

Learning the 3G Lesson

Challenge: University students who need a Web connection but don't have a fixed phone line.

Solution: An embedded or non-embedded 3G modem

Benefits:

- Maintain Internet connection
- Portability
- Account sharing

Hardware: NetComm 3G9W, 3G21Wn or 3G17Wn

For any student, keeping connected to the Internet is not just a luxury – it's a necessity. Besides the obvious research usage, the increasing delivery of learning materials online means that students without a web connection are considerably hampered in their ability to complete their studies and interact with their peers and their teachers.

However, the student population also tends to be a transient one, with young people moving in and out of shared accommodation on a very frequent basis. This, coupled with their preference for mobile devices, means that students are increasingly choosing not to connect a fixed line phone. For this demographic, having a landline is deemed an unnecessary and expensive encumbrance. Obviously this mindset means that even a naked DSL connection is also unlikely to be of interest to students in the "Mobile Generation".

These two trends make a 3G router the perfect solution for student web access.

Embedded 3G devices such as the NetComm 3G9W or 3G21Wn offer the ultimate in mobility with the very best in connection speeds. Needing only a power outlet, they can provide a reliable connection anywhere, any time and can even be shared amongst a group of friends or house mates.

For students who prefer to use a dongle-based 3G modem for even greater mobility, the NetComm 3G17Wn is a great alternative for when they do return to their accommodation. Connecting the dongle to this wireless router enables the sharing of the 3G account between multiple machines.

All of these devices make a successful marriage between the need for mobility and the need for connection.

With NetComm 3G modems, students can have both.