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### TIP # 35

## What are the Pros and Cons of Wired and Wireless Networks?

Answer:

These days, many people are setting up a home network to make sharing of Internet access and files possible (or your laptop more mobile). Before deciding whether to go with a wireless or wired network, it is best to consider what your needs are: how many computers will need to join the network? Are they mainly laptops or desktops? Is security the top concern for you?

### Wireless network pros

- Very convenient in the home, especially for laptops
- Less clutter

### Wireless cons

- Slower transfer rate
- Can 'drop' connection occasionally
- Not as secure
- Requires assistance to setup for novice users to ensure better security.

### Wired network pros

- Faster transfer rate
- Consistent connection
- More secure
- Easy setup

### Wired cons

- Not convenient if you wish to use your laptop anywhere in the house

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