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### WiFi in airports is a checkerboard

#### **A high-speed Internet connection**

with WiFi -- shorthand for wireless fidelity -- can help travelers use long wait times at airports to read e-mail, surf the Web or listen to streaming audio on their laptops, PDAs, Pocket PCs or cellphones.

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**Buying daily WiFi access is often cheaper.**

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At some airports, access is free, but in most cases, you'll have to buy a plan. Luckily, there are ways you can save.

Most often, you must buy a plan from the airport's WiFi provider -- companies such as Boingo, T-Mobile and Concourse Communications. They usually charge on a daily or monthly basis. Boingo, for example, asks \$9.95 for 24 hours or \$21.95 for one month. Because airports often use different and not always compatible WiFi companies, buying daily plans for your departure and return may be cheaper.

Visit [JiWire.com](http://JiWire.com) to discover the providers at airports. Those offering free WiFi, such as Palm Beach International Airport in Florida and Portland International Airport in Oregon, can be found at [wififreespot.com](http://wififreespot.com).