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How do i connect my brother hl1210w printer to wifi

Wireless networks are becoming increasingly popular in businesses and in the home. The majority of these networks use WiFi, also known as the 802.11 set of standards. Like Bluetooth, WiFi sends data using radio signals. The WiFi frequencies are 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz. WiFi data rates range from 11 Mbps to 140 Mbps, depending on the type of 802.11 network. There are several printers on the market that have WiFi transceivers built into them. Network administrators must first install the printer to the network so that other devices connected to the system can locate the printer. Once connected, compatible devices can send print jobs to the printer. This comes in handy for offices or households with lots of computers -- there's no need to buy a dedicated printer for each machine if everyone can access the same one. Whenever you are working within a wireless network, it's important to consider security. An unsecured wireless network is an attractive target for black hat hackers and Internet thieves. There are several devices on the market that can detect wireless signals -- there's even a T-shirt that can do it. Some people use such devices to seek out unprotected wireless networks in order to get free Internet access. If you use an unsecured network and have a bandwidth limit with your ISP, you could be in danger of receiving a very large bill for Internet usage. And if the moochers used your network to perform illegal activities, you might end up being the one accused of a crime. An unsecured network could give hackers the opportunity to access your machines remotely. A skilled hacker might be able to get all sorts of private information from your computers. Identity theft can be very difficult to resolve. For these reasons, it's always a good idea to make sure your network is secure. That includes using firewalls to protect your network from outside interference. You should use password protection on your network. Using a good encryption standard such as WiFi Protected Access (WPA) is also important. Some WiFi printers have a button that activates WPA encryption, allowing secure connections with other devices. By pushing the button on the printer and activating a similar feature on each computer on the network, you can create a secured network between each computer and the printer. That might seem like overkill, but considering the risks of unsecured data transmission, it's a good idea. If you're tired of tripping over cables or being chained to one location, you might want to look into wireless printing. Think about your needs -- they'll determine which method will work best for you. To learn more about wireless printing and related topics, take a look at the links below. Not Quite Wireless Even though WiFi is also known as wireless networking, a few cables are necessary for it to work. For example, you need power cords for your devices (unless you run them on battery power). And unless you live in an area where you can access municipal WiFi, you'll also need to have a cable or DSL modem and a wireless router. You need a coaxial cable for a cable modem or a DSL phone cord for a DSL modem. You'll also need an Ethernet cable to connect your modem to your wireless router. Related HowStuffWorks Articles Sources Bluetooth. "Compare with Other Technologies." Accessed July 29, 2008. . "Overview of Operations." (July 29, 2008) . "Security." (July 29, 2008) . "Securing Home Wi-Fi Networks: A Simple Solution Can Save Your Identity." May 18, 2005. (July 30, 2008) . "IEEE 802.11." (July 30, 2008) . "IrDA Data Specifications." (July 30, 2008) Beth. "IrDA." SearchMobileComputing. (July 30, 2008) Mark. "The First Writing-machines." Read Print. (July 30, 2008) . "Introducing Certified Wireless USB From the USB-IF." (July 30, 2008) Alliance. (July 30, 2008) By Jim Farthing Home networks are becoming more common. These networks can be wired, wireless or a combination of both. Accessing one printer from any of the computers on a network is easily accomplished, and it doesn't matter if your network is wired or wireless. Install the printer on one of the computers on the network according to the manufacturer's instructions. Open the "Printers and Faxes" folder by clicking on "Start," "Control Panel" and "Printers and Faxes." Right-click on the appropriate printer in the "Printers and Faxes" folder and select "Sharing." Click the "Sharing" tab in the dialog box that comes up. Click on "Share this Printer." Enter a name for the printer in the space provided. Click on "Apply" and then click "OK." Go to another computer on the network and open the "Printers and Faxes" folder. Double-click on "Add Printer" and click "Next." In the "Add Printer" wizard select "A network printer" and then click "Next." In the "Add Printer" wizard dialog select "Browse for Printer" and then click "Next." This will bring up a list of shared printers on the network. Select the printer that was just installed and click "Next." When asked if you would like to make this the default printer, select "Yes" if this is the only printer on the network or if it is the printer you will use most often, then click "Next." If you do not have the driver for the printer on your computer and both computers have the same operating system, then the driver will be automatically installed on the new computer. If not, then follow the manufacturer's instructions to install the driver. Click on "Next." When asked if a test page is wanted, click "Yes" and let the printer print a test page to ensure that all is working properly. Updated: 03/13/2021 by Computer Hope Below are the steps required to connect to a working printer on a network, and use it to print. Turn on your printer and make sure it is connected to the network. Open the Control Panel. Click the Devices and Printers icon or View devices and printers link, depending on the view type you are using in the Control Panel. In the Devices and Printers window, click the Add a printer link in the menu bar at the top. Let Windows scan for the printer. If detected, select the printer and click Next. If the printer is not listed, click the printer that I want isn't listed and skip to add the printer by name or TCP/IP address. If you know the printer's name, choose Select a shared printer by name and enter the path to the printer. For example, with a network named hope and a printer named hp, the network path would be: \\hope\hp. If you do not know the printer's path, but have the printer's IP address, select Add a printer using a TCP/IP address or hostname. Click Next. How to find a printer IP address. If, during the installation, Windows asks for drivers, point to the location of your printer drivers. If you do not have drivers, visit our printer drivers section to find links to all printer drivers. Connect network printer in Windows 8 Turn on your printer and make sure it is connected to the network. Open the Control Panel. Click Hardware and Sound. Double-click the Add a printer icon. Select Add a network, wireless or Bluetooth printer and click Next. Let Windows scan for the printer. If detected, select the printer and click Next. If the printer is not listed, click The printer that I want isn't listed and skip to add the printer by name or TCP/IP address. If you know the printer's name, choose Select a shared printer by name and enter the path to the printer. For example, with a network named hope and a printer named hp, the network path would be: \\hope\hp. If you do not know the printer's path, but have the printer's IP address, select Add a printer using a TCP/IP address or hostname. Click Next. How to find a printer IP address. If, during the installation, Windows asks for printer drivers, point to the location of your drivers. If you do not have drivers, visit our printer drivers section to find links to all printer drivers. Connect network printer in Windows Vista and 7 Turn on your printer and make sure it is connected to the network. Open the Control Panel. Click Hardware and Sound. Double-click the Add a printer icon. Select Add a network, wireless or Bluetooth printer and click Next. Let Windows scan for the printer. If detected, select the printer and click Next. If the printer is not listed, click The printer that I want isn't listed and skip to add the printer by name or TCP/IP address. If you know the printer's name, choose Select a shared printer by name and enter the path to the printer. For example, with a network named hope and a printer named hp, the network path would be: \\hope\hp. 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For example, with a network named hope and a printer named hp, the network path would be: \\hope\hp. If you are adding the printer on a Windows XP computer, click the Browse icon to browse your network and locate the printer. If you're unable to connect to the printer or browse and see the printer, make sure you have network rights and that any installed firewall is temporarily disabled. Once the network path to the printer is typed in, click Next. If the computer doesn't have the printer drivers, you need to install them from a driver's disc or a download on the Internet. If you no longer have the software or drivers for your printer, locate the drivers for your printer through our printer drivers section. Connect printer in Windows 95, 98, or ME Turn on your printer and make sure it is connected to the network. Open the Control Panel. Double-click the Printers icon. Double-click the Add a printer icon. Click Next to start the Add a printer wizard. Select Network Printer and click Next. Type the network path for the printer. For example, with a network named hope and a printer named hp, the network path would be: \\hope\hp. If the computer doesn't have the printer drivers, you need to install them from a driver's disc or a download on the Internet. If you no longer have the software or drivers for your printer, locate the drivers for your printer through our printer drivers section. Connect printer in macOS In the menu bar, click the Apple icon to open the Apple menu. In the Apple menu, click System Preferences. Click the Printers & Scanners shortcut icon. Click the + symbol in the lower-left section of the window. In the next window, click the IP tab (A), type in the IP address for your printer (B), and then click Add (C). How to find a printer IP address. Once you've added the printer, you'll see it on the Printers & Scanners window. Additional Information You have more choices than ever for connecting a printer to your PCs, including conventional cables, wired networks, and wireless networks. But which is best? Do you trade off speed for convenience? Does sharing hurt throughput? Top-level advantages and trade-offs of various printer connection choices are obvious--for example, wireless network connections let you roam around your office or home, while wired network connections, USB, and parallel printer connections are the easiest to set up. But we dug a little deeper and compared setup, configuration, operation, and performance of six printer connection variations: USB 1.1 cable Parallel cable Shared printer access on a peer-to-peer network Wired Ethernet network print server 802.11b wireless network print server Bluetooth wireless network print server Our project was simplified with the availability of Epson America, Inc.'s Stylus C80 (\$149 street) inkjet printer. The C80 comes standard with USB and parallel ports and separate printer versions or options for other connection types. There are separate C80 models for printing via a network; the C80N (\$329 street) for wired Ethernet networks and the C80WN (\$449 street) for 802.11b wireless networks. Epson also supports Bluetooth printing with the Epson Bluetooth Print Adapter (\$129 street) Wireless printers use your Wi-Fi network to print from your laptop. With a wireless printer, your laptop isn't attached to a printer cable and files can be sent to the printer from any room in your home or office. When you're away from your Wi-Fi, your wireless printer may be able to print files you email to it. Find out how to print wirelessly. Instructions in this article apply to wireless printers connected to laptops running Windows 10, 8, or 7. Wireless printers work over a network connection. If you use the printer at home, this would be your wireless internet connection. If you work in an office, it's your office network. The directions for connecting your wireless printer to your Wi-Fi network vary depending on the manufacturer. So, before you begin, read the printer manual and follow the manufacturer directions to connect the printer to a Wi-Fi network. Some printer manufacturers supply a software wizard that automates the process of connecting the printer to a Wi-Fi network. These are the general steps to connect a wireless printer to a Wi-Fi network: Power on the Wi-Fi router and the laptop. Power on the printer. On the printer control panel, go to the wireless setup settings. If you use an Epson printer, navigate to Setup > Wireless LAN Settings. If you have an HP printer, go to Network. Select the wireless SSID of the Wi-Fi network. Enter the Wi-Fi security password. The password is the WEP key or WPA passphrase for the router. The wireless light on the printer will turn on when the printer connects to the Wi-Fi. If you have problems connecting the printer to the Wi-Fi network: Connect the printer to the laptop with a printer cable or USB cable. If the laptop prints to the printer with the cable, the printer may not be able to connect to the Wi-Fi. Move the printer to get a better Wi-Fi signal. Something may be blocking the printer's access. Check the printer display for the Wi-Fi strength; some printers do not have this feature. Clear any pending print jobs. There may be a problem with a document that blocks the printer's ability to connect to the Wi-Fi. Restart the printer. Make sure the printer's firmware is up-to-date. After the printer has access to the Wi-Fi network, add the wireless printer to your laptop. Power on the printer. Open the Windows Search text box and type "printer." Select Printers & Scanners. In the Settings window, select Add a printer or scanner. Select your printer. Select Add device. Wait while Windows sets up the necessary drivers and adds the printer to the laptop. Windows might prompt you to install additional software. If so, select Get app to download and install the software from the Microsoft Store. When the setup is complete, the laptop prints to the wireless printer without being connected to the printer with a USB or printer cable. If Windows didn't recognize the printer, go back to Printers & Scanners. If Windows is unable to find the printer, make sure the laptop and printer are using the same network. If you use a Wi-Fi Range Extender, the extended area is a second network. Select Add a printer or scanner. Select The printer that I want isn't listed. In the Add Printer box, select Add a Bluetooth, wireless or network discoverable printer and choose Next. Select the wireless printer and choose Next. Close the Settings when you're finished. Accessing the settings to add a wireless printer to a Windows 8 or Windows 7 laptop are slightly different. Go to Start and select Devices and Printers. Select Add a printer. In the Add Printer wizard, select Add a network, wireless or Bluetooth printer. In the list of available printers, select the printer. Select Next. Windows might need to install the printer driver. If so, select Install driver to continue. Complete the steps in the wizard. Select Finish when you're done. Printing from your laptop to a wireless printer is the same as printing from any device to any printer. Make sure the printer is powered on, is connected to the Wi-Fi, and has paper in the paper tray. Open the app or web browser for the document you want to print. Open the document you want to print. Select the Printer icon. Select the wireless printer. Change the print settings as needed. Select Print. The printed pages will be waiting for you in the printer output tray. Some printer manufacturers offer an email print service. When you sign up at their website, the printer is assigned an email address. You'll use this email address to send the document to your printer. When you're away from home or out of the office, it's possible to print a document on your wireless printer. The email address may be found by searching through the printer's menu. On an HP printer, look for HP ePrint. To print a document when your laptop isn't on the same Wi-Fi network as the printer: Make sure the Wi-Fi router is powered on, the printer is powered on and connected to the Wi-Fi, and there is paper in the printer tray. Open your favorite email app. Create a new email message. In the To text box, enter the email address the manufacturer assigned to the wireless printer. For the subject, enter a description of the print job. Some email print services require a subject. If there's no subject, the print job is canceled. Attach the document you want to print. The email print service may limit the size and number of attachments. Also, the supported file types may be limited. Type a message if you want to print a separate sheet with information about the document, or other instructions. Select Send. The file is sent to the wireless printer and printed. Thanks for letting us know! Tell us why!

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