# wiTECH Bandwidth Requirements

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## **DESCRIPTION**:

- Reliable Internet connection speed and consistency are essential for the wiTECH System.
- wiTECH requires <u>3 Mbps download</u> and <u>3 Mbps upload</u> bandwidth per wiTECH user. (1.5 Mbps for the VCI device + 1.5 Mbps for the viewing device (tablet, phone, PC) = 3 Mbps download and upload bandwidth per user)
  - Each additional wiTECH user should have **3 Mbps of additional available bandwidth**. Of course, higher bandwidth brings increased wiTECH performance.
  - If your service location has 10 technicians that utilize wiTECH simultaneously, wiTECH requires <u>30 Mbps download</u> and <u>30 Mbps upload</u> bandwidth (3 Mbps X 10 technicians = 30 Mbps).

## ABOUT CONNECTION SPEED

- Most Internet Service Providers (ISPs) advertise their Internet connection speeds in Mbps or Mb/s (Megabits per second).
- However, when testing your Internet connection, sometimes the results are displayed as M<u>B</u>/s (note the capital B) which means <u>Megabytes per second</u>.
- *There is a big difference between the lowercase* **b** *and the uppercase* **B**. If the results are displayed as MB/s then the number has to be multiplied by 8 in order to obtain the speed results in Mbps:

*For example, if the speed test resulted in a speed of* 1.5*M*<u>B</u>*/s (note the capital B), then we would calculate Megabits as follows:* 

## 1.5 x 8 = 12

By this calculation, the Internet connection speed is 12Mbps (12 Megabits per second).

## **TESTING YOUR CONNECTION SPEED**

- Two popular speed test websites are <u>www.speakeasy.net/speedtest</u> and <u>www.speedtest.net</u>.
  Both websites already display the results in <u>Mbps (Megabits per second)</u>.
- As resources on the network are used, bandwidth availability can be reduced, so remember the 3 Mbps requirement is for wiTECH and does not include additional bandwidth requirements from the service desk, parts, sales, etc.

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