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How to connect a Wii to the internet

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Increasingly sophisticated, games machines now have multiple functions that allow you to do things other than just playing your favourite video games. Some play Blu-ray discs, and some let you go online and surf the internet in much the same way as you would with a computer.

In this guide, you'll find out how to get connected to the internet using a Nintendo Wii console.

NB: The guide is written using a Wii but the process for a WiiU is very similar.

You'll need:

- a Nintendo Wii console with controllers, connected to a television
- a wireless broadband internet connection.

Follow these step-by-step instructions to connect a Wii to the internet

Step 1: Turn on the Wii console (*left*) and ensure that your controller (*top right*) is working. On the Wii menu on your TV screen, select **Wii options** in the bottom left-hand corner. Then choose **Wii Settings**. On the second page is a bar for 'Internet'. Select this.

Step 2: You need to get your Wii to connect to your wireless broadband router so it can access the internet. On the TV screen, select the top button – **Connection Settings** – and then **Connection 1**. The Wii will search for and list all the wireless broadband signals it can find. Choose the signal that corresponds to your router and enter the appropriate password.

Step 3: The Wii will prompt you for any additional information it requires and will suggest you perform an update check to find any new software updates. Once you've carried out any necessary operations, you're ready to use your Wii to surf the internet.

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