XR500 Nighthawk® Pro Gaming Router

Advanced Gaming & Streaming

XR500 Nighthawk® Pro Gaming WiFi Router uses state-of-the-art software to optimize your internet connection by stabilizing ping, reducing lag spikes, and keeping you in the game with reliable wired and wireless connectivity for fast-paced gaming. Personalize your gaming dashboard to view real-time bandwidth utilization by device, ping and many other parameters. Limit lag and get a guaranteed local connection with Geo Filter or enable Quality of Service for prioritized gaming devices and allocated bandwidth.
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Guarantee Local Connection & Eliminate Lag

Geo Filter lets you fix your gaming lag by limiting distance to servers or other players. You can get a guaranteed local connection and create a blacklist or whitelist of your preferred servers.

Monitor Internet Utilization & Live Game Ping

Keep an eye on real-time bandwidth utilization with the Internet Utilization Monitor. Reveal bandwidth-hogging devices and identify the applications which could be causing lag and slowing your game.
Prioritize Your Gaming Traffic

Prioritize gaming devices and allocate bandwidth by device to eliminate lag due to queuing at the ISP network with Quality of Service (QoS). Control the maximum upload and download speeds per device on the network to minimize sudden lag spikes while gaming.

Customizable Dashboard

Personalize your gaming dashboard to view real-time bandwidth utilization by device, ping and many other parameters on a single screen.
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Data Sheet

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Speed

Get blazing-fast WiFi & enjoy a lag-free WiFi experience for VR gaming, video streaming or surfing.

- **DUAL CORE PROCESSOR**—Dual core 1.7GHz processor boosts wireless, wired & WAN-to-LAN performance
- **GIGABIT WIFI**—Next-generation WiFi now at Gigabit speeds
- **MU-MIMO**—Multi-user MIMO enables simultaneous streaming to mobile devices
- **QUAD STREAM**—Up to four data streams per WiFi band maximizes connection speed
- **DUAL CORE PROCESSOR**—Dual core 1.7GHz processor boosts wireless, wired & WAN-to-LAN performance
- **GIGABIT WIFI**—Next-generation WiFi now at Gigabit speeds
- **GIGABIT WIRED**—Ideal for HD gaming & video

Pro Gaming

Stay in the game with reliable connectivity for fast-paced gaming. Optimize your Internet connection by stabilizing ping and reducing lag spikes.

- **GAMING DASHBOARD**—Customizable view of real-time bandwidth utilization by device, ping, etc.
- **GEO-FILTER**—Control your lag by limiting distance to game servers or other players
- **QUALITY OF SERVICE**—Prioritize gaming devices and allocate XR500 Nighthawk® Pro Gaming Router
- **GAMING VPN CLIENT SUPPORT**—Protect your network identity and prevent DDoS attacks
- **NETWORK MONITOR**—Check bandwidth-hogging devices and identify what causes lag

WiFi Range

Got range? Homes come in all shapes and sizes and the XR500 Nighthawk® Pro Gaming Router provides WiFi coverage no matter where you connect in your home.

- **ULTIMATE RANGE**—WiFi coverage throughout very large homes
- **ANTENNAS**—High-power amplifiers with 4 external antennas
Start enjoying your new device faster than ever. NETGEAR wants to make sure installation and management is simple & easy, so you can connect quickly & make sure you stay that way!

**Ease Of Use**

- EASY INSTALL—Easy setup for iPad®, tablets, smartphones & computers
- PUSH ‘N’ CONNECT—Easy push button WiFi connections (WPS)
- POWER ON/OFF—Convenient power savings
- LED ON/OFF SWITCH—Easily turn LEDs on or off

There’s nothing more frustrating than lost connections! With NETGEAR’s advanced features & best-in-class technology, you’ll reduce interference & enjoy more reliable WiFi connectivity.

**Reliable Connections**

- BEAMFORMING++—Boosts speed, reliability, & range of WiFi connections
- SIMULTANEOUS DUAL BAND WiFi—Supports two WiFi bands simultaneously to double the available bandwidth and provide a reliable, dedicated WiFi network for smooth online gaming without any network congestion
- ADDITIONAL DFS CHANNELS—15 more channels in 5GHz for interference free gaming experience

Maintain high security across your network to ensure your privacy & family is safe while online. Whether it’s preventing phishing & spyware or just limiting access for kids & guests, NETGEAR has you covered.

**Security**

- VPN SUPPORT—OpenVPN Connect app on iOS and Android® allows remote secure access to the home network
- SECURE WIFI CONNECTIONS—High level wireless security with WPA/WPA2
- GAMING VPN CLIENT SUPPORT—Protect your network identity and prevent DDoS attacks
Multi-User MIMO (MU-MIMO)

Traditional WiFi routers can stream data to only one device in the home at a time. When multiple devices are connected to the router, each device needs to take its turn, and then wait before receiving more data. This can lead to slower network and Internet speeds. Using Multi-User MIMO technology, NETGEAR routers can stream data to multiple devices simultaneously. With MU-MIMO, your WiFi network can deliver faster throughput to every MU-MIMO connected device. That means faster downloads and smoother streaming for your devices.

Enjoy simultaneous streaming with MU-MIMO

Data sent to one device at a time

Data sent to multiple devices simultaneously
ReadySHARE® Vault—Automatic backup for Window PCs

ReadySHARE Vault is a free app that provides automatic, continuous backup of Windows PCs to the USB hard drive connected to the Nighthawk® X10. The app has a wonderfully simple interface with intuitive backup settings—simply setup and forget and be assured that all your data on various home PCs in the home network is being continuously backed up. Never worry about losing your data again. Easy single click setup to back up the Window PCs on the home network.

- Automatic, continuous incremental backup of all the changes
- Easily restore deleted files by going back to older snapshots
- Safeguard all your precious data, photos, videos

Beamforming+—For More Reliable Connections

Unlike typical WiFi routers that just blast the WiFi signals in all directions, with Beamforming+ the router & device communicate with each other, so the router can directly beam the WiFi signal to the device. Boosting speed, reliability, and range for both Implicit and Explicit 2.4 & 5GHz WiFi devices, the result is a stronger, faster, more reliable connection that is locked in even when the device is moved around the home.

- WiFi Signal Focus—Focuses signals from the wireless router to WiFi devices like smartphones, tablets & laptops
- Automatic Signal Management—Checks with your device to keep WiFi signal at its optimal strength
- Device Connections—Designed for home environments to support multiple WiFi device connections for highest quality
- WiFi Coverage—Reduces dead spots, & boosts signal strength
- Implicit & Explicit Beamforming boosts speed, reliability & range for both 2.4 & 5GHz WiFi—an industry first
Connection Diagram

- LED On/ Off
- Power On/ Off
- Reset
- Internet
- Two USB 3.0 ports
- Gigabit Ethernet
- Internet
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Package Contents
- XR500 Nighthawk Pro Gaming Router (XR500)
- 4 detachable antennas
- Ethernet cable
- Quick start guide
- Power adapter

Physical Specifications
- Dimensions: 12.7 x 9.6 x 2.2 in (321.9 x 243.7 x 55.0 mm)
- Weight: 1.77lb (801g)

Standards
- Two (2) USB 3.0 ports
- IEEE® 802.11 b/g/n 2.4GHz + 256 QAM support
- IEEE® 802.11 a/n/ac 5.0GHz
- Five (5) 10/100/1000 Mbps—(1 WAN & 4 LAN) Gigabit Ethernet ports

Technical Specifications
- AC2600 (800Mbps @2.4GHz—256QAM support +1733Mbps @5GHz 11ac)†
- Simultaneous Dual Band WiFi - Tx/Rx 4x4 (2.4GHz)+ 4x4 (5GHz)
- 4x4 11ac 80MHz + 2x2-160/80+80MHz
- Multi-User MIMO (MU-MIMO)
- Powerful dual core 1.7GHz processor
- Four (4) high-performance external antennas
- Memory: 256MB flash and 512MB RAM
- IPv6 support (Internet Protocol Version 6)
- On/Off LED light switch

Key Features
- Gaming Dashboard—Customizable view of real-time bandwidth utilization by device, ping, etc.
- Geo-Filter—Control your lag by limiting distance to game servers or other players
- Gaming VPN Client Support—Protect your network identity and prevent DoS attacks
- Network Monitor—Check bandwidth-hogging devices and identify what causes lag
- Quad Stream & 160MHz for faster speeds
- MU-MIMO support for simultaneous streaming
- Quality of Service—Prioritize gaming devices and allocate bandwidth by device
- Beamforming+ for more reliable connections
- ReadySHARE® USB to share your USB hard drive & printer
- ReadySHARE® Vault—PC software for automatic backup to USB hard drive connected to the router

Support
- 90-day complimentary technical support following purchase from a NETGEAR authorized reseller.
- Join the NETGEAR Community Forum. Visit http://community.netgear.com

System Requirements
- Microsoft® Windows 7, 8, 10, Vista®, XP®, 2000, Mac OS®, UNIX®, or Linux®
- Microsoft® Internet Explorer® 11 or higher, Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome™ 55 or higher, Firefox® 45 or higher, Safari® 10 or higher

Security
- VPN support—secure remote access
- WiFi Protected Access® (WPA/WPA2–PSK)
- Double firewall protection (SPI and NAT)
- Denial-of-service (DoS) attack prevention

Warranty
- www.netgear.com/warranty

This product comes with a limited warranty that is valid only if purchased from a NETGEAR authorized reseller.

†Maximum wireless signal rate derived from IEEE 802.11 specifications. Actual data throughput and wireless coverage will vary and may be lowered by network and environmental conditions, including network traffic volume and building construction. NETGEAR makes no representations or warranties about this product’s compatibility with future standards.

‡ MU-MIMO capability requires both router and client device to support MU-MIMO.

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