

## Re: Can I change a wireless router into just a wireless hub?

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In article <5b4ff628.0405241539.4e7e7dde@posting.google.com>, rayoflight@21cn.com (Dongbo Zhang) wrote:

>I current setup is using a wired hub to connect two PCs to a dsl  
>modem. I can get two different IPs from my ISP for those two PCs via  
>DHCP.

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>Now I brought a Netgear 814 wireless router in hope to upgrade my home  
>network. But the problem is, by using the router, I no longer could  
>assign two distinct IP address to my two PCs. What they get from the  
>router is two private ip address which is not what I desired.

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>So I'm wondering if there's anyway that I can change the wireless  
>router simply into a wireless hub? That is, I don't need the routing  
>at all, I need only to use it as a hub. I don't care about the  
>security issues or so forth. I just need to give my two PCs two real  
>IP addresses. Can any expert here give me any suggestions on how to  
>achieve it?

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>Thanks very much!

Yes, you can do that:

1. Using one of the computers, access the wireless router's built-in web server and disable the router's DHCP server.
2. Connect the DSL modem to one of the router's LAN ports, not to its WAN port.

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Best Wishes,

Steve Winograd, MS-MVP (Windows Networking)

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