

## General Information

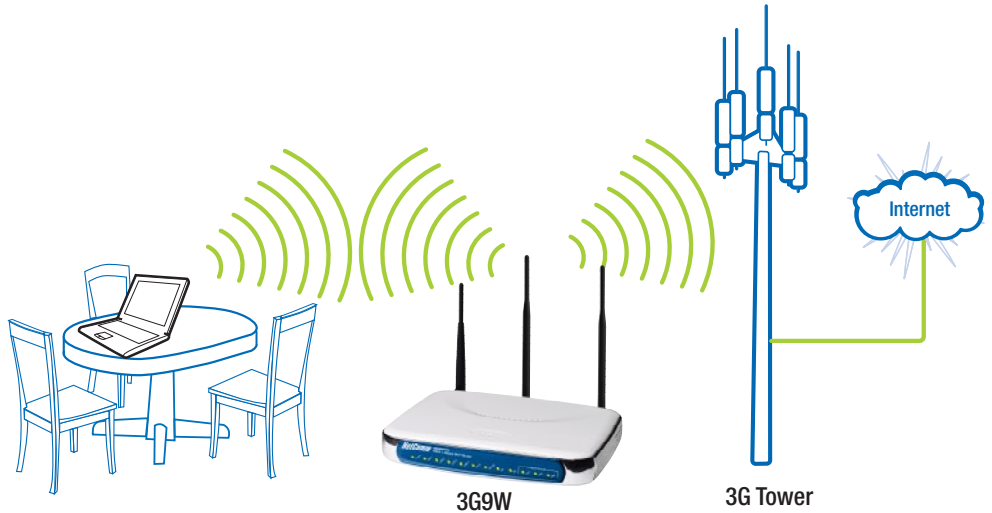
**Application Opportunity:** Teams of professionals that need Internet access away from their office.

**Solution:** A 3G router

**Benefits:**

- Flexible access
- Secure connection
- Cost consolidation

**Hardware:** NetComm 3G9W



Providers of professional services such as accountants or management consultants are regularly required to work from a client's premises, often for extended periods of time. During these periods, maintaining access to the Internet, their email and the online resources of their own organisations can prove problematic.

The two most common approaches both have their drawbacks. Firstly, professionals could use a client's computer and / or network to access the Internet. With certain business clients though this may not be logistically possible. However, even if it is, there are potential security and conflict of interest implications.

The second approach is to use an individual 3G USB modem (dongle) to connect a computer to the Internet wirelessly. This is acceptable when someone is working in a solo situation, though the reception offered by these devices is easily influenced by a particular setting and where the computer needs to be situated. Greater drawbacks are evident though when a team of professionals are working together in a remote situation, for example, a group of auditors.

In such a case, each member of the team would need to have their own 3G dongle and account.

This is much more expensive for their employer to provide and manage, as well as multiplying the potential for abuse of Internet access by the individuals holding all these devices.

The best answer in all cases is to make use of a single wireless gateway router, such as the NetComm 3G9W HSPA Wi-Fi Router. Needing only a power source, the router can then provide a high-speed connection to multiple users, either wirelessly or through Ethernet cable. Thanks to its robust antenna array, the 3G9W offers much better reception than a standard 3G dongle arrangement. Furthermore, the unit can be placed in a location that guarantees maximum signal strength without the attendant need to move the users' computers.

Small and light, the 3G9W is easily portable. Security can be guaranteed through setting up an encrypted network accessible only to those with the correct password. Billing solutions and technical support are consolidated, with only one account required for all users.

For businesses with employees who need to work outside their offices, a 3G router such as the NetComm 3G9W offers quite simply the most cost-effective and versatile solution.