

Wireless Access at MIT

The MIT Guest Wireless Network

Intended Audience and Use

This network does not require authentication and is not encrypted. The network is provided for visitors and short-term guests and has limited access to the Internet and MIT resources. The MIT GUEST network is not intended for long-term use. For example, MIT GUEST should be used by summer program or conference attendees as well as non-student or non-faculty residents.

Limited Access

The MIT GUEST network is separated from the rest of the MIT network with a firewall and network address translation (NAT). This limits the services that will work over this network. For instance: printing to Athena cluster printers over TCP/IP port 631 (CUPS) will not work. See the list of blocked and allowed ports on MIT GUEST.

Wireless Non-Computers

MIT GUEST can be used for wireless devices, such as most gaming consoles, that do not support the security protocols required to connect to the MIT SECURE wireless network. See which popular devices can and can't connect to MIT SECURE.

How to Connect

It is easy to connect to the MIT GUEST wireless network with a wireless device. Since there are no restrictions to connecting, your device should be able to "see" the network as one of the open wireless options and connect instantly. If your device can not see the network, contact the IS&T Help Desk for assistance.

Note that the IS&T Help Desk does not support all wireless devices, and may recommend contacting the vendor of the product if you are having issues.

If you need assistance with this process, please contact the Computing Help Desk:

Email: computing-help@mit.edu
Phone: 617-253-1101