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## **User Guide**

## **TL-WDN4200**

## N900 Wireless Dual Band USB Adapter



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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/ TV technician for help.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- 1) This device may not cause harmful interference.
- 2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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Operations in the 5.15-5.25GHz band are restricted to indoor usage only.

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This is a class B product. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference,

in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

#### **National Restrictions**

This device is intended for home and office use in all EU countries (and other countries following the EU directive 1999/5/EC) without any limitation except for the countries mentioned below:

Country	Restriction	Reason/remark
Bulgaria	None	General authorization required for outdoor use and public service
France	Outdoor use limited to 10 mW e.i.r.p. within the band 2454-2483.5 MHz	Military Radiolocation use. Refarming of the 2.4 GHz band has been ongoing in recent years to allow current relaxed regulation. Full implementation planned 2012
Italy	None	If used outside of own premises, general authorization is required
Luxembourg	None	General authorization required for network and service supply(not for spectrum)
Norway	Implemented	This subsection does not apply for the geographical area within a radius of 20 km from the centre of Ny-Ålesund
Russian Federation	None	Only for indoor applications

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- Don't disassemble the product, or make repairs yourself. You run the risk of electric shock and voiding the limited warranty. If you need service, please contact us.
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ES	FI	FR	GB	GR	HU	IE	IT
LT	LV	MT	NL	NO	PL	PT	RO
RU	SE	SK	TR	UA			

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Product Description: N900 Wireless Dual Band USB Adapter

Model No.: TL-WDN4200

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ETSI EN 301 489-1 V1.9.2:2011 & ETSI EN 301 489-17 V2.2.1:2012

EN 60950-1:2006+A11: 2009+A1:2010+A12:2011

EN 62311:2008

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### **Package Contents**

Please verify that all the package contents below are available.

- > One TL-WDN4200 N900 Wireless Dual Band USB Adapter
- > Quick Installation Guide
- > One Resource CD for TL-WDN4200, including:
  - TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility (TWCU) and Drivers
  - User Guide
  - Other helpful information

Make sure that the above items are contained in the package. If any of the above items is damaged or missing, please contact your distributor.

#### Solution Note:

The 'adapter' mentioned in this User Guide stands for TL-WDN4200 N900 Wireless Dual Band USB Adapter without any explanation.

#### **Chapter 1 Product Overview**

#### 1.1 Introduction

The adapter is a dual band 802.11n client device designed to deliver a high-speed wireless performance for your desktop. With a faster wireless connection, you can get a better Internet experience, such as downloading, gaming, and video streaming.

With the 802.11n technology, higher throughput improvements using 3T3R, the TL-WDN4200's auto-sensing capability allows high packet transfer rate of up to 450Mbps for maximum throughput. It has good capability on anti-jamming, and it can also interoperate with other wireless (802.11a/b/g/n) products. The adapter supports WEP, WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK and WPA/WPA2 encryption to prevent outside intrusion and protect your personal information from being exposed.

The adapter is easy to install and manage. The Quick Setup Wizard will guide you step-by-step through the installation process and the TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility (TWCU) will instruct you to quickly set up a wireless connection.

With unmatched wireless performance, reception, and security protection, the TL-WDN4200 is the best choice for easily adding or upgrading wireless connectivity to your desktop.

#### 1.2 Features

- Supports dual-band, 2.4GHz or 5GHz
- > Seamlessly compatible with 802.11a/b/g/n products
- Experience smoother video streaming and online gaming by choosing the clearer 5GHz band for wireless connections
- Supports 64/128 WEP, WPA/WPA2, WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK(TKIP/AES), supports IEEE 802.1X
- Supports Windows XP 32/64bit, Windows Vista 32/64bit, Windows 7 32/64bit, Windows 8 32/64bit
- > Supports ad-hoc and infrastructure mode
- > Bundled utility provides quick & hassle-free installation

#### **1.3 Hardware Overview**

LED status:

Status	Working Status		
Off	The driver has not been installed; The adapter's radio has been disabled.		
Flashing Slowly	The driver has been installed but no data is being transmitted or received.		
Flashing Quickly	Data is being transmitted or received.		

#### **Chapter 2 Installation**

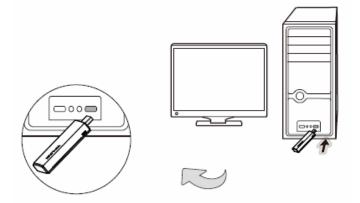
Please install the adapter into your computer before installing the driver and utility software from the Resource CD.

#### 2.1 Hardware Installation

There are two methods:

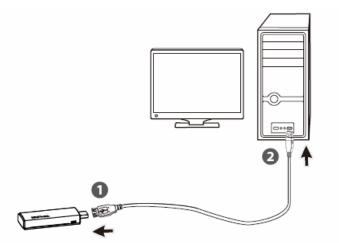
#### Method One:

Plug the adapter into an available USB interface on your computer directly.



#### Method Two:

Connect the adapter and your computer with the provided USB cable.



When the Found New Hardware wizard appears, click Cancel.

#### Note:

When the hardware has been successfully installed on your computer, you may be prompted **'Found New Hardware Wizard'** (as shown in Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2); please click **Cancel**, and then follow the **Software Installation** steps to install driver and utility for your adapter.



Figure 2-1 Found New Hardware Wizard in Windows XP

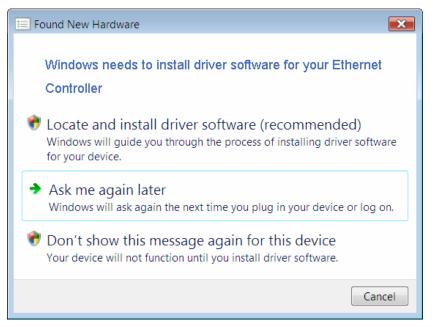


Figure 2-2 Found New Hardware Wizard in Windows Vista

#### 2.2 Software Installation

The adapter's Setup Wizard will guide you through the installation procedures for Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7 and Windows 8. The procedures in different systems are quite similar, therefore here we use the procedures in Windows 7 as an example.

 Insert the Resource CD into your CD-ROM drive and then select model **TL-WDN4200** on the window that pops up (as shown in the below Figure 2-3). There will be a menu including: Install Driver&Utility and User Guide. Click Install Driver&Utility to begin. TL-WDN4200 N900 Wireless Dual Band USB Adapter User Guide

TP-LINK The Reliable Choice		Setup Wizard Wireless N Product V1.0
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	TL-WDN4200 Install Driver&Utility User Guide	
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Figure 2-3

2. The InstallShield Wizard window will appear. Click Next to continue.



Figure 2-4

 Choose a setup type. It is recommended to select Install TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver. Selecting Install Driver Only can only install driver. Click Next to continue.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver - Inst	allShield Wizard
Setup Type Select the setup type that best suits your needs.	TP-LINK
Click the type of setup you prefer. Install Driver Only	Description
Install TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver	Choose this option to install TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and driver. This is the recommended option.
InstallShield	ck Next > Cancel

Figure 2-5

4. Click **Change** to specify the destination location for the software or you can leave it default. Click **Next** in the screen below to continue.

TP-LINK Wi	reless Configuration Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wiza	ard 💌
Select th	e folder where setup will install files.	TP-LINK
	Install TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver to: C:\\TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility	Change
InstallShield -		
n iocano filolo	K Back Ne:	kt > Cancel

Figure 2-6

5. Click **Install** to continue the setup.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard
Ready to Install the Program         The wizard is ready to begin installation.         TP-LINK
Click Install to begin the installation.
If you want to review or change any of your installation settings, click Back. Click Cancel to exit the wizard.
nstallShield
< Back Install Cancel

Figure 2-7

6. The utility and drivers will install. It may take 1~2 minutes.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard	
Setup Status TP-LINK	
The InstallShield Wizard is installing TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver	
Installing	
C:\\Driver\Windows_Vista_32bit\RaCoInst.dat	
InstallShield	
Cancel	

Figure 2-8

7. After all the steps above, you will see the screen below. Click **Finish** to complete the setup.

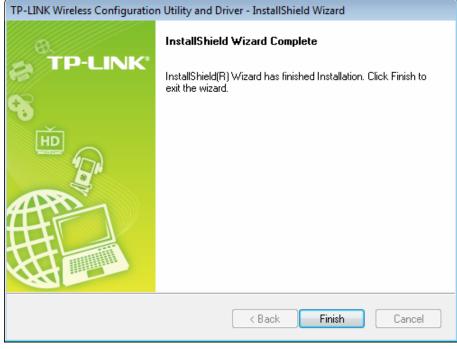


Figure 2-9

8. After installation, the utility configuration page will automatically pop up as shown in the following figure and the icon in will appear in your system tray. To connect to a network, please refer to <u>Chapter 3 Connect to a Wireless Network</u>.

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Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced		
Network	Name(SSID) 🔻	Secu	rity 👻	Channel 👻	Signal 🥆	
TP-LINK_	7CA926	None		4 (2.4G)	.ail	^
TP-LINK_	Network1	WPA2	-Personal	13 (2.4G)	and the	
TP-LINK_	130969	None		44 (5G)	.ail	=
TP-LINK_	TP-LINK_BF134C		VPA2-Enterprise	4 (2.4G)		
TP-LINK_	130919	None		7 (2.4G)	100	
TP-LINK_	DE1C2E	WPA/	WPA2-Personal	149 (5G)	100	
TPLINK_I	DATA_TRANS	WPA-F	ersonal	11 (2.4G)	1800	
TP-LINK_	D94F73	🔒 WEP		7 (2.4G)		-
					Rescan	

Figure 2-10

#### **Chapter 3** Connect to a Wireless Network

With both the hardware and software successfully installed into your computer, you can quickly connect to a wireless network using one of the following methods.

#### > Method One: To connect using TWCU (TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility)

TL-WDN4200 uses the TWCU as the management software. The utility provides you an easy interface to connect to a network and to change any settings related to the wireless adapter.

#### > Method Two: To connect using WPS

By this method, you can connect to your network quickly on the condition that your Router or access point supports WPS or QSS as is called by some other products.

#### > Method Three: To connect using Windows built-in wireless utility

Windows users may use the built-in wireless utility to connect to a wireless network. For specific operations, please go to <u>Section 3.3 To connect using Windows built-in wireless utility</u>.

#### 3.1 To connect using TWCU

1. After installation, the utility configuration page will automatically pop up on the screen. If the utility page does not pop up, you can also launch the utility by double-clicking the 🖉 icon on your desktop.

Status WPS	Network Profile	Advanced	
Network Name(SSID)	Security 👻	Channel 🔻	Signal 🤜
TP-LINK_7CA926	None	4 (2.4G)	- Ite
TP-LINK_Network1	WPA2-Personal	13 (2.4G)	lin
TP-LINK_130969	None	44 (5G)	a <b>ti</b> =
TP-LINK_BF134C	B WPA/WPA2-Enterpris	se 4 (2.4G)	-mi
TP-LINK_130919	None	7 (2.4G)	- 100
TP-LINK_DE1C2E	WPA/WPA2-Personal	149 (5G)	100
TPLINK_DATA_TRANS	WPA-Personal	11 (2.4G)	.atl
TP-LINK_D94F73	B WEP	7 (2.4G)	- 100
-			Rescan

#### Figure 3-1

The Network page will display all wireless networks that are available in your area. To connect to a network, simply highlight the wireless network name (SSID) and click Connect. If you tick Connect automatically, the adapter will automatically connect to your target network next time.

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	Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced		
	Network Nam	ne(SSID) 🔻	Secu	rity 👻	Channel 👻	Signal 🤜	
	TP-LINK_7C	A926	None		4 (2.4G)	l	^
	TP-LINK_Net	twork1	WPA2-	-Personal	9 (2.4G)	-mil	
			Connect	tautomatically	Conne	ect	E
	TP-LINK_130	)969	None		44 (5G)	1000	
	TP-LINK_BF	134C	🖬 WPAA	VPA2-Enterprise	e 4 (2.4G)	-10	
	TP-LINK_130	)9 <b>1</b> 9	None		7 (2.4G)	1000	
	TP-LINK_ DE	E1C2E	WPA/	WPA2-Personal	149 (5G)	1000	
	TPLINK_DAT	A_TRANS	WPA-F	Personal	11 (2.4G)	1000	-
						Rescan	

Figure 3-2

3. You will be prompted different windows when you choose wireless network of different security types.

#### 1) Wireless network of WPA/WPA2-Personal

If you selected a wireless network of the security type WPA/WPA2-Personal, you will be prompted to enter the password in the security key field, as shown in Figure 3-3. Or you can push the **WPS/QSS** button on your Router (if it features the WPS/QSS function) to quickly build a connection without entering the security key (password).

Please input the pa	issword:	
Security Key:	*****	
	Show characters	
()	You can also connect by pushing the button on the router.	
	ОК	Cancel

Figure 3-3

#### Note:

The security key (password) can be found on the configuration page of your Router or Access Point.

#### 2) Wireless network of WPA/WPA2-Enterprise

If you selected a wireless network of the security type WPA/WPA2-Enterprise, you will be prompted to choose a type of authentication, either **Certificate** or **Password**. With

**Certificate** as your authentication, you need to select one specific certificate from the drop-down list, as shown in Figure 3-4. With **Password** as your authentication, you should enter the right user name and password in the corresponding field, as shown in Figure 3-5.

Authentication:	Certificate
Certificate:	wifi-user WiFi-Intermediate-CA-
	OK Cancel

Figure 3-4

Authentication: User Name: Password:	Password  user
	Show characters

Figure 3-5

3) Wireless network of None

If you selected a wireless network of **None** (that is, no security is set.), you can get directly connected to this network without any further configuration.

4. Please wait a few minutes for the connection process.

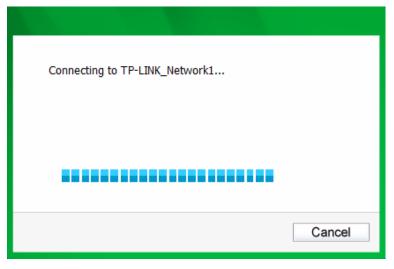


Figure 3-6

5. You have now successfully connected to your network. Click **Close** to enjoy the Internet.

Connected to TP-LINK_Network1	
	Close

Figure 3-7

6. To view more information about the network currently connected, click **Status** in the tools section and the page will display information such as the network type, channel, rate, etc.

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Image: Status       Image: Network       Image: Profile       Image: Status         Profile Name:       TP-LINK_Network1       Image: Status       Advanced         Profile Name:       TP-LINK_Network1       Image: Status       Image: Status         Network Name(SSID):       TP-LINK_Network1       Image: Status       Image: Status         Network Type:       Infrastructure       Rate:       450Mbps         Channel:       1 (2.4G)       Encryption Type: AES         AP MAC:       94-0C-6D-2F-3C-BE       Wireless Mode:       802.11n         IP Address:       192.168.1.103       Image: Strength:       100% Exceller	P-LINK e Reliable Choice	C				
Profile Name:       TP-LINK_Network1         Network Name(SSID):       TP-LINK_Network1         Network Type:       Infrastructure       Rate:       450Mbps         Channel:       1 (2.4G)       Encryption Type: AES         AP MAC:       94-0C-6D-2F-3C-BE       Wireless Mode:       802.11n         IP Address:       192.168.1.103					1000 miles	
Network Name(SSID):       TP-LINK_Network1         Network Type:       Infrastructure       Rate:       450Mbps         Channel:       1 (2.4G)       Encryption Type: AES         AP MAC:       94-0C-6D-2F-3C-BE       Wireless Mode:       802.11n         IP Address:       192.168.1.103	Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
Network Type:InfrastructureRate:450MbpsChannel:1 (2.4G)Encryption Type: AESAP MAC:94-0C-6D-2F-3C-BEWireless Mode:802.11nIP Address:192.168.1.103	Profile Name	:	TP-LINK_Network1			
Channel:       1 (2.4G)       Encryption Type: AES         AP MAC:       94-0C-6D-2F-3C-BE       Wireless Mode: 802.11n         IP Address:       192.168.1.103	Network Nan	ne(SSID):	TP-LINK_Network1			
AP MAC: 94-0C-6D-2F-3C-BE Wireless Mode: 802.11n IP Address: 192.168.1.103	Network Typ	B:	Infrastructure	Rate:	450Mbps	
IP Address: 192.168.1.103	Channel:		1 (2.4G)	Encrypti	on Type: AES	
	AP MAC:		94-0C-6D-2F-3C-BE	Wireless	Mode: 802.11n	
Signal Strength: 100% Exceller	IP Address:		192.168.1.103			
	Signal Stren	gth: 📃			100% E:	xcellen

Figure 3-8

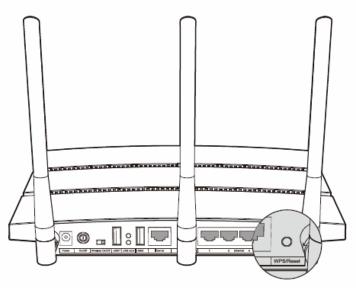
#### 3.2 To connect using WPS

WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) function allows you to add a new wireless device to an existing network quickly.

If your wireless Router supports WPS or QSS (Quick Security Setup), you can establish a wireless connection between wireless card and Router using either Push Button Configuration (**PBC**) method or **PIN** method. Three WPS connection methods are listed in the following parts.

#### 3.2.1 PBC (Push Button Configuration) method

1. Press the WPS or QSS button on the Router. Here we use Router TL-WDR4900 as an example. Press the **WPS/Reset** button for 2~3 seconds.



 Open TWCU and click WPS tab. Select Push the button on my access point or wireless Router and then click Connect. TL-WDN4200 N900 Wireless Dual Band USB Adapter User Guide

	К				- *
	WPS			1	
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
◉ Push th ⊚ Enter th	bose a method to e button on my ac e PIN of my acces	ion will guide you th join a wireless netw ccess point or wirele ss point or wireless te into my access p	iork: ess router. router.	g your wireless network outer.	c. Connect

Figure 3-9

3. The adapter will be connecting to the target network.

Configuring the wireless network.	
Connecting to the network	
	Cancel
	Cancel



4. When the following window appears, you have successfully connected to the network.

Configuring the wireless network.
Successfully connected to the network by WPS !
OK

Figure 3-11

#### 3.2.2 PIN method

There are two ways to configure the WPS by PIN method:

- 1) Enter the PIN from your Router or AP device.
- 2) Enter a PIN into your Router or AP device.

Following are the detailed configuration procedures of each way.

#### 3.2.2.1. Enter the PIN from your Router or AP device

 Open TWCU and click WPS tab. Select Enter the PIN of my access point or wireless Router. In the empty field beside PIN, enter the PIN labeled on the bottom of the Router (here takes 13492564 for example). If you have generated a new PIN code for your Router, please enter the new one instead. Click Connect to continue.

	ĸ				- *
	<b>N</b>		¢.		
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
<ul> <li>○ Push the</li> <li>◎ Enter the</li> <li>PIN: 1349;</li> </ul>	ose a method to j button on my ac PIN of my acces 2564	oin a wireless netw cess point or wirele ss point or wireless	rork: ess router. router.	) your wireless networ	k.
Enter the	PIN of this devic	e into my access p	point or wireless re	outer	
					Connect

Figure 3-12

2. The adapter will be connecting to the target network.

Configuring the wireless network.
<b>(((WPS)))</b>
Searching for an available network
Current PIN:13492564
Cancel



3. When Figure 3-11 appears, you have successfully connected to the network.

#### 3.2.2.2. Enter a PIN into your AP device

 Open TWCU and click WPS tab. Select Enter the PIN of this device into my access point or wireless Router. In the field beside PIN, you will see the PIN value of the adapter which is randomly generated. Click Connect to continue.

	K				- x
	<b>P</b>		4	2	
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	-
<ul> <li>Push the</li> <li>Enter the</li> <li>Enter the</li> </ul>	ose a method to j e button on my ac e PIN of my acces	ion will guide you th ioin a wireless netwo cess point or wireless se point or wireless e into my access p	vork: ess router. router.	y your wireless network	L
					Connect

Figure 3-14

 Open your Router's Web-based Utility and click WPS link on the left of the main menu. Then click Add device and the following figure will appear. Enter the PIN value of the adapter in the empty field beside PIN and then click Connect.

Add A New [	Device
	e new device's PIN.
PIN: 193	
🔘 Press the	e button of the new device in two minutes.
	Back Connect
	Figure 3-15

3. When **Connect successfully** appears on the screen (as shown in Figure 3-16), the WPS configuration is completed. Or you can view the adapter's utility page to see whether the connection has been successful (as shown in Figure 3-17).

Add A New Device
Enter the new device's PIN.
PIN: 19342306
Press the button of the new device in two minutes.
Connect successfully!
Back Connect

Figure 3-16

Configuring the wireless network.
<b>(((WPS)))</b>
Successfully connected to the network by WPS !
ОК

Figure 3-17

#### 3.3 To connect using Windows built-in wireless utility

#### 3.3.1 In Windows XP

Windows XP users may use the built-in wireless utility. Follow the steps below.

1. Right-click on the utility icon in your system tray (lower-right corner). Select **Switch to Windows wireless configuration tool**.

Open	
Radio OFF	
Switch to Windows wireless configuration tool	
Switch to Soft#P mode	
About	
Exit	
en 😒	1 = 🗙 🦻

Figure 3-18

Or double-click the utility icon to load the utility configuration page. Click **Advanced** in the tools section and then select **Use Windows wireless configuration tool** in the figure shown below. Click **OK** when Figure 3-20 appears to continue.

P-LIN Reliable Choice	ĸ				
	<b>WPS</b>		¢.		
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
Select wirel	ess configuratior	n tool			
🔿 Use TP	-LINK Wireless C	onfiguration Utility	💿 Use Windo	ws wireless configurat	ion tool
Wireless ne	etwork adapter sv	vitch			
Please ch	ioose a wireless	network adapter :	Wireless Networl	Connection TL-WDN	14200 🗸 🗸
SaftAP mad	ie				
ON		⊙ OFF			
D	mode				
Power Save					

Figure 3-19

Are you sure to use Windows wireless configuration tool?
OK Cancel



Right-click on the wireless computer icon in your system tray (lower-right corner). Select
 View Available Wireless Networks.





3. The utility will display any available wireless networks in your area. Click on a network (displayed using the SSID) and click the **Connect** button.

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0	<sup>®</sup> Wireless Network Connecti	ion 32			×
	Network Tasks	Choose	e a wireless network		
	🛃 Refresh network list	Click an iter information	n in the list below to connect to a wireless network in range or to get .	more	
	Set up a wireless network for a home or small office	((ဓူ))	TP-LINK_254350		^
	Related Tasks	((ဓူ))	TP-LINK_CB3A52		
	Learn about wireless networking	U	Security-enabled wireless network (WPA2) TP-LINK_Network1	:000J	
	Change the order of preferred networks	((°)))	Security-enabled wireless network (WPA2)	aull	
	Change advanced settings		To connect to this network, click Connect. You might need to enter additional information.		
		((ဝ))	WR541		
		((ດູ))	5 Security-enabled wireless network	0000	
				<u>on</u> Connect	

Figure 3-22

4. If the network is security-enabled, you will be prompted to enter the key as shown below. If not, you will connect to the network directly without entering a key.

Wireless Network Conne	ection 🛛 🗙
	rk1' requires a network key (also called a WEP key or WPA event unknown intruders from connecting to this network.
Type the key, and then click (	Connect.
Network <u>k</u> ey:	•••••
C <u>o</u> nfirm network key:	•••••
	<u>Connect</u> Cancel

Figure 3-23

#### 3.3.2 In Windows Vista

Windows Vista users may use the built-in wireless utility. Follow the steps below.

1. Open the wireless utility by right-clicking on the wireless computer icon in your system tray as shown in the figure below. Select **Connect to a network**.





2. The utility will display any available wireless networks in your area. Highlight the wireless

network you would like to connect and then click **Connect**.

Select a network to connect to	
Show All	47
Dial-up and VPN	¥ 🔺
Wireless Network Connection 6	<b>^</b> E
TP-LINK_Network1 Security-enabled network	ller-
TP-LINK_1B0F28 Security-enabled network	ller-
Infra_KeyTest Security-enabled network	- 110-
<u>Set up a connection or network</u> Open Network and Sharing Center	
	Connect Cancel
Figure 3-25	

3. If the network you would like to connect is security-enabled, enter the same security key or passphrase that is on your Router. If the network to be connected is not secure, the connection will be built without entering a key.

Connect to a network	
Type the network security key or passphrase for TP-LINK_Network1	
The person who setup the network can give you the key or passphrase.	
Security key or passphrase:	
••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
If you have a <u>USB flash drive</u> with network settings for TP-LINK_Network1, insert now.	it
Connect	Cancel

Figure 3-26

4. You have now successfully connected to the network.

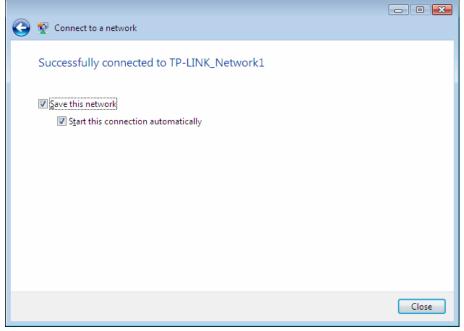


Figure 3-27

#### 3.3.3 In Windows 7

Windows 7 users may use the built-in wireless utility. Follow the steps below.

Left-click the wireless icon in your system tray (lower-right corner). The utility will display any available wireless networks in your area. Highlight the wireless network (displayed using the SSID) to be connected and then click **Connect**.

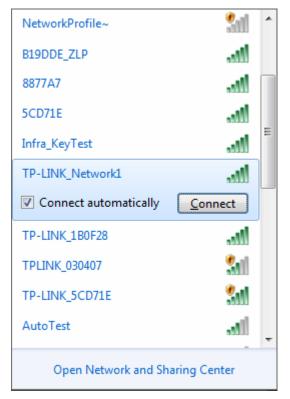


Figure 3-28

2. If the network you would like to connect is encrypted, enter the same security key or passphrase that is on your Router. Or push the WPS/QSS button on the Router or access point (You will be prompted to push the button on the window if WPS function is supported as shown in the figure below). If the network to be connected is not secure, the connection will be built without entering a key.

😰 Connect to a Netwo	rk	<b>×</b>
Type the network	security key	
Security key:	•••••	
	Hide characters	
	You can also connect by pushing the outton on the router.	
	ОК	Cancel



3. You have now successfully connected to the network.

Dial-up and VPN	~	*
Wireless Network Conne	ection 6	
TP-LINK_Network1	Connected	_
NetworkProfile~	<b>3</b> 10	
B19DDE_ZLP	lite.	_
8877A7	lle.	
1B0F28	lle.	
Infra_KeyTest	lte.	
TP-LINK_1B0F28	lite.	
TP-LINK_B19DDE_ZLP	lie.	
TP-LINK_8877A7	34	Ŧ
Open Network and	d Sharing Center	
EN anîl 😼	-∰ 10:12 AM 3/29/2011	

Figure 3-30

#### 3.3.4 In Windows 8

Windows 8 users may use the built-in wireless utility. Follow the steps below.

1. Click the icon at the bottom of your screen, and a network list will appear at the right side of your screen. Select your target network, and then click **Connect**.

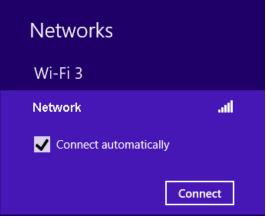


Figure 3-31

If the network is unencrypted, you will directly connect to it.
 If the network is encrypted, enter the password (network security key) and then click Next to continue.



Figure 3-32

#### Note:

You can also push the WPS/QSS button on your router as hinted "You can also connect by pushing the button on the router". Then click **Next** to continue.

3. When Connected appears behind the SSID (as shown below), you have successfully connected to the target network.



Figure 3-33

#### Note:

If the adapter is connected to the network for the first time, you will be asked whether to turn on sharing or connect to devices. Please select "Yes, ..." or "No, ..." according to your Internet environment.

Networks	
Vetwork	atl
Do you want to turn on s	
between PCs and connec on this network?	t to devices
on this network? No, don't turn on sharii	ng or
on this network? No, don't turn on sharin connect to devices	n <b>g or</b> Ices

Figure 3-34

#### **Chapter 4 Management**

This section will show you how to configure your TL-WDN4200 adapter using the TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility (TWCU).

The TL-WDN4200 adapter uses the TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility as the management software. The utility provides users with an easy interface to change any settings related to the adapter. Double-clicking on the *clicking* icon on your desktop will start the utility.

#### 4.1 Profile

Your wireless networks may vary in different places like home, office or coffee shop. With **Profile** management, you can easily save and manage various networks to be connected, saving you the trouble of having to repeat the same configurations. Click **Profile** in the tools section, the following page will appear.

Status     WPS     Network     Profile     Advance       Profile Name     SSID     Network Type     Security	ed
Profile Name SSID Network Type Security	
	Connected
Add Modify Remo	Connect

Figure 4-1

#### 4.1.1 Add a profile

To add a profile, click the **Add** button on the bottom of the screen. Then the configuration window will appear.

#### 4.1.1.1. Add a profile in Infrastructure mode

If you are connecting to a wireless router or access point, select **Infrastructure** as the Network Type in the screen that appears and follow the instructions below to finish the setting.

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Profile Name:	Home	
SSID:	TP-LINK_Network1	•
Network Type:	Infrastructure	🔘 ad hoc
Security Type:	WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK	•
Encryption Type:	TKIP/AES	•
Security Key:	*****	Show characters
Start this connec	tion automatically.	
		Save Cancel

Figure 4-2

Profile Name:	Office
SSID:	TP-LINK_BF503A
Network Type:	Infrastructure
Security Type:	WPA/WPA2
Encryption Type:	TKIP/AES 👻
Authentication:	Certificate 👻
Certificate:	wifi-user WiFi-Intermediate-CA- ▼
Start this connection	ction automatically.
	Save Cancel

Figure 4-3

The following items can be found on the screen.

- Profile Name: Enter a name for your profile (e.g. Home, Office, Coffee Shop). The same name is not allowed. Please also note that no space is allowed between words.
- > **SSID:** Select the target network from the drop-down list.
- Network Type: Select the network type. If you are connecting to a wireless Router or access point, select Infrastructure. If you are connecting to another wireless client such as an adapter, select ad-hoc.
- Security Type: Select the security type from the list. Four options are available: WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK, WPA/WPA2, WEP and None. The security type should be the same as on your Router or access point, otherwise, you will not be able to build a successful connection. WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK uses a passphrase or key to authenticate your wireless connection. The key must be the exact same key entered on your wireless Router or access point. None stands for no security. It's recommended to enable WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK on your wireless Router or access point before con is configuring your wireless adapter.

#### Solution Note:

You will see Figure 4-2 if you selected the security type **WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK**; while, if you selected the security type **WPA/WPA2**, Figure 4-3 will be displayed.

- Encryption Type: From the drop-down menu, select the encryption type that is the same as on your Router or access point.
- Security Key: Enter the passphrase exactly as it is on your wireless Router or access point. Click the Show characters box to see the passphrase, or uncheck this box to hide it.
- > Authentication: Select a type of authentication, either certificate or password.
- Certificate: If you select certificate as your Authentication, then you need to specify your certificate from the drop-down list here.
- Start this connection automatically: Check this box to automatically connect to this network next time.
- > Save: Click Save to save your settings.

Having completed the above settings, the Profile page should look like the following figure. To connect to a desired network, just highlight the network you would like to connect to and click the **Connect** button on the bottom of the window. Then click **OK** in Figure 4-5 to activate the profile.

					- x
Status			<b>C</b>		
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
Profile Name	SSID		Network Type	Security	Connected
Home	TP-LINK	Network1	Infrastructure	WPA-PSK/WPA	No
Office	TP-LINK	_BF503A	Infrastructure	WPA/WPA2	No
		Add	Modify	Remove	Connect

Figure 4-4



Figure 4-5

#### 4.1.1.2. Add a profile in ad hoc mode

# Note:

#### This function is not available in Windows 8.

If you are connecting to another wireless client such as an adapter, select **ad hoc** as the Network Type in the screen that appears and follow the instructions below to finish the setting.

Profile Name:	Home 2
SSID:	TP-LINK_DE1C2E
Network Type:	◯ Infrastructure
Band:	2.4Ghz 👻
Security Type:	WEP
Encryption Type:	Open 👻
Key Index:	1 🗸 ASCII_64 🔽
Security Key:	***** Show characters
Start this connec	ion automatically.
	Save Cancel



The following items can be found on the screen.

- Profile Name: Enter a name for your profile e.g. Home, Office, Coffee Shop. The same name is not allowed. Please also note that no space is allowed between words.
- > **SSID:** Select the target network from the drop-down list.
- Network Type: Select the network type. If you are connecting to a wireless router or access point, select Infrastructure. If you are connecting to another wireless client such as an adapter, select ad hoc.
- Band: This item determines which operating frequency will be used. Two options are available: 2.4Ghz and 5Ghz. It is recommended that your computers and devices running video and voice applications use the 5Ghz band, while your guest access and computers that are only browsing the web use the 2.4Ghz band.
  - **2.4Ghz** You can use the 2.4GHz band to connect to many classic wireless devices like gaming consoles, laptops, DVRs, ect.
  - **5Ghz** This band is less crowded and is used for time-sensitive music, video streaming or gaming. Using this band can avoid interference with 2.4GHz networks or noisy devices like cordless phones and microwave ovens.

#### Solution Note:

The choice for **Band** is only available in Windows XP; while in Windows Vista, Windows 7, by default it only supports 2.4 G network in Ad-hoc mode.

Security Type: Select the security type from the list. Two options are available: WEP and None. None stands for no security. It is recommended that you select WEP to secure your wireless network.

- Encryption Type: If you select None as the Security Type, the Encryption Type will be None accordingly. If you select WEP as the Security Type, the Encryption Type will be Open.
- Key Index: You can select ASCII or Hexadecimal format on the right. ASCII format stands for any combination of keyboard characters in the specified length. Hexadecimal format stands for any combination of hexadecimal digits (0-9, a-f, A-F) in the specified length.
  - For **64-bit** encryption You can enter 10 hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, A-F, zero key is not permitted) or 5 ASCII characters.
  - For **128-bit** encryption You can enter 26 hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, A-F, zero key is not permitted) or 13 ASCII characters.
- Security Key: Enter the passphrase. Click the Show characters box to see the passphrase. Unchecking it will hide it.
- Start this connection automatically: Check this box to automatically connect to this network next time.
- > Save: Click Save to save your settings.

Having completed the above settings, the Profile page should looks like the following figure. To connect to a desired network, just highlight the network you would like to connect to and click the **Connect** button on the bottom of the window. Then click **OK** in Figure 4-8 to activate the profile.

TP-LINK					
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
Profile Name Home Office		Network1 BF503A	Network Type Infrastructure Infrastructure	Security WPA-PSK/WPA WPA/WPA2	Connected No No
Home 2		DE1C2E	ad hoc	Open	No
L		Add	Modify	Remove	Connect

Figure 4-7



Figure 4-8

### 4.1.2 Modify a profile

You may edit an existing profile by clicking the **Modify** button from the Profile page. For instance, you may like to change the profile name from Home to Home1 or you may want to specify another SSID for profile Home. After all the changes, click **Save** to make the changes take effect.

Profile Name:	Home1	
SSID:	TP-LINK_Network1	•
Network Type:	Infrastructure	🔘 ad hoc
Security Type:	None	•
Encryption Type:	None	T
Start this connec	ction automatically.	
		Save Cancel

Figure 4-9

### 4.1.3 Delete a profile

To delete an existing profile, highlight the profile name and click **Remove** on the bottom of the screen or press the Delete button on your keyboard. When the following figure appears, click **OK** to continue.

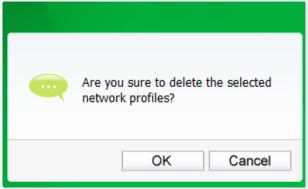


Figure 4-10

## 4.2 Advanced

The following configurations can be made on the **Advanced** page:

1) To select wireless configuration tool.

Here you can decide which tool to use, either the TP-LINK Configuration Utility or the Windows wireless configuration tool. (This option is available only in Windows XP.)

- To switch to another wireless network adapter. Here you can switch to another adapter installed in your computer. The adapters successfully installed in your computer will be listed in the drop-down list if the adapters are supported by this utility.
- 3) To change the power save mode. The default option is OFF.

## 4.3 About

The About screen gives you some information about the Driver and Utility versions of the adapter. Right-click the is icon in your system tray and select **About** from the list.

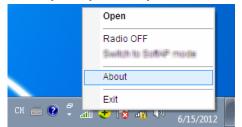


Figure 4-11

TP-LINK Wirele	ess Configuration Utility
UI version:	1.5.8 en.009
WFF version:	1.3.2.5
Driver version:	3.2.11.0
Copyright (C) 2013 TI All rights reserved.	P-LINK TECHNOLOGIES CO., LTD.
	ОК

Figure 4-12

# Chapter 5 Uninstall Software

## 5.1 In Windows XP/Vista/7

The software uninstall steps are similar in Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7, here we just use Windows 7 as an example.

## 5.1.1 Uninstall the utility software from your PC

1. On the Windows taskbar, click the **Start** button, click **All programs→TP-LINK**, and then click **UninstalI-TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility**.

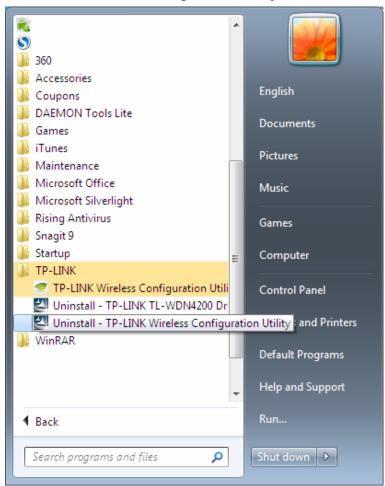


Figure 5-1 Uninstall Utility

2. Click **Yes** to start uninstalling the utility software from your PC.

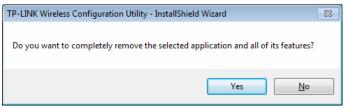


Figure 5-2

3. It may take a few minutes to undergo the whole un-installation process.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility - InstallShield Wizard	22
Setup Status	
InstallShield Wizard is removing the TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility	
Uninstalling	
InstallShield	
	Cancel



4. Click **Finish** when the figure below appears.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility - InstallShield Wizard		
	Uninstall Complete InstallShield Wizard has finished uninstalling TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility.	
	< Back Finish Cancel	

Figure 5-4

#### 5.1.2 Uninstall the driver software from your PC

1. On the Windows taskbar, click the **Start** button, click **All programs→TP-LINK**, and then click **Uninstall-TP-LINK TL-WDN4200 Driver**.

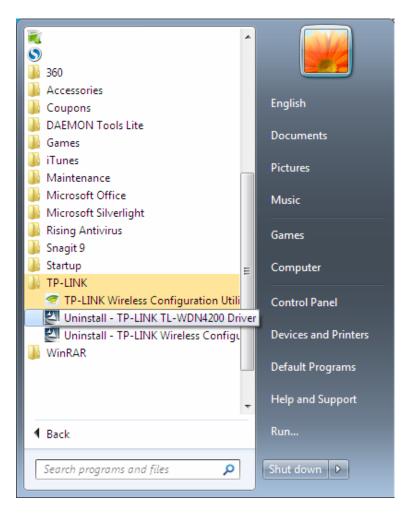


Figure 5-5 Uninstall Driver

2. Click **Yes** to start uninstalling the driver software from your PC.

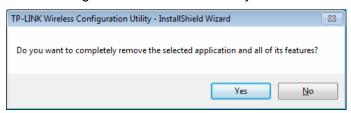


Figure 5-6

3. It may take a few minutes to undergo the whole un-installation process.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard	×
Setup Status TP-LINK	2/
InstallShield(R) Wizard is removing the driver	
InstallShield Cancel	]

Figure 5-7

4. Click **Finish** when the figure below appears.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard	
TP-LINK	Uninstall Complete InstallShield(R) Wizard has finished Uninstallation. Click Finish to exit the wizard.
	< Back Finish Cancel

Figure 5-8

## 5.2 In Windows 8

### 5.2.1 Uninstall the utility software from your PC

 Enter the Metro interface, right-click any blank place in the Metro interface, then App Bar will appear below the Metro interface, click All apps. Find the TP-LINK application, and click Uninstall- TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility.



Figure 5-9

2. Click **Yes** to start uninstalling the utility software from your PC.

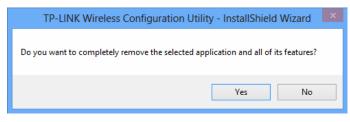


Figure 5-10

3. It may take a few minutes to undergo the whole un-installation process.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility - InstallShield Wizard	×
Setup Status	4
InstallShield Wizard is removing the TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility	
InstallShield	
Cano	el

Figure 5-11

4. Click Finish when the figure below appears.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility - InstallShield Wizard		
	Uninstall Complete InstallShield Wizard has finished uninstalling TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility.	
	< Back <b>Finish</b> Cancel	

Figure 5-12

#### 5.2.2 Uninstall the driver software from your PC

 Enter the Metro interface, right-click any blank place in the Metro interface, then App Bar will appear below the Metro interface, click All apps. Find the TP-LINK application, and click Uninstall-TP-LINK TL-WDN4200 Driver.



Figure 5-13

2. Click **Yes** to start uninstalling the driver software from your PC.

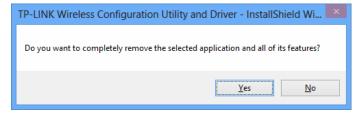


Figure 5-14

3. It may take a few minutes to undergo the whole un-installation process.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver -	InstallShield Wizard
Setup Status	TP-LINK
InstallShield(R) Wizard is removing the driver	
InstallShield	Cancel

Figure 5-15

4. Click **Finish** when the figure below appears.

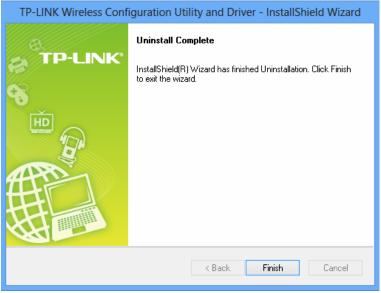


Figure 5-16

# **Appendix A: Specifications**

Normal			
Interface	USB 2.0 Interface		
Standards	IEEE802.11a; IEEE802.11b; IEEE802.11g; IEEE802.11n;		
	IEEE802.1x		
Operating System	Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8		
Throughput	2.4GHz:450Mbps (Maximal)		
	5GHz: 450Mbps (Maximal)		
	11a: 6/9/12/18/24/36/48/54Mbps		
	11b: 1/2/5.5/11Mbps		
Radio Data Rate	11g: 6/9/12/18/24/36/48/54Mbps		
	11n: 450Mbps (2.4GHz), 450Mbps (5GHz)		
	11a: OFDM		
Modulation	11b: CCK, QPSK, BPSK;		
Modulation	11g: OFDM;		
	11n: QPSK, BPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM		
Media Access Protocol	CSMA/CA with ACK		
Data Security	WEP, WPA / WPA2, WPA-PSK / WPA2-PSK		
Frequency*	2.4 ~ 2.4835 GHz, 5.15~5.25GHz,		
	5.25~5.35GHz,5.745~5.825GHz		
Spread Spectrum	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)		
Safety & Emissions	FCC, CE, WIFI, IC, NCC, WHQL		

Environmental and Physical	
Working Temperature	0°C~40°C (32°F~104°F)
Storage Temperature	-40℃~70℃(-40°F~158°F)
Working Humidity	10% ~ 90% RH, Non-condensing
Storage Humidity	5% ~ 90% RH, Non-condensing

\* 1. Only 2.412GHz $\sim$ 2.462GHz is allowed to be used in USA, which means only channel 1 $\sim$ 11 is available for American users to choose.

 $\ast$  2. Rules on the use of 5GHz band channels may vary according to different national laws.

# **Appendix B: Glossary**

- 802.11a specification for wireless networking at 54 Mbps using OFDM modulation and operating in radio band at 5GHz.
- 802.11b The 802.11b standard specifies a wireless product networking at 11 Mbps using direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) technology and operating in the unlicensed radio spectrum at 2.4GHz, and WEP encryption for security. 802.11b networks are also referred to as Wi-Fi networks.
- 802.11g specification for wireless networking at 54 Mbps using direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) technology, using OFDM modulation and operating in the unlicensed radio spectrum at 2.4GHz, and backward compatibility with IEEE 802.11b devices, and WEP encryption for security.
- 802.11n 802.11n builds upon previous 802.11 standards by adding MIMO (multiple-input multiple-output). MIMO uses multiple transmitter and receiver antennas to allow for increased data throughput via spatial multiplexing and increased range by exploiting the spatial diversity, perhaps through coding schemes like Alamouti coding. The Enhanced Wireless Consortium (EWC) was formed to help accelerate the IEEE 802.11n development process and promote a technology specification for interoperability of next-generation wireless local area networking (WLAN) products.
- Ad hoc Network An ad hoc network is a group of computers, each with a Wireless Adapter, connected as an independent 802.11 wireless LAN. Ad hoc wireless computers operate on a peer-to-peer basis, communicating directly with each other without the use of an access point. Ad hoc mode is also referred to as an Independent Basic Service Set (IBSS) or as peer-to-peer mode, and is useful at a departmental scale or SOHO operation.
- DSSS (Direct-Sequence Spread Spectrum) DSSS generates a redundant bit pattern for all data transmitted. This bit pattern is called a chip (or chipping code). Even if one or more bits in the chip are damaged during transmission, statistical techniques embedded in the receiver can recover the original data without the need of retransmission. To an unintended receiver, DSSS appears as low power wideband noise and is rejected (ignored) by most narrowband receivers. However, to an intended receiver (i.e. another wireless LAN endpoint), the DSSS signal is recognized as the only valid signal, and interference is inherently rejected (ignored).
- FHSS (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum) FHSS continuously changes (hops) the carrier frequency of a conventional carrier several times per second according to a pseudo-random set of channels. Because a fixed frequency is not used, and only the transmitter and receiver know the hop patterns, interception of FHSS is extremely difficult.
- Infrastructure Network An infrastructure network is a group of computers or other devices, each with a Wireless Adapter, connected as an 802.11 wireless LAN. In infrastructure mode, the wireless devices communicate with each other and to a wired network by first going through an access point. An infrastructure wireless network connected to a wired network is referred to as a Basic Service Set (BSS). A set of two or more BSS in a single network is

referred to as an Extended Service Set (ESS). Infrastructure mode is useful at a corporation scale, or when it is necessary to connect the wired and wireless networks.

- Spread Spectrum Spread Spectrum technology is a wideband radio frequency technique developed by the military for use in reliable, secure, mission-critical communications systems. It is designed to trade off bandwidth efficiency for reliability, integrity, and security. In other words, more bandwidth is consumed than in the case of narrowband transmission, but the trade off produces a signal that is, in effect, louder and thus easier to detect, provided that the receiver knows the parameters of the spread-spectrum signal being broadcast. If a receiver is not tuned to the right frequency, a spread-spectrum signal looks like background noise. There are two main alternatives, Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) and Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS).
- SSID A Service Set Identification is a thirty-two character (maximum) alphanumeric key identifying a wireless local area network. For the wireless devices in a network to communicate with each other, all devices must be configured with the same SSID. This is typically the configuration parameter for a wireless PC card. It corresponds to the ESSID in the wireless Access Point and to the wireless network name. See also Wireless Network Name and ESSID.
- WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) A data privacy mechanism based on a 64-bit or 128-bit or 152-bit shared key algorithm, as described in the IEEE 802.11 standard. To gain access to a WEP network, you must know the key. The key is a string of characters that you create. When using WEP, you must determine the level of encryption. The type of encryption determines the key length. 128-bit encryption requires a longer key than 64-bit encryption. Keys are defined by entering in a string in HEX (hexadecimal using characters 0-9, A-F) or ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange alphanumeric characters) format. ASCII format is provided so you can enter a string that is easier to remember. The ASCII string is converted to HEX for use over the network. Four keys can be defined so that you can change keys easily.
- Wi-Fi A trade name for the 802.11b wireless networking standard, given by the Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance (WECA, see http://www.wi-fi.net), an industry standards group promoting interoperability among 802.11b devices.
- WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network) A group of computers and associated devices communicate with each other wirelessly, which network serving users are limited in a local area.
- WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access) A wireless security protocol uses TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol) encryption, which can be used in conjunction with a RADIUS server.