

NETWORKS

AT



HOME



CAFÉ



SCHOOL

COMPARING BANDWIDTH AND SECURITY

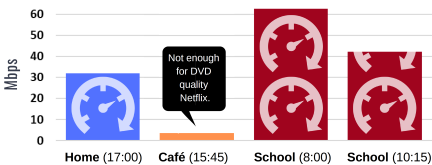
"Home is the most **convenient** network, because there's no extra security or logins to do when connecting."

"At the café, I need to do an **extra step** to access Internet, and I know it may be **less secure** than home. It's also **slow!**"

"At school, there is a **proxy** that prevents access to many sites, even OK ones. It can be really fast, but **depends on time of day.**"

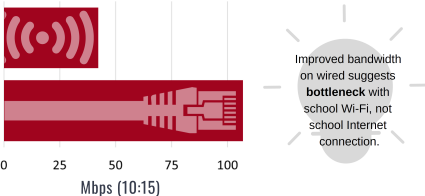
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TYPICAL INTERNET BANDWIDTH* OVER WI-FI



* Measured using Oz Broadband Speed Test and averaged over 5 weekdays at the given time.

WIRELESS VS WIRED* (PERSONAL LAPTOP VS COMPUTER LAB PC)



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NETWORK HARDWARE (HOME VS. SCHOOL)



Home

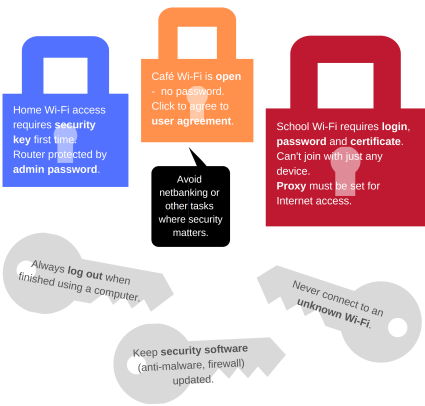
- **Simple "star" layout.**
- Everything connects to **router**.
- About **12** devices (computers, phones, TVs, game consoles).
- All devices connected by **Wi-Fi**.
- Router connects to **NBN Box** to Internet.



School

- **Multiple "stars"** in hierarchy.
- **Switches** and **routers** used.
- Over **200** devices (computers, laptops, tablets).
- **Wi-Fi** access points.
- **Fibre optic** connections for long "arteries".

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