

# Re: wireless networking

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In article <89293A91-B9A5-4B48-A8D5-9AE02DD71679@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, noname <[noname@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:noname@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

One P4 with windows xp and one p2 with windows 98. for wireless networking with computers in different rooms on same floor, Perhaps I need only 2 things wireless router and wireless usb card . right? which brands are better and cheaper in both? thanks

Yes, that's all the equipment you need, provided that the Windows 98 computer has a wired Ethernet adapter.

Get a wireless router, put it in the same room as the Windows 98 computer, and connect it to the computer using an Ethernet cable. It's hard to find wireless network cards that work with Windows 98, so a wired connection to the router is better.

Connect a wireless USB card to the Windows XP computer in the other room.

In brands that are widely available in the USA, I've had good luck, over many years, with Netgear, D-Link, and Belkin. I've had so many problems with Linksys that I won't buy or recommend it.

I'm testing a new (to me) brand called ZyXEL, which is available at CompUSA stores. The ZyXEL wireless router worked perfectly right out of the box. The ZyXEL USB card installed easily and is working fine on XP and Windows 98 Second Edition. I had some problems installing it on original Windows 98, but it's now installed and working fine.

The ZyXEL card is the best way I know of to get WPA encryption capability, using the provided Funk Odyssey Client software, on Windows 98 and Me.

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Best Wishes,  
Steve Winograd, MS-MVP (Windows Networking)

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