Your new NetX™ Network Thermostat has power beyond all others. You now have the ability to connect to your thermostat using the NetX™ DirectConnect™ method or with NetX™ CloudConnect™.

What's the difference? It's pretty important, so let go through it.

DirectConnect™

CloudConnect™





DirectConnect™ allows you to connect directly to the thermostat on your local network by using your favorite browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari), and over the Internet, if you port forward the local router. It is highly recommended that during set up you configure a static IP address on your local network. This is a manual process and a little bit of IT knowledge is helpful. Don't be afraid to give it a try though, as the DirectConnect™ instructions are very detailed and if you follow them step-by-step, you'll do fine with it.

The advantage of DirectConnect™ is that you're in complete control... forever. There's no 'cloud service' needed. There are many environments that may not work well with a cloud service due to a variety of reasons. A corporate policy may disallow using a cloud service from the Internet, there may be a requirement that the thermostats can only be accessed from the local network, or spotty Internet connectivity may make it difficult to have access 24/7 via 'the cloud'. And for many, simply having a 'forever free' connection is the best reason to use DirectConnect™. Using DirectConnect™, your thermostats can be directly accessed via PC, Mac, Tablet and Smart Phone browser or the NetX-IP™ Command Center software.

The advantage of CloudConnect[™] is that you don't have to deal with firewalls, static IP addresses, access rules, port forwarding, and a host of other IT related items. CloudConnect[™] allows you to simply place the thermostat on your local area network, sign up for an account (directly from the thermostat's configuration page), and then log in from our secure server at https://netx-cloud.com.

Because we're always working behind the scene to deliver the most reliable connection via our secure servers and fastest response, there is a small fee for CloudConnect™, starting at only \$9.95 per thermostat per year for the basic service. (That's only about 2.5 cents per day or about than 83 cents per month per thermostat!).

Every thermostat comes with a free 30 day trial of CloudConnect[™], and turns off automatically if you decide to use the DirectConnect[™] option. To purchase a subscription to CloudConnect[™] go to http://www.networkhvac.com. Subscriptions are annual.

Your thermostat comes loaded with all the power of both connection options, and connection instructions for each method are included.