Netgear Adds 802.11ad Wifi to Nighthawk X10 Router

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Netgear presents what it claims is its fastest router yet-- the Nighthawk X10 AD7200, a router featuring a 1.7GHz quad-core processor together with Quad-Stream Wave 2 architecture and 802.11ad wifi.
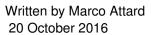

The result, the company says, is wireless speeds reaching up to 7.2Gbps as powered through tri-band wifi radios operating in the 2.4GHz (802.11n), 5GHz (802.11ac) and 60GHz (802.11ad) bands. In addition, MU-MIMO technology adds simultaneous streaming support, a 160MHz radio doubles wifi speeds to mobile devices and four antennas maximise wifi range and throughput.

Another company first comes in the shape of a 10gigabit port with fibre support allowing for fast backups and streaming from NAS devices. A pair of USB 3.0 ports allow the connection of storage devices, while 6 months of free Amazon Drive handle cloud-based backups.

Interestingly, the Nighthawk X10 also supports Plex Media Server-- turning the router into a media streaming device through the connection of external storage, without need for a PC. Plex automatically organises content, while the router promises smooth streaming on virtually any device, be it a smartphone, tablet, smart TV or gaming console, with support for Plex apps.

"Nighthawk X10 sets a new bar for performance and a new record for speed when moving large video files within your network and to the cloud," Netgear says. "Today's video files are getting larger with 4k and VR video. Offloading from capture devices and moving these large files within a network often becomes a time-consuming and challenging task. The Nighthawk X10 is powerful enough to move these files at unprecedented speed and provides easy access once the file is stored on the network."

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