

General guide to connecting routers to the DSL Internet Modem*

1. Connect your Internet modem to the router

Most network [modems](#) connect via an [Ethernet](#) cable. The cable plugs into the router jack named "WAN" or "uplink" or "Internet." After connecting the cable, be sure to power cycle (turn off and turn back on) the modem to ensure the router recognizes it.

2. Connect one computer to the router.

Even if the router is a wireless model, connect this first computer to the router via a network cable. Using a cable during router installation ensures the maximum reliability of the equipment. Once a wireless router installation is complete, the computer can be changed over to a wireless connection if desired.

3. Open the router's administration tool.

From the computer connected to the router, first open your Web browser. Then enter the router's address for network administration in the Web address field and hit return to reach the router's home page. Many routers are reached by either the Web address "http://192.168.1.1" or "http://192.168.0.1"

Note: Consult your router's documentation to determine the exact address for your model. Note that you do not need a working Internet connection for this step.

4. Log in to the router.

The router's home page will ask you for a username and password. Both are provided in the router's documentation. You should change the router's password for security reasons, but do this after the installation is complete to avoid unnecessary complications during the basic setup.

5. Find the WAN settings section

From the router's menu identify the WAN setting section and select the "obtain an IP address automatically".

6. Find the LAN settings section

From the router's menu identify the LAN setting section and select the "assign IP addresses automatically".

7. Verify your one computer can connect to the Internet

Open your Web browser and visit a few Internet sites such as www.allstream.com/smallbusiness

* This is a general guide that covers the most common procedure to setup a networking device. We recommend you to consult your device's manual first.