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Learn the benefits of wireless printing, and the right wireless option for your business

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Wireless printing makes smart business sense for many reasons:

- **Reduced cost**  
With a wireless printer and network, you don't need to buy a printer for every desk, since multiple employees can print to the same printer from anywhere in the office.
- **Mobile workforce**  
Employees on business trips, or those working from satellite offices or telecommuting can print without the hassle of cabling to a printer. Bluetooth enabled PDAs and cell phones can quickly print contact information, maps, or meeting notes without using a cable.
- **Security**  
Wireless networks can be just as safe as wired systems by implementing a few easy security measures including passwords and encryption.
- **Clean workspaces**  
Going wireless means your office can be free of clutter and cords. Reducing wires can save an average of \$200-\$500 for every network jack you don't have to install. Plus, wireless allows you to print from anywhere in the office—no more being tethered to your desk.
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Choosing the best wireless solution for your business depends on your needs. The general guidelines below will help you make smart wireless purchases.

## • **Bluetooth**

Bluetooth technology is convenient, easy-to-use, and comes standard in many cell phones, PDAs, laptops, and printers. Commonly, Bluetooth printing works best at a distance less than 30 feet.

The transmission rate of Bluetooth is a bit slower than Wi-Fi-at a maximum of 1 Mbps. Therefore, Bluetooth printers like the [HP Photosmart C8100 series](#) are a perfect option when equipment pieces will be in close proximity to each other. For example:

- In training rooms, home offices, or relatively small areas
- At tradeshow or offsite business meetings
- In airports, hotel rooms, or other business travel locations

## • **Wi-Fi**

Wi-Fi technology is readily available in laptops, servers, and printers like the [HP Officejet J6400 series](#), [HP Officejet Pro 8000](#), [HP Officejet Pro 8500 All-in-One series](#) and [HP Officejet Pro 8500 Premier All-in-One series](#). It can be incredibly fast, with speeds between 11 Mbps and 55 Mbps, and can transmit distances around 300 feet, which makes it a great option when equipment pieces are varied distances from each other. For example:

- In offices where multiple people share a printer
- In large spaces where equipment pieces are considerable distances from each other
- When wanting to go online or print from anywhere in the house or office
- When frequently working on a laptop while out-of-the-office

## • **Mobile**

Mobile printers like the [HP Officejet H470](#) and [HP Officejet H470b](#) allow you to print wirelessly anywhere, with either a Wi-Fi or Bluetooth adapter card, while the [HP Officejet H470wb](#) has Bluetooth capability built in. These mobile printers are ideal for:

- Printing in the car, or at client's offices, airports, hotels, and tradeshow
- Printing photos directly from your camera's memory card
- Printing from your camera phone, PDA, or notebook

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Going wireless is easy! The links below will help you find the right printer and guide you through setting it up.

**» Wireless buying guide**

Find the right wireless printer for your specific business needs.

**» Connecting a wireless printer demo**

Discover just how easy it is to connect a wireless-enabled printer to your office's wireless network.

**» Connecting your laptop to a wireless printing network**

Learn how to connect your laptop and other mobile devices to your wireless printer for ultimate mobility.

**» Wireless printing – security**

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If you are not ready to replace your printers but you would like the freedom of wireless printing, you have options. The products below can transform wired printers into wireless wonders.

- **Wireless printing upgrade kit**

For printers without built-in wireless, the [HP wireless printing upgrade kit](#) and the [HP wireless G print server](#) are simple and easy ways to enable your printer to print wirelessly using Wi-Fi. They work with nearly all HP printers and PCs, even many non-HP printers, and are simple to install.

- **Mobile printer Wi-Fi card**

The [HP Jet Direct 802.11g wireless print server](#) lets you transform any compatible mobile printer into a Wi-Fi wireless printer, by simply sliding the card into the CompactFlash card slot.

- **Bluetooth wireless adapter**

The [HP bt500 Bluetooth USB 2.0 wireless adapter](#) allows you to print wirelessly straight from your PDA, camera phone, or other Bluetooth-enabled device straight to Bluetooth compatible printers. Just plug it into a USB port in the printer and follow the manual's configuration instructions.

- **Jetdirect servers**

HP's [Jetdirect wireless print servers](#) can turn nearly any wired printer into a wireless printer. They come in external and internal versions, and create a server system that allows multiple employees to share one printer. Plus, they allow you to control printers remotely.

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