



## Belkin 802.11n Router

Belkin has been making wireless-related devices since the beginning. I remember having a Belkin 802.11B router not too long ago back when B was claimed to be "the best" and of course, it advanced to G and now N.

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Belkin recently released a router that stands upwards, with a screen, and it looks really funky. At the router's central is MIMO. (Multiple In, Multiple Out.) This uses more than one radio at the same time and effectively gives better range. Setup was extremely easy. Plug in the router, log in, re-set the modem when the router complains about not being able to find a DHCP address, (many routers require a modem re-set) then, give your network a name, make sure it's unsecured, and you're ready to go. It works very well and has impressive range. I didn't find the LCD display to be all that helpful. Perhaps if Belkin opened up a Plug-in type page for the N1, so users could install plugins and use the displays on their routers for various other purposes, then I would see the point in it. But it basically just shows a clock and the speed at which a client is uploading and downloading. There is a special mode that allows greater range to be achieved on the N1. I didn't find it to be all that helpful, however, it is by default disabled. I haven't quite seen a design like this before in a router. Perhaps Belkin wants to take routers out from behind a computer or off of a dusty shelf where routers can normally be found, and place it in the open, because of the design. I just hope Belkin has solved the issue with most routers where the radio dies over time. I have a feeling that it has.

The N1 works wonderfully, and it has incredible range. I really enjoy this product.