

Level Up!

This router is one step higher than its siblings

NETWORK ROUTER

LevelOne WBR-6600 300Mbps N_Max Wireless ADSL2 + Modem Router

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Specifications

Standards (LAN/WAN): 802.3 802.3u 10/100Base-TX 802.3ab, Auto

Standards (Wireless): 802.11n, 802.11g, 802.11b

LAN Ports: LANx4

Protocol Support: DHCP (LAN/WAN), SMTP, NTP

UPnP able/cert: Able



In comparison, the LevelOne WBR-6600 Wireless Modem Router is very similar to the WBR-6601 that we've reviewed in July, but the WBR-6600 is anything but similar. It is, technically, the model that is one step higher than its siblings, and that one step here does make quite the astounding difference.

In looks though, the WBR-6600 retains the black finish of the WBR-6601, but there's no stylish yellow to spice things up, making the 6600 much duller in looks. But it does look professional, and black hasn't gone out of style, has it?

The router is a two antenna set-up,



The usual four port Ethernet ports

with 4 LAN ports at the back along with the DSL port and everything else. The front face is where the indicative lights are, hidden behind a tinted panel.

The real kicker of the WBR-6600 is, of course, the performance. The WBR-6601 we had in July was a 150Mbps router and we noted that it lacked the more useful features of other LevelOne routers. The WBR-6600 has none of that; it now features 300Mbps transfer rates and extra features.

In our throughput test, the router performed wonderfully. As with all LevelOne products, it works even better when paired with a LevelOne 300Mbps USB dongle (WUA-0616). The extra features are notably useful as well. QoS Control aside, the router also has a EWAN Function to disable the integrated ADSL modem to work solely as a broadband router. It now has a WPS button, which enables wi-fi security at a touch of it.

As with all LevelOne routers (or most routers this age), setting up is easy with either the resource CD or the Web-based configuration, which gives an option of

both basic and advanced setup to cater to regular and advanced users. We only have one gripe about the WBR-6600; seeing that it's a step higher in function and feature, we would've liked that it included USB support for network storage and printers. Otherwise, there's nary a problem with it.

CHIP CONCLUDE : The WBR-6600 one-ups its siblings with better performance and new features. With that, we'll consider it a wholehearted recommendation to anyone looking for routers.

RATINGS	
Performance	
Features	
Design	
Value	

Useful features
 Good performance

Could do with USB support

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