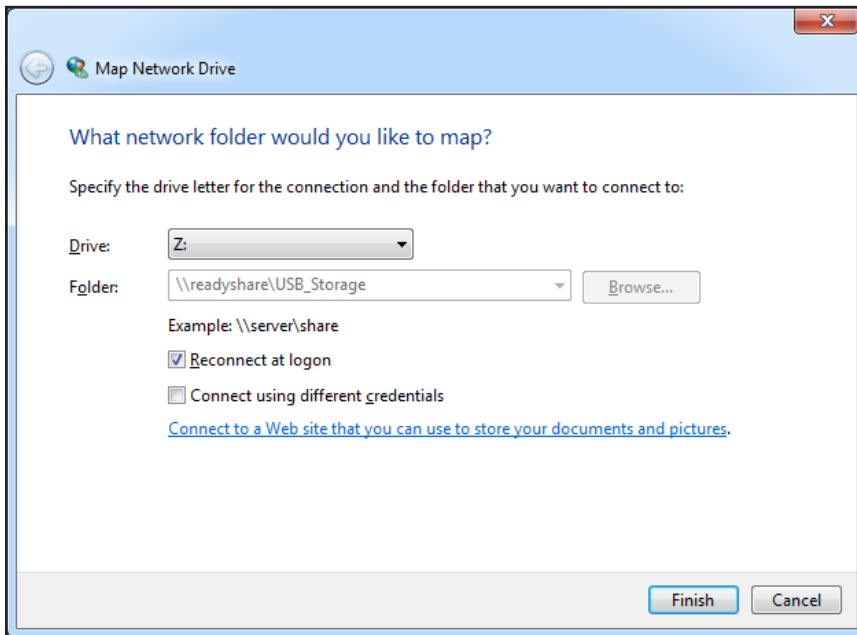
2. Select **Start > Run**.
3. Enter **\\readyshare** in the dialog box.
4. Click the **OK** button.

A screen automatically opens and displays the USB Storage device.

5. Right-click the USB storage device and select **Map network drive**.



The Map Network Drive screen displays:



6. Select the drive letter to map to the network folder.
7. Click the **Finish** button.

The USB device is mapped to the drive letter that you specified.

8. To connect to the USB storage device as a different user, select the **Connect using different credentials** check box, click the **Finish** button, and do the following:
 - a. Type the user name and password.
 - b. Click the **OK** button.

The USB storage device is mapped to the drive letter that you specified.

➤ **To access the USB drive from a remote computer:**

1. Launch a web browser.
2. Connect using the router's Internet port IP address.

If you are using Dynamic DNS, you can type the DNS name, rather than the IP address. You can view the router's Internet IP address on the Basic Home screen (see [Dashboard \(Basic Home Screen\)](#) on page 15).

➤ **To access the USB drive with FTP from a remote computer:**

1. Make sure that the FTP check box is selected in the Access Method section of the USB Storage (Advanced Settings) screen (see [USB Storage Device Network and Access Settings](#) on page 49).
2. Launch a web browser.
3. Type **ftp://** and the Internet port IP address in the address field of the browser.

For example, type **ftp://10.1.65.4**.

If you are using Dynamic DNS, you can type the DNS name rather than the IP address.

4. Type the account name and password for the account that has access rights to the USB drive.

The user name (account name) for All – no password is **guest**.

The directories of the USB drive that your account has access to display. For example, you could see: share/partition1/directory1. You can now read and copy files from the USB directory.

File-Sharing Scenarios

You can share files on the USB drive for a wide variety of business and recreational purposes. The files can be any Windows, Mac, or Linux file type including text, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, MP3, pictures, and multimedia files. USB drive applications include:

- Sharing multimedia with friends and family such as MP3 files, pictures, and other multimedia with local and remote users.
- Sharing resources on your network. You can store files in a central location so that you do not have to power up a computer to perform local sharing. In addition, you can share files between Macintosh, Linux, and Windows computers by using the USB drive as a go-between across the systems.
- Sharing files such as Word documents, PowerPoint presentations, and text files with remote users.

A few common uses are described in the following sections.

Share Photos

You can create your own central storage location for photos and multimedia. This method eliminates the need to log in to (and pay for) an external photo-sharing site.

➤ To share files with your friends and family:

1. Insert your USB drive into the USB port on the router either directly or with a USB cable. Computers on your local area network (LAN) can automatically access this USB drive using a web browser or Microsoft Networking.
2. If you want to specify read-only access or to allow access from the Internet, see *USB Storage Device Network and Access Settings* on page 49.

Store Files in a Central Location for Printing

This scenario is for a family that has one high-quality color printer directly attached to a computer, but not shared on the local area network (LAN). This family does not have a print server.

- One family member has photos on a Macintosh computer that she wants to print.

- The photo-capable color printer is directly attached to a PC, but not shared on the network.
- The Mac and PC are not visible to each other on the network.

➤ **To print photos from a Mac on the printer attached to a PC:**

- On a Mac, access the USB drive by typing \\readyshare in the address field of a web browser. Then copy the photos to the USB drive.
- On a Windows computer, use a web browser or Microsoft Networking to copy the files from the USB drive to the computer. Then print the files.

Share Large Files over the Internet

Sending files that are larger than 5 MB can pose a problem for many email systems. The router allows you to share large files such as PowerPoint presentations or .zip files over the Internet. FTP can be used to download shared files from the router.

Sharing files with a remote colleague involves the following considerations:

- There are two user accounts: admin and guest. The password for admin is the same one that you use to access the router. By default, it is **password**. The guest user account has no password.
- On the FTP site, the person receiving the files uses the guest user account and enters the password. (FTP requires that you type something in the password field.)
- Be sure to select the **FTP (via Internet)** check box in the USB Storage (Advanced Settings) screen. This option supports both downloading and uploading of files.

Note: You can enable the HTTP (via Internet) option on the USB Storage (Advanced Settings) screen to share large files. This option supports downloading files only.

Back Up Windows Computers with ReadySHARE Vault

Your router comes with free backup software for all the Windows computers in your home. Connect a USB hard disk drive (HDD) to the USB port on your router for centralized, continuous, and automatic backup.

➤ **To back up your Windows computer:**

1. Connect a USB HDD to the USB port on the router.
2. Download ReadySHARE Vault from www.netgear.com/readyshare and install it on each Windows computer.
3. Launch ReadySHARE Vault.
4. Use the dashboard or the **Backup** tab to set up and run your backup jobs.

View a USB Device Attached to the Router

➤ To view basic information about the USB storage device:

1. Select **Basic > ReadySHARE**.

USB Storage (Basic Settings)

[Refresh](#)

Basic
 ReadySHARE Printer
 Netgear ReadySHARE Vault

Network/Device Name: \readysare

Available Network Folders						
Share Name	Read Access	Write Access	Folder Name	Volume Name	Total Space	Free Space
\readysare\USB_Storage	All - no password	All - no password	U:\	U Drive (1.9G)	1.9G	1.8G

[Edit](#)

[Safely Remove USB Device](#)

By default, the Basic radio button is selected, and the screen displays a USB storage device if it is attached to the router USB port.

If you logged in to the router before you connected your USB device, you might not see your USB device in this screen. If this happens, log out and then log back in.

2. (Optional) To view the files and folders on the USB device, click the network device name or the share name.
3. (Optional) To view more detail or to change the USB device settings, click **Edit**.

The USB Storage (Advanced Settings) screen displays. See [USB Storage Device Network and Access Settings](#) on page 49.

USB Storage Device Network and Access Settings

You can set up the device name, workgroups, and network folders for your USB device.

➤ To view or change the USB storage advanced settings:

1. Select **Advanced > USB Storage > Advanced Settings**.

USB Storage (Advanced Settings)

Network/Device Name :

Workgroup :

Enable	Access Method	Link	Port
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Network Neighborhood/MacShare	\\readyshare	-
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HTTP	http://readyshare.routerlogin.net/shares	80
<input type="checkbox"/>	HTTPS (via internet)	https://10.1.108.125/shares	443
<input type="checkbox"/>	FTP	ftp://readyshare.routerlogin.net/shares	21
<input type="checkbox"/>	FTP (via internet)	ftp://10.1.108.125/shares	21

Available Network Folders

Share Name	Read Access	Write Access	Folder Name	Volume Name	Total Space	Free Space
<input checked="" type="radio"/> \\readyshare\USB_Storage	All - no password	All - no password	U:\	U Drive (1.9G)	1.9G	1.8G

2. Specify access to the USB storage device.

- **Network Device Name.** The default is readyshare. This is the name used to access the USB device connected to the router.
- **Workgroup.** If you are using a Windows workgroup rather than a domain, the workgroup name is displayed here. The name works only in an operating system that supports NetBIOS, such as Microsoft Windows.
- **Access Method.** Select the check boxes for the access methods that you want.
 - **Network Neighborhood/MacShare. Enabled by default.**
 - **HTTP.** Enabled by default. You can type **http://readyshare.routerlogin.net/shares** to access the USB drive.
 - **HTTP (via Internet).** Disabled by default. If you enable this feature, remote users can type **http://<public IP address/shares>** (for example, **http://1.1.10.102/shares**) or a URL domain name to access the USB drive over the Internet. This feature supports file uploading only.
 - **FTP.** Disabled by default.
 - **FTP (via Internet).** Disabled by default. If you select this feature, remote users can access the USB drive through FTP over the Internet. This feature supports both downloading and uploading of files.

3. If you changed the settings, click **Apply**.

Your changes are saved.

Available Network Folders

You can view or change the network folders on the USB storage device.

➤ **To view network folders:**

1. Select **Advanced > USB Storage > Advanced Settings**.

USB Storage (Advanced Settings)

Apply ▶
Refresh

Network/Device Name :

Workgroup :

Enable	Access Method	Link	Port
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Network Neighborhood/MacShare	\\readysshare	-
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HTTP	http://readysshare.routerlogin.net/shares	80
<input type="checkbox"/>	HTTPS (via internet)	https://10.1.108.125/shares	443
<input type="checkbox"/>	FTP	ftp://readysshare.routerlogin.net/shares	21
<input type="checkbox"/>	FTP (via internet)	ftp://10.1.108.125/shares	21

Available Network Folders

	Share Name	Read Access	Write Access	Folder Name	Volume Name	Total Space	Free Space
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	\\readysshare\USB_Storage	All - no password	All - no password	U:\	U Drive (1.9G)	1.9G	1.8G

Edit
Create Network Folder
Delete

Safely Remove USB Device

2. Scroll down to the Available Networks Folder section of the screen.

- **Share Name.** If only one device is connected, the default share name is USB_Storage. (Some router models have more than one USB port.)

You can click the name, or you can type it in the address field of your web browser. If Not Shared is shown, the default share has been deleted, and no other share for the root folder exists. Click the link to change this setting.

- **Read Access and Write Access.** Show the permissions and access controls on the network folder: All - no password (the default) allows all users to access the network folder. The password for admin is the same one that you use to log in to the router.
- **Folder Name.** Full path of the network folder.
- **Volume Name.** Volume name from the storage device (either USB drive or HDD).
- **Total Space and Free Space.** Show the current utilization of the storage device.

➤ **To add a network folder:**

1. Select **Advanced > ReadySHARE**.
2. Click **Edit**.

3. Click **Create Network Folder**.

USB Device	U: (HPv100w) ▾
Folder	U:\Photos\ <input type="button" value="Browse"/>
Share Name	Vacation Photos
Read Access	All - no password ▾
Write Access	All - no password ▾
<input type="button" value="Apply"/>	
<input type="button" value="Close Window"/>	

If the Add a Network Folder screen does not display, your web browser might be blocking pop-ups. If it is, then change the browser settings to allow pop-ups.

4. In the Folder field, browse and select the folder.
5. Fill in the Share Name field.
6. In the Read Access list and the Write Access list, select the setting that you want.

The user name (account name) for All – no password is guest. The password for admin is the same one that is used to log in to the router. By default, it is password.

7. Click **Apply**.

The folder is added on the USB device.

➤ **To edit a network folder:**

1. Select **Advanced > ReadySHARE**.
2. Click the **Edit** button.

The Edit Network Folder screen displays the same settings shown in the Add a Network Folder screen.

3. Change the settings in the fields as needed.
4. Click **Apply**.

Your changes are saved.

Specify Approved USB Devices

For more security, you can set up the router to share only approved USB devices.

➤ **To set up approved USB devices:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > USB Settings**.

2. Click the **Approved Devices** button.

This screen shows the approved USB devices and the available USB devices. You can remove or add approved USB devices.

3. In the Available USB Devices list, select the drive that you want to approve.
4. Click **Add**.
5. Select the **Allow only approved devices** check box.
6. Click **Apply**.

Your change takes effect.

If you want to work with another USB device, first click the **Safely Remove USB Device** button for the currently connected USB device. Connect the other USB device, and repeat this process.

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Your router comes with free backup software for all the Windows computers in your home. Connect a USB hard disk drive (HDD) to the USB port on your router for centralized, continuous, and automatic backup.

➤ **To back up your Windows computer:**

1. Connect a USB HDD to a USB port on the router.

The blue, USB 3.0 port on the front of the router performs faster than the USB 2.0 port on the rear panel of the router.

2. Download ReadySHARE Vault from www.netgear.com/readystatechange and install it on each Windows computer.
3. Launch ReadySHARE Vault.
4. Use the dashboard or the **Backup** tab to set up and run your backup jobs.

Share a USB Printer

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The ReadySHARE Printer utility lets you share a USB printer that is connected to the USB port on your router. You can share this USB printer among the Windows and Mac computers on your network.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- *Install the Printer Driver and Cable the Printer*
- *Download the ReadySHARE Printer Utility*
- *Install the ReadySHARE Printer Utility*
- *Use the Shared Printer*
- *View or Change the Status of a Printer*
- *Use the Scan Feature of a Multifunction USB Printer*
- *Change NETGEAR USB Control Center Settings*

Install the Printer Driver and Cable the Printer

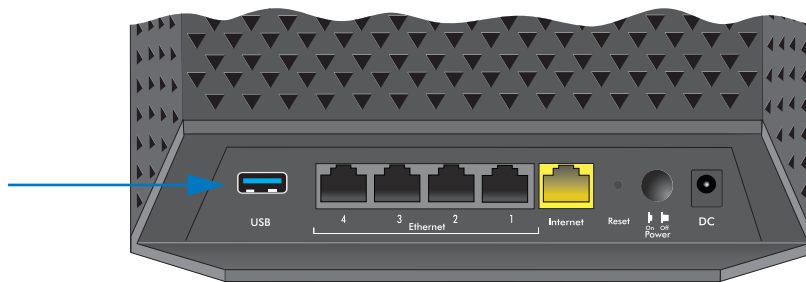
Some USB printer manufacturers (for example, HP and Lexmark) request that you do not connect the USB cable until the installation software prompts you to do so.

➤ **To install the driver and cable the printer:**

1. On each computer on your network that shares the USB printer, install the driver software for the USB printer.

If you cannot find the printer driver, contact the printer manufacturer.

2. Use a USB printer cable to connect the USB printer to the router USB port.



Download the ReadySHARE Printer Utility

The utility works on Windows and Mac computers.

➤ **To download the utility:**

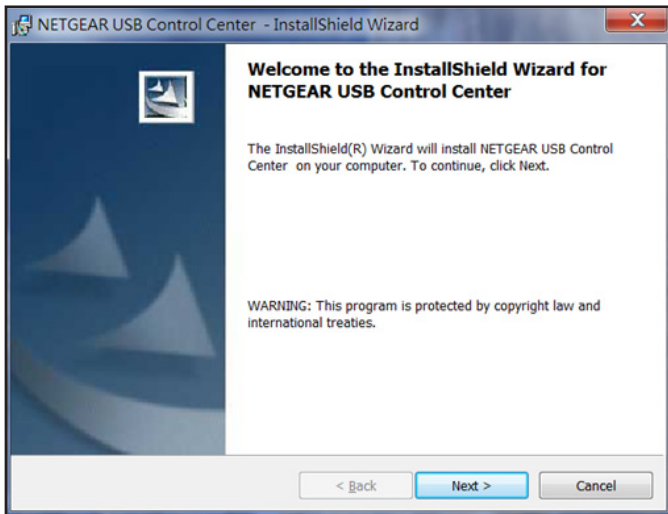
1. Visit www.netgear.com/readystatechange.
2. Scroll down to the Print From the Comfort of Your Home Network section at the bottom of the screen.
3. Click one of the following links:
 - **Download PC installer and get started.** This is the utility for Windows computers.
 - **Download Mac installer and get started.** This is the utility for MAC computers.
 - **Download the genie App and get started.** This is the utility for smart phones and tablets.
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to download the ReadySHARE Printer utility setup file.

Install the ReadySHARE Printer Utility

You must install the ReadySHARE Printer utility on each computer that will share the printer. After you install it, the utility displays as NETGEAR USB Control Center on your computer.

➤ **To install the utility:**

1. If necessary, unzip the ReadySHARE Printer utility setup file.
2. Double-click the ReadySHARE Printer utility setup file that you downloaded.

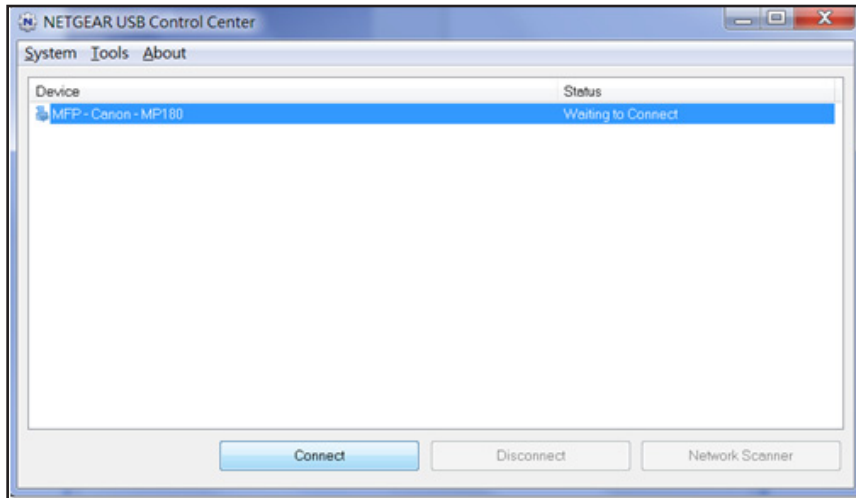


3. Follow the wizard instructions to install NETGEAR USB Control Center.

After the InstallShield Wizard completes the installation, the NETGEAR USB Control Center prompts you to select a language:



4. Select a language from the list and click the **OK** button.



Some firewall software, such as Comodo, blocks NETGEAR USB Control Center from accessing the USB printer. If you do not see the USB printer displayed in the screen, you can disable the firewall temporarily to allow the utility to work.

5. Select the printer and click the **Connect** button.

The printer status changes to Manually connected by *Mycomputer*. Now, only your computer that can use the printer.

6. Click the **Disconnect** button.

The status changes to Available. Now all computers on the network can use the printer.

7. To exit the utility, select **System > Exit**.

Use the Shared Printer

For each computer, after you click the **Connect** and **Disconnect** buttons once, the utility automatically manages the printing queue and handling. By default, the utility starts automatically whenever you log on to Windows and runs in the background.

➤ To manually connect and print:

1. Click the **NETGEAR USB Control Center** icon .

The main screen displays.

2. Click the **Connect** button.

The printer status changes to Manually connected by *Mycomputer*. Now, only the computer you are using can use this printer.

3. Use the print feature in your application to print your document.
4. To release the printer so that all computers on the network can use it, click the **Disconnect** button.

➤ **To print and release the printer to any computer on the network:**

1. To print your document, use the print feature in your application.

The NETGEAR USB Control Center automatically connects your computer to the USB printer and prints the document. If another computer is already connected to the printer, your print job goes into a queue to wait to be printed.

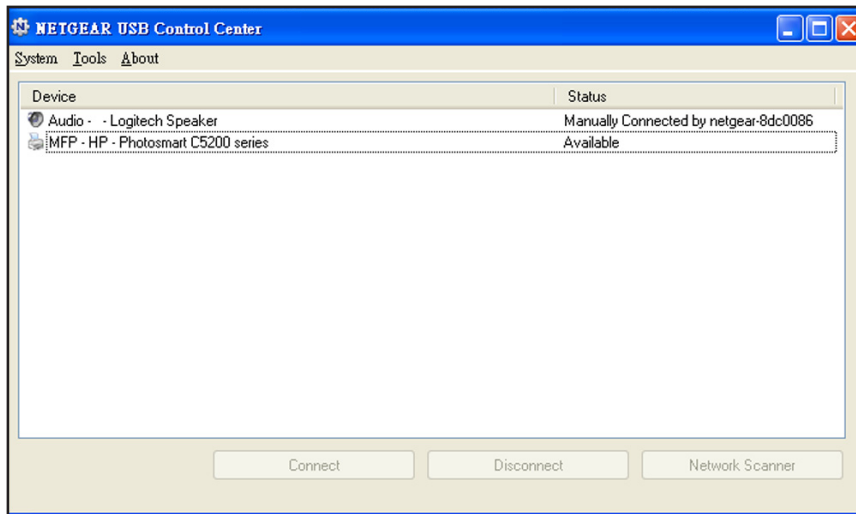
2. If your document does not print, use the NETGEAR USB Control Center to check the status. See *View or Change the Status of a Printer* on page 60.

View or Change the Status of a Printer

➤ **To view or change the status:**

1. Click the **NETGEAR USB Control Center** icon .

The main screen displays.



The Status column shows the status for each device:

- **Available.** No print jobs are in progress. You can use the USB printer from any computer in the network.
 - **Connected.** Your computer is connected to the printer and will be released when your print job is done.
 - **Manually Connected by.** Only the connected computer can use the printer.
 - **Waiting to Connect.** Your computer is not connected to the shared printer yet.
2. To print from your computer when the status shows Manually connected by *another computer*, click the **Disconnect** button.

The printer is released from the connection and the status changes to Available.

3. To print from your computer when the status shows Waiting to Connect, do the following:
 - a. Click the **Connect** button.

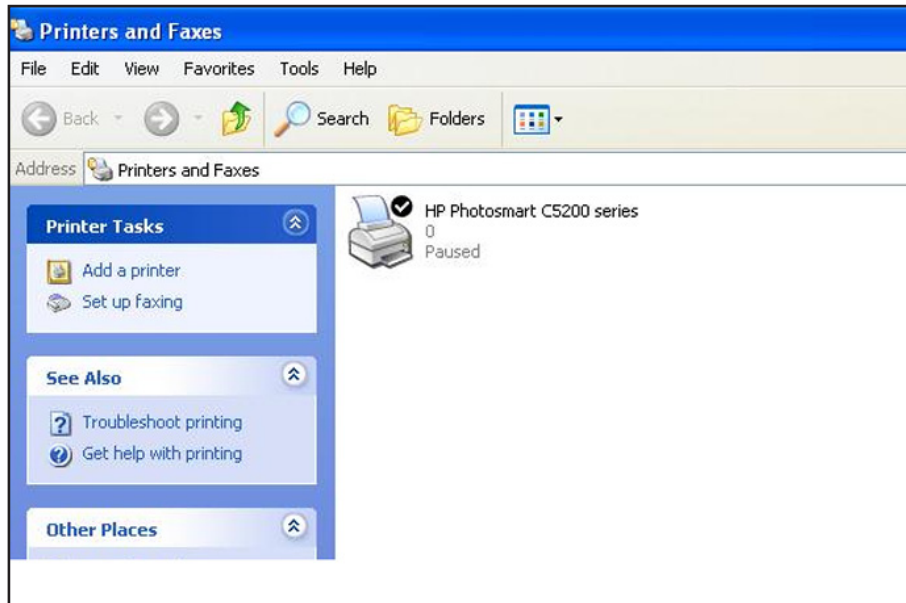
The printer status changes to Manually connected by *Mycomputer*. Now, only your computer can use the printer.

- b. To allow the printer to be shared, click the **Disconnect** button.

The printer is released from the connection and the status changes to Available.

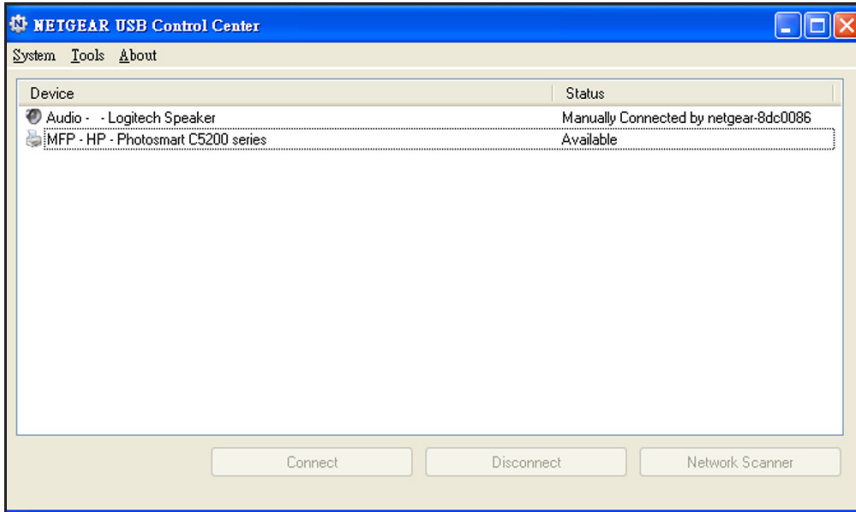
Use the Scan Feature of a Multifunction USB Printer

If your USB printer supports scanning, you can also use the USB printer for scanning. For example, the USB printer displayed in the Windows Printers and Faxes window is ready for print jobs.

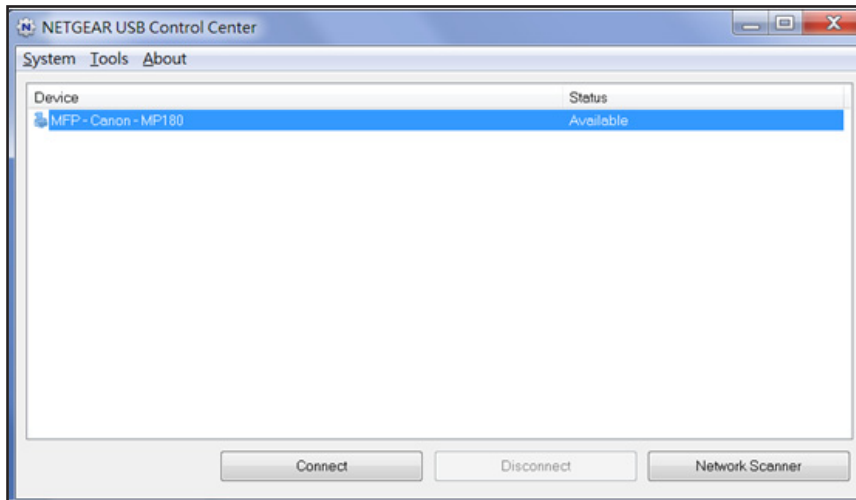


➤ To use the scan feature of a multifunction USB printer:

1. Click the **NETGEAR USB Control Center** icon .



2. Make sure that the printer status shows as Available.
3. Click the **Network Scanner** button.



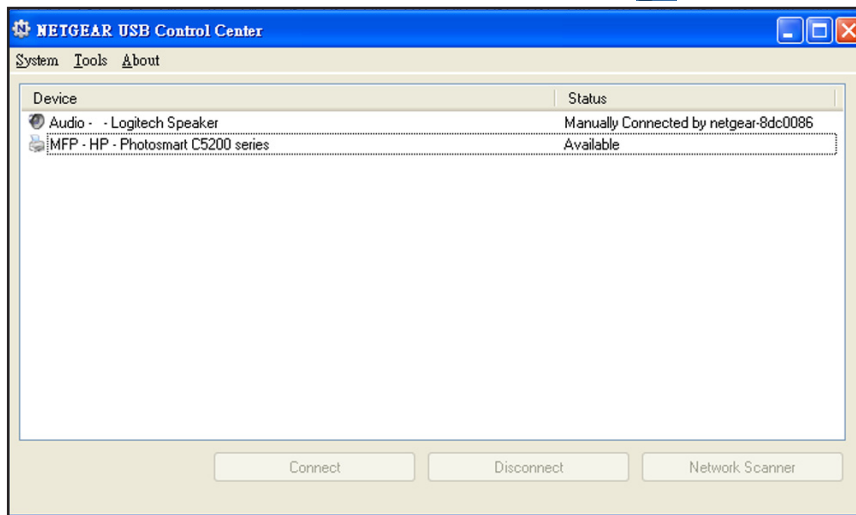
The scanner screen displays so that you can use the USB printer for scanning.

Change NETGEAR USB Control Center Settings

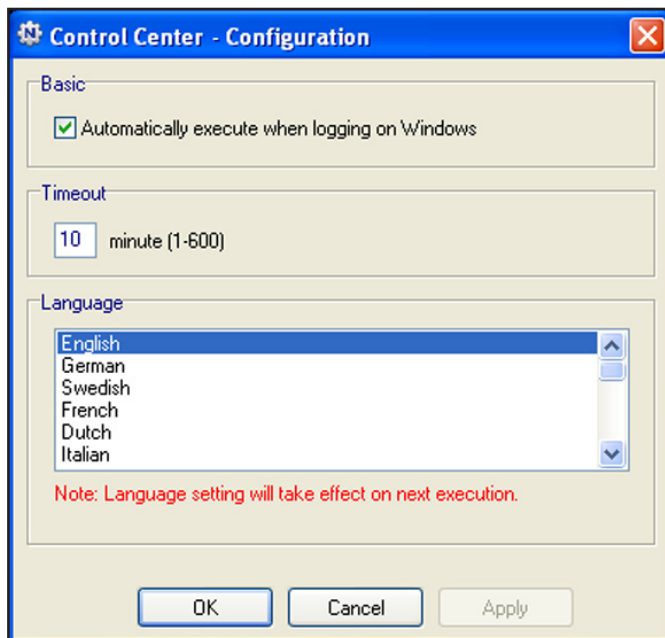
You can stop the NETGEAR USB Control Center from starting automatically when you log in to Windows. You can also change the language and specify the time-out to release the printer connection.

➤ To turn off automatic NETGEAR USB Control Center startup:

1. Click the **NETGEAR USB Control Center** icon .



2. Select **Tools > Configuration**.



3. Clear the **Automatically execute when logging on Windows** check box.
4. Click the **OK** button.

Your change is saved.

➤ To change the language:

1. Select **Tools > Configuration**.
2. In the **Language** list, select a language.
3. Click the **OK** button.

The next time NETGEAR USB Control Center starts, the language changes.

➤ **To specify the time-out:**

1. Select **Tools > Configuration**.
2. In the **Timeout** field, type the number of minutes.

The time-out is the number of minutes that a computer holds its connection to the printer when the connection isn't being used.

3. Click the **OK** button.

Your change is saved.

Security

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Customize the Firewall Settings

This chapter explains how to use the basic firewall features of the router to prevent objectionable content from reaching the computers and devices on your network.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- *Set Up Parental Controls*
- *Keyword Blocking of HTTP Traffic*
- *Block Services (Port Filtering)*
- *Port Triggering to Open Incoming Ports*
- *Port Forwarding to Permit External Host Communications*
- *How Port Forwarding Differs from Port Triggering*
- *Set Up Port Forwarding to Local Servers*
- *Set Up Port Triggering*
- *Schedule Blocking*
- *Security Event Email Notifications*

Set Up Parental Controls

The first time that you select **Parental Controls** from the BASIC Home screen, your browser goes to the *Parental Controls* website, where you can learn more about Parental Controls. To set up Parental Controls, you must download the genie app.

➤ **To set up Live Parental Controls:**

1. Launch a web browser from a computer or wireless device that is connected to the network.

2. Type <http://www.routerlogin.net> or <http://www.routerlogin.com>.

A login screen displays.

3. Enter the router user name and password.

The user name is **admin**. The default password is **password**. The user name and password are case-sensitive.

The BASIC Home screen displays.

4. Select **Parental Controls**.

The *Parental Controls* website opens.

5. Click the button for the genie app version that you want to download and use.

6. Follow the onscreen instructions to download and install the genie app.

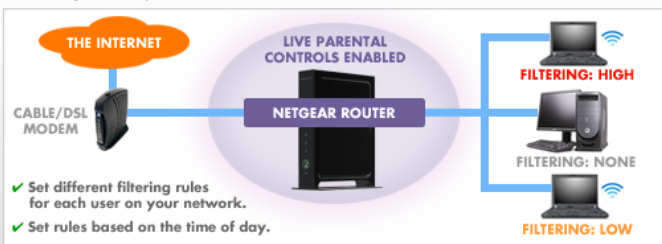
7. Open the genie app and select **Parental Controls**.

Live Parental Controls automatically starts.

Parental Controls

Powered by OpenDNS

You're about to setup NETGEAR Live Parental Controls Powered by OpenDNS on your router to filter websites visited on your computers and other networked devices.



✓ Set different filtering rules for each user on your network.
 ✓ Set rules based on the time of day.

Our custom settings let you relax security settings for some users or at some times of the day. [Learn more](#)

Next

8. Click the **Next** button, read the note, and click the **Next** button again.

Because Live Parental Controls uses free OpenDNS accounts, you are prompted to log in or create a free account.

9. Select the radio button that applies to you:
- If you already created an OpenDNS account, leave the **Yes** radio button selected.
 - If you did not yet create an OpenDNS account, select the **No** radio button.

If you are creating an account, the following screen displays:

- a. Complete the fields.
- b. Click the **Next** button.

After you log on or create your account, the filtering level screen displays:

Live Parental Controls: choose a filtering level for your network

All computers connected to your router will be protected from the content you select below. You can customize your Live Parental Controls later on our website.

None
Nothing blocked.

Minimal
Protects only against phishing attacks.

Low
Protects against pornography and phishing attacks.

Moderate
Protects against all adult-related sites, illegal activity and phishing attacks.

High

[Previous](#) [Next](#)

10. Select a radio button for a filtering level that you want and click the **Next** button.

Setup is complete!

You have successfully setup NETGEAR Live Parental Controls Powered by OpenDNS. Next time you run the Management Utility it will take you to the status screen where you can:

- check whether Live Parental Controls are enabled
- disable or enable Live Parental Controls
- modify basic settings
- change custom settings such as per-user and time-of-day based Live Parental Controls

[Take me to the status screen](#)

- Click the **Take me to the status screen** button.

Status

Live Parental Controls: disabled Enable Live Parental Controls

Filtering level: Minimal Change Basic Settings
Protects only against phishing attacks. Change Custom Settings

OpenDNS account: tipham

Bypass account: Bypass Login

Refresh

Parental Controls are now set up for the router.

- To enable Parental Controls, click the Enable Live Parental Controls button.

Keyword Blocking of HTTP Traffic

Use keyword blocking to prevent certain types of HTTP traffic from accessing your network. The blocking can be always or according to a schedule.

- **To set up keyword blocking:**

- Select **Advanced > Security > Block Sites**.

Block Sites

Apply Cancel

To learn more about advanced content filtering and keyword blocking features from NETGEAR, please go to www.netgear.com/lpc.

Keyword Blocking

Never
 Per Schedule
 Always

Type keyword or domain name here.

+ Add Keyword

Block sites containing these keywords or domain names:

X Delete Keyword Clear List

Allow trusted IP address to visit blocked sites

Trusted IP Address

2. Select one of the keyword blocking options:
 - **Per Schedule.** Turn on keyword blocking according to the Schedule screen settings.
 - **Always.** Turn on keyword blocking all the time, independent of the Schedule screen.
3. In the Keyword field, enter a keyword or domain, click **Add Keyword**, and click **Apply**.

The Keyword list supports up to 32 entries. Here are some sample entries:

- Specify XXX to block `http://www.badstuff.com/xxx.html`.
- Specify .com if you want to allow only sites with domain suffixes such as .edu or .gov.
- Enter a period (.) to block all Internet browsing access.

➤ **To delete a keyword or domain:**

1. Select the keyword you want to delete from the list.
2. Click **Delete Keyword**.
3. Click **Apply**.

Your changes are saved.

➤ **To specify a trusted computer:**

You can exempt one trusted computer from blocking and logging. The computer you exempt has to have a fixed IP address.

1. In the Trusted IP Address field, enter the IP address.
2. Click **Apply**.

Your changes are saved.

Block Services (Port Filtering)

Services are functions that server computers perform at the request of client computers. For example, web servers serve web pages, time servers serve time and date information, and game hosts serve data about other players' moves. When a computer on the Internet sends a request for service to a server computer, a service or port number identifies the requested service. This number is the destination port number in the transmitted IP packets. For example, a packet that is sent with the destination port number 80 is an HTTP (web server) request.

The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF at <http://www.ietf.org/>) has defined and published the service numbers for many common protocols in RFC1700, "Assigned Numbers." Service numbers for other applications are typically chosen from the range 1024 - 65535 by the authors of the application. Although the router already holds a list of many service port numbers, you are not limited to these choices. You can often determine port number information by contacting the publisher of the application, by asking user groups or newsgroups, or by searching.

The Block Services screen lets you add and block specific Internet services by computers on your network. This is called service blocking or port filtering. To add a service for blocking, first determine which port number or range of numbers the application uses.

➤ **To block services:**

1. Select **Advanced > Security > Block Services**.

Block Services

Apply Cancel

Services Blocking

Never
 Per Schedule
 Always

Service Table

#	Service Type	Port	IP

+Add Edit Delete

2. Select either **Per Schedule** or **Always**.
3. If you selected **Per Schedule**, specify a time period in the **Schedule** screen.
4. Click **Add** to add a service.

The Block Services Setup screen displays:

Block Services Setup

+ Add Cancel

Service Type: User Defined
 Protocol: TCP
 Starting Port: (1~65535)
 Ending Port: (1~65535)
 Service Type/User Defined:

Filter Services For :

Only This IP Address : 192 . 168 . 1 .
 IP Address Range: 192 . 168 . 1 . to 192 . 168 . 1 .
 All IP Addresses

5. From the Service Type list, select the application or service to allow or block.
 The list displays several common services, but you are not limited to these choices. To add any additional services or applications that are not in the list, select **User Defined**.
6. If you know that the application uses either TCP or UDP, select the appropriate protocol. If you are not sure, select **Both**.
7. Enter the starting and ending port numbers.
 If the application uses a single port number, enter that number in both fields.

8. Select the radio button for the IP address configuration you want to block, and enter the IP addresses.

You can block the specified service for a single computer, a range of computers with consecutive IP addresses, or all computers on your network.

9. Click **Add**.

Your changes are saved.

Port Triggering to Open Incoming Ports

Some application servers (such as FTP and IRC servers) send replies to multiple port numbers. Using the port triggering function of your router, you can tell the router to open more incoming ports when a particular outgoing port originates a session.

An example is Internet Relay Chat (IRC). Your computer connects to an IRC server at destination port 6667. The IRC server not only responds to your originating source port, but also sends an “identify” message to your computer on port 113. Using port triggering, you can tell the router, “When you initiate a session with destination port 6667, you have to also allow incoming traffic on port 113 to reach the originating computer.”

Using steps similar to the preceding example, the following sequence shows the effects of the port triggering rule you have defined:

1. You open an IRC client program to start a chat session on your computer.
2. Your IRC client composes a request message to an IRC server using a destination port number of 6667, the standard port number for an IRC server process. Your computer then sends this request message to your router.
3. Your router creates an entry in its internal session table describing this communication session between your computer and the IRC server. Your router stores the original information, performs Network Address Translation (NAT) on the source address and port, and sends this request message through the Internet to the IRC server.
4. Noting your port triggering rule and having observed the destination port number of 6667, your router creates an additional session entry to send any incoming port 113 traffic to your computer.
5. The IRC server sends a return message to your router using the NAT-assigned source port (for example, port 33333) as the destination port. The IRC server also sends an “identify” message to your router with destination port 113.
6. Upon receiving the incoming message to destination port 33333, your router checks its session table for an active session for port number 33333. If so, the router restores the original address information replaced by NAT and sends this reply message to your computer.
7. Upon receiving the incoming message to destination port 113, your router checks its session table and finds an active session for port 113, associated with your computer. The router replaces the message’s destination IP address with your computer’s IP address and forwards the message to your computer.

8. When you finish your chat session, your router eventually senses a period of inactivity in the communications. The router then removes the session information from its session table, and incoming traffic is no longer accepted on port numbers 33333 or 113.

To configure port triggering, you need to know which inbound ports the application needs. Also, you need to know the number of the outbound port that triggers the opening of the inbound ports. You can usually determine this information by contacting the publisher of the application or the relevant user groups or news groups.

Only one computer at a time can use the triggered application.

Port Forwarding to Permit External Host Communications

In both of the preceding examples, your computer initiates an application session with a server computer on the Internet. However, you might need to allow a client computer on the Internet to initiate a connection to a server computer on your network. Normally, your router ignores any inbound traffic that is not a response to your own outbound traffic. You can configure exceptions to this default rule by using the port forwarding feature.

A typical application of port forwarding can be shown by reversing the client-server relationship from the previous web server example. In this case, a remote computer's browser needs to access a web server running on a computer in your local network. Using port forwarding, you can tell the router, "When you receive incoming traffic on port 80 (the standard port number for a web server process), forward it to the local computer at 192.168.1.123." The following sequence shows the effects of the port forwarding rule you have defined:

1. The user of a remote computer opens a browser and requests a web page from `www.example.com`, which resolves to the public IP address of your router. The remote computer composes a web page request message with the following destination information:

Destination address. The IP address of `www.example.com`, which is the address of your router.

Destination port number. 80, which is the standard port number for a web server process.

The remote computer then sends this request message through the Internet to your router.

2. Your router receives the request message and looks in its rules table for any rules covering the disposition of incoming port 80 traffic. Your port forwarding rule specifies that incoming port 80 traffic should be forwarded to local IP address 192.168.1.123. Therefore, your router modifies the destination information in the request message:

The destination address is replaced with 192.168.1.123.

Your router then sends this request message to your local network.

3. Your web server at 192.168.1.123 receives the request and composes a return message with the requested web page data. Your web server then sends this reply message to your router.

4. Your router performs Network Address Translation (NAT) on the source IP address, and sends this request message through the Internet to the remote computer, which displays the web page from www.example.com.

To configure port forwarding, you need to know which inbound ports the application needs. You can usually find this information by contacting the publisher of the application or the relevant user groups or news groups.

How Port Forwarding Differs from Port Triggering

The following points summarize the differences between port forwarding and port triggering:

- Any computer on your network can use port triggering, but only one computer can use it at a time.
- Port forwarding is allowed only for the computer that you specify on your network.
- With port triggering, you do not need to specify the computer's IP address. The IP address is captured automatically.
- Port forwarding requires that you specify the computer's IP address during configuration, and the IP address can never change.
- Port triggering requires specific outbound traffic to open the inbound ports, and the triggered ports are closed after a period of no activity.
- Port forwarding is always active and does not need to be triggered.

Set Up Port Forwarding to Local Servers

The port forwarding feature lets you allow certain types of incoming traffic to reach servers on your local network. For example, you might want to make a local web server, FTP server, or game server visible and available to the Internet.

Use the Port Forwarding/Port Triggering screen to configure the router to forward specific incoming protocols to computers on your local network. In addition to servers for specific applications, you can also specify a default DMZ server to which all other incoming protocols are forwarded.

Before you start, determine which type of service, application, or game you want to provide, and the local IP address of the computer that will provide the service. The server computer has to always have the same IP address.

To ensure that your server computer always has the same IP address, use the reserved IP address feature of your product. See [Address Reservation](#) on page 36.

➤ **To forward specific incoming protocols:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Port Forwarding/Port Triggering**.

2. Leave the **Port Forwarding** radio button selected as the service type.
3. In the Service Name list, select the service name.
If the service is not in the list, see [Add a Custom Service](#) on page 75
4. Fill in the Server IP Address field
5. Click **Add**.

The list now includes the service.

Add a Custom Service

To define a service, game, or application that is not in the Service Name list, first determine which port number or range of numbers the application uses. You can usually determine this information by contacting the publisher of the application or user groups or news groups. When you have the port number information, follow these steps.

➤ **To add a custom service:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Port Forwarding/Port Triggering**.
2. Select the **Port Forwarding** radio button as the service type.

- Click the **Add Custom Service** button.

Ports - Custom Services

Service Name

Protocol TCP/UDP ▾

External Port Range (1-65534)
(Specify ports and/or port ranges spilt by commas, example: 30, 50-60, 65500-65510)

Use the same port range for Internal port

Internal Port Range (1-65534)
(Specify ports and/or port ranges spilt by commas, example: 30, 50-60, 65500-65510)

Internal IP address . . .

Or select from currently attached devices

	IP Address	Device Name
<input type="radio"/>	192.168.1.3	TIPHAM-T440P

- In the Service Name field, enter a descriptive name.
- In the Service Type field, select the protocol. If you are unsure, select **TCP/UDP**.
- In the Eternal Starting Port field, enter the beginning port number.
 - If the application uses a single port, enter the same port number in the Ending Port field.
 - If the application uses a range of ports, enter the ending port number of the range in the External Ending Port field.
- Fill in the Internal IP address field or select the radio button from the list of currently attached devices.
- Click **Apply**.

The service is now included in the list.

Edit or Delete a Port Forwarding Entry

- **To edit or delete a port forwarding entry:**
 - Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Port Forwarding/Port Triggering**.
 - Select the **Port Forwarding** radio button as the service type
 - In the table, select the radio button next to the service name.
 - Click **Edit Service** or **Delete Service**.

Application Example: Make a Local Web Server Public

If you host a web server on your local network, you can use port forwarding to allow web requests from anyone on the Internet to reach your web server.

- **To make a local web server public:**
 - Assign your web server either a fixed IP address or a dynamic IP address using DHCP address reservation.

In this example, your router always gives your web server an IP address of 192.168.1.33.

2. In the Port Forwarding/Port Triggering screen, configure the router to forward the HTTP service to the local address of your web server at **192.168.1.33**.

HTTP (port 80) is the standard protocol for web servers.

3. (Optional) Register a host name with a Dynamic DNS service, and configure your router to use the name.

To access your web server from the Internet, a remote user has to know the IP address that your ISP assigned. However, if you use a Dynamic DNS service, the remote user can reach your server by a user-friendly Internet name, such as mynetgear.dyndns.org.

Set Up Port Triggering

Port triggering is a dynamic extension of port forwarding that is useful in these cases:

- More than one local computer needs port forwarding for the same application (but not simultaneously).
- An application needs to open incoming ports that are different from the outgoing port.

When port triggering is enabled, the router monitors outbound traffic looking for a specified outbound “trigger” port. When the router detects outbound traffic on that port, it remembers the IP address of the local computer that sent the data. The router then temporarily opens the specified incoming port or ports and forwards incoming traffic on the triggered ports to the triggering computer.

Port forwarding creates a static mapping of a port number or range to a single local computer. Port triggering can dynamically open ports to any computer that needs them and can close the ports when they are no longer needed.

Note: If you use applications such as multiplayer gaming, peer-to-peer connections, real-time communications such as instant messaging, or remote assistance (a feature in Windows XP), you should also enable Universal Plug and Play (UPnP).

To configure port triggering, you need to know which inbound ports the application needs, and the number of the outbound port that triggers the opening of the inbound ports. You can usually determine this information by contacting the publisher of the application or user groups or news groups.

➤ To enable port triggering:

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Port Forwarding/Port Triggering**.

2. Select the **Port Triggering** radio button.

Port Forwarding / Port Triggering

Apply Cancel

Please select the service type.

Port Forwarding
 Port Triggering

Disable Port Triggering

Port Triggering Time-out(in minutes)

Port Triggering Portmap Table

#	Enable	Service Name	Service Type	Inbound Connection	Service User

+ Add Service Edit Service Delete Service

3. Clear the **Disable Port Triggering** check box.

Note: If the Disable Port Triggering check box is selected after you configure port triggering, port triggering is disabled. However, any port triggering configuration information you added to the router is retained even though it is not used.

4. In the Port Triggering Timeout field, enter a value up to 9999 minutes.

This value controls the inactivity timer for the designated inbound ports. The inbound ports close when the inactivity time expires. This is required because the router cannot be sure when the application has terminated.

➤ **To add a port triggering service:**

1. On the Port Triggering screen, click **Add Service**.

Port Triggering - Services

Apply Cancel

Service

Service Name

Service User

Service Type

Triggering Port
(1~65534)

Inbound Connection

Connection Type:

Starting Port
(1~65534)

Ending Port
(1~65534)

2. In the Service Name field, type a descriptive service name.
3. In the Service User list, select **Any**, or select **Single address** and enter the IP address of one computer.
 - Any (the default), allows any computer on the Internet to use this service.

- **Single address** restricts the service to a particular computer.
4. Select the service type, either **TCP** or **UDP** or both (**TCP/UDP**). If you are not sure, select TCP/UDP.
 5. In the Triggering Port field, enter the number of the outbound traffic port to open the use the inbound ports to be opened.
 6. Enter the inbound connection port information in the Connection Type, Starting Port, and Ending Port fields.
 7. Click **Apply**.
The service is added in to the Portmap Table.
 8. Make sure that you enable port triggering so that the service that you added takes effect will be used.

Schedule Blocking

You can specify the days and time that you want to block Internet access.

➤ To schedule blocking:

1. Select **Advanced > Security > Schedule**.

The screenshot shows the 'Schedule' configuration page. At the top, there are 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below that, the 'Days to Block' section has checkboxes for 'Every Day', 'Sunday', 'Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', and 'Saturday', all of which are checked. The 'Time of day to block:(use 24-hour clock)' section has 'All Day' checked. Below this, there are input fields for 'Start Blocking' (0 Hour 0 Minute) and 'End Blocking' (24 Hour 0 Minute). The 'Time Zone' section has a dropdown menu set to '(GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada); Tijuana' and an unchecked checkbox for 'Automatically adjust for daylight savings time'. At the bottom, it shows 'Current Time: Wednesday, 08 Apr 2015 17:04:07'.

2. Set up the schedule for blocking keywords and services.
 - **Days to Block.** Select days on which you want to apply blocking by selecting the appropriate check boxes, or select **Every Day** to select the check boxes for all days.
 - **Time of Day to Block.** Select a start and end time in 24-hour format, or select **All Day** for 24-hour blocking.

3. Select your time zone from the list. If you use daylight savings time, select the **Automatically adjust for daylight savings time** check box.
4. Click **Apply**.

Your settings are saved.

Security Event Email Notifications

To receive logs and alerts by email, provide your email information in the E-mail screen, and specify which alerts you want to receive and how often.

➤ To set up email notifications:

1. Select **Advanced > Security > E-mail**.

The screenshot shows the 'E-mail' configuration page. At the top, there are 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below them is a section for 'Turn E-mail Notification On' with a checkbox. Underneath, there's a section for 'Send alerts and logs through e-mail' with fields for 'Your Outgoing Mail Server', 'Send to This E-mail Address', and 'Outgoing Mail Server Port Number' (set to 25). There's also a checkbox for 'My mail server requires authentication' with fields for 'User Name' and 'Password'. Below that is a section for 'Send Alert Immediately' with a checkbox and the text 'When someone attempts to visit a blocked site'. At the bottom, there's a section for 'Send logs according to this schedule' with a dropdown for 'None', a 'Day' dropdown set to 'Sunday', and a 'Time' dropdown set to '12:00' with radio buttons for 'a.m.' and 'p.m.'.

2. Select the **Turn Email Notification On** check box.
3. In the Your Outgoing Mail Server field, enter the name of your ISP's outgoing (SMTP) mail server (such as mail.myISP.com).
You might be able to find this information in the configuration screen of your email program. If you leave this field blank, log and alert messages are not sent.
4. Enter the email address to which logs and alerts are sent in the Send to This Email Address field.
This email address is also used for the From address. If you leave this field blank, log and alert messages are not sent.
5. If your outgoing email server requires authentication, select the **My Mail Server requires authentication** check box. Fill in the User Name and Password fields for the outgoing email server.
6. (Optional) Select the **Send Alerts Immediately** check box.
Email alerts are sent immediately when someone attempts to visit a blocked site.

7. (Optional) Fill in the fields in the Send logs according to this schedule section of the screen.

Logs are sent automatically. If the log fills up before the specified time, the log is emailed. After the log is sent, the log is cleared from the router memory. If the router cannot email the log file, the log buffer might fill up. In this case, the router overwrites the log and discards its contents.

8. Click **Apply**.

Your settings are saved.

Administration

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Manage your network

This chapter describes the router settings for administering and maintaining your router and home network.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- [*Upgrade the Router Firmware*](#)
- [*View Router Status*](#)
- [*View Logs of Web Access or Attempted Web Access*](#)
- [*Manage the Configuration File*](#)
- [*Change the Password*](#)
- [*Password Recovery*](#)

For information about upgrading or checking the status of your router over the Internet, see [*Remote Management*](#) on page 106. For information about monitoring Internet traffic, see [*Traffic Meter*](#) on page 117

Upgrade the Router Firmware

The router firmware (routing software) is stored in flash memory. You can update the firmware from the Administration menu on the Advanced tab. You might see a message at the top of the genie screens when new firmware is available for your product.

You can use the Check button on the Router Update screen to check if new firmware is available, and to update your product.

➤ **To check for new firmware and update your router:**

1. Select **Advanced > Administration > Router Update**.

2. Click **Check**.

The router finds new firmware information if any is available.

3. Click **Yes**.

The router locates the firmware you downloaded (the file ends in .img) and begins the update.



WARNING:

When uploading firmware to the router, *do not* interrupt the web browser by closing the window, clicking a link, or loading a new page. If the browser is interrupted, it could corrupt the firmware.

When the upload is complete, your router restarts. The upgrade process typically takes about 1 minute. Read the new firmware release notes to determine whether you need to reconfigure the router after upgrading.

View Router Status

- To view router status and usage information:

Select **Advanced Home** or select **Administration > Router Status**.

✓ Router Information	
Hardware Version	R6250
Firmware Version	V1.0.0.44_1.0.44
GUI Language Version	V1.0.0.44_2.1.17.1
LAN Port	
MAC Address	9C:D3:6D:99:C1:9A
IP Address	192.168.1.1
DHCP	On
Reboot	

✓ Internet Port	
MAC Address	9C:D3:6D:99:C1:9B
IP Address	10.1.10.11
Connection	DHCP
IP Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Domain Name Server	
	75.75.75.75
	75.75.76.76
Show Statistics Connection Status	

✓ Wireless Settings (2.4GHz)	
Name (SSID)	NETGEAR47
Region	North America
Channel	Auto (1)
Mode	Up to 145 Mbps
Wireless AP	On
Broadcast Name	On
Wi-Fi Protected Setup	Configured

✓ Wireless Settings (5GHz)	
Name (SSID)	NETGEAR47-5G
Region	North America
Channel	149 + 153(P) + 157 + 161
Mode	Up to 1300 Mbps
Wireless AP	On
Broadcast Name	On
Wi-Fi Protected Setup	Configured

Router Information

Hardware Version. The router model.

Firmware Version. The version of the router firmware. It changes if you upgrade the router firmware.

GUI Language Version. The localized language of the user interface.

LAN Port.

- **MAC Address.** The Media Access Control address. This is the unique physical address used by the Ethernet (LAN) port of the router.
- **IP Address.** The IP address used by the Ethernet (LAN) port of the router. The default is 192.168.1.1.
- **DHCP.** Identifies whether the router's built-in DHCP server is active for devices on the LAN.

Internet Port

MAC Address. The Media Access Control address, which is the unique physical address used by the Internet (WAN) port of the router.

IP Address. The IP address used by the Internet (WAN) port of the router. If no address is shown or the address is 0.0.0, the router cannot connect to the Internet.

Connection. This shows if the router is using a fixed IP address on the WAN. If the value is DHCP Client, the router obtains an IP address dynamically from the ISP.

IP Subnet Mask. The IP subnet mask used by the Internet (WAN) port of the router.

Domain Name Server. The Domain Name Server addresses used by the router. A Domain Name Server translates human-language URLs such as www.netgear.com into IP addresses.

Show Statistics Button

➤ To view statistics:

1. Select **Advanced Home** or select **Administration > Router Status**.
2. In the Internet Provider (WAN) Setup pane, click the **Show Statistics** button.

Show Statistics							
System Up Time 00:06:21							
Port	Status	TxPkts	RxPkts	Collisions	Tx B/s	Rx B/s	Up Time
WAN	100M/Full	94646	148992	0	18665	667052	00:05:37
LAN1	1000M/Full	5802	4757	0	13951	1487	00:06:21
LAN2	Link Down						--
LAN3	Link Down						--
LAN4	Link Down						--
2.4G WLAN b/g/n	217M	0	0	0	0	0	00:06:01
5G WLAN a/n/ac	1300M	0	0	0	0	0	00:06:01

Poll Interval: (5~86400 Seconds) Set Interval Stop

The following information is displayed:

System Up Time. The time elapsed since the router was last restarted.

Port. The statistics for the WAN (Internet) and LAN (Ethernet) ports. For each port, the screen displays:

- **Status.** The link status of the port.
- **TxPkts.** The number of packets transmitted on this port since reset or manual clear.
- **RxPkts.** The number of packets received on this port since reset or manual clear.
- **Collisions.** The number of collisions on this port since reset or manual clear.
- **Tx B/s.** The current transmission (outbound) bandwidth used on the WAN and LAN ports.
- **Rx B/s.** The current reception (inbound) bandwidth used on the WAN and LAN ports.
- **Up Time.** The time elapsed since this port acquired the link.
- **Poll Interval.** The interval at which the statistics are updated in this screen.

To change the polling frequency, enter a time in seconds in the Poll Interval field and click **Set Interval**.

To stop the polling entirely, click **Stop**.

Connection Status Button

➤ To view the Internet connection status:

1. Select **Advanced Home** or select **Administration > Router Status**.
2. In the Internet Connection pane, click the **Connection Status** button.

Connection Status	
IP Address	10.1.10.11
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Default Gateway	10.1.10.1
DHCP Server	10.1.10.1
DNS Server	75.75.75.75 75.75.76.76
Lease Obtained	7 days,0 Hours,0 minutes
Lease Expires	6 days,23 Hours,53 minutes
<input type="button" value="Release"/> <input type="button" value="Renew"/>	
<input type="button" value="Close Window"/>	

The following information displays:

- **IP Address.** The IP address that is assigned to the router.
- **Subnet Mask.** The subnet mask that is assigned to the router.
- **Default Gateway.** The IP address for the default gateway that the router communicates with.
- **DHCP Server.** The IP address for the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol server that provides the TCP/IP configuration for all the computers that are connected to the router.
- **DNS Server.** The IP address of the Domain Name Service server that provides translation of network names to IP addresses.
- **Lease Obtained.** The date and time when the lease was obtained.
- **Lease Expires.** The date and time that the lease expires.

Click the **Release** button to return the status of all items to 0.

Click the **Renew** button to refreshes the items.

Click the **Close Window** button to close the Connection Status screen.

Wireless Settings (2.4 GHz and 5 GHz)

The following settings are displayed:

✓ Wireless Settings (2.4GHz)		✓ Wireless Settings (5GHz)	
Name (SSID)	NETGEAR47	Name (SSID)	NETGEAR47-5G
Region	North America	Region	North America
Channel	Auto (1)	Channel	149 + 153(P) + 157 + 161
Mode	Up to 145 Mbps	Mode	Up to 1300 Mbps
Wireless AP	On	Wireless AP	On
Broadcast Name	On	Broadcast Name	On
Wi-Fi Protected Setup	Configured	Wi-Fi Protected Setup	Configured

Name (SSID). The wireless network name (SSID) that the router uses.

Region. The geographic region where the router is being used. It might be illegal to use the wireless features of the router in some parts of the world.

Channel. The operating channel of the wireless port being used. The default channel is Auto. When Auto is selected, the router finds the best operating channel available. Channels 1, 6, and 11 do not interfere with each other.

Mode. The wireless communication mode. At 2.4 GHz, 300 Mbps, 145 Mbps, or Up to 54 Mbps. At 5 GHz 1300 Mbps, 600 Mbps, or Up to 289 Mbps.

Wireless AP. Indicates whether the radio feature of the router is enabled. If this feature is not enabled, the WiFi LED on the front panel is off.

Broadcast Name. Indicates whether the router is broadcasting its SSID.

Wi-Fi Protected Setup. Indicates whether WPS is configured for this network.

View Logs of Web Access or Attempted Web Access

The log is a detailed record of the websites you have accessed or attempted to access. Up to 256 entries are stored in the log. Log entries display only when keyword blocking is enabled and no log entries are made for the trusted user.

➤ **To view logs:**

Select **Advanced > Administration > Logs**.

Logs

Apply Cancel

Current Time: Wednesday, Apr 08, 2015 17:06:56

```
[Admin login] from source 192.168.1.3, Wednesday, Apr 08, 2015 16:58:07
[Admin login] from source 192.168.1.3, Wednesday, Apr 08, 2015 16:52:27
[Admin login] from source 192.168.1.3, Wednesday, Apr 08, 2015 16:37:48
[Admin login] from source 192.168.1.3, Wednesday, Apr 08, 2015 16:29:38
[Admin login] from source 192.168.1.3, Wednesday, Apr 08, 2015 16:29:25
[Admin login] from source 192.168.1.3, Wednesday, Apr 08, 2015 16:28:58
[DHCP IP: (192.168.1.3)] to MAC address 7C:7A:91:53:5B:C4, Wednesday, Apr 08, 2015 16:28:41
[Admin login] from source 192.168.1.2, Wednesday, Apr
```

Refresh Clear Log Send Log

Include in Log

- Attempted access to allowed sites
- Attempted access to blocked sites and services
- Connections to the Web-based interface of this Router
- Router operation (startup, get time etc)
- Known DoS attacks and Port Scans
- Port Forwarding / Port Triggering
- Wireless access
- Automatic Internet connection reset
- Turn off wireless signal by schedule

The log screen shows the following information:

- **Date and time.** The date and time the log entry was recorded.
- **Source IP.** The IP address of the initiating device for this log entry.
- **Target address.** The name or IP address of the website or news group visited or to which access was attempted.
- **Action.** Whether the access was blocked or allowed.

To refresh the log screen, click the **Refresh** button.

To clear the log entries, click the **Clear Log** button.

To email the log immediately, click the **Send Log** button.

Manage the Configuration File

The configuration settings of the router are stored within the router in a configuration file. You can back up (save) this file to your computer, restore it, or reset it to the factory default settings.

Back Up Settings

➤ **To back up the router's configuration settings:**

1. Select **Advanced > Administration > Backup Settings**.

The screenshot shows the 'Backup Settings' page. It contains three main sections:

- Save a copy of current settings:** A section with a 'Back Up' button.
- Restore saved settings from a file:** A section with a text input field, a 'Browse' button, and a 'Restore' button.
- Revert to factory default settings:** A section with an 'Erase' button.

2. Click **Backup Settings**.

A copy of the current settings is saved.

3. Choose a location to store the .cfg file that is on a computer on your network.

Restore Configuration Settings

➤ **To restore configuration settings that you backed up:**

1. Click the **Browse** button to find the cfg file.
2. Click the **Restore** button.

The files is uploaded to the router and the router reboots.



WARNING:

Do not interrupt the reboot process.

Erase the Current Configuration Settings

You can use the Erase button to erase the configuration and restore the factory default settings. You might want to do this if you move the router to a different network. You can also use the Reset button on the back of the router to erase the configuration and restore the factory settings. (See *Factory Settings* on page 129),.

➤ **To erase the configuration settings:**

Click the **Erase** button.

The factory default settings are restored. The user name is admin, the password to password, and the LAN IP address is 192.168.1.1. DHCP is enabled.

Change the Password

This feature let you change the default password that is used to log in to the router with the user name **admin**.

This is not the same as changing the password for wireless access. The label on the bottom of your router shows your unique wireless network name (SSID) and password for wireless access (see *Label* on page 11).

➤ **To set the password for the user name admin:**

1. Select **Advanced > Administration > Set Password**.

2. On the Set Password screen, type the old password, and type the new password twice.
3. If you want to be able to recover the password, select the **Enable Password Recovery** check box.
4. Click **Apply**.

Your changes take effect.

Password Recovery

NETGEAR recommends that you enable password recovery if you change the password for the router user name admin. Then you can recover the password if it is forgotten. This recovery process is supported in Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Chrome browsers, but not in the Safari browser.

➤ **To set up password recovery:**

1. Select **Advanced > Administration > Set Password**.
2. Select the **Enable Password Recovery** check box.
3. Select two security questions, and provide answers to them.
4. Click **Apply**.

Your changes are saved.

➤ **To recover your password:**

1. In the address field of your browser, type **www.routerlogin.net**.
A login screen displays.
2. Click the **Cancel** button.
If password recovery is enabled, you are prompted to enter the serial number of the router.
The serial number is on the product label.
3. Enter the serial number of the router.
4. Click the **Continue** button.
A screen displays requesting the answers to your security questions.
5. Enter the saved answers to your security questions.
6. Click the **Continue** button.
A screen displays your recovered password.
7. Click the **Login again** button.
A login screen displays.
8. With your recovered password, log in to the router.

9 Advanced Settings

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Setting up unique situations

This chapter describes the advanced features of your router. Networking knowledge is needed to implement some of these features.

This chapter includes the following sections:

- *Advanced Wireless Settings*
- *Wireless Access Point (AP)*
- *Dynamic DNS*
- *Static Routes*
- *Remote Management*
- *Universal Plug and Play*
- *IPv6*
- *Traffic Meter*

For information about the Approve USB feature, see *Specify Approved USB Devices* on page 52.

Advanced Wireless Settings

You can use this screen to turn the wireless radio on and off, to specify WPS settings, to use AP mode, and to set up a wireless access list.

The Fragmentation Length, CTS/RTS Threshold, and Preamble Mode options in this screen are reserved for wireless testing and advanced configuration only. Do not change these settings unless you have a specific reason to do so.

Control the Wireless Radio

By default, the wireless radio is enabled so that you can connect wirelessly to the router. You can turn the wireless radio on or off in the Advanced Wireless Settings screen or by using the WiFi On/Off button on the router front panel. When the wireless radio is off, you can still use an Ethernet cable for a LAN connection to the router

➤ To turn the wireless radio on or off:

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Wireless Settings**.

Apply ▶ ✕ Cancel

Wireless Advanced Settings (2.4GHz b/g/n)

Enable Wireless Router Radio

Enable 20/40 MHz Coexistence

Fragmentation Length (256-2346):

CTS/RTS Threshold (1-2347):

Preamble Mode: Long Preamble ▼

Turn off wireless signal by schedule

The wireless signal is scheduled to turn off during the following time period:

Period	Start	End	Recurrence Pattern
+ Add a new period ✎ Edit ✕ Delete			

Wireless Advanced Settings (5GHz a/n/ac)

Enable Wireless Router Radio

Fragmentation Length (256-2346):

CTS/RTS Threshold (1-2347):

Preamble Mode: Long Preamble ▼

Turn off wireless signal by schedule

The wireless signal is scheduled to turn off during the following time period:

Period	Start	End	Recurrence Pattern
+ Add a new period ✎ Edit ✕ Delete			

WPS Settings

Router's PIN: 85875944

Enable Router's PIN

To prevent PIN compromise, auto disable the PIN after failed PIN connections, until router reboots.
In auto disabled mode, router's WPS LED will keep blinking slowly

Keep Existing Wireless Settings (2.4GHz b/g/n)

Keep Existing Wireless Settings (5GHz a/n/ac)

use other operation mode

Wireless Card Access List Set Up Access List

By default, the Enable Wireless Router Radio check box is selected.

2. Select or clear the **Enable Wireless Router Radio** check box.
Clearing this check box turns off the WiFi feature of the wireless router.
3. (Optional) Select the **Turn off wireless signal by schedule** check box and fill in the fields to specify the times when you do not need a wireless connection.
For example, you could turn off the wireless signal for the weekend if you leave town.
4. Click **Apply**.
Your changes take effect.

Set Up a Wireless Schedule

You can use this feature to turn off the wireless signal from your router at times when you do not need a wireless connection. For example, you could turn it off for the weekend if you leave town.

➤ **To configure and enable the wireless schedule:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Wireless Settings**.
The Advanced Wireless Settings screen displays.
2. Click the **Add a new period** button.

The screen adjusts:

Turn off wireless signal by schedule

Apply Cancel

When to turn off wireless signal

Start: 12:00midnight

End: 12:00noon

Recurrence Pattern

Daily

Select Days

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday

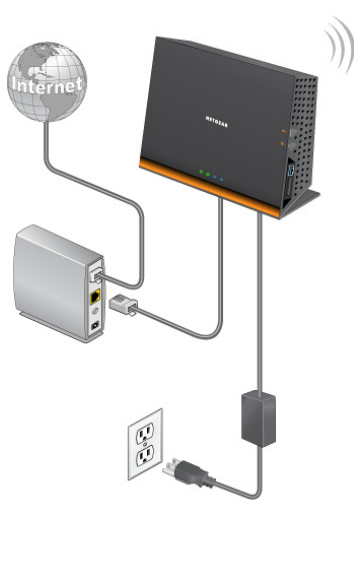
Thursday Friday Saturday

3. Use the menus, radio buttons, and check boxes to set up a period during which you want to turn off the wireless signal.
4. Click the **Apply** button.
The Advanced Wireless Settings screen displays.
5. Select the **Turn off wireless signal by schedule** check box.
This activates the schedule.
6. Click the **Apply** button.

Set up the Router in Bridge Mode

You can set up your R6250 Smart WiFi Router to run in Bridge mode. This mode lets you connect multiple devices wirelessly at the faster 802.11ac speed. To use the router in Bridge mode, you need two WiFi Routers: one set up as a router and the other set up as a bridge.

R6300 Smart WiFi Router



R6250 Smart WiFi Router in Bridge mode

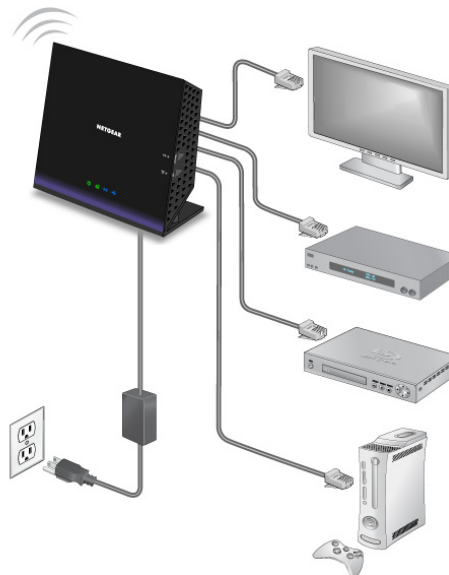


Figure 6. Router in Bridge mode with an 802.11ac WiFi connection

Installing your R6250 Smart WiFi Router as a bridge offers the following benefits:

- You can take advantage of gigabit WiFi speeds on current devices.
- Use Gigabit WiFi for applications like video and gaming.
- Connect multiple devices like NAS, Smart TV, NeoTV, Blu-ray Player, game console at gigabit WiFi speeds using a WiFi link.
- Avoid the need for separate WiFi adapters for each device.

For example, you could install the first router in a room like a home office that has your Internet connection. After this router is powered on and set up, set up the second router in Bridge mode. Then place the router in Bridge mode in a different room that has your home entertainment center. Cable the router in Bridge mode to your Smart TV, DVR, game console or Blu-ray player and use its 802.11ac WiFi connection to the first R6300 router.

➤ To set up Bridge mode:

1. Make a note of the WiFi settings of the other router to which this router will connect:
You need to know the SSID, WiFi security mode, wireless password, and operating frequency (either 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz).
2. On the R6250 Smart WiFi Router that will run in Bridge mode, select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Wireless Settings**.

3. Scroll down and select the **Use other operation mode** check box and the **Enable Bridge mode** radio button.

The screen adjusts.

use other operation mode
 Enable Bridge mode

Device Name: R6250

Get IP Address Dynamically
 IP Address: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0
 IP Subnet Mask: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0
 Gateway IP Address: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0

Get DNS Server Address Dynamically
 Primary DNS: . . .
 Secondary DNS: . . .

4. Click the **setup bridge mode wireless settings** button.

Wireless Settings

Apply Cancel

Choose a Wireless Networks: Wireless Networks (2.4Ghz b/g/n)

Name (SSID): NETGEAR65

Security Options

None
 WEP
 WPA-PSK [TKIP]
 WPA2-PSK [AES]
 WPA-PSK [TKIP] + WPA2-PSK [AES]

Password (Network Key): rusticbug325 (8-63 characters or 64 hex digits)

5. Specify the settings of the other router to which this router will connect.
 - a. Select the wireless network frequency (2.4 GHz or 5 GHz).
For 802.11ac mode, select 5 GHz.
 - b. In the Name (SSID) field, enter the wireless network name (SSID).
 - c. In the Security Option section, select a radio button.
 - d. If prompted, type the passphrase (the WiFi password that you use to connect wirelessly to the other router).

6. Click **Apply**.

The settings for the other router are saved and the Advanced Wireless Settings screen displays.

7. Click **Apply** on the Wireless Settings screen.

Your changes take effect.

View or Change WPS Settings

➤ **To specify WPS Settings:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Wireless Settings**.

The Router's PIN field displays the PIN that you use on a registrar (for example, from the Network Explorer on a Vista Windows computer) to configure the router's wireless settings through WPS.

2. (Optional) Select or clear the **Disable Router's PIN** check box.

The PIN function might temporarily be disabled when the router detects suspicious attempts to break into the router's wireless settings by using the router's PIN through WPS. You can manually enable the PIN function by clearing the Disable Router's PIN check box.

3. (Optional) Select or clear the **Keep Existing Wireless Settings** check box.

By default, the Keep Existing Wireless Settings check box is selected. NETGEAR recommends that you leave this check box selected.

If you clear this check box, the next time a new wireless client uses WPS to connect to the router, the router wireless settings change to an automatically generated random SSID and security key.

4. Click **Apply**.

Your changes are saved.

Set Up a Wireless Access List by MAC Address

You can set up a list of computers and wireless devices that are allowed to join the wireless network. This list is based on the unique MAC address of each computer and device.

Each network device has a MAC address, which is a unique 12-character physical address, containing the hexadecimal characters 0–9, a–f, or A–F only, and separated by colons (for example, 00:09:AB:CD:EF:01). Typically, the MAC address is on the label of the wireless card or network interface device. If you do not have access to the label, you can display the MAC address using the network configuration utilities of the computer. You might also find the MAC addresses in the Attached Devices screen.

➤ **To restrict access based on MAC addresses:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Wireless Settings**.
2. Click the **Setup Access List** button.

3. Click **Add**.

The Wireless Card Access Setup screen opens and displays a list of currently active wireless cards and their Ethernet MAC addresses.

4. If the computer or device you want is in the Available Wireless Cards list, select that radio button; otherwise, type a name and the MAC address.

You can usually find the MAC address on the bottom of the wireless device.

Tip: You can copy and paste the MAC addresses from the Attached Devices screen into the MAC Address field of this screen. To do this, use each wireless computer to join the wireless network. The computer should then display in the Attached Devices screen.

5. Click **Add**.

The screen changes back to the list screen.

6. Add each computer or device you want to allow to connect wirelessly.

7. Select the **Turn Access Control On** check box.

8. Click **Apply**.

➤ **To edit a wireless device or delete it from the access list:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Wireless Settings**.

The Advanced Wireless Settings screen displays.

2. In the table, select the radio button next to the wireless device that you want to edit or delete.

3. Do one of the following:

- Click the **Edit** button.

The Edit Wireless Card screen displays.

a. Edit the address information.

b. Click the **Accept** button.

- Click the **Delete** button.

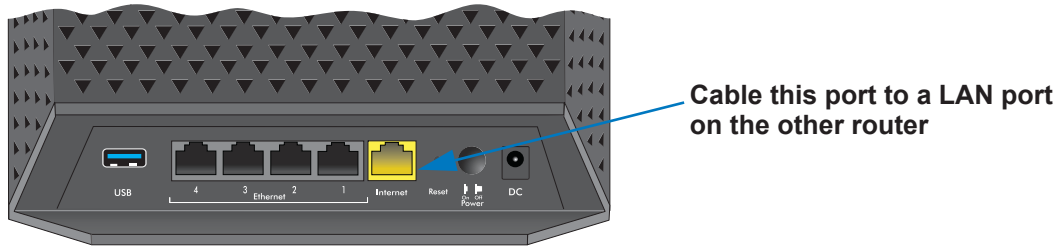
The address is removed from the table.

Wireless Access Point (AP)

You can set up the router to run as an access point (AP) on the same local network as another router.

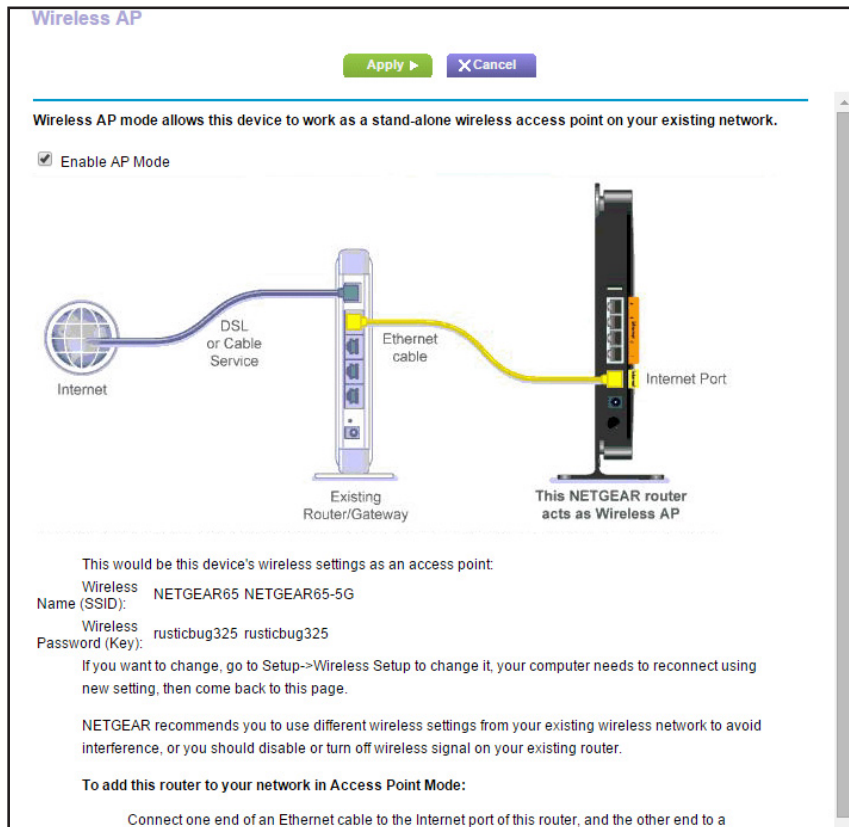
➤ To set up the router as an AP:

1. Use an Ethernet cable to connect the Internet port of this router to a LAN port in the other router.



2. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Wireless AP**.
3. Select the **Enable Access Point Mode** check box.

The AP Mode section of the screen expands.



4. Scroll down and select the check box for the IP address setting that you want to use:

- **Get an IP address dynamically from the other router.** The other router on the network assigns an IP address to this router while this router is in AP mode.
- **Fixed IP address (not recommended).** Use this setting if you want to manually assign a specific IP address to this router while it is in AP mode. Using this option effectively requires advanced network experience.

Note: If the other router or gateway in your network has wireless capability, NETGEAR recommends that you use different wireless settings on this router to avoid interference. You can also disable the wireless radio on the other router or gateway and use your router only for wireless client access.

5. Click the **Apply** button.

The IP address of the router changes, and you are disconnected. To reconnect, close and restart your web browser, and type **http://www.routerlogin.net**.

Dynamic DNS

Internet service providers (ISPs) assign numbers called IP addresses to identify each Internet account. Most ISPs use dynamically assigned IP addresses. This means that the IP address can change at any time. You can use the IP address to access your network remotely, but most people don't know what their IP addresses are or when this number changes.

To make it easier to connect, you can get a free account with a Dynamic DNS service that lets you use a domain name to access your home network. To use this account, you must set up the router to use Dynamic DNS. Then the router notifies the Dynamic DNS service provider whenever its IP address changes. When you access your Dynamic DNS account, the service finds the current IP address of your home network and automatically connects you.

If your ISP assigns a private WAN IP address (such as 192.168.x.x or 10.x.x.x), the Dynamic DNS service does not work because private addresses are not routed on the Internet.

Set Up a New Dynamic DNS Account

- **To set up Dynamic DNS and register for a free NETGEAR account:**

1. Launch an Internet browser from a computer or wireless device that is connected to the network.
2. Type **http://www.routerlogin.net** or **http://www.routerlogin.com**.

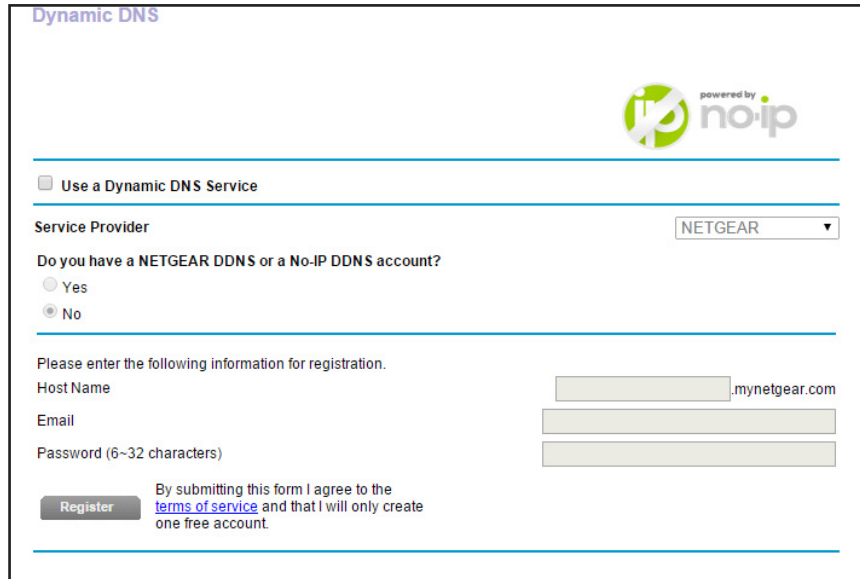
A login screen displays.

3. Enter the router user name and password.

The user name is **admin**. The default password is **password**. The user name and password are case-sensitive.

The BASIC Home screen displays.

4. Select **ADVANCED > Advanced Setup > Dynamic DNS.**



5. Select the **Use a Dynamic DNS Service** check box.

6. In the **Service Provider** list, select **NETGEAR**.

7. Select the **No** radio button.

8. In the **Host Name** field, type the name that you want to use for your URL.

The host name is sometimes called the domain name. Your free URL includes the host name that you specify, and ends with mynetgear.com. For example, specify *MyName.mynetgear.com*.

9. In the **Email** field, type the email address that you want to use for your account.

10. In the **Password (6-32 characters)** field, type the password for your account.

11. Click the **Register** button.

12. Follow the onscreen instructions to register for your NETGEAR Dynamic DNS service.

13. To check that Dynamic DNS is enabled in the router, click the **Show Status** button.

A message displays the Dynamic DNS status.

Specify a DNS Account That You Already Have

If you already have a Dynamic DNS account with NETGEAR no-ip, www.NoIP.com, or www.DynDNS.org, you can set up the router to use your account.

➤ **To set up Dynamic DNS if you already have an account:**

1. Launch an Internet browser from a computer or wireless device that is connected to the network.
2. Type <http://www.routerlogin.net> or <http://www.routerlogin.com>.

A login screen displays.

3. Enter the router user name and password.

The user name is **admin**. The default password is **password**. The user name and password are case-sensitive.

The BASIC Home screen displays.

4. Select **ADVANCED > Advanced Setup > Dynamic DNS**.

5. Select the **Use a Dynamic DNS Service** check box.
6. In the **Service Provider** list, select one of the following:
 - NETGEAR
 - NoIP.com
 - www.DynDNS.org
7. Select the **Yes** radio button.

The screen adjusts and displays the Show Status, Cancel, and Apply buttons.

8. In the **Host Name** field, type the host name (sometimes called the domain name) for your account.
9. For a www.NoIP or www.DynDNS account, in the **User Name** field, enter the user name for your account.
10. For a NETGEAR account at www.no-ip, in the **Email** field, type the email address for your account.
11. In the **Password (6-32 characters)** field, type the password for your DDNS account.
12. Click the **Apply** button.
Your changes are saved.
13. To verify that your Dynamic DNS service is enabled in the router, click the **Show Status** button.

A message displays the Dynamic DNS status.

Change the Dynamic DNS Settings

➤ To change your settings:

1. Launch an Internet browser from a computer or wireless device that is connected to the network.
2. Type **http://www.routerlogin.net** or **http://www.routerlogin.com**.
A login screen displays.
3. Enter the router user name and password.

The user name is **admin**. The default password is **password**. The user name and password are case-sensitive.

The BASIC Home screen displays.

4. Select **ADVANCED > Advanced Setup > Dynamic DNS**.
5. Change your DDNS account settings as necessary.
6. Click the **Apply** button.

Your changes are saved.

Static Routes

Static routes provide more routing information to your router. Typically, you do not need to add static routes. You have to configure static routes only for unusual cases such as multiple routers or multiple IP subnets on your network.

As an example of when a static route is needed, consider the following case:

- Your primary Internet access is through a cable modem to an ISP.
- You have an ISDN router on your home network for connecting to the company where you are employed. This router's address on your LAN is 192.168.1.100.
- Your company's network address is 134.177.0.0.

When you first configured your router, two implicit static routes were created. A default route was created with your ISP as the gateway, and a second static route was created to your local network for all 192.168.1.x addresses. With this configuration, if you attempt to access a device on the 134.177.0.0 network, your router forwards your request to the ISP. The ISP forwards your request to the company where you are employed, and the request is likely to be denied by the company's firewall.

In this case you have to define a static route, telling your router that 134.177.0.0 should be accessed through the ISDN router at 192.168.1.100. In this example:

- The Destination IP Address and IP Subnet Mask fields specify that this static route applies to all 134.177.x.x addresses.
- The Gateway IP Address field specifies that all traffic for these addresses should be forwarded to the ISDN router at 192.168.1.100.
- A metric value of 1 works because the ISDN router is on the LAN.
- Private is selected only as a precautionary security measure in case RIP is activated.

➤ To set up a static route:

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Static Routes**.

2. Click **Add**.

3. In the Route Name field, type a name for this static route (for identification purposes only.)

4. Select the **Private** check box if you want to limit access to the LAN only.

If Private is selected, the static route is not reported in RIP.

5. Select the **Active** check box to make this route effective.

6. Type the IP address of the final destination.

7. Type the IP subnet mask for this destination. If the destination is a single host, type **255.255.255.255**.

8. Type the gateway IP address, which has to be on the same LAN segment as the router.

9. Type a number from 1 through 15 as the metric value.

This value represents the number of routers between your network and the destination. Usually, a setting of 2 or 3 works, but if this is a direct connection, set it to 1.

10. Click the **Apply** button.

The static route is added.

➤ **To edit or delete a static route:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Static Routes**.

The Static Routes screen displays.

2. In the table, select the radio button next to the route that you want to edit or delete.

3. Do one of the following:

- Click the **Edit** button.

The Static Routes screen adjusts.

a. Edit the route information.

b. Click the **Apply** button.

- Click the **Delete** button.

The route is removed from the table.

Remote Management

The remote management feature lets you access your router over the Internet to view or change its settings.

Note: Be sure to change the router default login password to a secure password. The ideal password contains no dictionary words from any language and contains uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols. It can be up to 30 characters. See [Change the Password](#) on page 90.

➤ **To set up remote management:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Remote Management**.

2. Select the **Turn Remote Management On** check box.
3. Under **Allow Remote Access By**, specify the external IP addresses to be allowed to access the router's remote management.

Note: For enhanced security, restrict access to as few external IP addresses as practical.

- To allow access from a single IP address on the Internet, select **Only This Computer**. Enter the IP address that will be allowed access.
 - To allow access from a range of IP addresses on the Internet, select **IP Address Range**. Enter a beginning and ending IP address to define the allowed range.
 - To specify IP addresses, select **IP Address List** and type in the allowed IP addresses.
 - To allow access from any IP address on the Internet, select **Everyone**.
4. Specify the port number for accessing the web management interface.

Normal web browser access uses the standard HTTP service port 80. For greater security, enter a custom port number for the remote web management interface. Choose a number from 1024 to 65535, but do not use the number of any common service port. The default is 8080, which is a common alternate for HTTP.

5. Click the **Apply** button.

Your changes take effect.

6. When you access your router from the Internet, type your router's WAN IP address into your browser's address or location field followed by a colon (:) and the custom port number.

For example, if your external address is 134.177.0.123 and you use port number 8080, enter **http://134.177.0.123:8080** in your browser.

Universal Plug and Play

Universal Plug and Play (UPnP) helps devices, such as Internet appliances and computers, access the network and connect to other devices as needed. UPnP devices can automatically discover the services from other registered UPnP devices on the network.

If you use applications such as multiplayer gaming, peer-to-peer connections, or real-time communications such as instant messaging or remote assistance (a feature in Windows XP), you should enable UPnP.

➤ To turn on Universal Plug and Play:

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > UPnP**.

The UPnP screen displays.

Active	Protocol	Int. Port	Ext. Port	IP Address

2. Select the **Turn UPnP On** check box.

By default, this check box is selected. UPnP for automatic device configuration can be enabled or disabled. If the Turn UPnP On check box is cleared, the router does not allow any device to automatically control the resources, such as port forwarding (mapping), of the router.

3. Type the advertisement period in minutes.

The advertisement period specifies how often the router broadcasts its UPnP information. This value can range from 1 to 1440 minutes. The default period is 30 minutes. Shorter durations ensure that control points have current device status at the expense of more

network traffic. Longer durations can compromise the freshness of the device status, but can significantly reduce network traffic.

4. Type the advertisement time to live in hops.

The time to live for the advertisement is measured in hops (steps) for each UPnP packet sent. The time to live hop count is the number of steps a broadcast packet is allowed to propagate for each UPnP advertisement before it disappears. The number of hops can range from 1 to 255. The default value for the advertisement time to live is 4 hops, which should be fine for most home networks. If you notice that some devices are not being updated or reached correctly, it might be necessary to increase this value.

5. Click the **Apply** button.

The UPnP Portmap Table displays the IP address of each UPnP device that is accessing the router and which ports (internal and external) that device has opened. The UPnP Portmap Table also displays what type of port is open and whether that port is still active for each IP address.

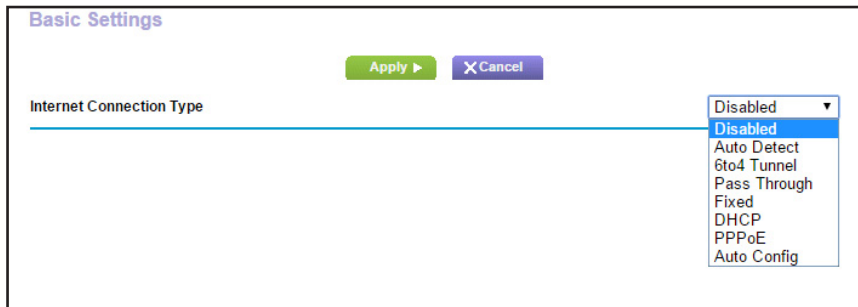
6. (Optional) To refresh the information in the UPnP Portmap Table, click the **Refresh** button.

IPv6

You can use this feature to set up an IPv6 Internet connection type if genie does not detect it automatically.

- **To set up an IPv6 Internet connection type:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > IPv6**.



2. In the Internet Connection Type list, select the IPv6 connection type.

Your Internet service provider (ISP) can provide this information.

- If your ISP did not provide details, you can select **IPv6 Tunnel**.
- If you are not sure, select **Auto Detect** so that the router detects the IPv6 type that is in use.
- If your Internet connection does not use PPPoE, DHCP, or fixed, but is IPv6, select **Auto Config**.

For more detailed information about Internet connection types, see the following sections.

3. Click the **Apply** button.

Your changes take effect.

Requirements for Entering IPv6 Addresses

IPv6 addresses are denoted by eight groups of hexadecimal quartets that are separated by colons. Any four-digit group of zeroes within an IPv6 address can be reduced to a single zero or altogether omitted.

The following errors invalidate an IPv6 address:

- More than eight groups of hexadecimal quartets
- More than four hexadecimal characters in a quartet
- More than two colons in a row

Auto Detect

- To set up an IPv6 Internet connection through auto detection:

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > IPv6**.

The IPv6 screen displays.

2. In the Internet Connection Type list, select **Auto Detect**.

The screen adjusts:

The screenshot shows the IPv6 configuration interface. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Apply' (green), 'Cancel' (blue), and 'Status Refresh' (blue). Below these is a dropdown menu for 'Internet Connection Type' set to 'Auto Detect'. Underneath, the 'Connection Type' is 'DHCP/Auto Detect'. The 'Router's IPv6 Address On WAN' field shows 'Not Available'. The 'LAN Setup' section shows 'Router's IPv6 Address On LAN' as 'Not Available'. The 'IP Address Assignment' section has two radio buttons: 'Use DHCP Server' (unselected) and 'Auto Config' (selected). At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Use This Interface ID' which is unchecked, followed by four empty input boxes for the interface ID.

The router automatically detects the information in the following fields:

- **Connection Type.** This field indicates the connection type that is detected.
- **Router's IPv6 Address on WAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's WAN (or Internet) interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix, which is also indicated by the underline (⏟) under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.
- **Router's IPv6 Address on LAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's LAN interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix,

which is also indicated by the underline () under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.

3. Specify how the router assigns IPv6 addresses to the devices on your home network (the LAN) by selecting one of the following radio buttons:
 - **Use DHCP Server.** This method passes more information to LAN devices, but some IPv6 systems might not support the DHCv6 client function.
 - **Auto Config.** This is the default setting.
4. (Optional) Select the **Use This Interface ID** check box, and specify the interface ID that you want to be used for the IPv6 address of the router's LAN interface.

If you do not specify an ID here, the router generates one automatically from its MAC address.

5. Click the **Apply** button.

IPv6 Auto Config

- **To set up an IPv6 Internet connection through auto configuration:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > IPv6**.

The IPv6 screen displays.

2. In the Internet Connection Type list, select **Auto Config**.

The screen adjusts:

The screenshot shows the IPv6 configuration interface. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Apply' (green), 'Cancel' (blue), and 'Status Refresh' (blue). Below these is a section for 'Internet Connection Type' with a dropdown menu set to 'Auto Config'. Underneath are three input fields: 'DHCP User Class (if Required)', 'DHCP Domain Name (if Required)', and 'Router's IPv6 Address On WAN' (displaying 'Not Available'). A horizontal line separates this from the 'LAN Setup' section. In 'LAN Setup', 'Router's IPv6 Address On LAN' also displays 'Not Available'. Below that is the 'IP Address Assignment' section with two radio buttons: 'Use DHCP Server' (unselected) and 'Auto Config' (selected). At the bottom, there is a 'Use This Interface ID' checkbox (unchecked) followed by four input fields for the interface ID.

The router automatically detects the information in the following fields:

- **Router's IPv6 Address on WAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's WAN (or Internet) interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix, which is also indicated by the underline () under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.
- **Router's IPv6 Address on LAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's LAN interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix,

which is also indicated by the underline () under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.

3. (Optional) In the DHCP User Class (If Required) field, enter a host name.
Most people do not need to fill in this field, but if your ISP has given you a specific host name, enter it here.
4. (Optional) In the Domain Name (If Required) field, enter a domain name.
You can type the domain name of your IPv6 ISP. (Do not enter the domain name for the IPv4 ISP here.) For example, if your ISP's mail server is mail.xxx.yyy.zzz, you would type xxx.yyy.zzz as the domain name. If your ISP provided a domain name, type it in this field. (For example, Earthlink Cable might require a host name of home, and Comcast sometimes supplies a domain name.)
5. Specify how the router assigns IPv6 addresses to the devices on your home network (the LAN) by selecting one of the following radio buttons:
 - **Use DHCP Server.** This method passes more information to LAN devices, but some IPv6 systems might not support the DHCv6 client function.
 - **Auto Config.** This is the default setting.
6. (Optional) Select the **Use This Interface ID** check box, and specify the interface ID that you want to be used for the IPv6 address of the router's LAN interface.
If you do not specify an ID here, the router generates one automatically from its MAC address.
7. Click the **Apply** button.

IPv6 6to4 Tunnel

The remote relay router is the router to which your router creates the 6to4 tunnel. Make sure that the IPv4 Internet connection is working before you apply the 6to4 tunnel settings for the IPv6 connection.

- **To set up an IPv6 Internet connection by using a 6to4 tunnel:**
 1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > IPv6**.
The IPv6 screen displays.
 2. In the Internet Connection Type list, select **6to4 Tunnel**.

The screen adjusts:

The router automatically detects the information in the following fields:

- **Router's IPv6 Address on WAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's WAN (or Internet) interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix, which is also indicated by the underline () under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.
 - **Router's IPv6 Address on LAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's LAN interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix, which is also indicated by the underline () under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.
3. Configure the remote 6to4 relay router settings by selecting one of the following buttons:
 - **Auto.** Your router uses any remote relay router that is available on the Internet. This is the default setting.
 - **Static IP Address.** Enter the static IPv4 address of the remote relay router. This address is usually provided by your IPv6 ISP.
 4. Specify how the router assigns IPv6 addresses to the devices on your home network (the LAN) by selecting one of the following radio buttons:
 - **Use DHCP Server.** This method passes more information to LAN devices, but some IPv6 systems might not support the DHCPv6 client function.
 - **Auto Config.** This is the default setting.
 5. (Optional) Select the **Use This Interface ID** check box, and specify the interface ID that you want to be used for the IPv6 address of the router's LAN interface.

If you do not specify an ID here, the router generates one automatically from its MAC address.

6. Click the **Apply** button.

IPv6 Pass Through

In pass-through mode, the router works as a Layer 2 Ethernet switch with two ports (LAN and WAN Ethernet ports) for IPv6 packets. The router does not process any IPv6 header packets.

➤ **To set up a pass-through IPv6 Internet connection:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > IPv6**.

The IPv6 screen displays.

2. In the Internet Connection Type list, select **Pass Through**.

The screen adjusts, but no additional fields display.

3. Click the **Apply** button.

IPv6 Fixed

➤ **To set up a pass-through IPv6 Internet connection:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > IPv6**.

The IPv6 screen displays.

2. Select **Fixed** from the menu.

The screen adjusts:

The screenshot shows the IPv6 configuration interface. At the top right, there are 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons. Below them, the 'Internet Connection Type' is set to 'Fixed'. The 'WAN Setup' section contains the following fields:

- IPv6 Address/Prefix Length:** A row of eight input boxes for the IPv6 address and one for the prefix length.
- Default IPv6 Gateway:** A row of eight input boxes for the gateway address.
- Primary DNS:** A row of eight input boxes for the primary DNS address.
- Secondary DNS:** A row of eight input boxes for the secondary DNS address.

The 'LAN Setup' section includes:

- IP Address Assignment:** Two radio buttons: 'Use DHCP Server' (unselected) and 'Auto Config' (selected).
- IPv6 Address/Prefix Length:** A row of eight input boxes for the LAN IPv6 address and one for the prefix length.

3. Configure the fixed IPv6 addresses for the WAN connection.

The following fields are included in this screen:

- **IPv6 Address/Prefix Length.** The IPv6 address and prefix length of the router WAN interface.

- **Default IPv6 Gateway.** The IPv6 address of the default IPv6 gateway, which is supposed to be on the router's WAN interface.
- **Primary DNS Server.** The primary DNS server that resolves IPv6 domain name records for the router.
- **Secondary DNS Server.** The secondary DNS server that resolves IPv6 domain name records for the router.

Note: If you do not specify the DNS servers, the router uses the DNS servers that are configured for the IPv4 Internet connection on the Internet Setup screen. (See *Internet Setup* on page 20.)

4. Specify how the router assigns IPv6 addresses to the devices on your home network (the LAN) by selecting one of the following radio buttons:
 - **Use DHCP Server.** This method passes more information to LAN devices, but some IPv6 systems might not support the DHCPv6 client function.
 - **Auto Config.** This is the default setting.
5. In the IPv6 Address/Prefix Length fields, specify the static IPv6 address and prefix length of the router's LAN interface.

If you do not specify an ID here, the router generates one automatically from its MAC address.

6. Click the **Apply** button.

IPv6 DHCP

➤ **To set up an IPv6 Internet connection with a DHCP server:**

1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > IPv6**.

The IPv6 screen displays.

2. In the Internet Connection Type list, select **DHCP**.

The screen adjusts:

The screenshot shows the IPv6 Internet Setup configuration page. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Apply' (green), 'Cancel' (blue), and 'Status Refresh' (blue). Below these, the 'Internet Connection Type' is set to 'DHCP' in a dropdown menu. Underneath, there are input fields for 'User Class (if Required)', 'Domain Name (if Required)', and 'Router's IPv6 Address On WAN', all of which are currently empty. Below these fields, the 'LAN Setup' section is visible, showing 'Router's IPv6 Address On LAN' as 'Not Available'. Under 'IP Address Assignment', the 'Use DHCP Server' radio button is selected, and the 'Auto Config' radio button is also selected. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Use This Interface ID' which is unchecked, followed by four empty input boxes for the interface ID.

The router automatically detects the information in the following fields:

- **Router's IPv6 Address on WAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's WAN (or Internet) interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix, which is also indicated by the underline () under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.
 - **Router's IPv6 Address on LAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's LAN interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix, which is also indicated by the underline () under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.
3. (Optional) In the DHCP User Class (If Required) field, enter a host name.
Most people do not need to fill in this field, but if your ISP has given you a specific host name, enter it here.
 4. (Optional) In the Domain Name (If Required) field, enter a domain name.
You can type the domain name of your IPv6 ISP. (Do not enter the domain name for the IPv4 ISP here.) For example, if your ISP's mail server is mail.xxx.yyy.zzz, you would type xxx.yyy.zzz as the domain name. If your ISP provided a domain name, type it in this field. (For example, Earthlink Cable might require a host name of home, and Comcast sometimes supplies a domain name.)
 5. Specify how the router assigns IPv6 addresses to the devices on your home network (the LAN) by selecting one of the following radio buttons:
 - **Use DHCP Server.** This method passes more information to LAN devices, but some IPv6 systems might not support the DHCv6 client function.
 - **Auto Config.** This is the default setting.
 6. (Optional) Select the **Use This Interface ID** check box, and specify the interface ID that you want to be used for the IPv6 address of the router's LAN interface.
If you do not specify an ID here, the router generates one automatically from its MAC address.
 7. Click the **Apply** button.

IPv6 PPPoE

- **To set up a PPPoE IPv6 Internet connection:**
 1. Select **Advanced > Advanced Setup > IPv6**.
The IPv6 screen displays.
 2. In the Internet Connection Type list, select **PPPoE**.

The screen adjusts:

The screenshot shows a configuration page for the R6250 Smart WiFi Router. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Apply' (green), 'Cancel' (blue), and 'Status Refresh' (blue). Below these buttons, the 'Internet Connection Type' is set to 'PPPoE'. The 'Login' field is empty. The 'Password' field is empty. The 'Service Name (If Required)' field is empty. The 'Connection Mode' is set to 'Always On'. The 'Router's IPv6 Address On WAN' field displays 'Not Available'. Below this, the 'LAN Setup' section shows 'Router's IPv6 Address On LAN' as 'Not Available'. Under 'IP Address Assignment', the 'Auto Config' radio button is selected. There is also a checkbox for 'Use This Interface ID' which is unchecked, with four empty input boxes below it.

The router automatically detects the information in the following fields:

- **Router's IPv6 Address on WAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's WAN (or Internet) interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix, which is also indicated by the underline () under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.
 - **Router's IPv6 Address on LAN.** This field shows the IPv6 address that is acquired for the router's LAN interface. The number after the slash (/) is the length of the prefix, which is also indicated by the underline () under the IPv6 address. If no address is acquired, the field displays Not Available.
3. In the Login fields, enter the login information for the ISP connection.

This is usually the name that you use in your email address. For example, if your main mail account is JerAB@ISP.com, then you would type JerAB in this field. Some ISPs (like Mindspring, Earthlink, and T-DSL) require that you use your full email address when you log in. If your ISP requires your full email address, type it in this field.

4. In the Password field, enter the password for the ISP connection.
5. In the Service Name name field, enter a service name.

If your ISP did not provide a service name, leave this field blank.

Note: The default setting of the Connection Mode field is Always on to provide a steady IPv6 connection. The router never terminates the connection. If the connection is terminated, for example, when the modem is turned off, the router attempts to reestablish the connection immediately after the PPPoE connection becomes available again.

6. Specify how the router assigns IPv6 addresses to the devices on your home network (the LAN) by selecting one of the following radio buttons:

- **Use DHCP Server.** This method passes more information to LAN devices, but some IPv6 systems might not support the DHCv6 client function.
 - **Auto Config.** This is the default setting.
- (Optional) Select the **Use This Interface ID** check box, and specify the interface ID that you want to be used for the IPv6 address of the router's LAN interface.
If you do not specify an ID here, the router generates one automatically from its MAC address.
 - Click the **Apply** button.

Traffic Meter

Traffic metering allows you to monitor the volume of Internet traffic that passes through the router Internet port. You can set limits for traffic volume.

➤ To monitor Internet traffic:

- Click **Advanced > Advanced Setup > Traffic Meter**.

Traffic Meter

Apply Cancel

Internet Traffic Meter

Enable Traffic Meter

Traffic volume control by No limit

Monthly limit (Mbytes)

Round up data volume for each connection by (Mbytes)

Connection time control

Monthly limit (hours)

Traffic Counter

Restart traffic counter at am On the day of each month

Restart Counter Now

Traffic Control

Pop up a warning message Mbytes/Minutes before the monthly limit is reached

When the monthly limit is reached

Turn the Internet LED to flashing white/amber

Disconnect and disable the Internet connection

Internet Traffic Statistics

Start Date/Time: Wednesday, 01 Apr 2015 00:00
Current Date/Time: Wednesday, 08 Apr 2015 17:38
Traffic Volume Left: No limit

Period	Connection Time	Traffic Volume (Mbytes)
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Scroll to view more settings

- Select the **Enable Traffic Meter** check box.
- (Optional) Control the volume of Internet traffic.

You can use either the traffic volume control feature or the connection time control feature to do this.

- Select the **Traffic volume control by** radio button and then select one of the following options:
 - **No Limit.** No restriction is applied when the traffic limit is reached.

- **Download only.** The restriction is applied to incoming traffic only.
 - **Both Directions.** The restriction is applied to both incoming and outgoing traffic.
 - Select the **Connection time control** radio button and enter the allowed hours in the Monthly limit field.
4. (Optional) If your ISP charges an amount of extra data volume when you make a new connection, enter the extra data volume in MB in the Round up data volume for each connection by field.
 5. In the Traffic Counter section, set the traffic counter to begin at a specific time and date.
If you want the traffic counter to start immediately, click the **Restart Counter Now** button.
 6. In the Traffic Control section, specify whether the router should issue a warning message before the monthly limit of Mbytes or hours is reached.

By default, the value is 0 and no warning message is issued. You can select one of the following to occur when the limit is attained:
 - The Internet LED flashes green or amber.
 - The Internet connection is disconnected and disabled.
 7. Click the **Apply** button.

The Internet Traffic Statistics section helps you to monitor the data traffic.

Click the **Refresh** button to update the Traffic Statistics section.

Click the **Traffic Status** button to display more information about the data traffic on your router and to change the poll interval.

This chapter provides information to help you diagnose and solve problems you might have with your router. If you do not find the solution here, check the NETGEAR support site at <http://support.netgear.com> for product and contact information.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- *Quick Tips*
- *Troubleshoot with the LEDs*
- *Cannot Log In to the Router*
- *Cannot Access the Internet*
- *Changes Not Saved*
- *Wireless Connectivity*
- *Troubleshoot Your Network Using the Ping Utility*

Quick Tips

This section describes tips for troubleshooting some common problems.

Sequence to Restart Your Network

When you need to restart your network, follow this sequence:

1. Turn off *and* unplug the modem.
2. Turn off the router.
3. Plug in the modem and turn it on. Wait 2 minutes.
4. Turn on the router and wait 2 minutes.

Check Ethernet Cable Connections

If your device does not power on, make sure that the Ethernet cables are securely plugged in.

- The Internet LED on the router is on if the Ethernet cable connecting the router and the modem is plugged in securely and the modem and router are turned on.
- For each powered-on computer connected to the router by an Ethernet cable, the corresponding numbered router LAN port LED is on.

Wireless Settings

Make sure that the wireless settings in the computer and router match exactly.

- For a wirelessly connected computer, the wireless network name (SSID) and wireless security settings of the router and wireless computer need to match exactly.
- If you set up an access list in the Advanced Wireless Settings screen, you have to add each wireless computer's MAC address to the router's access list.


Network Settings

Make sure that the network settings of the computer are correct.

- Wired and wirelessly connected computers need to have network (IP) addresses on the same network as the router. The simplest way to do this, is to configure each computer to obtain an IP address automatically using DHCP.
- Some cable modem service providers require you to use the MAC address of the computer initially registered on the account. You can view the MAC address in the Attached Devices screen.

Troubleshoot with the LEDs

After you turn on power to the router, the following sequence of events should occur:

1. When power is first applied, verify that the Power/Test LED  is lit.
2. Verify that the Power LED lights amber within a few seconds, indicating that the self-test is running.
3. After approximately 30 seconds, verify the following:
 - The Power LED lights solid green.
 - The Internet LED is lit.

The LEDs on the front panel of the router can be used for troubleshooting.

Power LED Is Off or Blinking

- Make sure that the power cord is securely connected to your router and that the power adapter is securely connected to a functioning power outlet.
- Check that you are using the 12V DC, 2.5A power adapter that NETGEAR supplied for this product.
- If the Power LED blinks slowly and continuously, the router firmware is corrupted. This can happen if a firmware upgrade is interrupted, or if the router detects a problem with the firmware. If the error persists, you have a hardware problem. For recovery instructions, or help with a hardware problem, contact technical support at www.netgear.com/support.

Power LED Stays Amber

When the router is turned on, the Power LED lights amber for about 20 seconds and then lights green. If the LED does not turn green, the router has a problem.

If the Power LED is still amber one minute after you turn on power to the router:

1. Turn off the power and then turn it back on to see if the router recovers.
2. Press and hold the **Reset** button to return the router to its factory settings.

See *Troubleshoot Your Network Using the Ping Utility* on page 126.

If the error persists, you might have a hardware problem. Contact technical support at www.netgear.com/support.

LEDs Never Turn Off

When the router is turned on, the LEDs turn on for about 10 seconds and then turn off. If all the LEDs stay on, there is a fault within the router.

If all LEDs are still on 1 minute after power-up:

- Cycle the power to see if the router recovers.
- Press and hold the **Reset** button to return the router to its factory settings. For more information, see *Troubleshoot Your Network Using the Ping Utility* on page 126.

If the error persists, you might have a hardware problem. Contact technical support at www.netgear.com/support.

Internet or Ethernet Port LEDs Are Off

If either the Ethernet port LEDs or the Internet LED does not light when the Ethernet connection is made, check the following:

- Make sure that the Ethernet cable connections are secure at the router and at the modem or computer.
- Make sure that power is turned on to the connected modem or computer.
- Be sure that you are using the correct cable.

When connecting the router's Internet port to a cable or DSL modem, use the cable that was supplied with the cable or DSL modem. This cable could be a standard straight-through Ethernet cable or an Ethernet crossover cable.

WiFi LED Is Off

If the WiFi LED stays off, check to see if the WiFi On/Off button on the router has been pressed. This button turns the wireless radios in the router on and off. The Wireless LED is lit when the wireless radio is turned on.

Cannot Log In to the Router

If you are unable to log in to the router from a computer on your local network, check the following:

- If you are using an Ethernet-connected computer, check the Ethernet connection between the computer and the router as described in the previous section.
- Make sure that the IP address of your computer is on the same subnet as the router. If you are using the recommended addressing scheme, your computer's address should be in the range of 192.168.1.2 to 192.168.1.254.
- If your computer's IP address is shown as 169.254.x.x, recent versions of Windows and Mac OS generate and assign an IP address if the computer cannot reach a DHCP server. These autogenerated addresses are in the range of 169.254.x.x. If your IP address is in

this range, check the connection from the computer to the router, and reboot your computer.

- If your router's IP address was changed and you do not know the current IP address, clear the router's configuration to factory defaults. This sets the router's IP address to 192.168.1.1. For more information, see *Factory Settings* on page 129.
- Make sure that your browser has Java, JavaScript, or ActiveX enabled. If you are using Internet Explorer, click **Refresh** to be sure that the Java applet is loaded.
- Try quitting the browser and launching it again.
- Make sure that you are using the correct login information. The factory default login name is **admin**, and the password is **password**. Make sure that Caps Lock is off when you enter this information.
- If you are attempting to set up your NETGEAR router as an additional router behind an existing router in your network, consider replacing the existing router. NETGEAR does not support such a configuration.
- If you are attempting to set up your NETGEAR router as a replacement for an ADSL gateway in your network, the router cannot perform many gateway services. For example, the router cannot convert ADSL or cable data into Ethernet networking information. NETGEAR does not support such a configuration.

Cannot Access the Internet

If you can access your router but not the Internet, check to see if the router can obtain an IP address from your Internet service provider (ISP). Unless your ISP provides a fixed IP address, your router requests an IP address from the ISP. You can determine whether the request was successful using the Router Status screen.

➤ To check the WAN IP address:

1. Start your browser, and select an external site such as www.netgear.com.
2. Access the router interface at **www.routerlogin.net**.
3. Select **Administration > Router Status**.
4. Check that an IP address is shown for the Internet port. If 0.0.0.0 is shown, your router has not obtained an IP address from your ISP.

If your router cannot obtain an IP address from the ISP, you might need to force your cable or DSL modem to recognize your new router by restarting your network. For more information, see *Sequence to Restart Your Network* on page 120.

If your router is still unable to obtain an IP address from the ISP, the problem might be one of the following:

- Your Internet service provider (ISP) might require a login program. Ask your ISP whether they require PPP over Ethernet (PPPoE) or some other type of login.
- If your ISP requires a login, the login name and password might be set incorrectly.

- Your ISP might check for your computer's host name. Assign the computer host name of your ISP account as the account name in the Internet Setup screen.
- Your ISP allows only one Ethernet MAC address to connect to Internet and might check for your computer's MAC address. In this case, do one of the following:
 - Inform your ISP that you have bought a new network device, and ask them to use the router's MAC address.
 - Configure your router to clone your computer's MAC address.

If your router can obtain an IP address, but your computer is unable to load any web pages from the Internet:

- Your computer might not recognize any DNS server addresses.

A DNS server is a host on the Internet that translates Internet names (such as www addresses) to numeric IP addresses. Typically, your ISP provides the addresses of one or two DNS servers for your use. If you entered a DNS address during the router's configuration, reboot your computer, and verify the DNS address. You can configure your computer manually with DNS addresses, as explained in your operating system documentation.
- Your computer might not have the router configured as its TCP/IP gateway.

If your computer obtains its information from the router by DHCP, reboot the computer, and verify the gateway address.
- You might be running login software that is no longer needed.

If your ISP provided a program to log you in to the Internet (such as WinPoET), you no longer need to run that software after installing your router. You might need to go to Internet Explorer and select **Tools > Internet Options**, click the **Connections** tab, and select **Never dial a connection**.

Troubleshoot PPPoE

If you are using PPPoE, try troubleshooting your Internet connection.

➤ To troubleshoot a PPPoE connection:

1. Select **Administration > Router Status**.
2. Click **Connection Status**.
3. Check the Connection Status display to see if your PPPoE connection is up and working.
4. If any of the fields on the Connection Status screen indicate Failed, you can attempt to reconnect by clicking **Connect**. The router continues to attempt to connect indefinitely.
5. If you cannot connect after several minutes, you might be using an incorrect service name, user name, or password. There might also be a provisioning problem with your ISP.

Unless you connect manually, the router does not authenticate using PPPoE until data is transmitted to the network.

Troubleshoot Internet Browsing

If your router can obtain an IP address but your computer is unable to load any web pages from the Internet, check the following:

- Your computer might not recognize any DNS server addresses. A DNS server is a host on the Internet that translates Internet names (such as www addresses) to numeric IP addresses.

Typically, your ISP provides the addresses of one or two DNS servers for your use. If you entered a DNS address during the router's configuration, restart your computer.

Alternatively, you can configure your computer manually with a DNS address, as explained in the documentation for your computer.

- Your computer might not have the router configured as its default gateway.

Reboot the computer and verify that the router address (www.routerlogin.net) is listed by your computer as the default gateway address.

- You might be running log in software that is no longer needed. If your ISP provided a program to log you in to the Internet (such as WinPoET), you no longer need to run that software after installing your router. You might need to go to Internet Explorer and select **Tools > Internet Options**, click the **Connections** tab, and select **Never dial a connection**.

Changes Not Saved

If the router does not save the changes you make in the router interface, check the following:

- When entering configuration settings, always click the **Apply** button before moving to another screen or tab, or your changes are lost.
- Click the **Refresh** or **Reload** button in the web browser. The changes might have occurred, but the old settings might be in the web browser's cache.

Wireless Connectivity

If you are having trouble connecting wirelessly to the router, try to isolate the problem.

- Does the wireless device or computer that you are using find your wireless network?

If not, check the WiFi LED on the router. If it is off, you can press the **WiFi On/Off** button on the router to turn the router wireless radios back on.

If you disabled the router's SSID broadcast, then your wireless network is hidden and does not display in your wireless client's scanning list. (By default, SSID broadcast is enabled.)

- Does your wireless device support the security that you are using for your wireless network (WPA or WPA2)?

- If you want to view the wireless settings for the router, use an Ethernet cable to connect a computer to a LAN port on the router. Then log in to the router, and select **Wireless** see (*Basic Wireless Settings* on page 22).

Note: Be sure to click **Apply** if you change settings.

Wireless Signal Strength

If your wireless device finds your network, but the signal strength is weak, check these conditions:

- Is your router too far from your computer, or too close? Place your computer near the router, but at least 6 feet (1.8 meters) away, and see whether the signal strength improves.
- Are objects between the router and your computer blocking the wireless signal?

Troubleshoot Your Network Using the Ping Utility

Most network devices and routers contain a ping utility that sends an echo request packet to the designated device. The device then responds with an echo reply. You can easily troubleshoot a network is easy using the ping utility in your computer or workstation.

Test the LAN Path to Your Router

You can ping the router from your computer to verify that the LAN path to your router is set up correctly.

➤ To ping the router from a Windows computer:

1. From the Windows toolbar, click **Start** and select **Run**.
2. In the field provided, type **ping** followed by the IP address of the router, as in this example:
ping www.routerlogin.net
3. Click **OK**.

You should see a message like this one:

```
Pinging <IP address > with 32 bytes of data
```

If the path is working, you see this message:

```
Reply from < IP address >: bytes=32 time=NN ms TTL=xxx
```

If the path is not working, you see this message:

```
Request timed out
```

If the path is not functioning correctly, you could have one of the following problems:

- Wrong physical connections

For a wired connection, make sure that the numbered LAN port LED is lit for the port to which you are connected.

Check that the appropriate LEDs are on for your network devices. If your router and computer are connected to a separate Ethernet switch, make sure that the link LEDs are lit for the switch ports that are connected to your computer and router.

- Wrong network configuration

Verify that the Ethernet card driver software and TCP/IP software are both installed and configured on your computer.

Verify that the IP address for your router and your computer are correct and that the addresses are on the same subnet.

Test the Path from Your Computer to a Remote Device

After verifying that the LAN path works correctly, test the path from your computer to a remote device.

1. From the Windows toolbar, click the **Start** button and select **Run**.
2. In the Windows Run window, type:

ping -n 10 <IP address>

where <IP address> is the IP address of a remote device such as your ISP's DNS server.

If the path is functioning correctly, replies like those shown in the previous section are displayed.

If you do not receive replies:

- Check that your computer has the IP address of your router listed as the default gateway. If the IP configuration of your computer is assigned by DHCP, this information is not visible in your computer Network Control Panel. Verify that the IP address of the router is listed as the default gateway.
- Check to see that the network address of your computer (the portion of the IP address specified by the subnet mask) is different from the network address of the remote device.
- Check that your cable or DSL modem is connected and functioning.
- If your ISP assigned a host name to your computer, enter that host name as the account name in the Internet Setup screen.
- Your ISP could be rejecting the Ethernet MAC addresses of all but one of your computers.

Many broadband ISPs restrict access by allowing traffic only from the MAC address of your broadband modem. Some ISPs additionally restrict access to the MAC address of a single computer connected to that modem. If so, configure your router to "clone" or "spoof" the MAC address from the authorized computer.

A Supplemental Information

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This appendix covers the following topics:

- *Factory Settings*
- *Technical Specifications*

Factory Settings

You can return the router to its factory settings. Use the end of a paper clip or a similar object to press and hold the **Reset** button on the back of the router for at least 7 seconds. The router resets, and returns to the factory configuration settings shown in the following table.

Table 3. Factory default settings

Feature		Default behavior
Router login	User login URL	www.routerlogin.com or www.routerlogin.net
	User name (case-sensitive)	admin
	Login password (case-sensitive)	password
Internet connection	WAN MAC address	Use default hardware address
	WAN MTU size	1500
	Port speed	AutoSensing
Local network (LAN)	LAN IP	192.168.1.1
	Subnet mask	255.255.255.0
	DHCP server	Enabled
	DHCP range	192.168.1.2 to 192.168.1.254
	Time zone	Pacific time
	Time zone daylight savings time	Disabled
	Allow a registrar to configure this router	Enabled
Local network (LAN) continued	DHCP starting IP address	192.168.1.2
	DHCP ending IP address	192.168.1.254
	DMZ	Disabled
	Time zone	GMT for WW except NA and GR, GMT+1 for GR, GMT-8 for NA
	Time zone adjusted for daylight savings time	Disabled
	SNMP	Disabled
Firewall	Inbound (communications coming in from the Internet)	Disabled (except traffic on port 80, the HTTP port)
	Outbound (communications going out to the Internet)	Enabled (all)
	Source MAC filtering	Disabled

Table 3. Factory default settings (continued)

Feature		Default behavior
Wireless	Wireless communication	Enabled
	SSID name	See router label
	Security	WPA2-PSK (AES)
	Broadcast SSID	Enabled
	Transmission speed	Auto*
	Country/region	United States in the US; otherwise varies by region
	RF channel	6 until region selected
	Operating mode	Up to 145 Mbps at 2.4 GHz, 1300 Mbps at 5 GHz
Firewall	Inbound (communications coming in from the Internet)	Disabled (bars all unsolicited requests)
	Outbound (communications going out to the Internet)	Enabled (all)

*. Maximum wireless signal rate derived from IEEE Standard 802.11 specifications. Actual throughput can vary. Network conditions and environmental factors, including volume of network traffic, building materials and construction, and network overhead, lower actual data throughput rate.

Technical Specifications

Table 4. R6250 Router specifications

Feature	Description
Data and routing protocols	TCP/IP, RIP-1, RIP-2, DHCP, PPPoE, PPTP, Bigpond, Dynamic DNS, UPnP, and SMB
Power adapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North America: 120V, 60 Hz, input • UK, Australia: 240V, 50 Hz, input • Europe: 230V, 50 Hz, input • All regions (output): 12V DC @ 2.5A, output
Dimensions	Dimensions: 195 x 199 x 65 mm (7.68 x 7.84 x 2.56 in)
Weight	Weight: 417 (0.921 lb)
Operating temperature	0° to 40° C (32° to 104° F)
Operating humidity	90% maximum relative humidity, noncondensing
Electromagnetic emissions	FCC Part 15 Class B VCCI Class B EN 55 022 (CISPR 22), Class B C-Tick N10947
LAN	10BASE-T or 100BASE-TX or 1000BASE-T, RJ-45
WAN	10BASE-T or 100BASE-TX or 1000BASE-T, RJ-45
Wireless	Maximum wireless signal rate complies with the IEEE 802.11 standard. See the footnote for the previous table.
Radio data rates	Auto Rate Sensing
Data encoding standards	IEEE 802.11ac 2.0 IEEE 802.11n version 2.0 IEEE 802.11n, IEEE 802.11g, IEEE 802.11b 2.4 GHz IEEE 802.11n, IEEE 802.11a 5.0 GHz
Maximum computers per wireless network	Limited by the amount of wireless network traffic generated by each node (typically 50–70 nodes).

Table 4. R6250 Router specifications (continued)

Feature	Description
Operating frequency range	2.4 GHz 2.412–2.462 GHz (US) 2.412–2.472 GHz (Japan) 2.412–2.472 GHz (Europe ETSI) 5 GHz 5.18–5.24 + 5.745–5.825 GHz (US) 5.18–5.24 GHz (Europe ETSI) FCC: 5.25–5.35 GHz (DFS band) 5.47–5.725 GHz (DFS band) 5600–5650 MHz is disabled and unavailable for use CE (Europe ETSI): 5.25–5.35 GHz (DFS band) 5.47–5.725 GHz (DFS band)
802.11 security	WPA-PSK, WPA2-PSK, and WPA/WPA2