

nmcli Wireless

Connecto to WiFi

Step 1: List available Wi-Fi networks

In the terminal, type

```
nmcli device wifi list
```

The output will list available access points

```
* SSID      MODE   CHAN  RATE      SIGNAL  BARS  SECURITY
* NextThing HQ      Infra 11      54 Mbit/s 100    ████  --
  NextThing Shop  Infra 6       54 Mbit/s 30     ███    WPA1 WPA2
  2WIRE533        Infra 10      54 Mbit/s
44 ████ WPA1 WPA2
```

Step 2: Connect to a network

You can connect to password -protected or open access points.

A: No Password

To connect to an open network with no password, use this command:

```
sudo nmcli device wifi connect '(your wifi network name/SSID)' ifname wlan0
```

These commands will respond with information about the connection.

B: Password Protected

To connect to a password protected network, use this command, inserting your own network name and password:

```
sudo nmcli device wifi connect '(your wifi network name/SSID)' password '(your wifi password)'
ifname wlan0
```

C: Hidden SSID and Password Protected

To connect to a hidden network, append hidden yes to the command, after ifname wlan0

Step 3: Test your Connection

You can verify and test your wireless network connection.

Verify

You can verify your connection using the command

```
nmcli device status
```

which outputs a list of the various network devices and their connections. For example, a successful connection would look like this:

```
DEVICE  TYPE    STATE      CONNECTION
wlan0   wifi    connected  NextThing HQ
wlan1   wifi    disconnected --
```

```
ip6tnl0  ip6tnl    unmanaged  --
lo        loopback  unmanaged  --
sit0      sit        unmanaged  --
```

Because it is worth knowing that Linux offers many ways of doing things, another command that shows your current active connection is

```
nmcli connection show --active
```

which outputs like so:

NAME	UUID		TYPE	DEVICE
NTC	59962bac-3441-437b-94ea-bf31dee66e8f	802-11-wireless	wlan0	

After you have connected once, your C.H.I.P. will automatically connect to this network next time you reboot (or start NetworkManager services).

Create Hotspot

```
sudo nmcli dev wifi hotspot ifname wlan0 ssid "SandyBox-AP" password "sandybox123"
```