

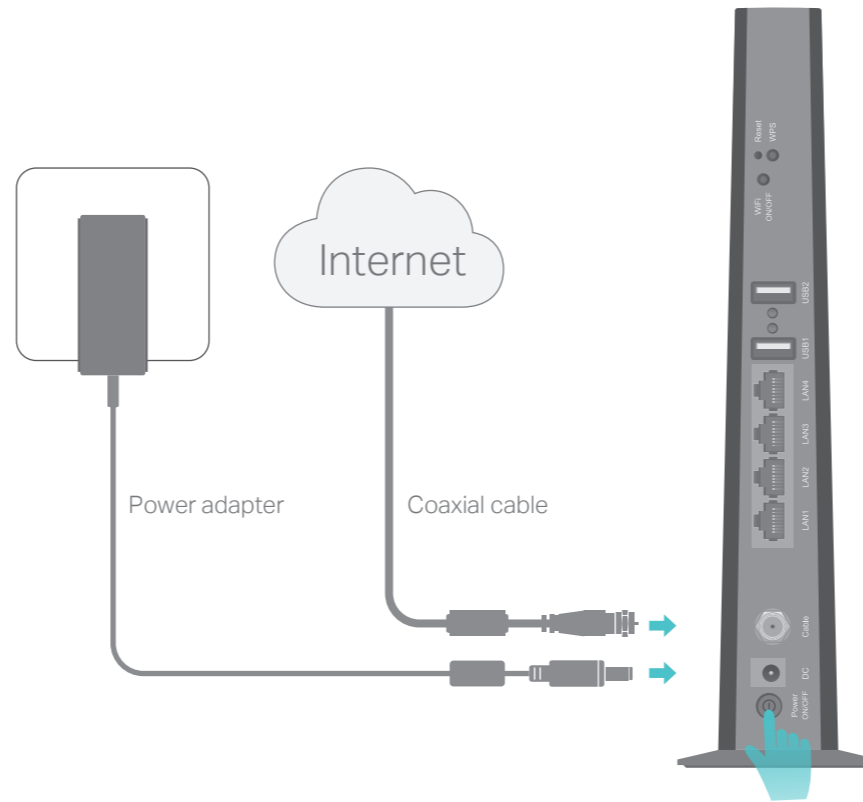
# Quick Installation Guide

AC1200 Wireless Dual Band DOCSIS 3.0  
Cable Modem Router

Archer CR500



## Connect the Hardware

- 1 Connect the coaxial cable and power adapter to the modem router, then power on your modem router.



- 2 Wait for about 1 minute until the following LEDs turn solid.



- Notes:**
1. Keep the power on at all times during this process.
  2. If the Internet LED  does not turn solid after about 1 minute, call your ISP's customer service.
  3. If the wireless LED  is off, press the WiFi ON/OFF button on the back panel, then check the LEDs again.

- 3 Connect your computer to the modem router via a wired or wireless connection.

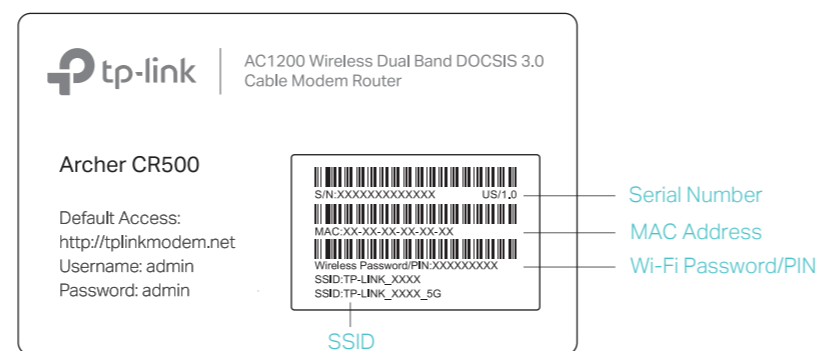
- Wired:** Connect the computer to the modem router's LAN port via an Ethernet cable.
- Wireless:** On your computer, select and connect to the modem router's wireless network. The default wireless network name (SSID) and password are printed on the Information Card.
- Or you can set up a connection via the WPS button, which is on the back panel of the modem router. For more information about WPS, refer to the User Manual at <http://www.tp-link.com>.



## Activate the Modem Router

- 1 Get your Internet service account information and the modem router's Information Card ready.

Information Card



- 2 Make sure your computer is set to dynamically obtain an IP address.

- 3 Launch a web browser, and visit any website. You will be automatically redirected to your service provider's self-activation page.


- 4 Follow the on-screen self-activation instructions to activate the modem router.

If you have any problem activating your modem router, call your ISP's customer service .


Contact information of major cable ISPs:	
Bright House:	1-855-222-0102
Charter:	1-888-438-2427
Comcast:	1-855-OK-BEGIN (1-855-652-3446)
Cox:	1-888-556-1193
Time Warner Cable:	1-888-892-2253

The contact information listed might change. You can also find the contact information in your monthly Internet service billing statement.

## Enjoy the Internet

After activating your modem router successfully, wait for about 10 minutes till these LEDs  become solid on, then you can enjoy the Internet.

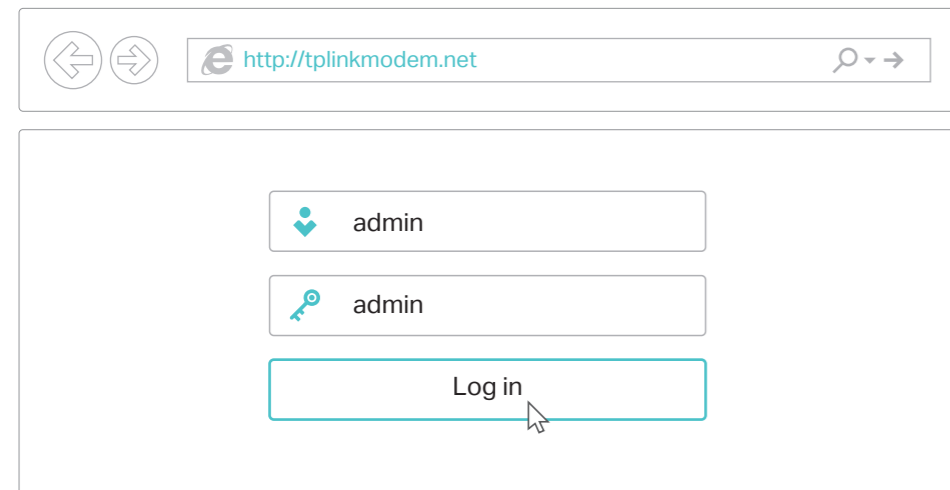
**Note:** If you are unable to access the Internet, refer to FAQ > Q1 for instructions.

 If you want to customize the wireless network, please flip this piece of paper to see detailed instructions.

## Customize the Wireless Network

1. Connect your computer to the modem router via a wired or wireless connection.
2. Launch a web browser and type in <http://tplinkmodem.net> or <http://192.168.1.1>. Use **admin** for both username and password, then click **Log in**.

**Note:** If the login page does not appear, please refer to FAQ > Q2.



3. Go to **Basic > Wireless** to personalize your wireless network name (SSID) and password, then click **Save**.

Once done, you will need to reconnect to your wireless network using the new SSID and password.

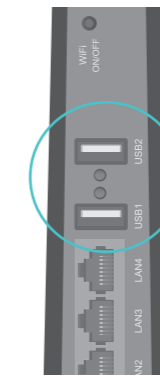
**Note:** To enable and customize guest network, go to **Basic > Guest Network**.

## LED Indicators

LED	Status	Indication
(Power)	On/Off	Power is on or off.
(Downstream)	White	The modem router has synchronized one channel.
	Green	The modem router has synchronized more than one channel.
	Flashing	The modem router is scanning for downstream channels.
(Upstream)	Off	The initialization is not started, or has failed.
	White	The modem router has synchronized one channel.
	Green	The modem router has synchronized more than one channel.
(Upstream)	Flashing	The modem router is synchronizing upstream channels.
	Off	The initialization is not started, or has failed.
	(Internet)	On/Off
(LAN)	Flashing	The modem router is initializing.
	On	At least one LAN port is connected.
(Wireless)	Off	No LAN port is connected.
	On/Off	The wireless network is enabled or disabled.
(WPS)	On/Off	The LED stays on for 5 minutes when a WPS connection is established, then turns off.
	Flashing	WPS connection is in progress. This may take up to 2 minutes.
	On	A USB device is detected and ready to use.
(USB) <small>*On the back panel</small>	Flashing	A USB device is being detected.
	Off	No USB device is plugged into the USB port.

## USB Features

The USB ports can be used for media sharing, storage sharing and printer sharing within your local network. You can also set up an FTP server to access your files remotely through the Internet.



### USB Ports for Sharing



Remote Access via FTP Server



Media Sharing



Local Storage Sharing



Printer Sharing



To learn more about the USB features, visit <http://tp-link.com/app/usb>, or simply scan the QR code.

## Safety Information

The product should be connected to cable distribution system that grounded (earthed) in accordance with ANSI/NFPA 70, the National Electrical Code (NEC), in particular Section 820.93 - Grounding of Outer Conductive Shield of a Coaxial Cable.

## FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

### Q1. What can I do if I cannot access the Internet?

- A1. Make sure all cables are properly and securely connected to the modem router.
- A2. Contact your Internet service provider to make sure the modem router is activated.
- A3. Contact our Technical Support if the problem persists.

### Q2. What can I do if the login page does not appear?

- A1. If the computer is set to a static or fixed IP address, change the setting to obtain an IP address automatically.
- A2. Make sure <http://tplinkmodem.net> or <http://192.168.1.1> is correctly entered in the web browser.
- A3. Use another web browser and try again.
- A4. Reboot your modem router and try again.
- A5. Disable then re-enable the network adapter being used.

### Q3. What can I do if I forgot my password?

- **For the web management page password:**
  - A. Refer to FAQ > Q4 to reset the modem router, and then use the default **admin** (all lowercase) for both username and password to log in.
- **For the wireless password:**
  - A1. The default Wi-Fi Password/PIN is printed on the Information Card or the product label at the bottom of the modem router.
  - A2. If the default wireless password has been changed, log into the web management page and go to **Basic > Wireless** to retrieve or reset your password.
- **For the Guest Network password:**
  - A. Log into the web management page and go to **Basic > Guest Network** to retrieve or reset the password.

### Q4. How do I restore the modem router to its factory default settings?

- A1. With the modem router powered on, press and hold the **Reset** button on the rear panel of the modem router for at least 8 seconds until all LEDs turn back on, then release the button.
- A2. Log in to the web management page of the modem router. Go to **Advanced > System tools > Backup & Restore** and click **Reset**. The modem router will restore and reboot automatically.



For advanced configuration, refer to the User Manual which can be downloaded at <http://www.tp-link.us/support/download>.

For additional FAQs, visit <http://www.tp-link.us/support/faq>.

For further assistance, contact Technical Support at 1-866-225-8139 or visit <http://www.tp-link.us/support/contact>.