

IEEE 802.11a/n Wireless PCIe Module

User' s Guide

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of this 802.11a/n PCIe Module

This manual helps to get familiar with the Wireless PCIe Adapter. This manual contains detailed instructions in operation of this product. Please keep this manual for future reference.

With a Wireless LAN (IEEE 802.11g) mini PCI Adapter, a desktop or laptop computer can communicate with another computer in a wireless way. Easy-to-use utilities are bundled with Wireless mini-PCI Adapter for configuration, monitoring, and diagnosis purposes.

Wireless PCIe Adapter can wirelessly transmit and receive data, minimizing the need for wired connections, at a speed of up to fifty-four megabit per second.

Wireless PCIe Adapter provides users with an access to real-time information anywhere in their organization. The mobility provides productivity and service, which are not available under wired networks. The Wireless PCIe Adapter configuration is easy to change from peer-to-peer networks, suitable for a small number of users, to full infrastructure networks of thousands of users that allow roaming around a broad area.

Overview of this User's Guide

Introduction. Describes the Wireless PCIe Adapter and its features.

Software Installation. Tells how to setup the driver and the utility setting.

Technical Specifications. Lists the technical (general, physical and environmental) specifications of the Wireless PCIe Adapter.

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

This section will lead you to install the driver and utility of the Wireless PCIe Adapter via Windows OS installation.

Windows 98se/ME/2000/XP Utility and Driver Installation

1. Insert the Wireless LAN mini PCI Adapter Driver & Utility CD-ROM into computer's CD-ROM Drive and it will automatically run a setup menu and install the driver and the utility, for Win98se, please reboot the system to install the driver to the system properly. In some specific setting on Windows system, you may need to proceed the software manually, go to your Windows Start menu and choose **Run**, type "D:\Utility\Setup.exe" in the dialog box (D:\ will depend on where your CD-ROM drive is located) and click **OK**.
2. If you need to install the driver manually, refer each Windows OS to the following CD-Rom directory path: D:\Drivers\<<Windows OS>\SIS163U.INF.
Note: (D:\ will depends on where the CD-ROM drive is located and <Windows OS> will depend on the Windows Operating System you are using).
3. The Install Shield Wizard screen will appear. Click "**Next**" to continue.
4. The installation program will help you to setup the Wireless Utility.
Be noted that the Windows XP have its own Wireless Utility; you can either use the utility of Windows XP or the provided utility.
5. You will see the icon on the Windows task bar when you finish the installation.

When the icon in the toolbar represents in green color, it is properly connected to the network and if it represents in red color, then it is not connected to the network.

Wireless Utility Setting

With the Wireless PCIe Adapter utility, users can configure all the functions provided by the Wireless Monitor Utility. Double-click the utility icon that appears in the taskbar.

The Wireless Monitor Utility includes seven tabs: Status, Configuration, Advanced, Profile, Network, Statistics and About.

Status

The Status screen shows you the status of the Wireless Adapter, it shows that where the device is connected to, the Network mode, the Channel, the transmit rate and the encryption mode.

There are two dialog boxes showing the data transmitted and the data received. The two signal lines show the Signal Strength and the Link Quality of the device.

Configuration

The Configuration function helps you to configure the Network and the Security.

Network: the setting of the Network mode, the SSID and the Channels.

➤ Network Mode:

If you want to connect with an Access Point, please set to “Infrastructure” mode. If you have more stations and just want to set them as local network, please set the mode to “Ad-Hoc” mode.

➤ Network SSID:

The SSID differentiates one Wireless LAN group name from another; so all access points and all devices attempting to connect to a specific Wireless LAN group name must use the same SSID. A device will not be permitted to join the BSS unless it can provide the unique SSID.

If the SSID parameter is “ANY”, it will detect the strongest signal of the wireless station.

➤ Channel:

It shows radio channel numbers that used for Wireless LAN networking.

The channel number can be set only under the Ad-Hoc operation mode. In Ad-Hoc mode stations, each station must have the same channel numbers and SSID.

In Infrastructure mode, the Wireless mini-PCI Adapter will automatically detect the channel number of the Access Point.

Security: the setting of the Network Encryption.

This function is used to protect wireless communication from eavesdropping. A secondary function of encryption is to prevent unauthorized access to a wireless network, and it can be achieved by using the Encryption function.

➤ Encryption Mode:

There are two kinds of encryption mode, **WEP encryption** and **WPA-PSK**.

Click the *Enable Encryption* to activate the security of the mini-PCI Adapter.

WEP-Key: WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) relies on a secret key that is shared between a mobile station and a base station (Access Point).

WEP-Passphrase: the Passphrase in the dialog box helps you to create a group of WEP key in the Key Setting.

➤ Authentication Mode:

Open System: with the same WEP key between the stations, the stations don't need to be authenticated, and this algorithm was set to default.

Shared Key: with the same WEP key between the stations in this Authentication algorithm, this type will use packets with encryption by transferring a challenge text which will be acknowledge by both side of the stations. In order to choose which authentication algorithm will be used, you must know which one the station supports this algorithm first.

It is recommended to select “**Auto**” if you are not familiar with the setting.

➤ **Default Key (Key 1 ~ Key 4):**

You can type the key that you want to use from Key#1 to Key #4, and the key that you type will be the encryption between the stations that you connected with.

➤ **Key Length, Key Format and WEP Key:**

If you select 64bit in Hex format, you must type 10 values in the following range (0~F, hexadecimal), or 64bit in ASCII format, you must type 5 values in the following range (0~9, A~Z and a~z Alphanumeric).

If you select 128bit in Hex format, you must type 26 values (0~F, hexadecimal), or 128bit in ASCII format, you must type 13 values in the following range (0~9, A~Z and a~z Alphanumeric).

Be sure that the mini-PCI Adapter and the wireless station were set in the same key.

Note: After all the settings are completed, click Apply to save the setting.

WPA-PSK: WPA-PSK (Wi-Fi Protected Access pre-shared key) is a simpler version that does not support 802.1x and requires a separate RADIUS server for mutual authentication.

Enter a Passphrase in the WPA-PSK dialog box. This passphrase must be the same on each computer that is connected to the wireless network.

Advanced

The Advanced settings help you to control the Wireless Adapter to adjust with wireless devices in certain environment.

➤ **Transmit Rate:**

You can choose one of the transmission rates as follows, 54Mbps, 48Mbps, 36Mbps, 24Mbps, 18Mbps, 12Mbps, 11Mbps, 9Mbps, 6Mbps, 5.5Mbps, 2Mbps, 1Mbps, and Fully Automatic. The Fully Automatic will automatically detect the suitable linking transfer rate and auto fall back when the signal is not too strong to transmit data, it will auto fall back from 54Mbps to 1 Mbps.

➤ **Power Saving:**

To set your Wireless Adapter as power saving mode, select “Off”, “Normal” or “Maximum”.

➤ **Transmit Power:**

By selecting the Transmit Power, you can select the Radio Frequency output power from Minimum, 12.5%, 25%, 50%, 100% or Auto.

➤ Preamble Type:

The usage of the preamble is to limit the packet size of the data to transmit. It is recommended to choose the short preamble when the link quality is bad, it is to prevent the wasting time of resending a long packet that is lost. The Default is Auto which access short and long preamble.

➤ Fragment Threshold:

Fragmentation Threshold is a way of transmitting the packets that will be fragmented. Choose a setting within a range of 256 to 2432 bytes. It is recommended to fragment the packet when the link quality is bad, it is to prevent the wasting time of resending a long packet that is lost.

➤ RTS/CTS Threshold:

The RTS/CTS Threshold is a station initiates the process by sending a RTS frame, the other ends receives the RTS and responds with a CTS frame, the station must receive a CTS frame before sending the data frame. This is to prevent the collisions by each station. Choose a setting within a range of 256 to 2432 bytes. It is recommended limiting a long packet to prevent each station waiting too long to transmit a data.

Profile

The Profile section allows you to set values for all parameters by selecting a previously defined profile. Type a name in the Profile Name field to create a profile, click “Save” and then click “Apply” when a profile is done. You can click “Delete” if the profile is no longer used, to activate other profile, choose a profile name in the Profile Name field and click Activate.

Network

The screen shows all the Wireless devices around your Wireless Adapter. The information of the wireless devices includes the SSID, MAC Address, Channels, Signal, the Security type and the Network mode.

You can click the “Rescan” button to find the new wireless devices, and double-click the device to choose the wireless station that you want to connect with.

Statistics

The Statistics section shows the real-time transmit and receive packets of the Wireless Adapter.

About

The About section shows the Device Name, Regulatory Domain, Driver Version, MAC Address and the Utility version.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

General	
Standards	IEEE 802.11a/n
Transmitter Output Power	• 5GHz 21.6dBm (average)
Data Transfer Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 108Mbps • 48Mbps • 54Mbps • 24Mbps • 36Mbps • 12Mbps • 18Mbps • 9Mbps • 11Mbps • 5.5Mbps • 6Mbps • 1Mbps • 2Mbps MSC (0-15) • 144Mbps (300) • 130Mbps (270) • 117Mbps (243) • 104Mbps (216) • 78Mbps (162) • 66Mbps (135) • 58.5Mbps (121.5) • 52Mbps (108) • 39Mbps (81) • 26Mbps (54) • 19.5Mbps (40.5) • 12Mbps (27) • 6.5Mbps (13.5)
Frequency Range	2.4GHz to 2.483GHz 5.180GHz to 5.250GHz and 5.725GHz to 5.825GHz
Modulation Schemes	BPSK/QPSK/CCK/OFDM
Media Access Protocol	CSMA/CA with ACK
Security	• WPA-Personal • WPA2-Personal • WPA-Enterprise • WPA2-Enterprise
Physical and Environmental	
Operating Temperature	32°F to 104°F (0°C to 40°C)
Humidity	95% maximum (non-condensing)
Dimensions	x x mm (W x H x D)
Safety & Emissions	• FCC • IC

Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement

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, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- 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.

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

This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

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

Radiation Exposure Statement:

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator & your body.

This device is intended only for OEM integrators under the following conditions:

- 1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users, and
- 2) The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna.

As long as 2 conditions above are met, further transmitter test will not be required. However, the OEM integrator is still responsible for testing their end-product for any additional compliance requirements required with this module installed

IMPORTANT NOTE: In the event that these conditions can not be met (for example certain laptop configurations or co-location with another transmitter), then the FCC authorization is no longer considered valid and the FCC ID can not be used on the final product. In these circumstances, the OEM integrator will be responsible for re-evaluating the end product (including the transmitter) and obtaining a separate FCC authorization.

End Product Labeling

This transmitter module is authorized only for use in device where the antenna may be installed such that 20 cm may be maintained between the antenna and users. The final end product must be labeled in a visible area with the following: "Contains FCC ID: **KA2IR836LMO1**". The grantee's FCC ID can be used only when all FCC compliance requirements are met.

Manual Information To the End User

The OEM integrator has to be aware not to provide information to the end user regarding how to install or remove this RF module in the user's manual of the end product which integrates this module.

The end user manual shall include all required regulatory information/warning as show in this manual.

IC

Industry Canada statement:

This device complies with RSS-210 of the Industry Canada Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Ce dispositif est conforme à la norme CNR-210 d'Industrie Canada applicable aux appareils radio exempts de licence. Son fonctionnement est sujet aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) le dispositif ne doit pas produire de brouillage préjudiciable, et (2) ce dispositif doit accepter tout brouillage reçu, y compris un brouillage susceptible de provoquer un fonctionnement indésirable.

Radiation Exposure Statement:

This equipment complies with IC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator & your body.

Déclaration d'exposition aux radiations:
Cet équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements IC établies pour un environnement non contrôlé. Cet équipement doit être installé et utilisé avec un minimum de 20 cm de distance entre la source de rayonnement et votre corps.

This device is intended only for OEM integrators under the following conditions: (For module device use)

- 1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users, and
- 2) The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna.

As long as 2 conditions above are met, further transmitter test will not be required. However, the OEM integrator is still responsible for testing their end-product for any additional compliance requirements required with this module installed.

Cet appareil est conçu uniquement pour les intégrateurs OEM dans les conditions suivantes: (Pour utilisation de dispositif module)

- 1) L'antenne doit être installée de telle sorte qu'une distance de 20 cm est respectée entre l'antenne et les utilisateurs, et
- 2) Le module émetteur peut ne pas être coïmplanté avec un autre émetteur ou antenne.

Tant que les 2 conditions ci-dessus sont remplies, des essais supplémentaires sur l'émetteur ne seront pas nécessaires. Toutefois, l'intégrateur OEM est toujours responsable des essais sur son produit final pour toutes exigences de conformité supplémentaires requis pour ce module installé.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

In the event that these conditions can not be met (for example certain laptop configurations or co-location with another transmitter), then the Canada authorization is no longer considered valid and the IC ID can not be used on the final product. In these circumstances, the OEM integrator will be responsible for re-evaluating the end product (including the transmitter) and obtaining a separate Canada authorization.

NOTE

Dans le cas où ces conditions ne peuvent être satisfaites (par exemple pour certaines configurations d'ordinateur portable ou de certaines co-localisation avec un autre émetteur), l'autorisation du Canada n'est plus considéré comme valide et l'ID IC ne peut pas

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être utilisé sur le produit final. Dans ces circonstances, l'intégrateur OEM sera chargé de réévaluer le produit final (y compris l'émetteur) et l'obtention d'une autorisation distincte au Canada.

End Product Labeling

This transmitter module is authorized only for use in device where the antenna may be installed such that 20 cm may be maintained between the antenna and users. The final end product must be labeled in a visible area with the following: "Contains IC **4216A-IR836LMO1**".

Plaque signalétique du produit final

Ce module émetteur est autorisé uniquement pour une utilisation dans un dispositif où l'antenne peut être installée de telle sorte qu'une distance de 20cm peut être maintenue entre l'antenne et les utilisateurs. Le produit final doit être étiqueté dans un endroit visible avec l'inscription suivante: "Contient des IC: **4216A-IR836LMO1** ".

Manual Information To the End User

The OEM integrator has to be aware not to provide information to the end user regarding how to install or remove this RF module in the user's manual of the end product which integrates this module.

The end user manual shall include all required regulatory information/warning as show in this manual.

Manuel d'information à l'utilisateur final

L'intégrateur OEM doit être conscient de ne pas fournir des informations à l'utilisateur final quant à la façon d'installer ou de supprimer ce module RF dans le manuel de l'utilisateur du produit final qui intègre ce module. Le manuel de l'utilisateur final doit inclure toutes les informations réglementaires requises et avertissements comme indiqué dans ce manuel.

Caution :

(i) the device for operation in the band 5150-5250 MHz is only for indoor use to reduce the potential for harmful interference to co-channel mobile satellite systems;

(ii) high-power radars are allocated as primary users (i.e. priority users) of the bands 5250-5350 MHz and 5650-5850 MHz and that these radars could cause interference and/or damage to LE-LAN devices.

Avertissement:

(i) les dispositifs fonctionnant dans la bande 5 150-5 250 MHz sont réservés uniquement pour une utilisation à l'intérieur afin de réduire les risques de brouillage préjudiciable aux systèmes de satellites mobiles utilisant les mêmes canaux;

(ii) De plus, les utilisateurs devraient aussi être avisés que les utilisateurs de radars de haute puissance sont désignés utilisateurs principaux (c.-à-d., qu'ils ont la priorité) pour les bandes 5 250-5 350 MHz et 5 650-5 850 MHz et que ces radars pourraient causer du brouillage et/ou des dommages aux dispositifs LAN-EL.