

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

Wireless (Wi-Fi) Printers

No more wires – well almost.

A lot of people are attracted by Laptops because they have a lot less wires. These days, Laptops also utilise Wi-Fi technology for talking to the internet.

Now printers and multifunction devices can also connect to Laptops wirelessly by utilising the same Wi-Fi technology. This now frees up where you can print from. No longer do you need to move the Laptop next to the printer and plug it in, simply print from any room in the house. So you may have the printer with the modem and desktop computer in the study, and be able to print to this printer from any other room in the home or office.

Your desktop computer will also be able to utilise such a printer in one of two ways. Firstly, the printer may have a USB connection or secondly, if you have a Wireless Router, then the desktop computer can also print wirelessly.

Other printers use the Ethernet network rather than connecting directly to a computer. These printers are good because they can be shared by everyone across the network, but still require a network wire and so are not Wireless.

Remember also that a Wireless Local Area Network is not the same as Wireless Broadband (refer to back issue 62 on www.jnhsoftware.com.au).

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