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Extend Your Wireless Network Coverage

1. INTRODUCTION

The NETGEAR WN3000RP Universal WiFi Range Extender is designed to expand the coverage of your existing wireless network. It helps eliminate Wi-Fi dead zones and improve signal strength in areas with weak connectivity, giving you the freedom to roam anywhere in your home or office and access the internet without interruption. This compact device plugs directly into an electrical outlet, minimizing clutter and integrating seamlessly into any environment. It is compatible with wireless b/g/n routers, gateways, and Internet service provider devices, supporting a voltage range of 100-240V.



Figure 1.1: Front view of the NETGEAR WN3000RP Universal WiFi Range Extender, showing its compact design and indicator lights.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Ensure all items are present in your package:

- NETGEAR WN3000RP Universal WiFi Range Extender
- Antenna (integrated)
- Instruction Manual (this document)
- Power Adapter (integrated plug)

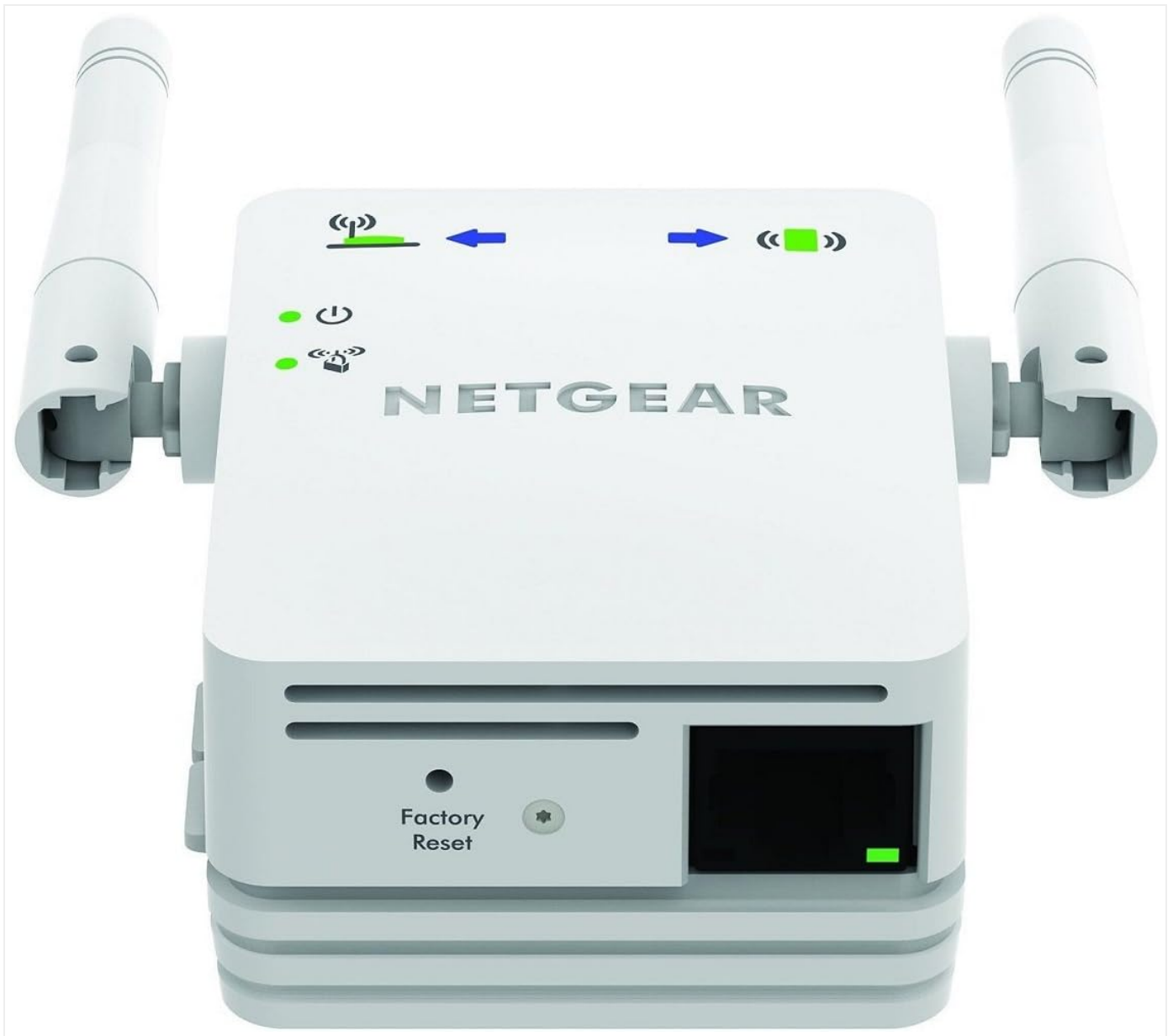


Figure 2.1: The retail packaging for the NETGEAR WN3000RP, indicating the product is securely boxed.

3. HARDWARE OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the physical components and indicators of your range extender.



Figure 3.1: Side view of the extender, highlighting the Power On/Off button, WPS button, Factory Reset button, and Ethernet port.

- **Power On/Off Button:** Controls the power supply to the device.
- **WPS Button:** For quick and secure connection to your router using Wi-Fi Protected Setup.
- **Factory Reset Button:** Resets the extender to its default factory settings. Use a paperclip to press and hold for 5 seconds.
- **Ethernet Port:** Allows for a wired connection to a device like a PC or gaming console.

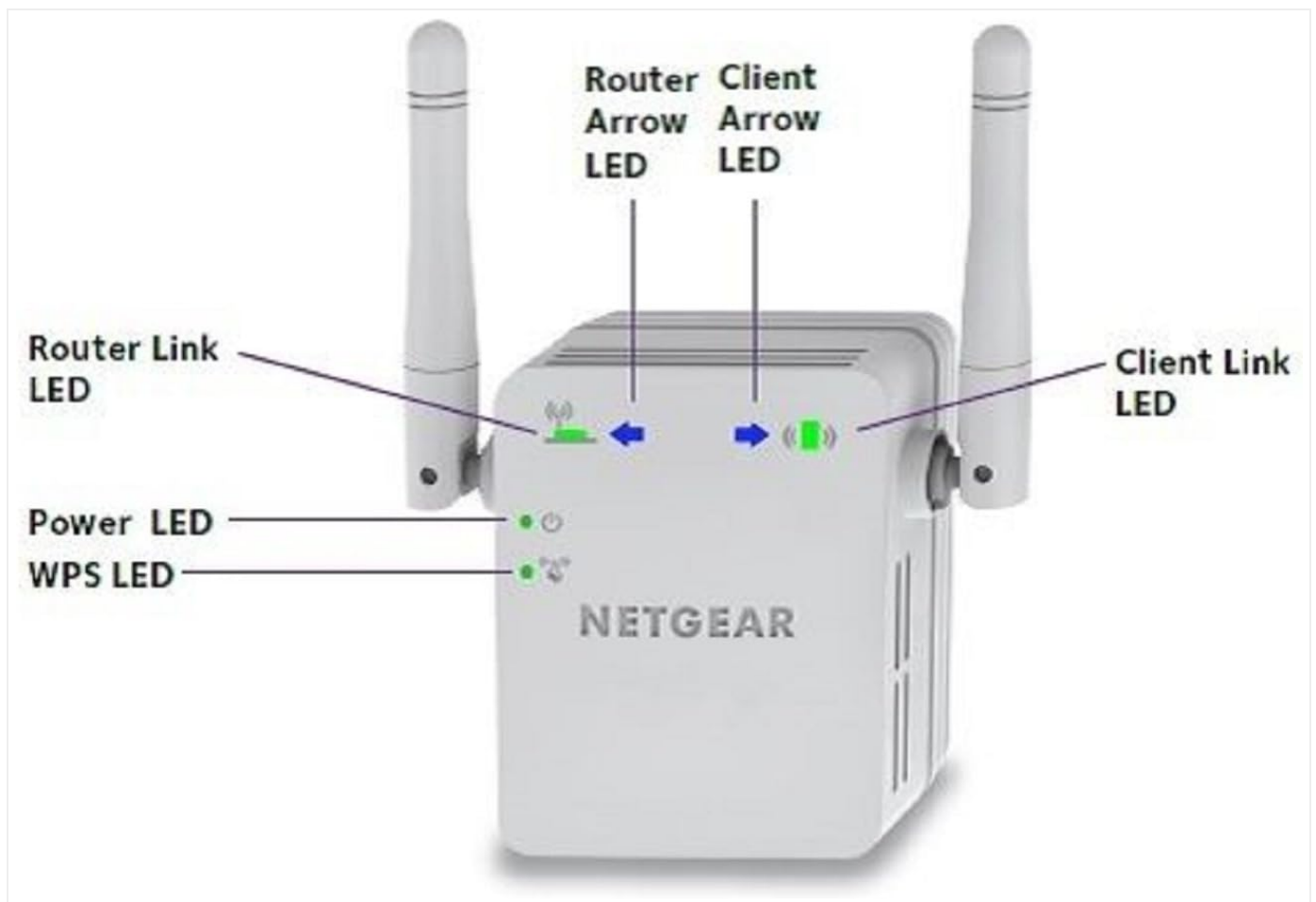


Figure 3.2: Front view of the extender, showing the LED indicators for Power, WPS, Router Link, and Client Link.

- **Power LED:** Indicates the power status of the extender.
- **WPS LED:** Shows the status of the WPS connection process.
- **Router Link LED (Wi-Fi icon with left arrow):** Indicates the connection status between the extender and your router. Green for good connection, amber for weak, off for no connection.
- **Client Link LED (Wi-Fi icon with right arrow):** Indicates the connection status between the extender and connected client devices. Green for good connection, amber for weak, off for no connection.

4. SETUP

There are two primary methods to set up your NETGEAR WN3000RP Universal WiFi Range Extender: using Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) or through a web browser.

4.1. Setup using WPS (Recommended)

1. **Plug in the Extender:** Plug the range extender into an electrical outlet in the same room as your Wi-Fi router.
2. **Wait for Power LED:** Wait for the Power LED on the extender to turn solid green.
3. **Press WPS on Extender:** Press the WPS button on your range extender. The WPS LED will start blinking.
4. **Press WPS on Router:** Within two minutes, press the WPS button on your Wi-Fi router. Refer to your router's manual for the exact location of its WPS button.
5. **Verify Connection:** Once connected, the Router Link LED on the extender will turn solid green. This indicates a successful connection between the extender and your router.
6. **Relocate Extender:** Unplug the extender and move it to a new location that is approximately halfway between your router and the area with poor Wi-Fi coverage. Ensure the Router Link LED remains solid green after plugging it in at

the new location. If it's amber or off, move it closer to the router.

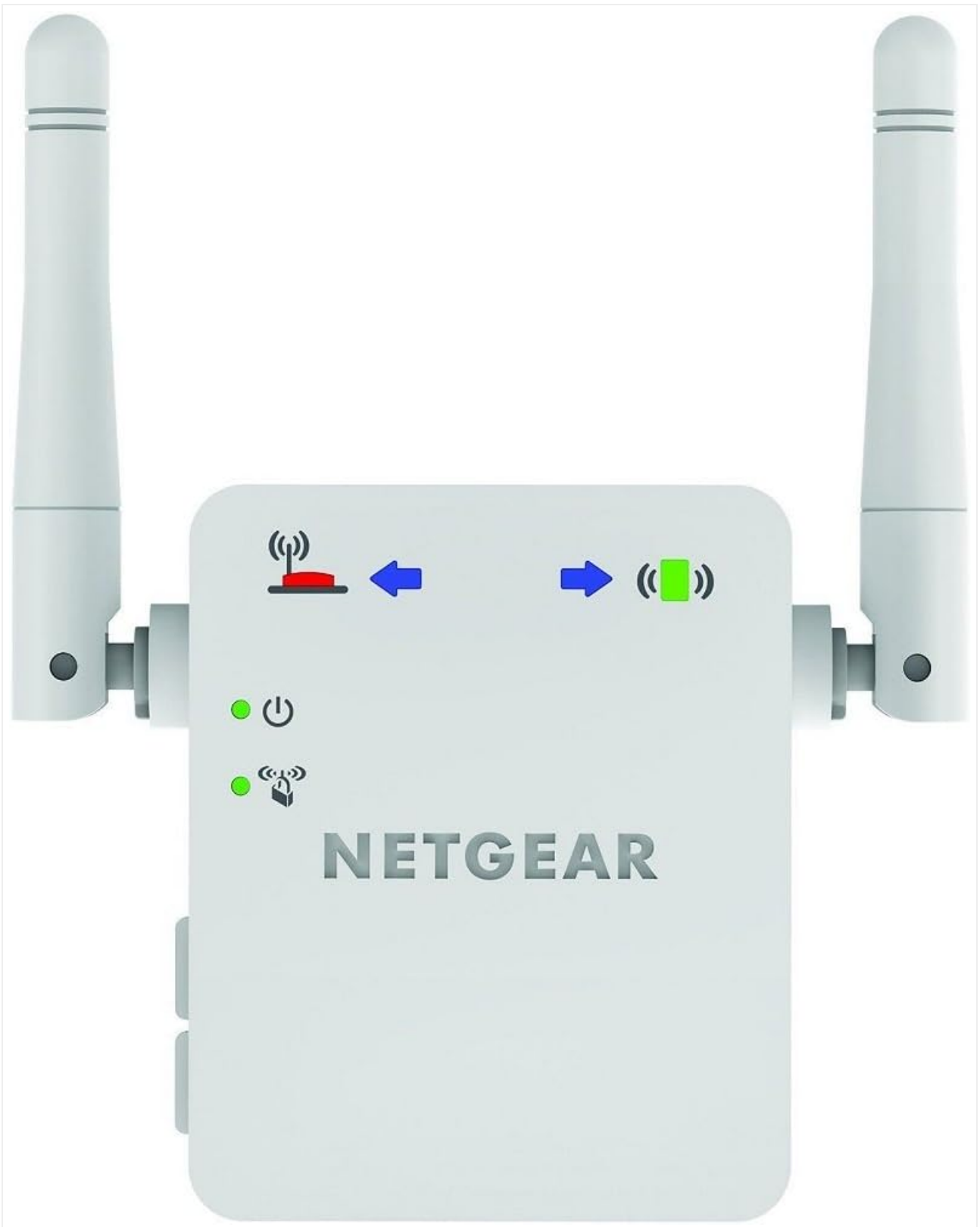


Figure 4.1: The NETGEAR WN3000RP plugged into a standard wall outlet, ready for setup.

4.2. Setup using a Web Browser

1. **Plug in the Extender:** Plug the range extender into an electrical outlet in the same room as your Wi-Fi router.
2. **Connect to Extender's Network:** On your computer or mobile device, connect to the Wi-Fi network named "NETGEAR_EXT" or "NETGEAR_EXT_5G".
3. **Launch Browser:** Open a web browser and type <http://www.mywifiext.net> or <http://192.168.1.250> into the address bar.

4. **Follow On-Screen Instructions:** Follow the on-screen instructions to select your existing Wi-Fi network and enter its password.
5. **Verify Connection:** Once setup is complete, the Router Link LED will turn solid green.
6. **Relocate Extender:** Unplug the extender and move it to a new location that is approximately halfway between your router and the area with poor Wi-Fi coverage. Ensure the Router Link LED remains solid green after plugging it in at the new location.

5. OPERATING YOUR RANGE EXTENDER

Once your NETGEAR WN3000RP is set up, it will automatically extend your Wi-Fi network. Devices can connect to the extended network just as they would to your main router.

- **Connecting Devices:** Search for available Wi-Fi networks on your device. You will see a new network name, typically your original network name followed by "_EXT" (e.g., "MyHomeWiFi_EXT"). Connect to this network using your existing Wi-Fi password.
- **Optimal Placement:** For best performance, place the extender where the Router Link LED is solid green. This indicates a strong connection to your main router. Avoid placing it near large metal objects, concrete walls, or other electronic devices that might cause interference.
- **Wired Connection:** Use the Ethernet port on the side of the extender to connect a wired device (e.g., desktop computer, smart TV, gaming console) to your network. This provides a stable and fast connection for devices without Wi-Fi capabilities or for those requiring maximum speed.



Figure 5.1: A diagram illustrating how the range extender expands Wi-Fi coverage throughout a multi-level home, reaching areas previously experiencing weak signals.

6. MAINTENANCE

To ensure optimal performance and longevity of your range extender, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Keep it Clean:** Periodically wipe the exterior of the extender with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol sprays.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure the ventilation slots on the device are not blocked. Proper airflow prevents overheating.

- **Firmware Updates:** Check the NETGEAR support website (www.netgear.com/support/) regularly for firmware updates. Keeping your firmware up-to-date ensures the best performance and security.
- **Power Cycle:** If you experience intermittent connectivity issues, try power cycling the extender by unplugging it from the outlet for 10 seconds and then plugging it back in.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your NETGEAR WN3000RP, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Solution
Extender not powering on.	Ensure the extender is securely plugged into a working electrical outlet. Try a different outlet.
Router Link LED is off or amber.	The extender is too far from the router or not connected. Move the extender closer to your Wi-Fi router. Re-run the setup process (WPS or web browser). Ensure your router is powered on and broadcasting Wi-Fi.
Cannot connect devices to the extended network.	Ensure the extender is properly connected to your router (Router Link LED solid green). Verify you are using the correct Wi-Fi password for the extended network. Try restarting your device and the extender.
Slow speeds on the extended network.	Relocate the extender to a position where the Router Link LED is solid green, indicating optimal signal strength from the router. Reduce interference by moving the extender away from other electronic devices. Ensure your main router is providing good internet speed.
Forgot admin password for mywifiext.net.	Perform a factory reset on the extender. Use a paperclip to press and hold the Factory Reset button for 5 seconds. After reset, you will need to reconfigure the extender.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** WN3000RP
- **Brand:** NETGEAR
- **Wireless Communication Standard:** 802.11n (backward compatible with 802.11b/g)
- **Data Transfer Rate:** Up to 300 Mbps
- **Antenna:** External antennas
- **Connector Type:** RJ45 (Ethernet Port)
- **Input Voltage:** 100-240V
- **Dimensions:** Approximately 7.01 x 4.57 x 3.03 inches (Package Dimensions)
- **Weight:** Approximately 7.4 ounces

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

NETGEAR products come with a limited hardware warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official NETGEAR website.

For technical support, product registration, and access to the latest drivers and user manuals, please visit:

www.netgear.com/support/

You can also find community forums and FAQs on the support website to help resolve common issues.

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