

Quick Start

Nighthawk X4S

WiFi Range Extender

Model EX7500



Getting Started

To extend the range of your WiFi network, you must connect your Nighthawk® extender to your existing WiFi network. You can do this in one of two ways:

- **Connect with WPS.** Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) lets you join a secure WiFi network without typing the network name and password.
Note: WPS does not support WEP network security or a hidden SSID network. If your existing WiFi network uses WEP security or its SSID is hidden, follow the instructions in *Connect With the NETGEAR Installation Assistant* on the other side of this quick start guide.
- **Connect with the NETGEAR installation assistant.** To use the NETGEAR installation assistant, you must launch a web browser on your computer or mobile device. For more information, see *Connect With the NETGEAR Installation Assistant* on the other side of this quick start guide.

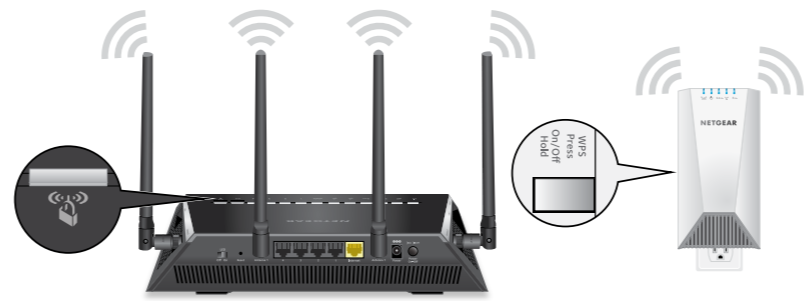
Connect With WPS


1. Place and plug in your extender.




- Place the extender close to your WiFi router.
- Plug the extender into an electrical outlet.
Wait for the Power LED to light solid blue.
- If the Power LED does not light, press the **WPS/Power** button.

2. Connect to your WiFi router.



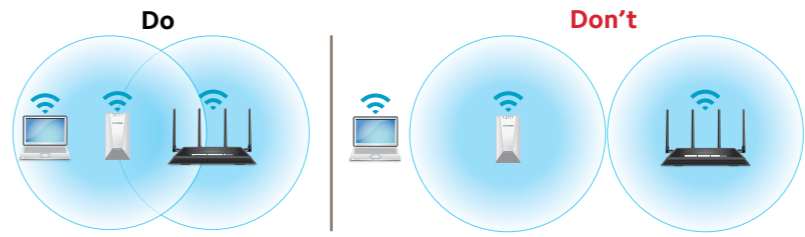
- Press the **WPS/Power** button on the extender for less than five seconds.
The WPS LED  blinks blue.
Note: If you press the **WPS/Power** button for more than five seconds, the extender turns off.
- Within two minutes, press the **WPS/Power** button on your WiFi router.


When the extender connects to the router, the WPS LED lights solid blue.

If the Router Link LED  lights blue, the connection between the router and extender is good. If the Router Link LED lights amber or red, move the extender closer to the router and try again.

Note: If your router supports the 5 GHz band, your extender attempts to connect to the router's 5 GHz band the first time you press the **WPS/Power** button. If your extender did not connect to the router's 5 GHz band the first time, repeat the WPS process.

3. Choose a location and check the signal strength.



- Move your extender to a new location that is about halfway between your router and the area with a poor router WiFi signal.
The location that you choose must be within the range of your existing WiFi router network. See the previous image for an example.
The Router Link LED  helps you choose a spot where the extender-to-router connection is optimal. For more information, see *LED Descriptions* on the back of this quick start guide.
- If you get no connection or a poor connection, move the extender closer to your router and try again until the Router Link LED lights blue.

4. Connect your devices.



- Take your WiFi-enabled computer or mobile device to the location with poor WiFi router coverage.
- Connect your WiFi-enabled computer or mobile device to the extended network.

Your extender uses the same WiFi network settings as your router for its 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz extended networks.

For example, if your extender connects to the router's 2.4 GHz WiFi band, your extender uses your router's 2.4 GHz WiFi settings for both its networks:

- **Router 2.4 GHz WiFi network name.** MyWiFiExample
- **Router 5 GHz WiFi network name.** MyWiFiExample-5G
- **Extended 2.4 GHz WiFi network name.** MyWiFiExample
- **Extended 5 GHz WiFi network name.** MyWiFiExample

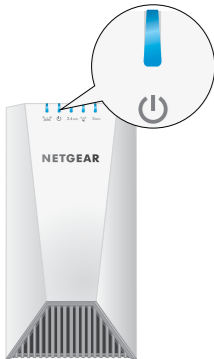
If your extender connects to the router's 5 GHz WiFi band, your extender uses your router's 5 GHz WiFi settings for both its networks:

- **Router 2.4 GHz WiFi network name.** MyWiFiExample
- **Router 5 GHz WiFi network name.** MyWiFiExample-5G
- **Extended 2.4 GHz WiFi network name.** MyWiFiExample-5G
- **Extended 5 GHz WiFi network name.** MyWiFiExample-5G

Note: Since your router and extended networks share the same WiFi network name, only one WiFi network name is broadcast.

Connect With the NETGEAR Installation Assistant

1. Place and plug in your extender.



- a. Place the extender close to your WiFi router.
- b. Plug the extender into an electrical outlet. Wait of for the Power LED to light solid blue.
- c. If the Power LED does not light, press the **WPS/Power** button until the Power LED blinks blue.

2. Connect to the extender.

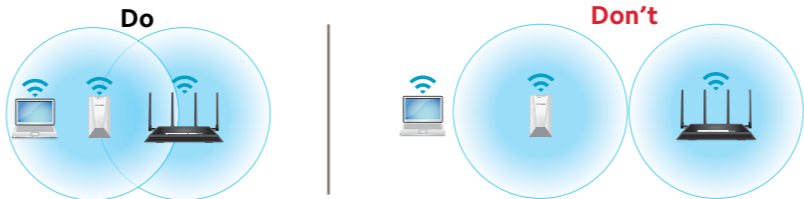



- a. On your WiFi-enabled computer or mobile device, open the WiFi connection manager.
- b. Locate and connect to the extender network called NETGEAR_EXT. When your computer or mobile device is connected to the extender, the 2.4 GHz Client Link LED lights solid blue.

3. Set up with a web browser.

- a. Launch a web browser. You are automatically taken to the extender’s NETGEAR installation assistant. If the NETGEAR installation assistant does not display, visit www.mywifiext.net.
- b. Follow the prompts to connect your extender to your existing WiFi network.



4. Choose a location and check the signal strength.




- a. Move your extender to a new location that is about halfway between your router and the area with a poor router WiFi signal. The location that you choose must be within the range of your existing WiFi router network. See the previous image for an example. The Router Link LED  helps you choose a spot where the extender-to-router connection is optimal. For more information, see [LED Descriptions](#).
- b. If you get no connection or a poor connection, move the extender closer to your router and try again until the Router Link LED lights blue.

LED Descriptions

For more information about the LEDs, see the user manual.

 Router Link LED	<p>This LED indicates the WiFi connection between the extender and the router.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solid blue. Best connection.• Solid amber. Good connection.• Solid red. Poor connection.• Off. No connection.
 Power LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blinking blue. The extender is booting.• Solid blue. The extender is powered on.• Off. The extender is powered off.

2.4GHz 2.4 GHz Client Link LED	These LEDs indicate the connection between the extender and a 2.4 GHz or 5 GHz WiFi client: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solid blue. Best connection.• Solid amber. Good connection.• Solid red. Poor connection.• Off. No connection.
5GHz 5 GHz Client Link LED	
 WPS LED	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blinking blue. The extender is attempting to connect with a router or WPS-enabled device:• Solid blue. The extender is connected to a router or WPS-enabled device.• Off. The extender is not connected to a router or WPS-enabled device.

Log In to Access Extender Settings

After installation, you can log in to the extender to view or change the extender’s settings.

➤ To log in to the extender:

- 1. Launch a web browser from a computer or mobile device that is connected to your extender network.
- 2. Log in to your extender:
 - If you did not enable the One WiFi Name feature, enter www.mywifiext.net in the address field of the browser.
 - If you enabled the One WiFi Name feature, enter one of the following URLs:
 - **Windows-based computer.** <http://mywifiext>
 - **Mac computers and iOS devices.** <http://mywifiext.local>

- **Android devices.** <http://<extender's IP address>> (for example, <http://192.168.1.3>)

To find your extender’s IP address, do the following:

- a. Log in to your router.
- b. Find the page in your router web interface that lists the devices connected to your router.
- c. Find your extender in the list and note your extender’s IP address.
- d. Enter your extender’s IP address in the address field of your web browser.

A login page displays.

- 3. Enter your admin user name and password and click the **LOG IN** button. The Status page displays.

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