And it’s a question with a pretty simple answer — it depends on where you are!

- **If you are in your room in a university residence hall, go wired.**
  You will get a dedicated and secure connection to the Internet if you use an Ethernet cable to plug your computer into your personal data jack. This is especially important for bandwidth-intensive activities such as streaming video, audio, and gaming.

- **If you’re in a friend’s room or out and about on campus, use the wireless network.**
  The University of Maryland wireless network is intended as a supplement to, not a substitute for, the wired network. It is a shared resource, so available bandwidth varies. For a more secure wireless connection, please use the umd-secure wireless network.

For information on the wireless network, visit [http://www.oit.umd.edu/wireless](http://www.oit.umd.edu/wireless).