

Re: Wireless Connection

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dande wrote:

Hello Malke,

Very many thanks for really helpful response and the links which I'll study. Just one more query from this 'Dumbo'!

You say I need a wireless router. Fine. At the moment I use a 'standard' modem (not a wireless one) to connect with ADSL. When I move around to hotels, hotspots, etc., presumably I just need my laptop with the installed router and nothing else?

Please do not call yourself a "Dumbo". Just because you don't know this stuff doesn't mean you're stupid. It just means you don't know this stuff. :-)

Yes, at home you would purchase a wireless router. Check with your ISP for ones that work well with their service. Or upgrade to a combination DSL modem/wireless router. I used to not like those but the ones being offered here in California (US) by AT&T are so easy to set up that I've changed my mind. Also if I have my clients buy one from AT&T and something goes wrong with it, then AT&T will deal with it instead of leaving it to the client. So do a little research first. Since you're in Turkey, obviously you have a different ISP so I can't give you specific advice about them.

The laptop doesn't have an "installed router". The router is a small "box" that connects to the DSL modem. Most consumer-level routers are fairly inexpensive, running around \$50-60 USD. The laptop has a physical piece of hardware inside it that is a wireless network adapter. The wireless network adapter, when turned on, will "see" any wireless networks available in the area. Wireless works "through the air" (so to speak) so when you are in a more populated area with people running numerous wireless networks, your laptop's wireless adapter will see all of them. You should only connect to wireless networks where you are allowed to have access of course.

Take a look at the Linksys Learning Center link I gave you. I believe the information there will make things easier for you to visualize.

Malke

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