

## Re: Joining a wireless network

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Ben Clement wrote:

I just moved in a new apartment, and the owner has a wireless internet connection. I just bought a laptop with Windows 2000, with a wireless card included in the computer. I want to join to that connection, but I searched everywhere I could on my computer and did not find a way to connect to it.

Must I install anything ? I looked in the "support" section and, but I only found very complicated articles that did not seem to concern me. While I'm not that dumb when it comes to computers, me and the owner are far from being pro's, so I'm left alone...

I can only have access to Internet once in a while at a friend's place, but any suggestion might help me greatly. Thank you !

In a nutshell:

Unlike XP, Windows 2000 does not have built-in wireless software, so, as well as the driver for the wireless card, you'll need to have installed software from the manufacturer to manage connections.

So: 1) Have a look in Device Manager to see if the card is shown as "working" and then 2) hunt around for software by the manufacturer. 3) When it shows you a list of available networks, there will normally be a "Connect" button, and if the network is properly set up, you'll need to enter a code of some sort to get on.

Hope that helps!

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