

Re: Wireless & Ethernet network on same computer

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Well, you don't need the nintendo USB wireless "dongle" to go online.
You can use a wireless router. This is why I would like one. How would
it work then? Will it not go online?

There are a couple of reasons to use the dongle, even if you have a wireless
router.

One reason many people prefer the dongle is that the DS only supports WEP,
and most users are not prepared to down-grade their wireless security just
for that. The dongle plugs into an Internet-enabled PC and provides a
limited wireless service, just to DSes. The dongle software prompts the PC
user to authorise each device as it connects, it won't allow silent
connections from unknown people.

Secondly, if you want to go on-line at some place like an Internet Cafe
which has public WiFi access. Typically, you need to launch a browser
which will re-direct to a payment page. After paying your money, you then
get Internet access. However, the DS does not (by default) have a
browser in it, so you have no way to complete the web-based payment to
enable your connection. What you can do is use a wireless laptop to
connect to the public WiFi, and once you have set up credit, you use the
dongle on the laptop to share the connection out to the DS.

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Best Regards
Ron Lowe