

NWA1300-NJ

802.11 b/g/n In-wall PoE Access Point

User's Guide

Default Login Details

User Name	admin
Password	1234

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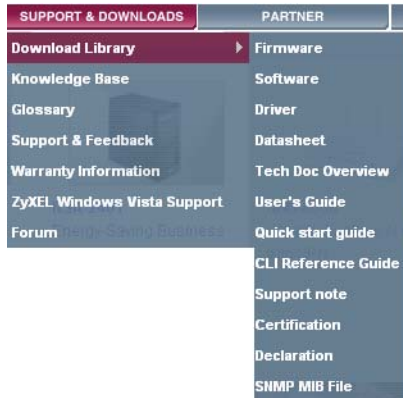
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- Product model and serial number.
- Warranty Information.
- Date that you received your device.

Document Conventions

Warnings and Notes

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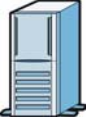




Note: Notes tell you other important information (for example, other things you may need to configure or helpful tips) or recommendations.

Syntax Conventions

- The NWA1300-NJ may be referred to as the "NWA1300-NJ", the "device", the "product" or the "system" in this User's Guide.
- Product labels, screen names, field labels and field choices are all in **bold** font.
- A key stroke is denoted by square brackets and uppercase text, for example, [ENTER] means the "enter" or "return" key on your keyboard.
- "Enter" means for you to type one or more characters and then press the [ENTER] key. "Select" or "choose" means for you to use one of the predefined choices.
- A right angle bracket (>) within a screen name denotes a mouse click. For example, **Maintenance > Log > Log Setting** means you first click **Maintenance** in the navigation panel, then the **Log** sub menu and finally the **Log Setting** tab to get to that screen.
- Units of measurement may denote the "metric" value or the "scientific" value. For example, "k" for kilo may denote "1000" or "1024", "M" for mega may denote "1000000" or "1048576" and so on.
- "e.g.," is a shorthand for "for instance", and "i.e.," means "that is" or "in other words".

Icons Used in Figures

Figures in this User's Guide may use the following generic icons. The NWA1300-NJ icon is not an exact representation of your device.

NWA1300-NJ 	Computer 	Notebook computer 
Server 	DSLAM 	Telephone 
Switch 	Router 	

Safety Warnings

- Do NOT use this product near water, for example, in a wet basement or near a swimming pool.
- Do NOT expose your device to dampness, dust or corrosive liquids.
- Do NOT store things on the device.
- Do NOT install, use, or service this device during a thunderstorm. There is a remote risk of electric shock from lightning.
- Connect ONLY suitable accessories to the device.
- Do NOT open the device or unit. Opening or removing covers can expose you to dangerous high voltage points or other risks. ONLY qualified service personnel should service or disassemble this device. Please contact your vendor for further information.
- Make sure to connect the cables to the correct ports.
- Place connecting cables carefully so that no one will step on them or stumble over them.
- Always disconnect all cables from this device before servicing or disassembling.
- Use ONLY an appropriate power adaptor or cord for your device.
- Connect the power adaptor or cord to the right supply voltage (for example, 110V AC in North America or 230V AC in Europe).
- Do NOT allow anything to rest on the power adaptor or cord and do NOT place the product where anyone can walk on the power adaptor or cord.
- Do NOT use the device if the power adaptor or cord is damaged as it might cause electrocution.
- If the power adaptor or cord is damaged, remove it from the power outlet.
- Do NOT attempt to repair the power adaptor or cord. Contact your local vendor to order a new one.
- Do not use the device outside, and make sure all the connections are indoors. There is a remote risk of electric shock from lightning.
- Do NOT obstruct the device ventilation slots, as insufficient airflow may harm your device.
- Antenna Warning! This device meets ETSI and FCC certification requirements when using the included antenna(s). Only use the included antenna(s).
- The PoE (Power over Ethernet) devices that supply or receive power and their connected Ethernet cables must all be completely indoors.
- Use only No. 26 AWG (American Wire Gauge) or larger telecommunication line cord.

Your product is marked with this symbol, which is known as the WEEE mark. WEEE stands for Waste Electronics and Electrical Equipment. It means that used electrical and electronic products should not be mixed with general waste. Used electrical and electronic equipment should be treated separately.



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PART I

User's Guide

Introduction

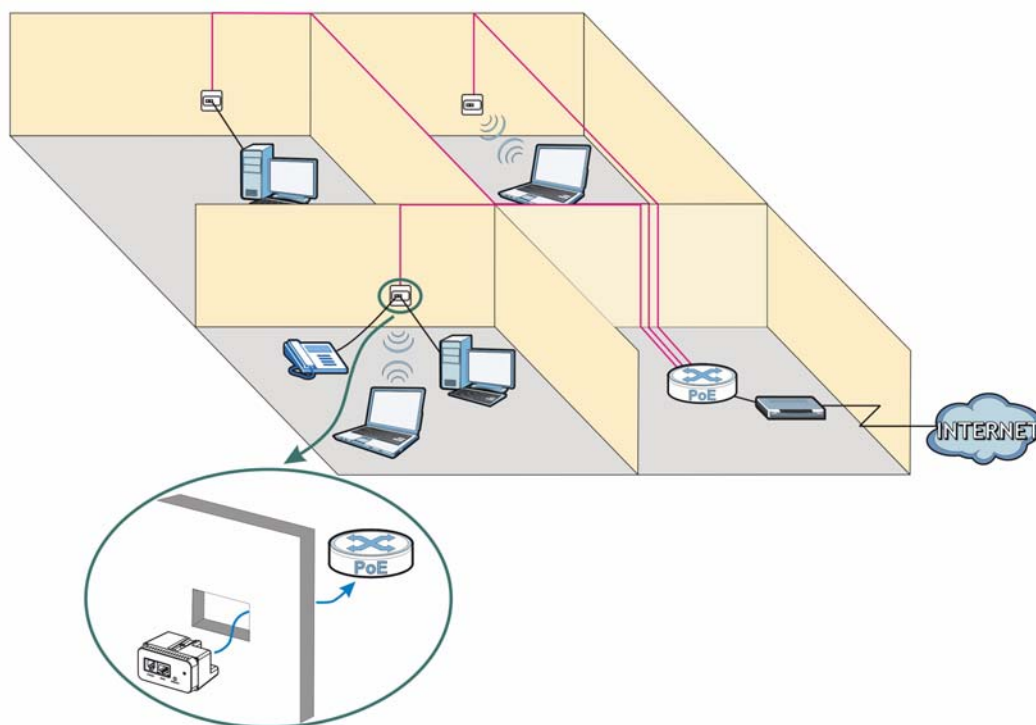
1.1 Overview

This chapter introduces the main features and applications of the NWA1300-NJ.

The NWA1300-NJ is an in-the-wall IEEE 802.11b/g/n wireless access point that supports Power over Ethernet (PoE) to eliminate the need for power sockets. The compact NWA1300-NJ can fit in a standard size wall outlet box, which allows you to hide it in the wall or wallboard with the wall jack faceplate.

The NWA1300-NJ extends the range of your existing wired network without additional wiring, providing easy network access to mobile users. You can set up a wireless network with other IEEE 802.11b/g/n compatible devices.

In the following example, you connect a PoE switch to a broadband router/modem. You then use the switch to provide power and Internet access to three NWA1300-NJs in different rooms via Ethernet cables.

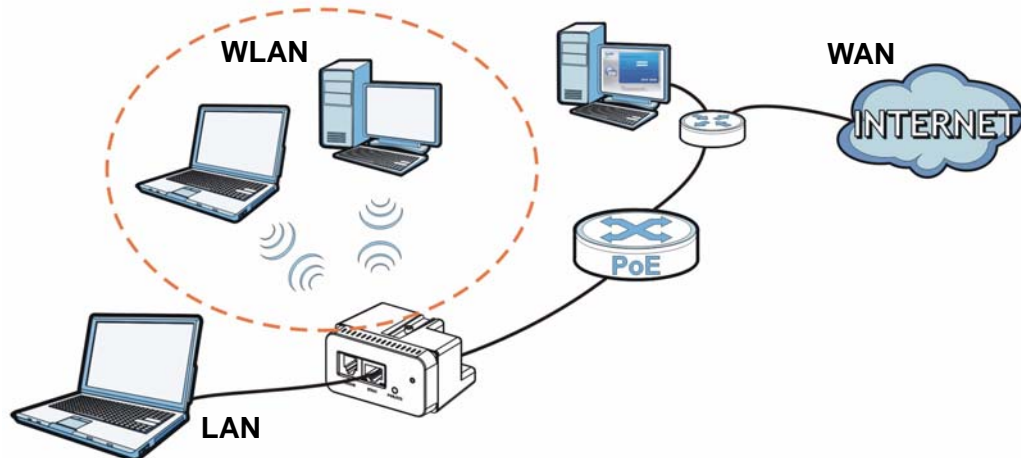


1.2 Applications

You can have the following networks on the NWA1300-NJ:

- **Wired.** You can connect network devices via the Ethernet port of the NWA1300-NJ so that they can communicate with each other and access the Internet.
- **Wireless.** Wireless clients can connect to the NWA1300-NJ to access network resources and the Internet.

Figure 1 NWA1300-NJ Applications



1.3 Ways to Manage the NWA1300-NJ

Use any of the following methods to manage the NWA1300-NJ.

- **ENC.** You can use a computer with the Enterprise Network Center (ENC) installed to provision and manage multiple NWA1300-NJs at the same time. The ENC supports DHCP option 224 which allows the ENC to discover and provision the NWA1300-NJ automatically.
- **Web Configurator.** This is for everyday management of the NWA1300-NJ using a (supported) web browser. By default, the NWA1300-NJ is in DHCP client mode. You need to connect the NWA1300-NJ to a DHCP server to obtain an IP address first before accessing the web configurator.
- **SNMP.** The device can be monitored by an SNMP manager. See the SNMP chapter in this User's Guide.

1.4 Good Habits for Managing the NWA1300-NJ

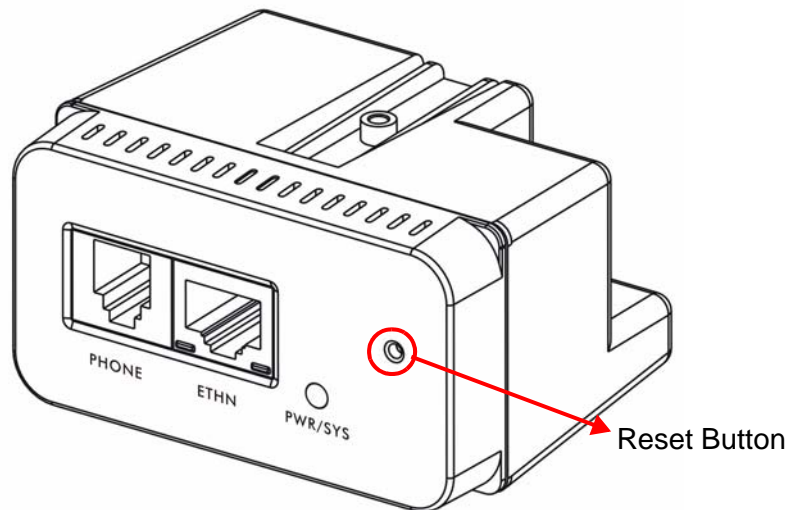
Do the following things regularly to make the NWA1300-NJ more secure and to manage the NWA1300-NJ more effectively.

- Change the password. Use a password that's not easy to guess and that consists of different types of characters, such as numbers and letters.
- Write down the password and put it in a safe place.
- Back up the configuration (and make sure you know how to restore it). Restoring an earlier working configuration may be useful if the device becomes unstable or even crashes. If you forget your password, you will have to reset the NWA1300-NJ to its factory default settings. If you backed up an earlier configuration file, you would not have to totally re-configure the NWA1300-NJ. You could simply restore your last configuration.

1.5 Resetting the NWA1300-NJ

If you forget your password or IP address, or you cannot access the Web Configurator, you will need to use the reset button on the front panel of the NWA1300-NJ to reload the factory-default configuration file. This means that you will lose all configurations that you had previously saved, the password will be reset to "1234" and the configured IP address will be reset to a dynamically assigned IP address from a DHCP server (if available).

Figure 2 NWA1300-NJ Reset Button

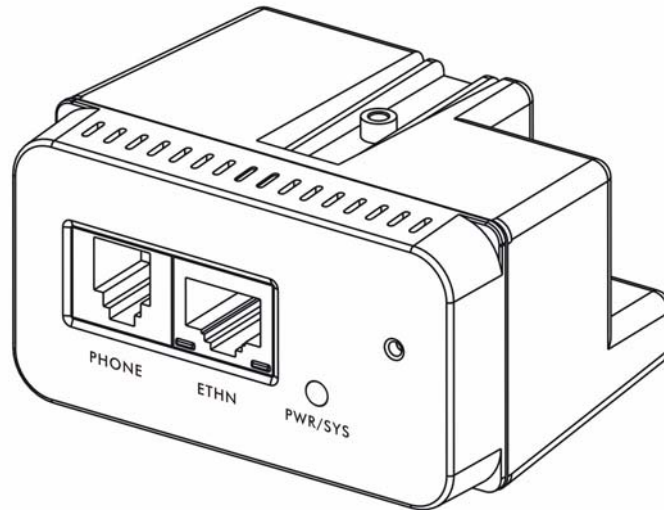


1.5.1 Procedure to Use the Reset Button

- 1 Make sure the power LED is on.
- 2 Press the reset button for longer than five seconds to set the NWA1300-NJ back to its factory-default configurations.

1.6 LEDs

Figure 3 Front Panel



The following table describes the LEDs.

Table 1 Front Panel LEDs

LED	COLOR	STATUS	DESCRIPTION
PWR/SYS	Green	On	The NWA1300-NJ is receiving power and starts up.
		Blinking	The NWA1300-NJ is self-testing.
	Off	The NWA1300-NJ is not receiving power or the NWA1300-NJ is ready for use.	
ETHN	Yellow	On	The NWA1300-NJ is receiving power and starts up.
	Green	On	The NWA1300-NJ is receiving power and starts up.
		Blinking	The NWA1300-NJ is sending/receiving data through the LAN.
	Off	The port is not connected. The LED also turns off when the NWA1300-NJ is ready or the NWA1300-NJ has a successful 10/100MB Ethernet connection.	

The Web Configurator

2.1 Overview

This chapter describes how to access the NWA1300-NJ Web Configurator and provides an overview of its screens.

The Web Configurator is an HTML-based management interface that allows easy setup and management of the NWA1300-NJ via Internet browser. Use Internet Explorer 6.0 and later or Netscape Navigator 7.0 and later versions. The recommended screen resolution is 1024 by 768 pixels.

In order to use the Web Configurator you need to allow:

- Web browser pop-up windows from your device. Web pop-up blocking is enabled by default in Windows XP SP (Service Pack) 2.
- JavaScripts (enabled by default).
- Java permissions (enabled by default).

Refer to the Troubleshooting chapter to see how to make sure these functions are allowed in Internet Explorer.

2.2 Accessing the Web Configurator

- 1 Make sure your NWA1300-NJ hardware is properly connected and prepare your computer or computer network to connect to the NWA1300-NJ (refer to the Quick Start Guide).
- 2 The NWA1300-NJ's Ethernet port is set to DHCP client mode by default. Make sure the NWA1300-NJ is connected to a DHCP server. Check your DHCP server to know the IP address assigned to the NWA1300-NJ by the DHCP server.
- 3 Launch your web browser.
- 4 Type the NWA1300-NJ's IP address as the website address.

Your computer must be in the same subnet in order to access this website address.

- 5 Type "admin" (default) as the user name and "1234" (default) as the password and click **Submit**. In some versions, the default password appears automatically - if this is the case, click **Submit**.

Figure 4 Password Screen



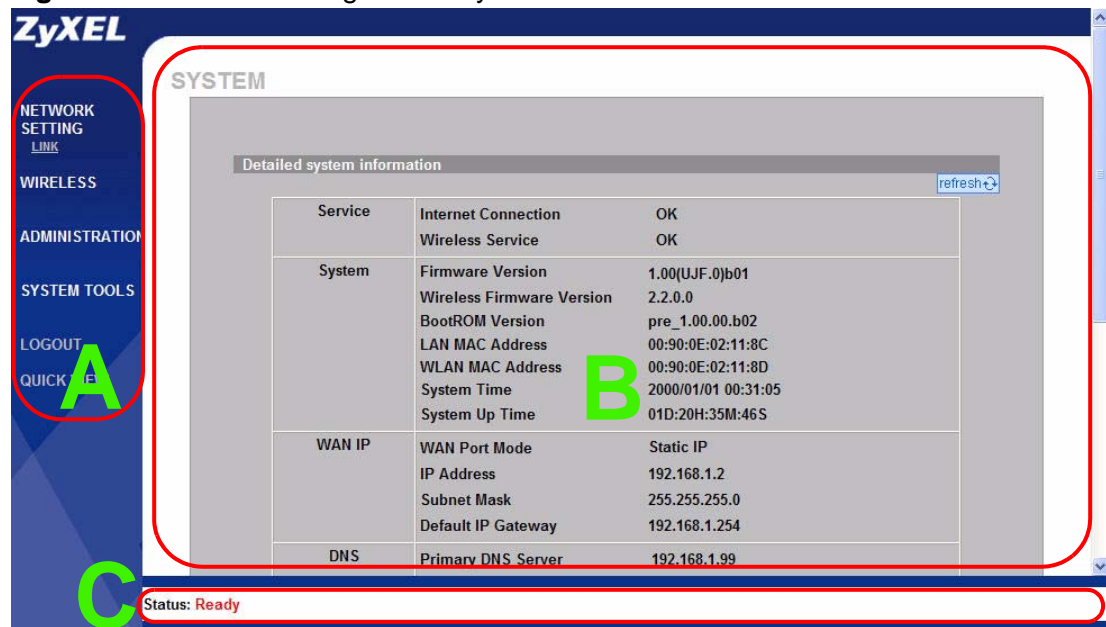
The screenshot shows a login interface for the NWA1300-NJ device. The background is dark blue with the title 'NWA1300-NJ' in white. Below the title, there are two white input fields. The first is labeled 'Username:' and contains the text 'admin'. The second is labeled 'Password:' and contains four black dots. Below the input fields are two buttons: 'Submit' and 'Reset'.

Note: For security reasons, the NWA1300-NJ automatically logs you out if you do not use the web configurator for five minutes (default). Simply log back into the NWA1300-NJ if this happens.

Right after you log in, the **SYSTEM STATUS** screen is displayed. See [Chapter 6 on page 45](#) for more information about the **SYSTEM STATUS** screen.

2.3 The Web Configurator Layout

Figure 5 The Web Configurator Layout



As illustrated above, the Web Configurator screen is divided into these parts:

- **A** - navigation panel
- **B** - main window
- **C** - status bar

2.3.1 Navigation Panel

Use the sub-menus on the navigation panel to configure NWA1300-NJ features.

The following table describes the sub-menus.

Table 2 Screens Summary

LINK	TAB	FUNCTION
NETWORK SETTING		
LINK		Use this screen to configure NWA1300-NJ's IP address and subnet mask, and DNS server settings.
WIRELESS		
BASIC		Use this screen to configure general wireless LAN settings.
ADVANCED		Use this screen to configure advanced wireless settings.
SECURITY		Use this screen to configure wireless security settings.
ADMINISTRATION		

Table 2 Screens Summary

LINK	TAB	FUNCTION
MANAGEMENT		Use this screen to change administrative settings such as system password and your NWA1300-NJ's time and date.
FTP		Use this screen to configure from which IP address(es) users can use FTP to access the NWA1300-NJ.
FIRMWARE	Manual Firmware Upgrade	Use this screen to manually upload firmware to your NWA1300-NJ.
	Scheduled Firmware Upgrade	Use this screen to automatically download the latest firmware from a TFTP server according to a schedule.
CONFIGURATION		Use this screen to backup and restore the configuration or reset the factory defaults to your NWA1300-NJ.
SNMP		Use this screen to configure the NWA1300-NJ SNMP settings.
SYSTEM STATUS		This screen shows the current state of the NWA1300-NJ.
PING COMMAND		Use this screen to test the Internet connection.
SYSTEM TOOLS		
RESTART		Use this screen to reboot the NWA1300-NJ without turning the power off.
LOGOUT		Click this to log out of the Web Configurator.

2.3.2 Main Window

The main window displays information and configuration fields. It is discussed in the rest of this document.

2.3.3 Status Bar

Check the status bar when you click **Apply** or **OK** to verify that the configuration has been updated.

Tutorials

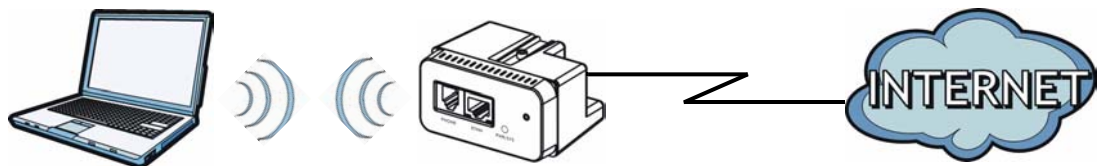
3.1 Overview

This chapter describes how to set up a wireless network.

Note: The tutorials featured in this chapter require a basic understanding of connecting to and using the Web Configurator on your NWA1300-NJ. For details, see the included Quick Start Guide. For field descriptions of individual screens, see the related technical reference in this User's Guide.

3.2 Wireless Network Setup

The NWA1300-NJ is connected to a broadband modem with Internet access. Thomas wants to set up a wireless network so that the users can use their notebooks or computers to wirelessly access the Internet through the NWA1300-NJ. In this wireless network, the NWA1300-NJ serves as an access point (AP), and the notebook with a wireless network card or USB/PCI adapter is the wireless client. The wireless client can access the Internet through the AP.



Thomas has to configure the wireless network settings on the NWA1300-NJ. Then users can set up a wireless network using manual configuration ([Section 3.2.2 on page 28](#)).

3.2.1 Configuring the NWA1300-NJ Wireless Network Settings

This example uses the following parameters to set up a wireless network.

SSID	SSID_Example
Channel	6
Security Mode	WPA-PSK
Pre-Shared Key	DoNotStealMyWirelessNetwork
802.11 Mode	IEEE 802.11b/g/n (Mixed)

Follow the steps below to configure the wireless settings on the NWA1300-NJ.

Note: To see the current SSID, go to the **ADMINISTRATION > SYSTEM STATUS** or the **QUICK VIEW** screen.

- 1 Open the **WIRELESS > BASIC** screen in the NWA1300-NJ's web configurator. Configure the screen using the provided parameters (see [page 26](#)).
- 2 Enter "SSID_Example" as the ESSID and select a channel (6 in this example) which is not used by another AP.
- 3 Select **802.11n + 802.11g + 802.11b** in the **802.11 Mode** field. Click **Apply**.

BASIC WIRELESS SETTINGS

General Setting

ESSID: SSID_Example

Channel: 6

802.11 Mode: 802.11n + 802.11g + 802.11b

Channel Width: Auto 20/40 MHZ

Transmit Power: 50%

Apply

- 4 Go to **WIRELESS > SECURITY**.

- 5 Set security mode to **WPA**, select the **Use WPA with Pre-shared Key** option and enter “DoNotStealMyWirelessNetwork” in the **Pre-shared Key** field. Click **Apply**.

SECURITY WIRELESS SETTINGS

Security: Disable
 WPA WPA2 WPA/WPA2

Group Key Rekeying: Per seconds

Use WPA with Pre-shared Key
Pre-shared Key: (8-63 characters)

Use WPA with RADIUS Server
Server IP:
Authentication Port:
Shared Secret Key: (8-63 characters)

WEP
Encryption: 64bit 128bit
Mode:
WEP Key:
 1.
 2.
 3.
 4.

Note: You have to restart the system to apply the WEP settings

Authentication Method: Open System Shared Key Both

- 6 Click **QUICK VIEW** to open the system status screen. Verify your wireless and wireless security settings and check if the WLAN connection is up.

The screenshot displays the ZyXEL web interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories: NETWORK SETTING, WIRELESS, ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT (FTP, FIRMWARE CONFIGURATION, SNMP, SYSTEM STATUS, PING COMMAND), SYSTEM TOOLS, LOGOUT, and QUICK VIEW (circled in red). The main content area is titled 'Detailed system information' and contains a table of system parameters. The 'Wireless' section of this table is circled in red.

Service	Internet Connection	OK
	Wireless Service	OK
System	Firmware Version	1.00(UJF.0)b01_alpha1
	Wireless Firmware Version	2.2.0.0
	BootROM Version	pre_1.00.00.b02
	LAN MAC Address	00:90:0E:02:11:8C
	WLAN MAC Address	00:90:0E:02:11:8D
	System Time	2000/01/01 05:30:24
WAN IP	System Up Time	01D:20H:35M:46S
	WAN Port Mode	Static IP
	IP Address	192.168.1.2
	Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
DNS	Default IP Gateway	192.168.1.254
	Primary DNS Server	192.168.1.99
	Secondary DNS Server	
Wireless	ESSID	SSID_Example
	Channel	6
	Encryption	WPA
Network Traffic	WAN Traffic	Tx Data:2568666

Status: Ready

- 7 The user can now use the notebook's wireless client to search for the NWA1300-NJ (see [Section 3.2.2 on page 28](#)).

3.2.2 Connecting to the NWA1300-NJ Wirelessly

Use the wireless adapter's utility installed on the notebook to search for the "SSID_Example" SSID. Then enter the "DoNotStealMyWirelessNetwork" pre-shared key to establish an wireless Internet connection.

Note: The NWA1300-NJ supports IEEE 802.11b, IEEE 802.11g and IEEE 802.11n wireless clients. Make sure that your notebook or computer's wireless adapter supports one of these standards.

PART II

Technical Reference

Network Setting

4.1 Overview

This chapter describes how to configure your NWA1300-NJ's IP address to communicate with the wired network to which the NWA1300-NJ is connected.

4.1.1 What You Can Do in this Chapter

Use the **LINK** ([Section 4.3 on page 33](#)) screen to change your IP address assignment.

4.2 What You Need To Know

The following terms and concepts may help as you read through this chapter.

WAN IP Address Assignment

Every computer on the Internet must have a unique IP address. If your networks are isolated from the Internet (only between your two branch offices, for instance) you can assign any IP addresses to the hosts without problems. However, the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) has reserved the following three blocks of IP addresses specifically for private networks.

Table 3 Private IP Address Ranges

10.0.0.0	-	10.255.255.255
172.16.0.0	-	172.31.255.255
192.168.0.0	-	192.168.255.255

You can obtain your IP address from the IANA, from an ISP or have it assigned by a private network. If you belong to a small organization and your Internet access is through an ISP, the ISP can provide you with the Internet addresses for your local networks. On the other hand, if you are part of a much larger organization, you should consult your network administrator for the appropriate IP addresses.

Note: Regardless of your particular situation, do not create an arbitrary IP address; always follow the guidelines above. For more information on address assignment, please refer to RFC 1597, Address Allocation for Private Internets and RFC 1466, Guidelines for Management of IP Address Space.

DNS Server Address Assignment

Use DNS (Domain Name System) to map a domain name to its corresponding IP address and vice versa, for instance, the IP address of `www.zyxel.com` is `204.217.0.2`. The DNS server is extremely important because without it, you must know the IP address of a computer before you can access it.

Maximum Transmission Unit

A maximum transmission unit (MTU) is the largest size packet or frame, specified in octets (eight-bit bytes) that can be sent in a packet- or frame-based network. The Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) uses the MTU to determine the maximum size of each packet in any transmission. Too large an MTU size may mean retransmissions if the packet encounters a router that can't handle that large a packet. Too small an MTU size means relatively more header overhead and more acknowledgements that have to be sent and handled.

4.3 LINK

Use this screen to change your IP settings. The NWA1300-NJ's Ethernet port is set to DHCP client mode by default. Click **NETWORK SETTING > LINK**.

Figure 6 NETWORK SETTING > LINK

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 4 NETWORK SETTING > LINK

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
DHCP Client	Select this option if your NWA1300-NJ is using a dynamically assigned IP address from a DHCP server each time. Note: You must know the IP address assigned to the NWA1300-NJ (by the DHCP server) to access the NWA1300-NJ again.
MTU Setting	Enter the MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) size for the Ethernet interface.
Static IP	Select this option if you were assigned a fixed IP address (and DNS server settings) to use for Internet access
IP Address	Enter the IP address of your NWA1300-NJ in dotted decimal notation. Note: If you change the NWA1300-NJ's IP address, you must use the new IP address if you want to access the web configurator again.
Subnet Mask	Enter the subnet mask that specifies the network number portion of an IP address.

Table 4 NETWORK SETTING > LINK (continued)

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Gateway IP Address	Type the IP address of the gateway. The gateway is an immediate neighbor of your NWA1300-NJ that will forward the packet to the destination. On the LAN, the gateway must be a router on the same segment as your NWA1300-NJ; over the WAN, the gateway must be the IP address of one of the remote nodes.
Primary DNS Server Secondary DNS Server	Enter the IP addresses of the DNS servers. If you do not configure a DNS server, you must know the IP address of a computer in order to access it.
MTU Setting	Enter the MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) size for the Ethernet interface.
ENC IP Address	Enter the IP addresses of the connected ENC (Enterprise Network Center) server for central management. If the NWA1300-NJ is connected to a DHCP server that supports option 224, the NWA1300-NJ can obtain the ENC server's IP address automatically from the DHCP server.
Apply	Click Apply to save your changes back to the NWA1300-NJ.

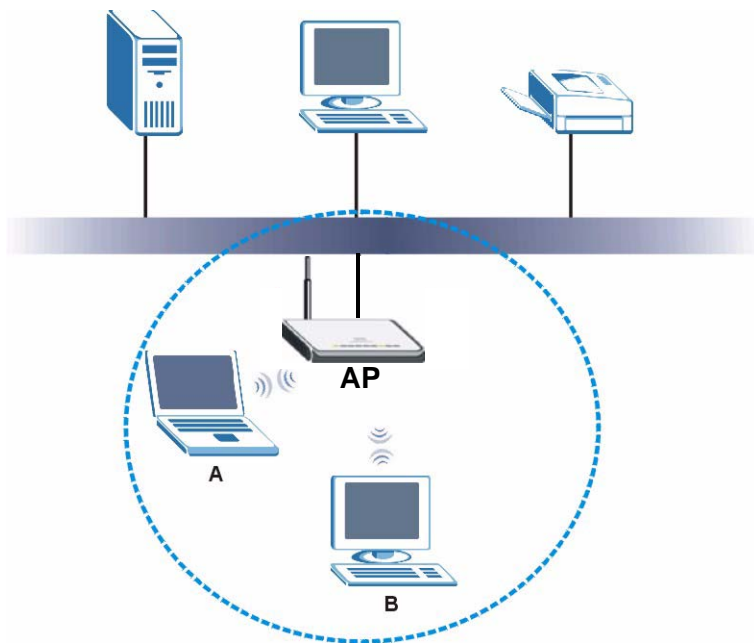
Wireless LAN

5.1 Overview

This chapter discusses how to configure the wireless network settings in your NWA1300-NJ. See the appendices for more detailed information about wireless networks.

The following figure provides an example of a wireless network.

Figure 7 Example of a Wireless Network



The wireless network is the part in the blue circle. In this wireless network, devices A and B are called wireless clients. The wireless clients use the access point (AP) to interact with other devices (such as the printer) or with the Internet. Your NWA1300-NJ is the AP.

5.1.1 What You Can Do in this Chapter

- Use the **BASIC** screen ([Section 5.2 on page 38](#)) to configure the general wireless settings, such as the SSID, channel and 802.11 mode.
- Use the **ADVANCED** screen ([Section 5.3 on page 40](#)) to configure the advanced wireless settings, such as the RTS/CTS Threshold and preamble type.
- Use the **SECURITY** screen ([Section 5.4 on page 42](#)) to configure the wireless security settings.

5.1.2 What You Should Know

Every wireless network must follow these basic guidelines.

- Every wireless client in the same wireless network must use the same SSID.
The SSID is the name of the wireless network. It stands for Service Set IDentity.
- If two wireless networks overlap, they should use different channels.
Like radio stations or television channels, each wireless network uses a specific channel, or frequency, to send and receive information.
- Every wireless client in the same wireless network must use security compatible with the AP.
Security stops unauthorized devices from using the wireless network. It can also protect the information that is sent in the wireless network.

Wireless Security Overview

The following sections introduce different types of wireless security you can set up in the wireless network.

SSID

Normally, the AP acts like a beacon and regularly broadcasts the SSID in the area. You can hide the SSID instead, in which case the AP does not broadcast the SSID. In addition, you should change the default SSID to something that is difficult to guess.

This type of security is fairly weak, however, because there are ways for unauthorized devices to get the SSID. In addition, unauthorized devices can still see the information that is sent in the wireless network.

User Authentication

You can make every user log in to the wireless network before they can use it. This is called user authentication. However, every wireless client in the wireless network has to support IEEE 802.1x to do this.

For wireless networks, there are two typical places to store the user names and passwords for each user.

- In the AP: this feature is called a local user database or a local database.
- In a RADIUS server: this is a server used in businesses more than in homes.

If your AP does not provide a local user database and if you do not have a RADIUS server, you cannot set up user names and passwords for your users.

Unauthorized devices can still see the information that is sent in the wireless network, even if they cannot use the wireless network. Furthermore, there are ways for unauthorized wireless users to get a valid user name and password. Then, they can use that user name and password to use the wireless network.


Local user databases also have an additional limitation that is explained in the next section.

Encryption

Wireless networks can use encryption to protect the information that is sent in the wireless network. Encryption is like a secret code. If you do not know the secret code, you cannot understand the message.

The types of encryption you can choose depend on the type of user authentication. (See [User Authentication](#) for information about this.)

Table 5 Types of Encryption for Each Type of Authentication

	NO AUTHENTICATION	RADIUS SERVER
Weakest  Strongest	No Security	WPA
	Static WEP	
	WPA-PSK	
	WPA2-PSK	WPA2

For example, if the wireless network has a RADIUS server, you can choose WPA or WPA2. If users do not log in to the wireless network, you can choose no encryption, static WEP, WPA-PSK, or WPA2-PSK.

Usually, you should set up the strongest encryption that every wireless client in the wireless network supports. For example, suppose the AP does not have a local user database, and you do not have a RADIUS server. Therefore, there is no user authentication. Suppose the wireless network has two wireless clients. Device A only supports WEP, and device B supports WEP and WPA. Therefore, you should set up static WEP in the wireless network.

Note: It is recommended that wireless networks use WPA-PSK, WPA, or stronger encryption. IEEE 802.1x and WEP encryption are better than none at all, but it is still possible for unauthorized devices to figure out the original information pretty quickly.

Note: It is not possible to use WPA-PSK, WPA or stronger encryption with a local user database. In this case, it is better to set up stronger encryption with no authentication than to set up weaker encryption with the local user database.

If you want to use WPA2 in your NWA1300-NJ, you can select to support WPA as well. In this case, if some wireless clients support WPA and some support WPA2, you should select the **WPA/WPA2** option in the NWA1300-NJ.

Many types of encryption use a key to protect the information in the wireless network. The longer the key, the stronger the encryption. Every wireless client in the wireless network must have the same key.

5.2 BASIC

Use this screen to enter the SSID, and select the channel and 802.11 mode.

Note: If you are configuring the NWA1300-NJ from a computer connected to the wireless LAN and you change the NWA1300-NJ's SSID, channel or security settings, you will lose your wireless connection when you press **Apply** to confirm. You must then change the wireless settings of your computer to match the NWA1300-NJ's new settings.

Click **WIRELESS > BASIC**.

Figure 8 WIRELESS > BASIC



The screenshot shows the 'BASIC WIRELESS SETTINGS' configuration page. It features a 'General Setting' section with the following fields:

- ESSID: Wireless
- Channel: 6
- 802.11 Mode: 802.11g + 802.11b
- Channel Width: Auto 20/40 MHZ
- Transmit Power: 25%

An 'Apply' button is located at the bottom right of the configuration area.

The following table describes the general wireless LAN labels in this screen.

Table 6 WIRELESS > BASIC

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
ESSID	<p>The SSID (Service Set IDentity) identifies the Service Set with which a wireless station is associated. Wireless clients associating to the access point (AP) must have the same SSID. Enter a descriptive name (up to 32 printable 7-bit ASCII characters) for the wireless LAN.</p> <p>When a wireless client scans for an AP to associate with, this is the name that is broadcast and seen in the wireless client utility.</p>
Channel	<p>Set the operating frequency/channel depending on your particular region.</p> <p>Select a channel from the drop-down list box. The options vary depending on the frequency band and the country you are in.</p> <p>If you are having problems with wireless interference, changing the channel may help. Try to use a channel that is as many channels away from any channels used by neighboring APs as possible.</p>
802.11 Mode	<p>Select 802.11n + 802.11g + 802.11b to allow both IEEE802.11b, IEEE802.11g and IEEE802.11n compliant WLAN devices to associate with the NWA1300-NJ. The transmission rate of your NWA1300-NJ might be reduced.</p> <p>Select 802.11n + 802.11g to allow either IEEE 802.11g or IEEE 802.11n compliant WLAN devices to associate with the NWA1300-NJ.</p> <p>Select 802.11g + 802.11b to allow either IEEE 802.11b or IEEE 802.11g compliant WLAN devices to associate with the NWA1300-NJ. The NWA1300-NJ adjusts the transmission rate automatically according to the wireless standard supported by the wireless devices.</p> <p>Select 802.11n Only to only allow IEEE 802.11n compliant WLAN devices to associate with the NWA1300-NJ.</p> <p>Select 802.11g Only to only allow IEEE 802.11g compliant WLAN devices to associate with the NWA1300-NJ.</p> <p>Select 802.11b Only to only allow IEEE 802.11b compliant WLAN devices to associate with the NWA1300-NJ.</p>
Channel Width	<p>Select whether the NWA1300-NJ uses a wireless channel width of 20 or 40 MHz. A standard 20 MHz channel offers transfer speeds of up to 150Mbps whereas a 40 MHz channel uses two standard channels and offers speeds of up to 300 Mbps. Because not all devices support 40 MHz channels, select Auto 20/40 MHz to allow the NWA1300-NJ to adjust the channel bandwidth automatically.</p> <p>Select 20 MHz if you want to lessen radio interference with other wireless devices in your neighborhood.</p>
Transmit Power	<p>Set the output power of the NWA1300-NJ in this field. If there is a high density of APs in an area, decrease the output power of the NWA1300-NJ to reduce interference with other APs. Select one of the following 100%, 50% or 25%.</p>
Apply	<p>Click Apply to save your changes back to the NWA1300-NJ.</p>

5.3 ADVANCED

Use this screen to configure the advanced wireless settings. Click **WIRELESS > ADVANCED**. The screen appears as shown.

Figure 9 WIRELESS > ADVANCED

ADVANCED WIRELESS SETTINGS

Do not change any setting below unless you make sure you understand all the meaning of setting. , You can press "DEFAULT" to restore the wireless factory default setting?once you made setting changed to cause wireless not work.

Beacon Interval: (msec, range:1~1000, default:100)

RTS Threshold: (range:256~2432, default:2432)

Fragmentation Threshold: (range:800~2432, default:2346, even number only)

Preamble Type: Dynamic Preamble Short Preamble Long Preamble

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 7 WIRELESS > ADVANCED

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Beacon Interval	When a wirelessly networked device sends a beacon, it includes with it a beacon interval. This specifies the time period before the device sends the beacon again. The interval tells receiving devices on the network how long they can wait in low-power mode before waking up to handle the beacon. This value can be set from 1ms to 1000ms. A high value helps save current consumption of the access point.
RTS Threshold	Data with its frame size larger than this value will perform the RTS (Request To Send)/CTS (Clear to Send) handshake. Enter a value between 256 and 2432 to enable an RTS/CTS handshake to avoid retransmitting due to hidden nodes.
Fragmentation Threshold	The threshold (number of bytes) for the fragmentation boundary for directed messages. It is the maximum data fragment size that can be sent. Enter an even number between 800 and 2432.

Table 7 WIRELESS > ADVANCED

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Preamble Type	<p>A preamble affects the timing in your wireless network. There are two preamble modes: long and short.</p> <p>Select Long Preamble if you are unsure what preamble mode other wireless devices on the network support, and to provide more reliable communications in busy wireless networks.</p> <p>Select Short Preamble if you are sure all wireless devices on the network support it, and to provide more efficient communications.</p> <p>Select Dynamic Preamble to automatically use short preamble when all wireless devices on the network support it, otherwise the NWA1300-NJ uses long preamble.</p> <p>Note: If a wireless device uses a different preamble mode than the NWA1300-NJ does, it cannot communicate with the NWA1300-NJ.</p>
Default	Click Default to reload the default configuration for this screen.
Apply	Click Apply to save your changes back to the NWA1300-NJ.

5.4 SECURITY

Use this screen to configure the wireless security settings. Click **WIRELESS > SECURITY**. The screen appears as shown.

Figure 10 WIRELESS > SECURITY

SECURITY WIRELESS SETTINGS

Security: Disable
 WPA WPA2 WPA/WPA2

Group Key Rekeying: Per seconds

Use WPA with Pre-shared Key
 Pre-shared Key: (8-63 characters)

Use WPA with RADIUS Server
 Server IP:
 Authentication Port:
 Shared Secret Key: (8-63 characters)

WEP
 Encryption: 64bit 128bit
 Mode:
 WEP Key:
 1.
 2.
 3.
 4.

Note: You have to restart the system to apply the WEP settings

Authentication Method: Open System Shared Key Both

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 8 WIRELESS > SECURITY

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Security	
Disable	Select this to allow wireless stations to communicate with the access points without any data encryption or authentication. Note: If you do not enable any wireless security on your NWA1300-NJ, your network is accessible to any wireless networking device that is within range.

Table 8 WIRELESS > SECURITY (continued)

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
WPA	Select this to configure and enable WPA or WPA-PSK authentication and encryption.
WPA2	Select this to configure and enable WPA2 or WPA2-PSK authentication and encryption.
WPA/WPA2	Select this to have both WPA2 and WPA wireless clients be able to communicate with the NWA1300-NJ even when the NWA1300-NJ is using WPA2 or WPA2-PSK.
Group Key Rekeying	Enter the rate at which the AP or the RADIUS server sends a new group key out to all clients.
Use WPA with Pre-shared Key	Select this option if you do not have a RADIUS server in your network and want to use a pre-shared key WPA or WPA2.
Pre-shared Key	The encryption mechanisms used for WPA(2) and WPA(2)-PSK are the same. The only difference between the two is that WPA(2)-PSK uses a simple common password, instead of user-specific credentials. Type a pre-shared key from 8 to 63 case-sensitive ASCII characters (including spaces and symbols).
Use WPA with RADIUS Server	Select this option if you have a RADIUS server in your network and want to use it for user authentication and encryption.
Server IP	Enter the IP address of the external authentication server in dotted decimal notation.
Authentication Port	Enter the port number of the external authentication server. The default port number is 1812 . You need not change this value unless your network administrator instructs you to do so with additional information.
Shared Secret Key	Enter a password (from 8 to 63 case-sensitive ASCII characters) as the key to be shared between the external authentication server and the NWA1300-NJ. The key must be the same on the external authentication server and your NWA1300-NJ. The key is not sent over the network.
WEP	WEP encryption scrambles the data transmitted between the wireless stations and the access points to keep network communications private. It encrypts unicast and multicast communications in a network. Both the wireless clients and the access points must use the same WEP key. Select this to configure and enable WEP encryption.
Encryption	The NWA1300-NJ allows you to configure up to four 64-bit or 128-bit WEP keys but only one key can be enabled at any one time.
Mode	Select the type of input mode from the drop-down list box. Select ASCII to enter ASCII characters as WEP key. Select HEX to enter hexadecimal characters as a WEP key.

Table 8 WIRELESS > SECURITY (continued)

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
WEP Key	<p>The WEP keys are used to secure your data from eavesdropping by unauthorized wireless users. Both the NWA1300-NJ and the wireless clients must use the same WEP key for data transmission.</p> <p>If you chose 64bit in the Encryption field, then enter any 5 ASCII characters or 10 hexadecimal characters ("0-9", "A-F") for each key.</p> <p>If you chose 128bit in the Encryption field, then enter 13 ASCII characters or 26 hexadecimal characters ("0-9", "A-F") for each key.</p> <p>You must configure all four keys. Only one key can be activated at any one time. Select a default key to use for data encryption.</p>
Authentication Method	<p>Select Open System, Shared Key or Both.</p> <p>This field specifies whether the wireless clients have to provide the WEP key to login to the wireless network. Keep this setting at Both or Open System unless you want to force a key verification before communication between the wireless client and the NWA1300-NJ occurs. Select Shared Key to force the clients to provide the WEP key prior to communication.</p>
Default	Click Default to reload the default configuration for this screen.
Apply	Click Apply to save your changes back to the NWA1300-NJ.

Administration

6.1 Overview

This chapter provides information on the **ADMINISTRATION** screens.

6.1.1 What You Can Do in this Chapter

- Use the **MANAGEMENT** screen ([Section 6.2 on page 46](#)) to set the password, change your NWA1300-NJ's time and date and configure from which IP address(es) users can manage the NWA1300-NJ.
- Use the **FTP** screen ([Section 6.3 on page 48](#)) to configure from which IP address(es) users can use FTP to access the NWA1300-NJ.
- Use the **FIRMWARE** screen ([Section 6.4 on page 49](#)) to upload firmware to your NWA1300-NJ.
- Use the **CONFIGURATION** screen ([Section 6.5 on page 53](#)) to backup and restore device configurations. You can also reset your device settings back to the factory default.
- Use the **SNMP** screen ([Section 6.6 on page 58](#)) to configure your SNMP settings.
- Use the **SYSTEM STATUS** screen ([Section 6.7 on page 64](#)) to look at the current state of the NWA1300-NJ.
- Use the **PING COMMAND** screen ([Section 6.8 on page 66](#)) to test the Internet connection.

6.2 MANAGEMENT

Use this screen to set the password and configure the NWA1300-NJ's time based on your local time zone. Click **ADMINISTRATION > MANAGEMENT**. The following screen displays.

Figure 11 ADMINISTRATION > MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT

Administrator Setting

Please be sure to change your password:

Username:

Password:

Date/Time

Date: 2002 1 1 (Year/Month/Day)

Time: 5 55 7 (Hour : Minute : Second)

Use NTP (Network Time Protocol) Time Server

Server IP/Domain Name:

Time Zone: GMT -12:00

Update Time: 0 hours

Daylight Saving Time

Start Date: 4 Month/ 1 Day

End Date: 10 Month/ 31 Day

LED Setting

Enable

Disable

Secure Administrator IP Address

Any

Specify

	~	
	~	
	~	
	~	
	~	

Allow remote user to ping the device

Enable Disable

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 9 ADMINISTRATION > MANAGEMENT

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Administrator Setting	
Username	Type your new system user name (up to 20 case-sensitive alphanumeric characters).
Password	Type your new system password (up to 20 case-sensitive alphanumeric characters). Note that as you type a password, the screen displays a dot (.) for each character you type.
Date/Time	
Date	<p>This field displays the date of your NWA1300-NJ. Each time you reload this page, the NWA1300-NJ synchronizes the date with the time server.</p> <p>Select the new date manually and then click Apply.</p> <p>This field is not configurable if you select Use NTP (Network Time Protocol) Time Server.</p>
Time	<p>This field displays the time of your NWA1300-NJ. Each time you reload this page, the NWA1300-NJ synchronizes the time with the time server.</p> <p>Select the new time manually and then click Apply.</p> <p>This field is not configurable if you select Use NTP (Network Time Protocol) Time Server.</p>
Get from My Computer	<p>Click this button to set the time and date on the NWA1300-NJ to be the same as the management computer.</p> <p>This button is not available if you select Use NTP (Network Time Protocol) Time Server.</p>
Get from NTP Server	<p>Click this button to set the NWA1300-NJ to get time and date information from a specified NTP (Network Time Protocol) time server.</p> <p>This button is available only if you select Use NTP (Network Time Protocol) Time Server.</p>
Use NTP (Network Time Protocol) Time Server	<p>Select this check box to allow the NWA1300-NJ to get time and date information from an NTP (Network Time Protocol) time server.</p>
Server IP/ Domain Name	<p>Enter the IP address or URL (up to 100 extended ASCII characters in length) of your time server. Check with your ISP/network administrator if you are unsure of this information.</p>
Time Zone	<p>Choose the time zone of your location. This will set the time difference between your time zone and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).</p>
Update Time	<p>Enter a number to determine how often the NWA1300-NJ uses the NTP server to update the time and date.</p>
Daylight Saving Time	<p>Daylight saving is a period from late spring to early fall when many countries set their clocks ahead of normal local time by one hour to give more daytime light in the evening.</p> <p>Select this option if you use Daylight Saving Time.</p>

Table 9 ADMINISTRATION > MANAGEMENT (continued)

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Start Date	Select the month and day that your daylight-savings time starts on if you selected Daylight Saving Time .
End Date	Select the month and day that your daylight-savings time ends on if you selected Daylight Saving Time .
LED Setting	<p>Select Enable to have the LEDs on the front panel operate as long as the NWA1300-NJ is powered on.</p> <p>Select Disable to have the LEDs on the front panel operate during start-up and turn off once the NWA1300-NJ is ready.</p>
Secure Administrator IP Address	<p>Select Any to use any computer to access the web configurator on the NWA1300-NJ.</p> <p>Select Specify and then enter the IP address(es) or ranges of IP addresses of the computer(s) that are allowed to log in to configure the NWA1300-NJ. The addresses can be on the LAN or the WAN.</p>
Allow remote user to ping the device	<p>Ping (Packet INternet Groper) is a protocol that sends out ICMP echo requests to test whether or not a remote host is reachable. Select Enable to have the NWA1300-NJ respond to incoming Ping requests from the WAN. This is less secure since someone on the Internet can see that the NWA1300-NJ is there by pinging it.</p> <p>Select Disable to have the NWA1300-NJ not respond to incoming Ping requests from the WAN. This is more secure since someone on the Internet cannot see that the NWA1300-NJ is there by pinging it.</p>
Apply	Click Apply to save your changes back to the NWA1300-NJ.

6.3 FTP

You can use FTP (File Transfer Protocol) to upload and download the NWA1300-NJ's firmware and configuration files, see [Section 6.4 on page 49](#) and [Section 6.5 on page 53](#) for details. To use this feature, your computer must have an FTP client.

To change your NWA1300-NJ's FTP settings, click **ADMINISTRATION > FTP**. The screen appears as shown. Use this screen to specify from which IP address the access can come.

Figure 12 ADMINISTRATION > FTP

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 10 ADMINISTRATION > FTP

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Server Port	You may change the server port number for a service if needed, however you must use the same port number in order to use FTP to access the NWA1300-NJ.
Secured Client IP Address	A secured client is a “trusted” computer that is allowed to communicate with the NWA1300-NJ using this service. Select All to allow any computer to access the NWA1300-NJ using FTP. Choose Selected to just allow the computer with the IP address that you specify to access the NWA1300-NJ using FTP.
Reset	Click Reset to reload the default configuration for this screen.
Apply	Click Apply to save your changes back to the NWA1300-NJ.

6.4 FIRMWARE

There are two ways to upgrade firmware to the NWA1300-NJ: manually or scheduled.

To manually upgrade the firmware, you have to download the latest firmware first from www.zyxel.com and then upload it to the NWA1300-NJ. You can upload it to the NWA1300-NJ using the Web Configurator or using a TFTP server.

With scheduled firmware upgrade, you need to set up a TFTP server where the NWA1300-NJ can automatically download the latest firmware at the specified time.

6.4.1 Manual Firmware Upgrade Using the Web Configurator

Follow the instructions in this screen to upload firmware to your NWA1300-NJ using the web configurator.

- 1 Click **ADMINISTRATION > FIRMWARE**.

Figure 13 ADMINISTRATION > FIRMWARE > Manual Firmware Upgrade: Using the Web Configurator

- 2 Specify the name of the firmware file in the **Local PC File Path** field or click **Browse** to locate the file and click **Apply** to start the file transfer process. The firmware must be a binary file and should have a .bin extension.
- 3 When the file transfer is completed successfully, the NWA1300-NJ automatically restarts.

WARNING!

Do not interrupt the file upload process as this may PERMANENTLY damage the device.

- 4 After the NWA1300-NJ finishes restarting, access the web configurator again. Check the firmware version number in the **SYSTEM STATUS** screen.

Note: When the NWA1300-NJ restarts, all connections terminate. Subscribers need to log in again.

6.4.2 Manual Firmware Upgrade via TFTP Server

Use the following procedure to use TFTP to upload the firmware from a TFTP server to the NWA1300-NJ.

- 1 Download the latest firmware from www.zyxel.com and store it in a TFTP server. Unzip the file if it is zipped.

- 2 Run a TFTP server program and specify the location of the firmware file and the communication mode. Refer to the documentation that comes with your TFTP server program for instructions.
- 3 Access the web configurator. Refer to the section on accessing the web configurator for instructions.
- 4 Click **ADMINISTRATION > FIRMWARE**.

Figure 14 ADMINISTRATION > FIRMWARE > Manual Firmware Upgrade: via TFTP Server

The screenshot shows the 'FIRMWARE' configuration page. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Manual Firmware Upgrade' (selected) and 'Scheduled Firmware Upgrade'. Below the tabs is a form with the following fields:

- Local PC File Path:** A text input field with a 'Browse...' button and an 'Apply' button.
- Remote TFTP Server IP Address:** A text input field with an 'Apply' button. This field is circled in red.
- File Name:** A text input field.

- 5 Specify the IP address of the TFTP server in the **Remote TFTP Server IP Address** field.
- 6 Specify the name of the firmware file in the **File Name** field.
- 7 Click **Apply** to start the file transfer process.
- 8 When the file transfer is completed successfully, the NWA1300-NJ automatically restarts.

WARNING!
Do not interrupt the file upload process as this may **PERMANENTLY** damage the device.

- 9 After the NWA1300-NJ finishes restarting, access the web configurator again. Check the firmware version number in the **SYSTEM STATUS** screen.

6.4.3 Scheduled Firmware Upgrade

Click **ADMINISTRATION > FIRMWARE > Scheduled Firmware Upgrade**.

Configure the screen to automatically download the latest firmware from a TFTP server.

Note: Make sure that the TFTP server has the firmware and synchronization check file before you configure for scheduled firmware upgrades.

Make sure that you check new features or functionality enhancements in new firmware releases before you put the firmware on the TFTP server.

WARNING!

Do not interrupt the file upload process as this may PERMANENTLY damage the device.

Figure 15 ADMINISTRATION > FIRMWARE > Scheduled Firmware Upgrade

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

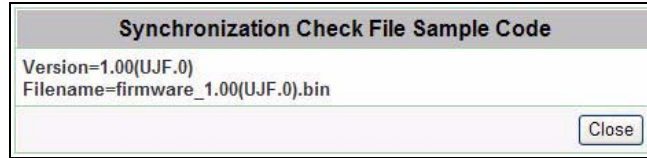
Table 11 ADMINISTRATION > FIRMWARE > Scheduled Firmware Upgrade

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Enable Disable	Select Disable or Enable to turn the scheduled firmware upgrade function on or off (disabled by default).
TFTP Server IP	Type the IP address of the TFTP server from which the NWA1300-NJ can download new firmware files.
File Synchronization	A synchronization check file is a .txt file containing the latest firmware filename and version number on the TFTP server. Enter the name of the check file.
View Sample File	Click View Sample File to see an example synchronization check file.
Frequency	Set how often (Weekly , Daily or Hourly) you want to have the NWA1300-NJ check for new firmware and upgrade to new firmware if available (default Weekly). Then select the day (applies only when you select Weekly), the hour (applies when you select Daily or Hourly) and the minute that you want the NWA1300-NJ to do the check and upload.
Apply	Click Apply to save your changes back to the NWA1300-NJ.

Note: When the NWA1300-NJ restarts, all connections terminate. Subscribers need to log in again.

The following figure shows an example of a check file's content.

Figure 16 Synchronization Check File Example



6.5 CONFIGURATION

You can use the web configurator to perform configuration file backup and restore. Backing up the configuration allows you to back up (save) the device's current configuration to a file. Once your device is configured and functioning properly, it is highly recommended that you back up your configuration file before making configuration changes. The backup configuration file will be useful in case you need to return to your previous settings.

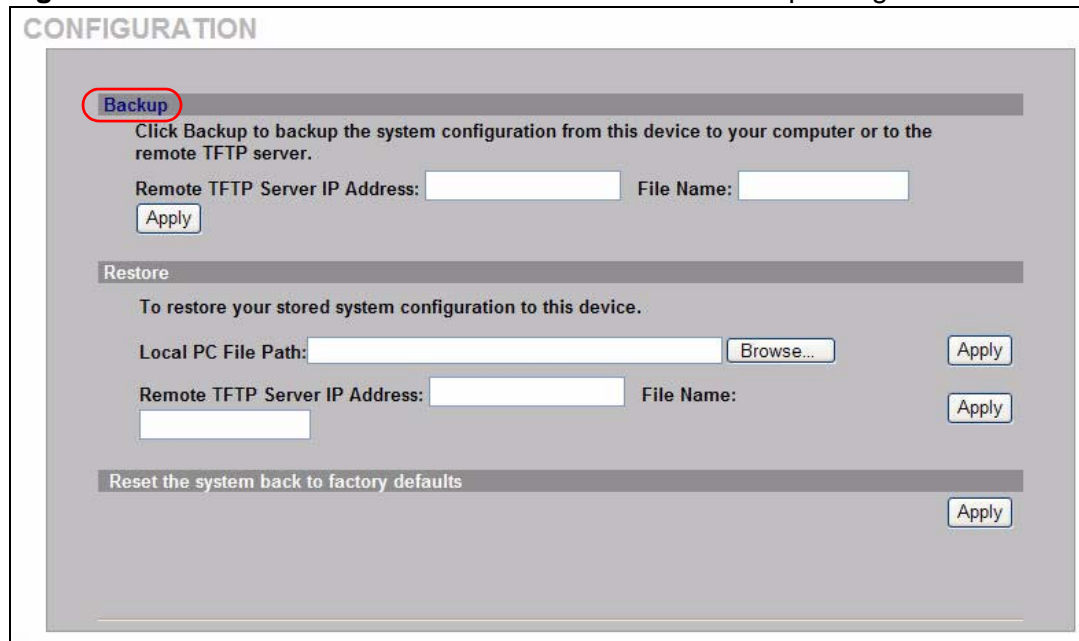
WARNING!
**DO NOT INTERRUPT THE FILE TRANSFER PROCESS AS THIS
MAY PERMANENTLY DAMAGE YOUR DEVICE.**

6.5.1 Backup Configuration Using HTTP

Use the following procedure to use HTTP to back up the device's current configuration to a file on your computer.

- 1 Click **ADMINISTRATION > CONFIGURATION**. A screen displays as shown next. Click **Backup**.

Figure 17 ADMINISTRATION > CONFIGURATION: Backup Using HTTP



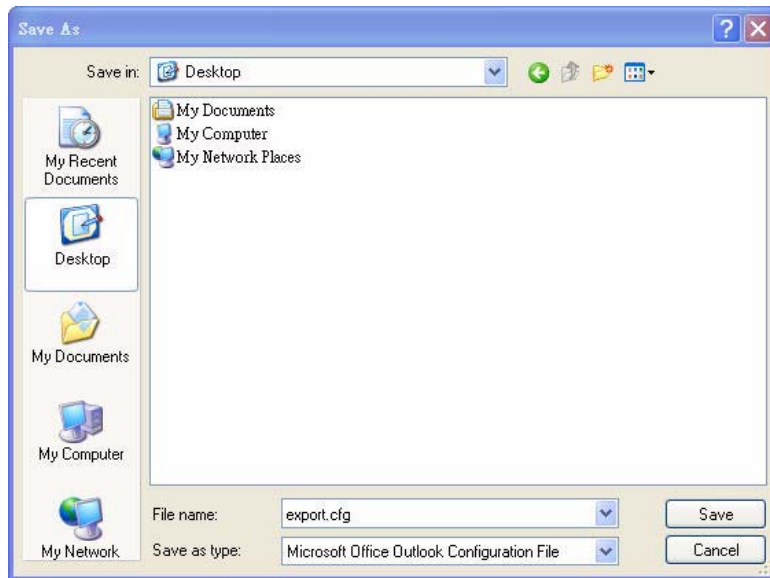
- 2 A **File Download** window displays as shown next. Click **Save**.

Figure 18 Configuration Backup: File Download



- 3 A **Save As** window displays.

Figure 19 Configuration Backup: Save As



- 4 Specify the file name and/or location and click **Save** to start the backup process.

6.5.2 Backup Configuration Using TFTP

Use the following procedure to use TFTP to back up the device's current configuration to a file on a TFTP server.

- 1 Click **ADMINISTRATION > CONFIGURATION**. A screen displays as shown next.

Figure 20 ADMINISTRATION > CONFIGURATION: Backup Using TFTP

The screenshot shows the CONFIGURATION page with three main sections:

- Backup:** A section with a header "Backup" and a description: "Click Backup to backup the system configuration from this device to your computer or to the remote TFTP server." It contains two input fields: "Remote TFTP Server IP Address:" and "File Name:". Below these fields is an "Apply" button. A red oval highlights the "Remote TFTP Server IP Address:" field and the "Apply" button.
- Restore:** A section with a header "Restore" and a description: "To restore your stored system configuration to this device." It contains three input fields: "Local PC File Path:" with a "Browse..." button, "Remote TFTP Server IP Address:", and "File Name:". There are "Apply" buttons next to the "Local PC File Path:" and "File Name:" fields.
- Reset the system back to factory defaults:** A section with a header "Reset the system back to factory defaults" and an "Apply" button.

- 2 Enter the IP address of the TFTP server in dotted decimal notation in the **Remote TFTP Server IP Address** field.
- 3 Specify a file name for the configuration backup in the **File Name** field.
- 4 Click **Apply**. When the file transfer process is complete, a screen displays as follows.

Figure 21 Configuration Backup: Using TFTP Successful

The screenshot shows a success message dialog box with the following content:

- Success!** (in a blue header bar)
- The Export Configuration has been transferred.
- A red "back" button at the bottom.

6.5.3 Restore Configuration Using HTTP

This section shows you how to upload a new or previously saved configuration file from your computer to your NWA1300-NJ.

Note: This function erases the current configuration before restoring a previous backup configuration; please do not attempt to restore unless you have a backup configuration file stored on disk.

- 1 Click **ADMINISTRATION > CONFIGURATION**. A screen displays as shown next.

Figure 22 ADMINISTRATION > CONFIGURATION: Restore Using HTTP

The screenshot shows the CONFIGURATION page with three main sections: Backup, Restore, and Reset the system back to factory defaults. The Restore section is the focus, with the 'Local PC File Path' field highlighted by a red circle. The 'Apply' button next to it is also highlighted.

CONFIGURATION

Backup
Click Backup to backup the system configuration from this device to your computer or to the remote TFTP server.
Remote TFTP Server IP Address: File Name:

Restore
To restore your stored system configuration to this device.
Local PC File Path:
Remote TFTP Server IP Address: File Name:

Reset the system back to factory defaults

- 2 Specify the location and filename of a configuration file in the **Local PC File Path** field or click **Browse**.
- 3 Click **Apply** to start the configuration restore process. The NWA1300-NJ automatically restarts after the restoration process is complete.

6.5.4 Restore Configuration Using TFTP

This section shows you how to upload a new or previously saved configuration file from a TFTP server to your NWA1300-NJ.

Note: This function erases the current configuration before restoring a previous backup configuration; please do not attempt to restore unless you have a backup configuration file stored on disk.

- 1 Click **ADMINISTRATION > CONFIGURATION**. A screen displays as shown next.

Figure 23 ADMINISTRATION > CONFIGURATION: Restore Using TFTP

The screenshot shows the CONFIGURATION page with three main sections: Backup, Restore, and Reset the system back to factory defaults. The Restore section is the focus, containing the following elements:

- Backup:** A section with an 'Apply' button and instructions to backup system configuration.
- Restore:** A section with instructions to restore system configuration. It includes:
 - Local PC File Path:** A text input field followed by a 'Browse...' button and an 'Apply' button.
 - Remote TFTP Server IP Address:** A text input field followed by a 'File Name:' label and another text input field. This entire row is circled in red.
 - File Name:** A text input field followed by an 'Apply' button.
- Reset the system back to factory defaults:** A section with an 'Apply' button.

- 2 Enter the IP address of the TFTP server in dotted decimal notation in the **Remote TFTP Server IP Address** field.
- 3 Specify the file name of the configuration file in the **File Name** field.
- 4 Click **Apply** to start the configuration restore process. The NWA1300-NJ automatically restarts after the restoration process is complete.

6.5.5 Back to Factory Defaults

Pressing the **Apply** button in this section clears all user-entered configuration information and returns the NWA1300-NJ to its factory defaults.

You can also press the reset button on the front panel to reset the factory defaults of your NWA1300-NJ. Refer to the chapter about introducing the Web Configurator for more information on the reset button.

6.6 SNMP

Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) is a protocol used for exchanging management information between network devices. Your NWA1300-NJ supports

SNMP agent functionality, which allows a manager station to manage and monitor the NWA1300-NJ through the network.

An SNMP managed network consists of two main components: agents and a manager.

An agent is a management software module that resides in a managed device (the NWA1300-NJ). An agent translates the local management information from the managed switch into a form compatible with SNMP. The manager is the console through which network administrators perform network management functions. It executes applications that control and monitor managed devices.

The managed devices contain object variables/managed objects that define each piece of information to be collected about a switch. Examples of variables include number of packets received, node port status and so on. A Management Information Base (MIB) is a collection of managed objects. SNMP allows a manager and agents to communicate for the purpose of accessing these objects.

SNMP itself is a simple request/response protocol based on the manager/agent model. The manager issues a request and the agent returns responses using the following protocol operations:

Table 12 SNMP Commands

COMMAND	DESCRIPTION
Get	Allows the manager to retrieve an object variable from the agent.
GetNext	Allows the manager to retrieve the next object variable from a table or list within an agent. In SNMPv1, when a manager wants to retrieve all elements of a table from an agent, it initiates a Get operation, followed by a series of GetNext operations.
Set	Allows the manager to set values for object variables within an agent.
Trap	Used by the agent to inform the manager of some events.

SNMP v3 and Security

SNMP v3 enhances security for SNMP management. SNMP managers can be required to authenticate with agents before conducting SNMP management sessions.

Security can be further enhanced by encrypting the SNMP messages sent from the managers. Encryption protects the contents of the SNMP messages. When the contents of the SNMP messages are encrypted, only the intended recipients can read them.

Click **ADMINISTRATION > SNMP** to open the following screen. Use this screen to configure the NWA1300-NJ SNMP settings.

Figure 24 ADMINISTRATION > SNMP

SNMP Agent Configuration

SNMP Setup

Enable Disable

Port

SNMP Port: (161 or 16100 ~16199)

Trap Port: (162 or 16200 ~16299)

Time interval: (1-60 Second)

SNMPv3 [Configure SNMPv3 User Profile](#)

No	Community Name	NMS Address	Privileges	Status
1	public	ANY	Read	Valid
2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Write	Valid
3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Read	Valid
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Read	Valid
5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Read	Valid

The following table describes the fields in this screen.

Table 13 ADMINISTRATION > SNMP

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
SNMP Setup	Select Enable to allow a manager station to manage and monitor the NWA1300-NJ through the network via SNMP. Otherwise, select Disable .
Port	
SNMP Port	Enter the NWA1300-NJ's port number to which the manager station sends requests.
Trap Port	Enter the port number on which the manager station listens for SNMP traps and information from the NWA1300-NJ.
Time interval	Specify how long (in seconds) the NWA1300-NJ waits before sending SNMP traps to the ENC server after start-up.
SNMPv3	Select this to enable SNMPv3 on the NWA1300-NJ.
Configure SNMPv3 User Profile	Click Configure SNMPv3 User Profile to open a screen where you can configure SNMPv3 users.
Configuration	
No	This is the index number of the entry.

Table 13 ADMINISTRATION > SNMP (continued)

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Community Name	Enter the password for the incoming Get, GetNext or Set requests from the management station. The default community for read-only access is public and the default community for read-write access is private .
NMS Address	Enter the IP address of the Network Management System (NMS) that controls and monitors the managed device (NWA1300-NJ). If the NWA1300-NJ is connected to a DHCP server that supports option 224, the NWA1300-NJ can obtain the ENC server's IP address automatically from the DHCP server. ANY means any computer that connects to the NWA1300-NJ can request SNMP information and/or receive traps from the NWA1300-NJ.
Privileges	Select the privilege level of the password. Read means the password is for read-only (Get or GetNext) access. Write means the password is for read-write (Get/GetNext and Set) access. Trap Recipient means the password is for accepting SNMP traps from the NWA1300-NJ. All means the password has all the above permissions.
Status	Select whether this password is valid or not.
Apply	Click Apply to save your changes back to the NWA1300-NJ.

6.6.1 SNMPv3 User Profile

From the **ADMINISTRATION > SNMP** screen, click the **Configure SNMPv3 User Profile** link to view the screen as shown. Use this screen to create SNMP

users for authentication with managers using SNMP v3. An SNMP user is an SNMP manager.

Figure 25 ADMINISTRATION > SNMP > Configure SNMPv3 User Profile

SNMPv3 User Profile

SNMPv3 Admin

Enable SNMPv3 Admin

User Name: (8-20 characters)

Password: (8-20 characters)

Confirm Password: (8-20 characters)

Access Type: read-only ▼

Authentication Protocol: MD5 ▼

Privacy Protocol: None ▼

SNMPv3 User

Enable SNMPv3 User

User Name: (8-20 characters)

Password: (8-20 characters)

Confirm Password: (8-20 characters)

Access Type: read-only ▼

Authentication Protocol: MD5 ▼

Privacy Protocol: None ▼

Reset Apply

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 14 ADMINISTRATION > SNMP > Configure SNMPv3 User Profile

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
SNMPv3 Admin/ SNMPv3 User	
Enable SNMPv3 Admin/Enable SNMPv3 User	Select the checkbox to activate the SNMPv3 login account.
Username	Specify the username of a login account on the NWA1300-NJ.
Password	Enter the password from 8 to 20 ASCII characters for the login account.
Confirm Password	Enter the password again for confirmation.

Table 14 ADMINISTRATION > SNMP > Configure SNMPv3 User Profile (continued)

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Access Type	<p>Specify the access right for the admin login account. The user account has read right only.</p> <p>readwrite - the account has read and write rights, meaning that the user can create and edit the MIBs on the NWA1300-NJ, except the user account and AAA configuration.</p> <p>readonly - the account has read right only, meaning the user can collect information from the NWA1300-NJ.</p>
Authentication Protocol	<p>Select an authentication algorithm. MD5 (Message Digest 5) and SHA (Secure Hash Algorithm) are hash algorithms used to authenticate SNMP data. SHA authentication is generally considered stronger than MD5, but is slower.</p>
Privacy Protocol	<p>Specify the encryption method for SNMP communication with this user. You can choose one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None - Do not implement encryption for encrypting SNMP packets. • DES - Data Encryption Standard is a widely used (but breakable) method of data encryption. It applies a 56-bit key to each 64-bit block of data. • AES - Advanced Encryption Standard is another method for data encryption that also uses a secret key. AES applies a 128-bit key to 128-bit blocks of data.
Reset	<p>Click Reset to reload the default configuration for this screen.</p>
Apply	<p>Click Apply to save your changes back to the NWA1300-NJ.</p>

6.7 SYSTEM STATUS

Click **ADMINISTRATION > SYSTEM STATUS** or **QUICK VIEW** to open this screen.

Figure 26 ADMINISTRATION > SYSTEM STATUS

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "SYSTEM" with a sub-header "Detailed system information" and a "refresh" button. The main content is a table with the following data:

Service	Internet Connection	OK
	Wireless Service	OK
System	Firmware Version	v1.00(UJF.0)b01_alpha6
	Wireless Firmware Version	2.2.0.0
	BootROM Version	1.00.01.b01
	LAN MAC Address	50:67:F0:00:96:39
	WLAN MAC Address	50:67:F0:00:97:14
	System Time	2000/01/01 00:08:48
	System Up Time	00D:00H:08M:48S
WAN IP	WAN Port Mode	DHCP Client
	IP Address	192.168.1.2
	Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
	Default IP Gateway	192.168.1.254
DNS	Primary DNS Server	192.168.1.254
	Secondary DNS Server	
Wireless	ESSID	Zyxel
	Channel	6
	Encryption	
Network Traffic	WAN Traffic	Tx Data:66657 Rx Data:19867 Tx Error: 0 Rx Error: 0
	Wireless Traffic	Tx Data:118974 Rx Data:7820350 Tx Error: 0 Rx Error: 0

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 15 ADMINISTRATION > SYSTEM STATUS

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Service	
Internet Connection	This field displays the status of the NWA1300-NJ's connection to the Internet.
Wireless Service	This field displays the status of the NWA1300-NJ's wireless LAN.

Table 15 ADMINISTRATION > SYSTEM STATUS (continued)

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
System	
Firmware Version	This field displays the version of the firmware on the NWA1300-NJ.
Wireless Firmware Version	This field displays the version of the wireless features on the NWA1300-NJ.
BootROM Version	This field displays the version of the bootbase in the NWA1300-NJ.
LAN MAC Address	This field displays the MAC address of the NWA1300-NJ on the LAN.
WLAN MAC Address	This field displays the MAC address of the NWA1300-NJ on the WLAN.
System Time	This field displays the NWA1300-NJ's current time.
System Up Time	This field displays the how long the NWA1300-NJ has been operating since it was last started.
WAN IP	
WAN Port Mode	This field displays the DHCP mode of the NWA1300-NJ. It displays DHCP Client or Static IP .
IP Address	This field displays the IP address of the NWA1300-NJ.
Subnet Mask	This field displays the subnet mask of the NWA1300-NJ.
Gateway IP address	This field displays the IP address of the default gateway of the WAN port on the NWA1300-NJ.
DNS	
Primary DNS Server	This field displays the IP address of the primary DNS server.
Secondary DNS Server	This field displays the IP address of the secondary DNS server.
Wireless	
ESSID	This field displays the NWA1300-NJ's Extended Service Set IDentity.
Channel	This field displays the channel that the NWA1300-NJ is using.
Encryption	This field displays the type of data encryption that the NWA1300-NJ is using. WEP displays if the NWA1300-NJ is using WEP data encryption. WPA displays if NWA1300-NJ is using WPA data encryption. WPA2 displays if NWA1300-NJ is using WPA2 data encryption. Disable displays if the NWA1300-NJ is not using data encryption.
Network Traffic	
WAN Traffic	This field displays traffic statistics for the NWA1300-NJ's WAN connection.
Wireless Traffic	This field displays traffic statistics for the NWA1300-NJ's wireless LAN connection.

6.8 PING COMMAND

Click **Maintenance > Diagnostic** to open the screen shown next.

Figure 27 ADMINISTRATION > PING COMMAND

The following table describes the fields in this screen.

Table 16 ADMINISTRATION > PING COMMAND

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Destination IP Address	Type the IP address or the URL of a device on the WAN that you want to ping in order to test the Internet connection. This feature tests your Internet connection, so the destination IP address must be on the WAN. Do not use a LAN IP address.
Ping	Click this button to have the device ping the IP address.
Clear	Click this button to clear the ping results in the multi-line text box.
Ping Result	This multi-line text box displays the results of the ping.

System Tools

7.1 Overview

This chapter covers how to use the **RESTART** screen.

7.1.1 What You Can Do in this Chapter

Use the **RESTART** screen ([Section 7.2 on page 67](#)) to reboot the NWA1300-NJ.

7.2 RESTART

Click **SYSTEM TOOLS > RESTART** to open the screen shown next. Click **Apply** to have the NWA1300-NJ reboot. This does not affect the NWA1300-NJ's configuration.

Figure 28 SYSTEM TOOLS > RESTART



Troubleshooting

8.1 Overview

This chapter offers some suggestions to solve problems you might encounter. The potential problems are divided into the following categories.

- [Power, Hardware Connections, and LEDs](#)
- [NWA1300-NJ Access and Login](#)
- [Internet Access](#)
- [Wireless LAN Troubleshooting](#)

8.2 Power, Hardware Connections, and LEDs

The NWA1300-NJ does not turn on. None of the LEDs turn on.

- 1 Make sure the NWA1300-NJ is connected to a PoE switch.
- 2 Make sure the PoE switch is connected to an appropriate power source and the power source is turned on.
- 3 Disconnect and re-connect the Ethernet cable between the NWA1300-NJ and the PoE switch.
- 4 If the problem continues, contact the vendor.

One of the LEDs does not behave as expected.

- 1 Make sure you understand the normal behavior of the LED. See [Section 1.6 on page 20](#).

- 2 Check the hardware connections. See the Quick Start Guide.
- 3 Inspect your cables for damage. Contact the vendor to replace any damaged cables.
- 4 Disconnect and re-connect the Ethernet cable between the NWA1300-NJ and the PoE switch to turn the NWA1300-NJ off and on.
- 5 If the problem continues, contact the vendor.

8.3 NWA1300-NJ Access and Login

I forgot the IP address for the NWA1300-NJ.

- 1 The NWA1300-NJ's Ethernet port is in DHCP client mode by default. If the NWA1300-NJ is working as a DHCP client and receives an IP address from a DHCP server, check the DHCP server for the NWA1300-NJ's IP address.
- 2 If you configured a static IP address and have forgotten it, you have to reset the device to its factory defaults. See [Section 1.5 on page 19](#).

I cannot see or access the **Login** screen in the web configurator.

- 1 Make sure you are using the correct IP address.
 - See the troubleshooting suggestions for [I forgot the IP address for the NWA1300-NJ](#).
- 2 Check the hardware connections, and make sure the LEDs are behaving as expected. See the Quick Start Guide.
- 3 Make sure your Internet browser does not block pop-up windows and has JavaScripts and Java enabled. See [Appendix B on page 75](#).
- 4 Reset the device to its factory defaults, and try to access the NWA1300-NJ with the default IP address. See [Section 1.5 on page 19](#).
- 5 If the problem continues, contact the network administrator or vendor, or try one of the advanced suggestions.

I can see the **Login** screen, but I cannot log in to the NWA1300-NJ.

- 1 Make sure you have entered the user name and password correctly. The default user name is **admin** and default password is **1234**. These fields are case-sensitive, so make sure [Caps Lock] is not on.
- 2 Disconnect and re-connect the Ethernet cable between the NWA1300-NJ and the PoE switch to turn the NWA1300-NJ off and on.
- 3 If this does not work, you have to reset the device to its factory defaults. See [Section 8.2 on page 69](#).

8.4 Internet Access

I cannot access the Internet through the NWA1300-NJ.

- 1 Make sure you can access the NWA1300-NJ through either wireless or wired connections.
- 2 Make sure the NWA1300-NJ is connected to a network with Internet access.
- 3 Make sure your computer is set to obtain a dynamic IP address or has an IP address which is in the same subnet as the broadband modem or router.
- 4 If the problem continues, contact your ISP.

I cannot access the Internet anymore. I had access to the Internet (with the NWA1300-NJ), but my Internet connection is not available anymore.

- 1 Check the hardware connections, and make sure the LEDs are behaving as expected. See the Quick Start Guide and [Section 1.6 on page 20](#).
- 2 Disconnect and re-connect the Ethernet cable between the NWA1300-NJ and the PoE switch to turn the NWA1300-NJ off and on.
- 3 If the problem continues, contact your ISP.

The Internet connection is slow or intermittent.

- 1 There might be a lot of traffic on the network. If the NWA1300-NJ is sending or receiving a lot of information, try closing some programs that use the Internet, especially peer-to-peer applications.
- 2 If you are accessing the Internet wirelessly, check the signal strength. If the signal strength is low, try moving your computer closer to the NWA1300-NJ if possible, and look around to see if there are any devices that might be interfering with the wireless network (for example, microwaves, other wireless networks, and so on).
- 3 Disconnect and re-connect the Ethernet cable between the NWA1300-NJ and the PoE switch to turn the NWA1300-NJ off and on.
- 4 If the problem continues, contact the network administrator or vendor.

8.5 Wireless LAN Troubleshooting

I cannot access the NWA1300-NJ or ping any computer from the WLAN.

- 1 Make sure the wireless LAN is enabled on the NWA1300-NJ.
- 2 Make sure the wireless adapter on the wireless station is working properly.
- 3 Make sure the wireless adapter installed on your computer is IEEE 802.11 compatible and supports the same wireless standard as the NWA1300-NJ.
- 4 Make sure your computer (with a wireless adapter installed) is within the transmission range of the NWA1300-NJ.
- 5 Check that both the NWA1300-NJ and your wireless client are using the same wireless and wireless security settings.

Product Specifications

The following tables summarize the NWA1300-NJ's hardware and firmware features.

Table 17 Hardware Features

Dimensions	39.3 mm (W) x 71.6 mm (D) x 55 mm (H)
Device Weight	84 g
DRAM	32 MB
Flash Memory	8 MB
Power Specification	PoE IEEE 802.3af support
Power Consumption	7.2 Watt
Ethernet Ports	One RJ-45 port on the front panel One IEEE 802.3af compliant RJ-45 port on the rear panel Auto-negotiating: 10 Mbps, 100 Mbps in either half-duplex or full-duplex mode. Auto-crossover: Use either crossover or straight-through Ethernet cables.
Phone Ports	One RJ-11 FXS POTS port on the front panel One RJ-11 FXO POTS port on the rear panel for POTS pass-through
LEDs	PWR/SYS, ETHN
Reset Button	The reset button is built into the front panel. Use this button to restore the NWA1300-NJ to its factory default settings. Press for 1 second to restart the device. Press for 5 seconds to restore to factory default settings.
Antenna	The NWA1300-NJ is embedded with two transmitter antennas and two receiver antennas to provide clear radio transmission and reception on the wireless network.
Operation Environment	Temperature: 0° C ~ 50° C Humidity: 20% ~ 95%
Storage Environment	Temperature: -30° C ~ 60° C Humidity: 10% ~ 90%

Table 18 Firmware Features

FEATURE	DESCRIPTION
Default User Name	admin
Default Password	1234
Default Wireless SSID	ZyXEL
Device Management	Use the Web Configurator to easily configure the rich range of features on the NWA1300-NJ.
Wireless Functionality	<p>Allows IEEE 802.11b, IEEE 802.11g and/or IEEE 802.11n wireless clients to connect to the NWA1300-NJ wirelessly. Enable wireless security (WPA(2)-PSK) and/or MAC filtering to protect your wireless network.</p> <p>Note: The NWA1300-NJ may be prone to RF (Radio Frequency) interference from other 2.4 GHz devices such as microwave ovens, wireless phones, Bluetooth enabled devices, and other wireless LANs.</p>
Firmware Upgrade	<p>Download new firmware (when available) from the ZyXEL web site and use the Web Configurator to put it on the NWA1300-NJ.</p> <p>Note: Only upload firmware for your specific model!</p>
Configuration Backup & Restoration	Make a copy of the NWA1300-NJ's configuration and put it back on the NWA1300-NJ later if you decide you want to revert back to an earlier configuration.
Time and Date	Get the current time and date from an external server when you turn on your NWA1300-NJ. You can also set the time manually. These dates and times are then used in logs.

Pop-up Windows, JavaScripts and Java Permissions

In order to use the web configurator you need to allow:

- Web browser pop-up windows from your device.
- JavaScripts (enabled by default).
- Java permissions (enabled by default).

Note: The screens used below belong to Internet Explorer version 6, 7 and 8. Screens for other Internet Explorer versions may vary.

Internet Explorer Pop-up Blockers

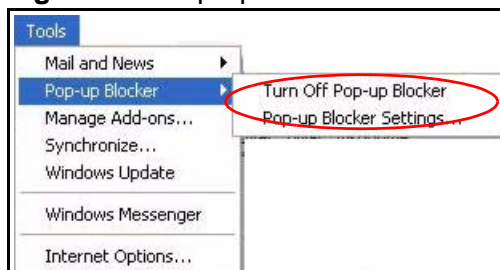
You may have to disable pop-up blocking to log into your device.

Either disable pop-up blocking (enabled by default in Windows XP SP (Service Pack) 2) or allow pop-up blocking and create an exception for your device's IP address.

Disable Pop-up Blockers

- 1 In Internet Explorer, select **Tools, Pop-up Blocker** and then select **Turn Off Pop-up Blocker**.

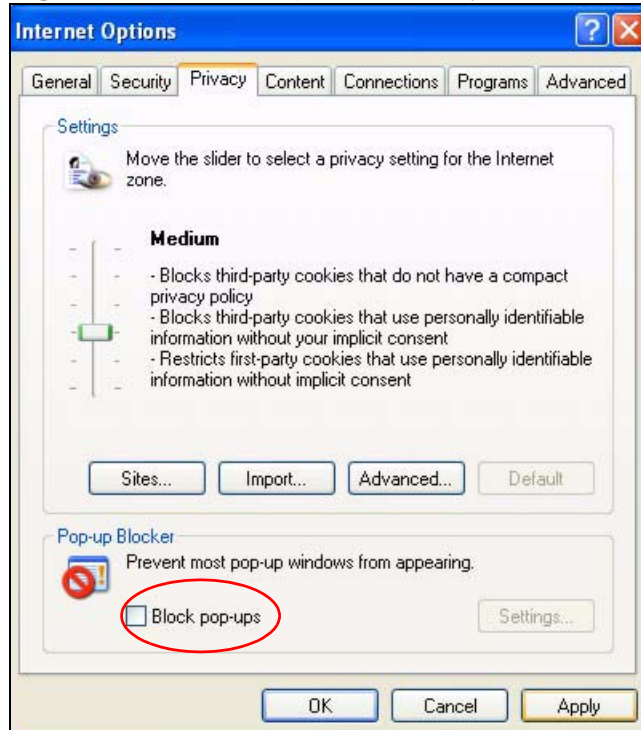
Figure 29 Pop-up Blocker



You can also check if pop-up blocking is disabled in the **Pop-up Blocker** section in the **Privacy** tab.

- 1 In Internet Explorer, select **Tools, Internet Options, Privacy**.
- 2 Clear the **Block pop-ups** check box in the **Pop-up Blocker** section of the screen. This disables any web pop-up blockers you may have enabled.

Figure 30 Internet Options: Privacy



- 3 Click **Apply** to save this setting.

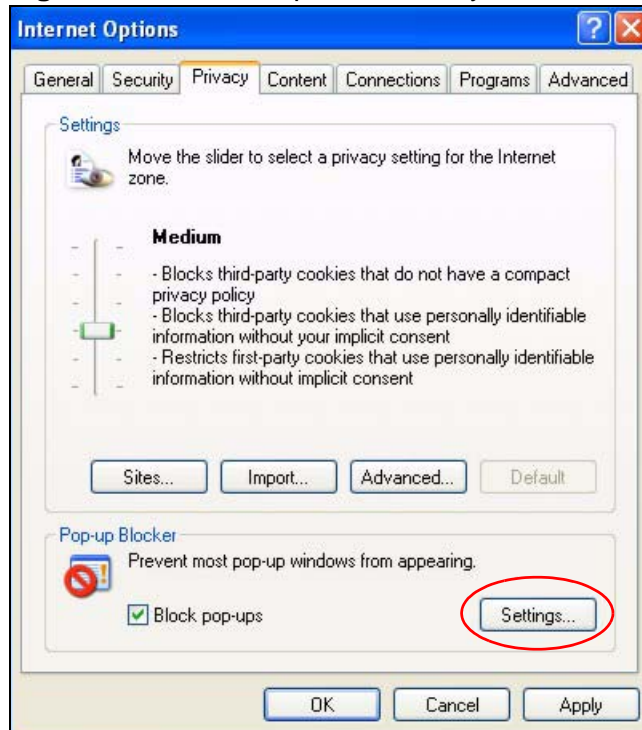
Enable Pop-up Blockers with Exceptions

Alternatively, if you only want to allow pop-up windows from your device, see the following steps.

- 1 In Internet Explorer, select **Tools, Internet Options** and then the **Privacy** tab.

- 2 Select **Settings...** to open the **Pop-up Blocker Settings** screen.

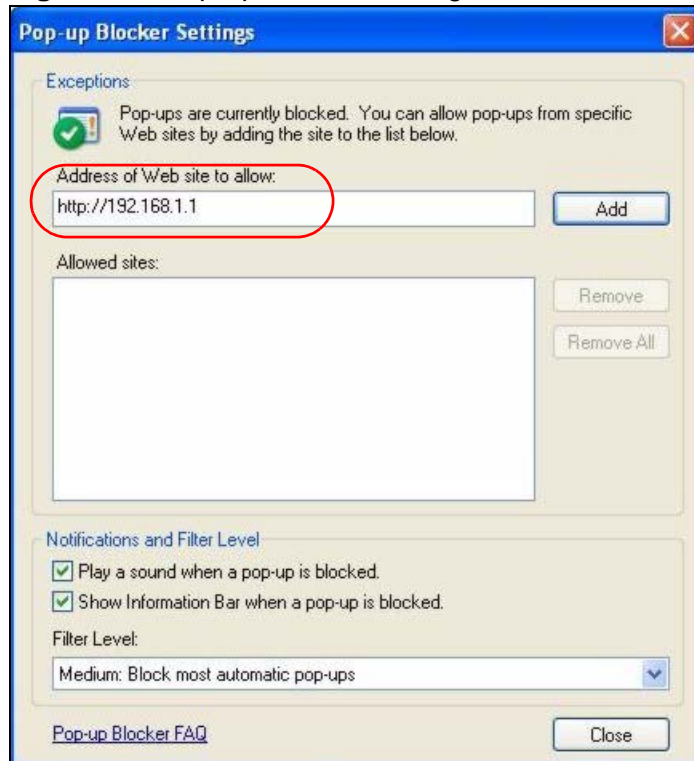
Figure 31 Internet Options: Privacy



- 3 Type the IP address of your device (the web page that you do not want to have blocked) with the prefix "http://". For example, http://192.168.167.1.

- 4 Click **Add** to move the IP address to the list of **Allowed sites**.

Figure 32 Pop-up Blocker Settings



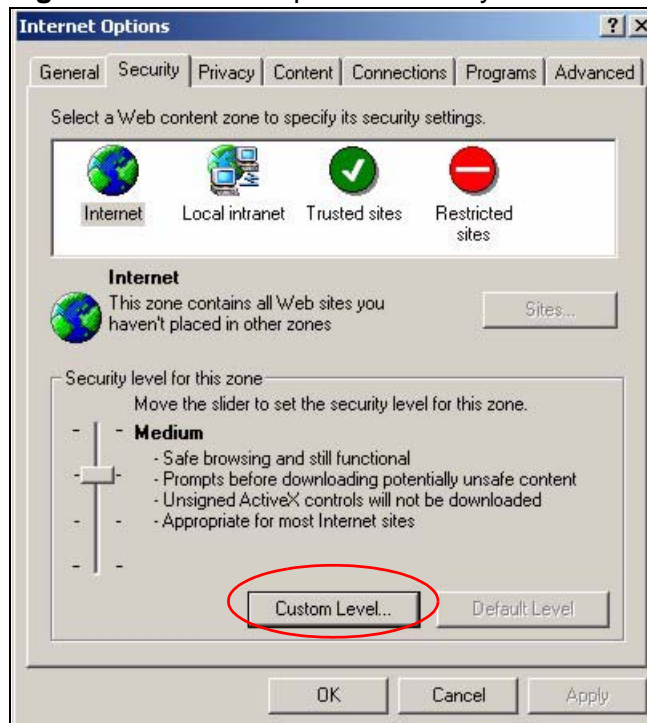
- 5 Click **Close** to return to the **Privacy** screen.
- 6 Click **Apply** to save this setting.

JavaScripts

If pages of the web configurator do not display properly in Internet Explorer, check that JavaScripts are allowed.

- 1 In Internet Explorer, click **Tools**, **Internet Options** and then the **Security** tab.

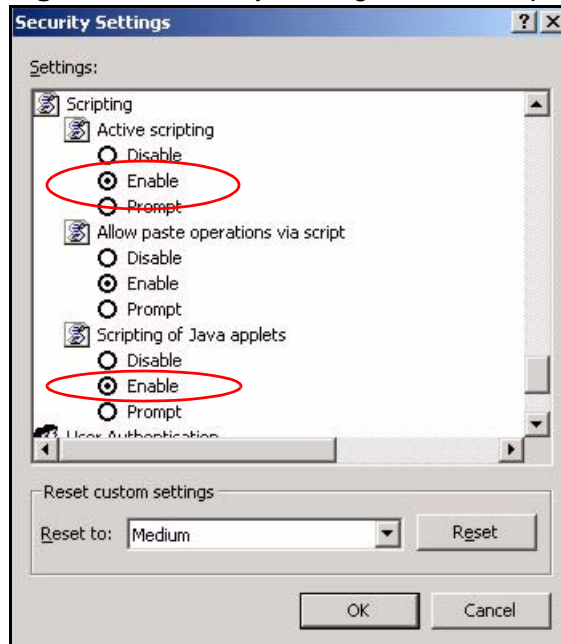
Figure 33 Internet Options: Security



- 2 Click the **Custom Level...** button.
- 3 Scroll down to **Scripting**.
- 4 Under **Active scripting** make sure that **Enable** is selected (the default).
- 5 Under **Scripting of Java applets** make sure that **Enable** is selected (the default).

- 6 Click **OK** to close the window.

Figure 34 Security Settings - Java Scripting

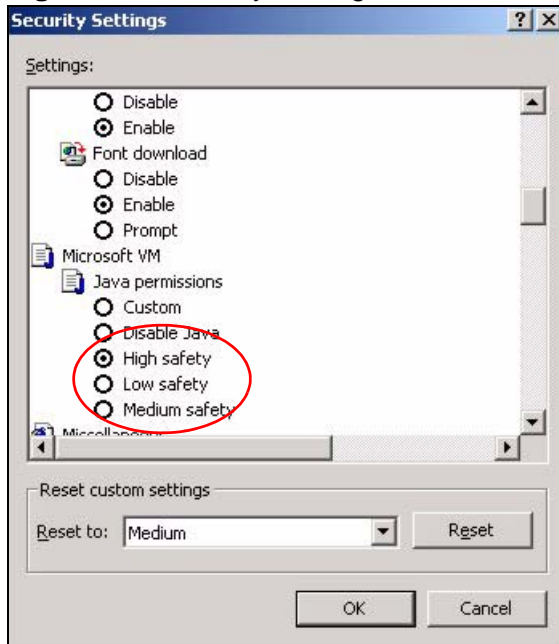


Java Permissions

- 1 From Internet Explorer, click **Tools, Internet Options** and then the **Security** tab.
- 2 Click the **Custom Level...** button.
- 3 Scroll down to **Microsoft VM**.
- 4 Under **Java permissions** make sure that a safety level is selected.

- 5 Click **OK** to close the window.

Figure 35 Security Settings - Java

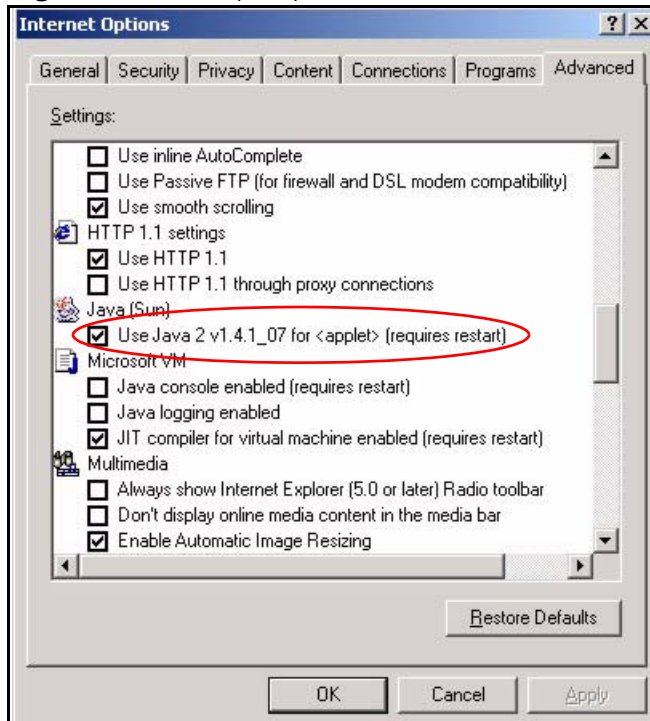


JAVA (Sun)

- 1 From Internet Explorer, click **Tools, Internet Options** and then the **Advanced** tab.
- 2 Make sure that **Use Java 2 for <applet>** under **Java (Sun)** is selected.

- 3 Click **OK** to close the window.

Figure 36 Java (Sun)

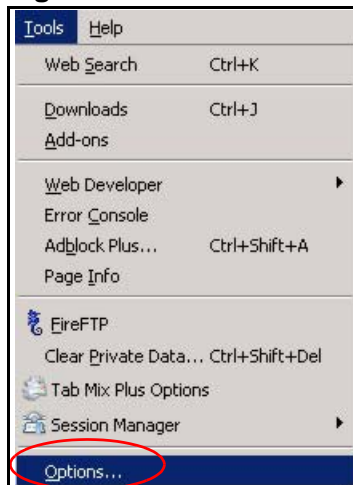


Mozilla Firefox

Mozilla Firefox 2.0 screens are used here. Screens for other versions may vary slightly. The steps below apply to Mozilla Firefox 3.0 as well.

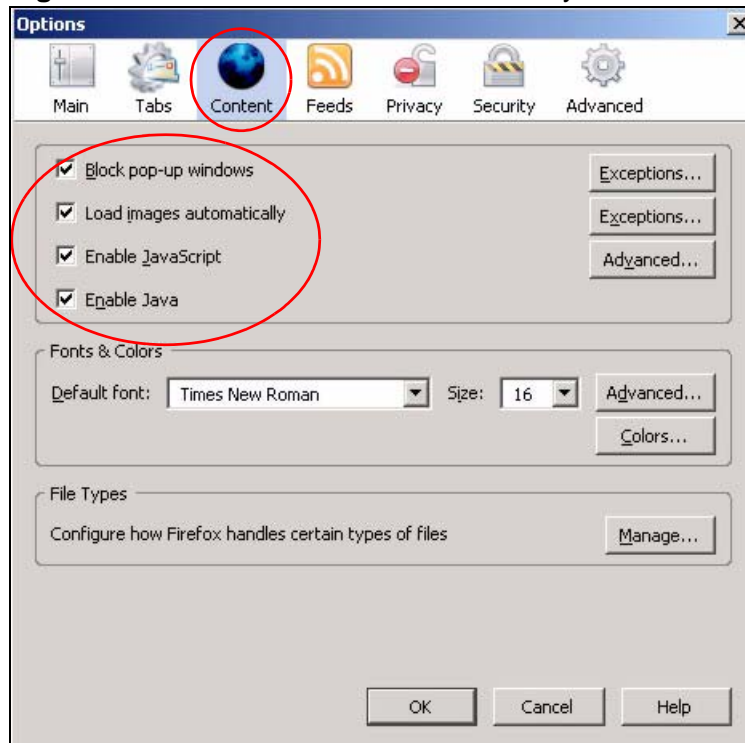
You can enable Java, Javascripts and pop-ups in one screen. Click **Tools**, then click **Options** in the screen that appears.

Figure 37 Mozilla Firefox: TOOLS > Options



Click **Content** to show the screen below. Select the check boxes as shown in the following screen.

Figure 38 Mozilla Firefox Content Security



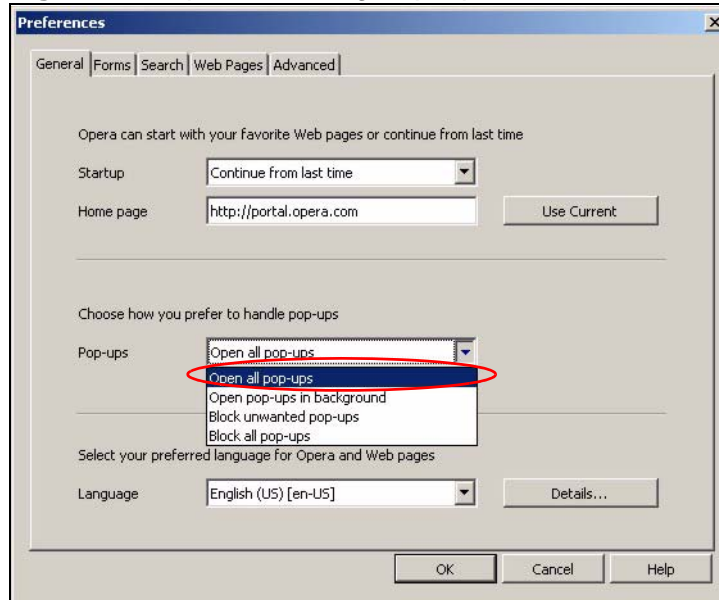
Opera

Opera 10 screens are used here. Screens for other versions may vary slightly.

Allowing Pop-Ups

From Opera, click **Tools**, then **Preferences**. In the **General** tab, go to **Choose how you prefer to handle pop-ups** and select **Open all pop-ups**.

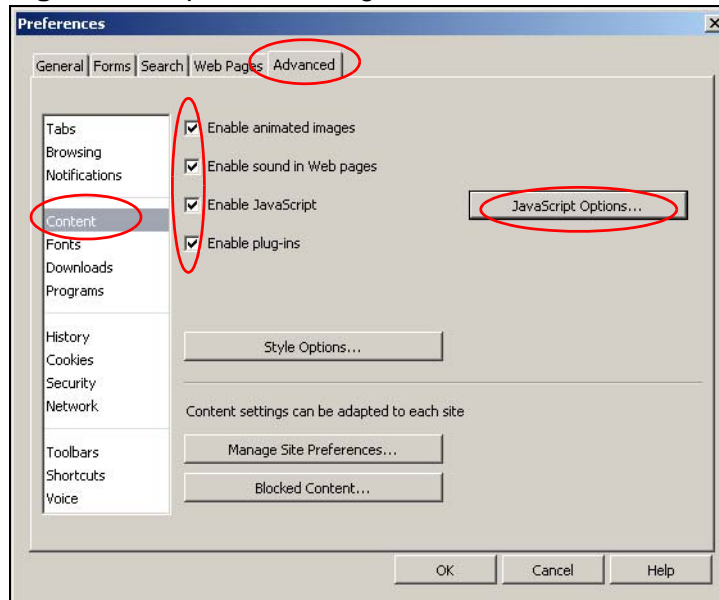
Figure 39 Opera: Allowing Pop-Ups



Enabling Java

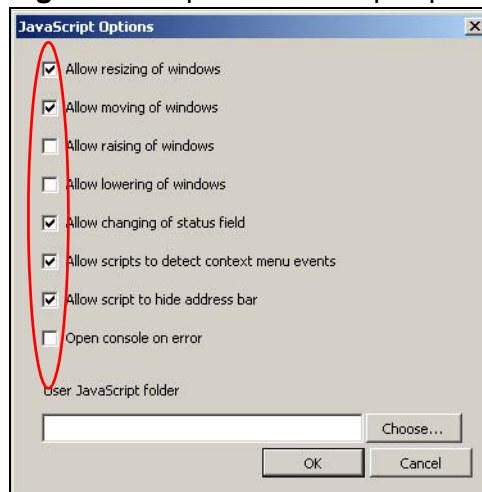
From Opera, click **Tools**, then **Preferences**. In the **Advanced** tab, select **Content** from the left-side menu. Select the check boxes as shown in the following screen.

Figure 40 Opera: Enabling Java



To customize JavaScript behavior in the Opera browser, click **JavaScript Options**.

Figure 41 Opera: JavaScript Options



Select the items you want Opera's JavaScript to apply.

Setting Up Your Computer's IP Address

Note: Your specific NWA1300-NJ may not support all of the operating systems described in this appendix. See the product specifications for more information about which operating systems are supported.

This appendix shows you how to configure the IP settings on your computer in order for it to be able to communicate with the other devices on your network. Windows Vista/XP/2000, Mac OS 9/OS X, and all versions of UNIX/LINUX include the software components you need to use TCP/IP on your computer.

If you manually assign IP information instead of using a dynamic IP, make sure that your network's computers have IP addresses that place them in the same subnet.

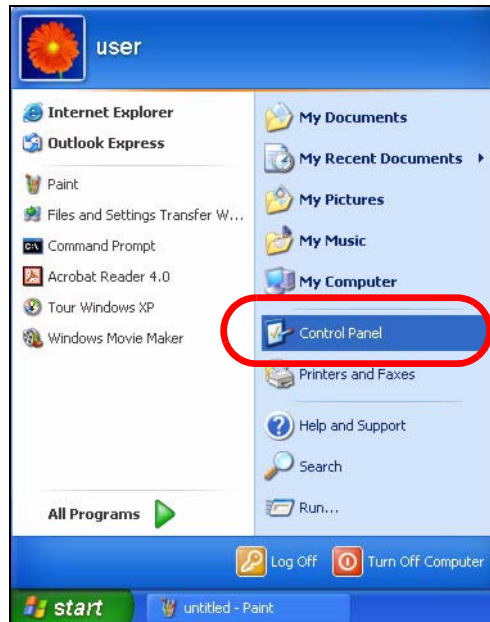
In this appendix, you can set up an IP address for:

- [Windows XP/NT/2000](#) on [page 88](#)
- [Windows Vista](#) on [page 91](#)
- [Windows 7](#) on [page 95](#)
- [Mac OS X: 10.3 and 10.4](#) on [page 99](#)
- [Mac OS X: 10.5 and 10.6](#) on [page 102](#)
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- [Linux: openSUSE 10.3 \(KDE\)](#) on [page 110](#)

Windows XP/NT/2000

The following example uses the default Windows XP display theme but can also apply to Windows 2000 and Windows NT.

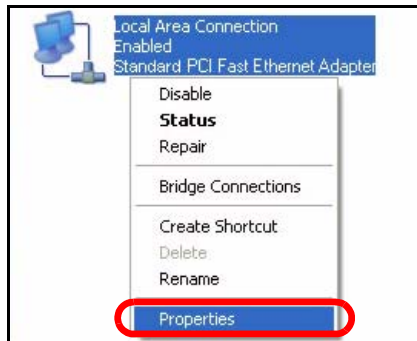
- 1 Click **Start > Control Panel**.



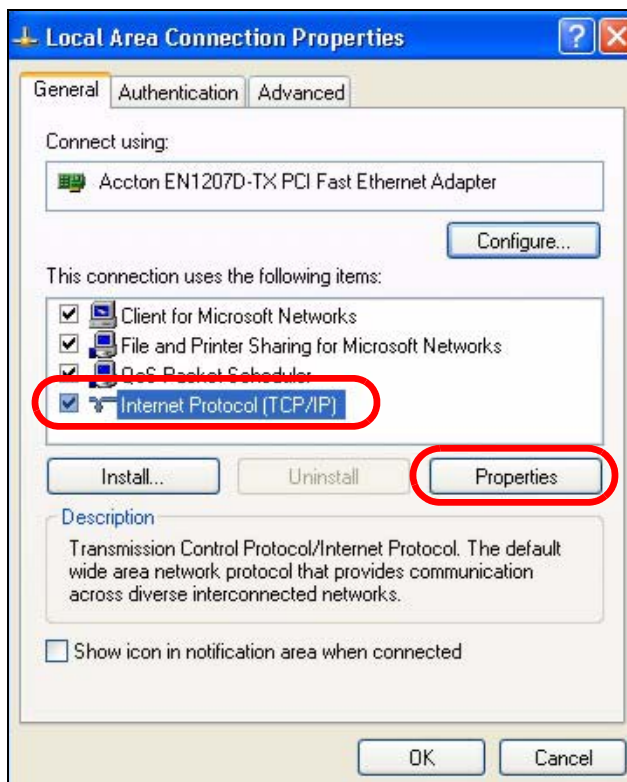
- 2 In the **Control Panel**, click the **Network Connections** icon.



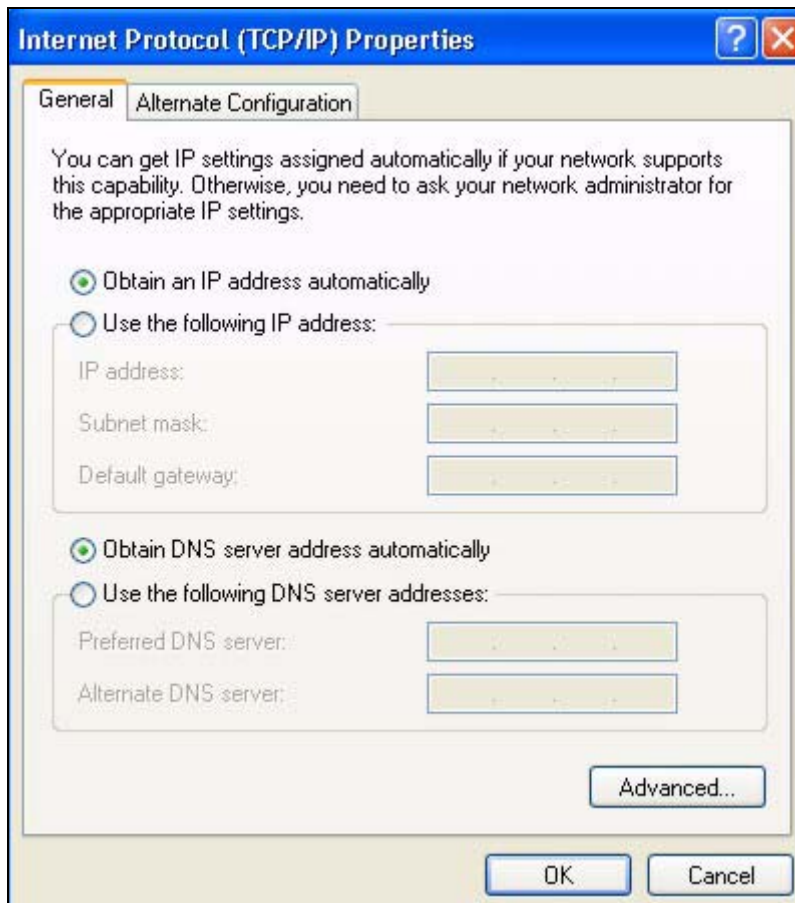
- 3 Right-click **Local Area Connection** and then select **Properties**.



- 4 On the **General** tab, select **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** and then click **Properties**.



- 5 The **Internet Protocol TCP/IP Properties** window opens.



- 6 Select **Obtain an IP address automatically** if your network administrator or ISP assigns your IP address dynamically.

Select **Use the following IP Address** and fill in the **IP address**, **Subnet mask**, and **Default gateway** fields if you have a static IP address that was assigned to you by your network administrator or ISP. You may also have to enter a **Preferred DNS server** and an **Alternate DNS server**, if that information was provided.

- 7 Click **OK** to close the **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties** window.
- 8 Click **OK** to close the **Local Area Connection Properties** window.

Verifying Settings

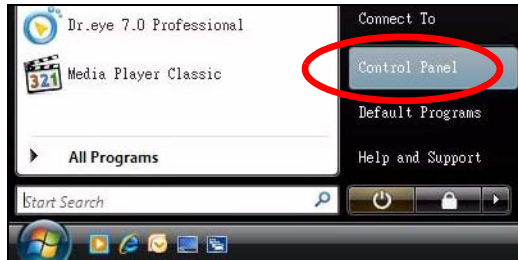
- 1 Click **Start > All Programs > Accessories > Command Prompt**.
- 2 In the **Command Prompt** window, type "ipconfig" and then press [ENTER].

You can also go to **Start > Control Panel > Network Connections**, right-click a network connection, click **Status** and then click the **Support** tab to view your IP address and connection information.

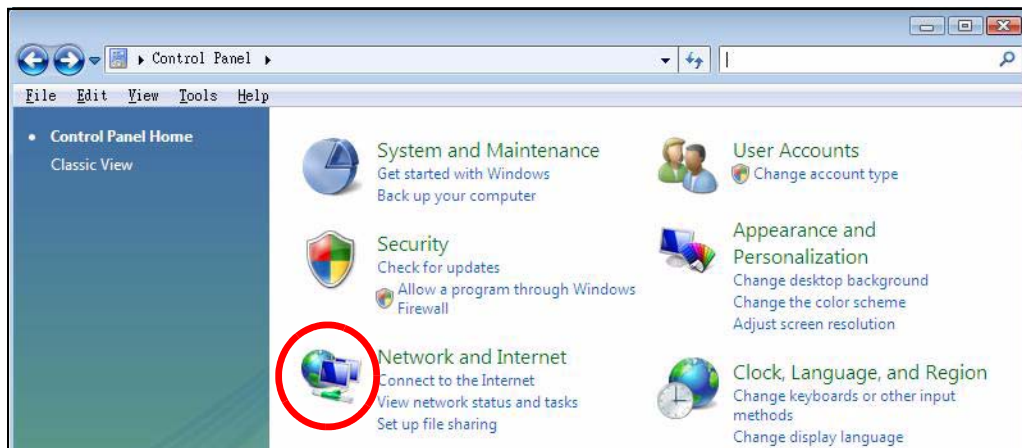
Windows Vista

This section shows screens from Windows Vista Professional.

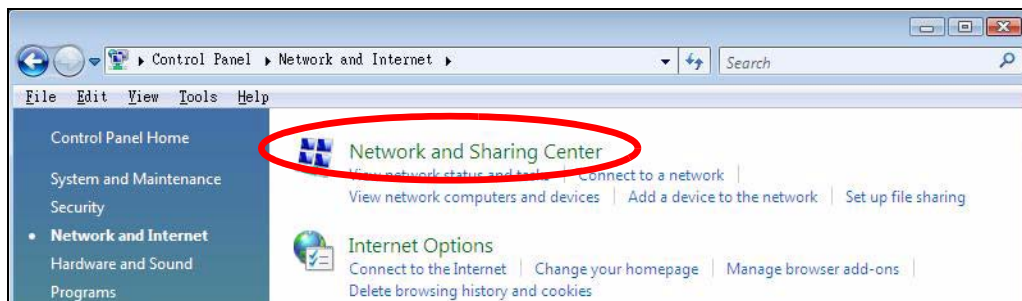
- 1 Click **Start > Control Panel**.



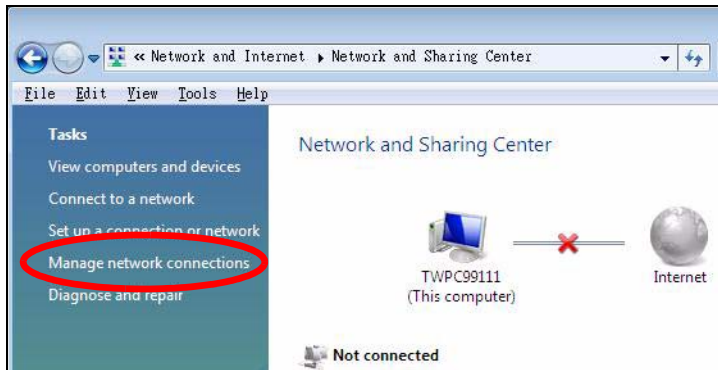
- 2 In the **Control Panel**, click the **Network and Internet** icon.



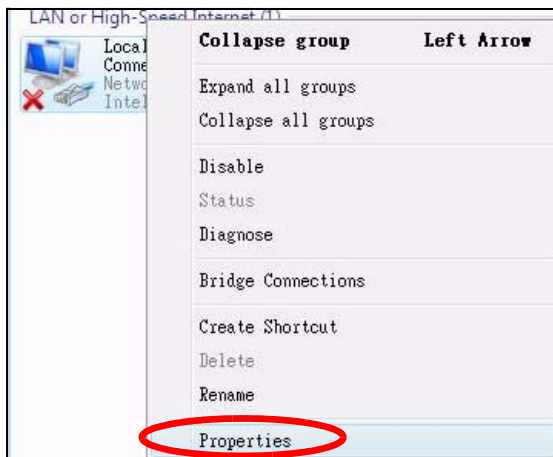
- 3 Click the **Network and Sharing Center** icon.



4 Click **Manage network connections**.

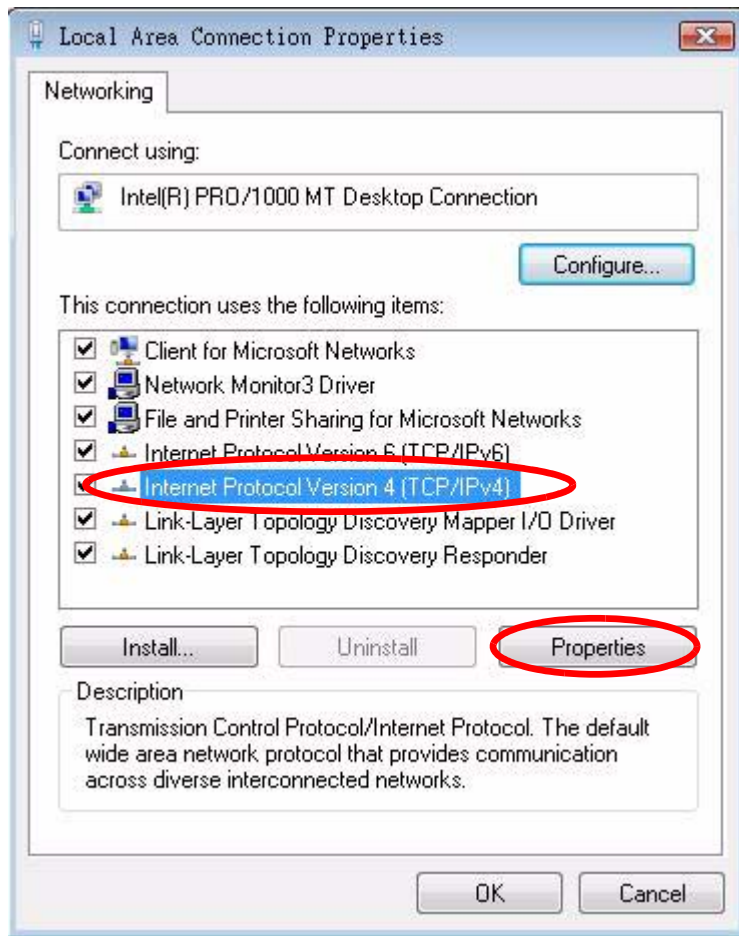


5 Right-click **Local Area Connection** and then select **Properties**.

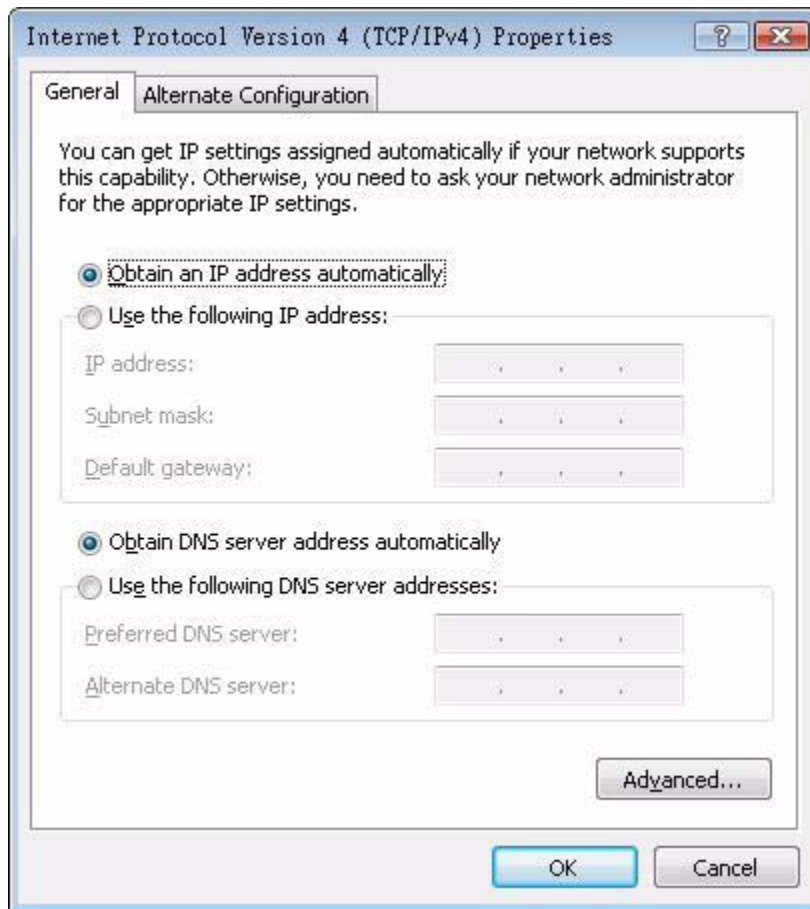


Note: During this procedure, click **Continue** whenever Windows displays a screen saying that it needs your permission to continue.

- 6 Select **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** and then select **Properties**.



- 7 The **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties** window opens.



- 8 Select **Obtain an IP address automatically** if your network administrator or ISP assigns your IP address dynamically.

Select **Use the following IP Address** and fill in the **IP address**, **Subnet mask**, and **Default gateway** fields if you have a static IP address that was assigned to you by your network administrator or ISP. You may also have to enter a **Preferred DNS server** and an **Alternate DNS server**, if that information was provided. Click **Advanced**.

- 9 Click **OK** to close the **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties** window.
- 10 Click **OK** to close the **Local Area Connection Properties** window.

Verifying Settings

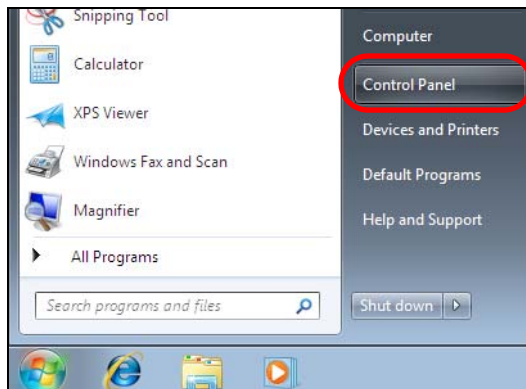
- 1 Click **Start > All Programs > Accessories > Command Prompt**.
- 2 In the **Command Prompt** window, type "ipconfig" and then press [ENTER].

You can also go to **Start > Control Panel > Network Connections**, right-click a network connection, click **Status** and then click the **Support** tab to view your IP address and connection information.

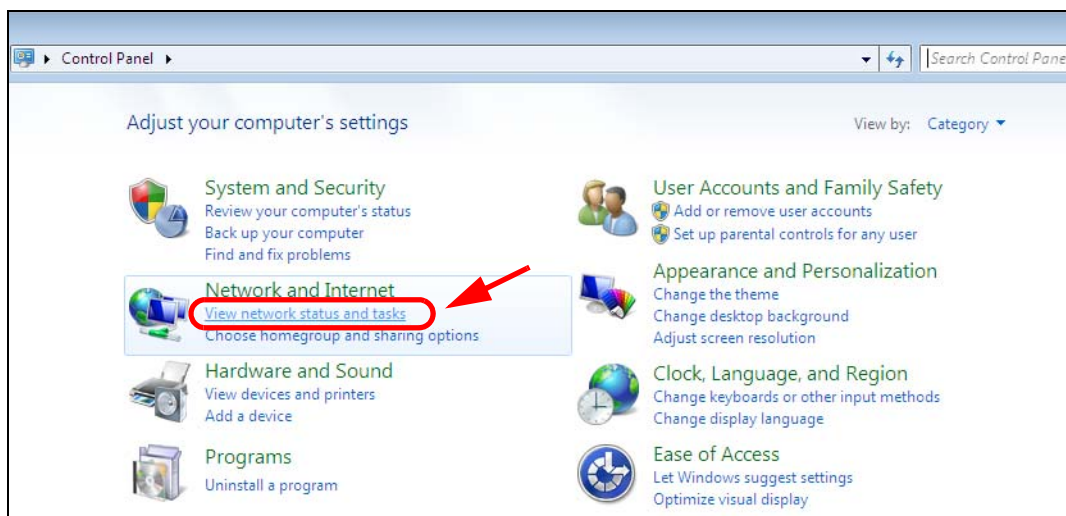
Windows 7

This section shows screens from Windows 7 Enterprise.

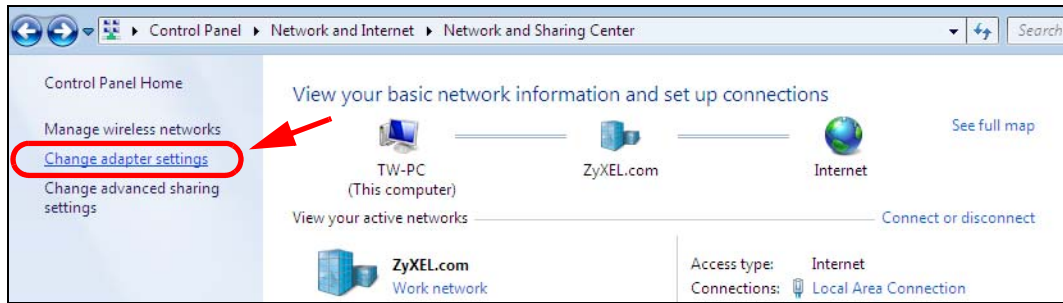
- 1 Click **Start > Control Panel**.



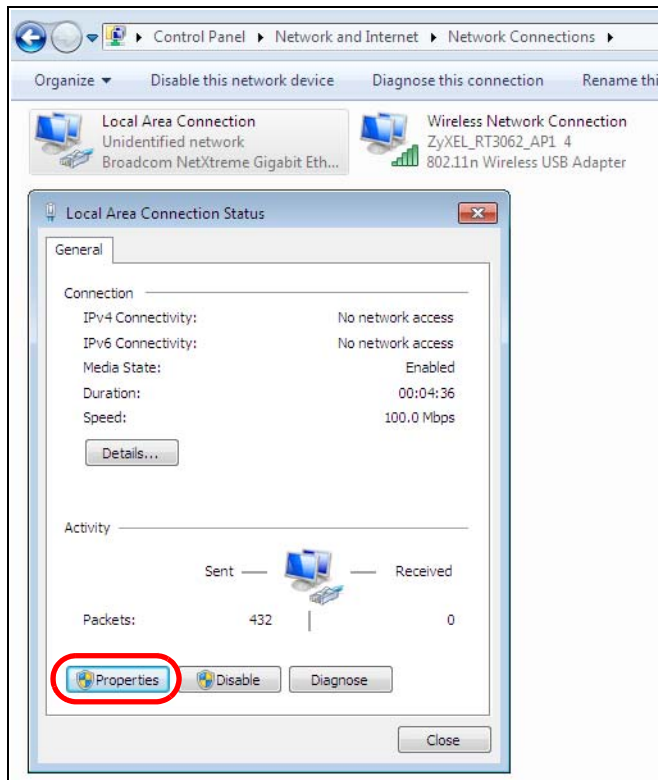
- 2 In the **Control Panel**, click **View network status and tasks** under the **Network and Internet** category.



3 Click **Change adapter settings**.

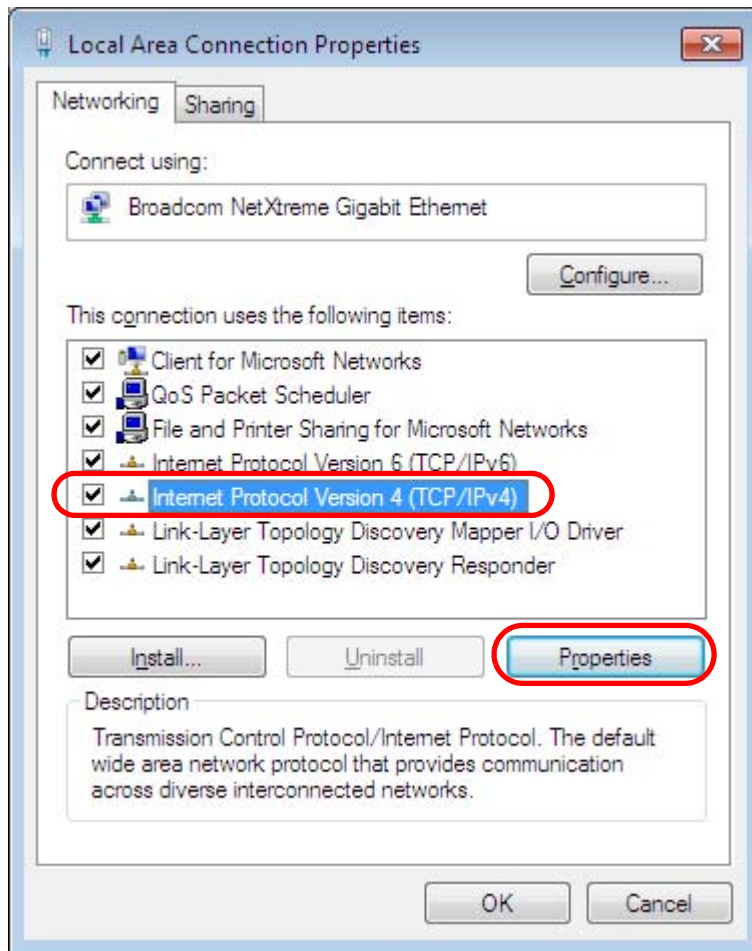


4 Double click **Local Area Connection** and then select **Properties**.

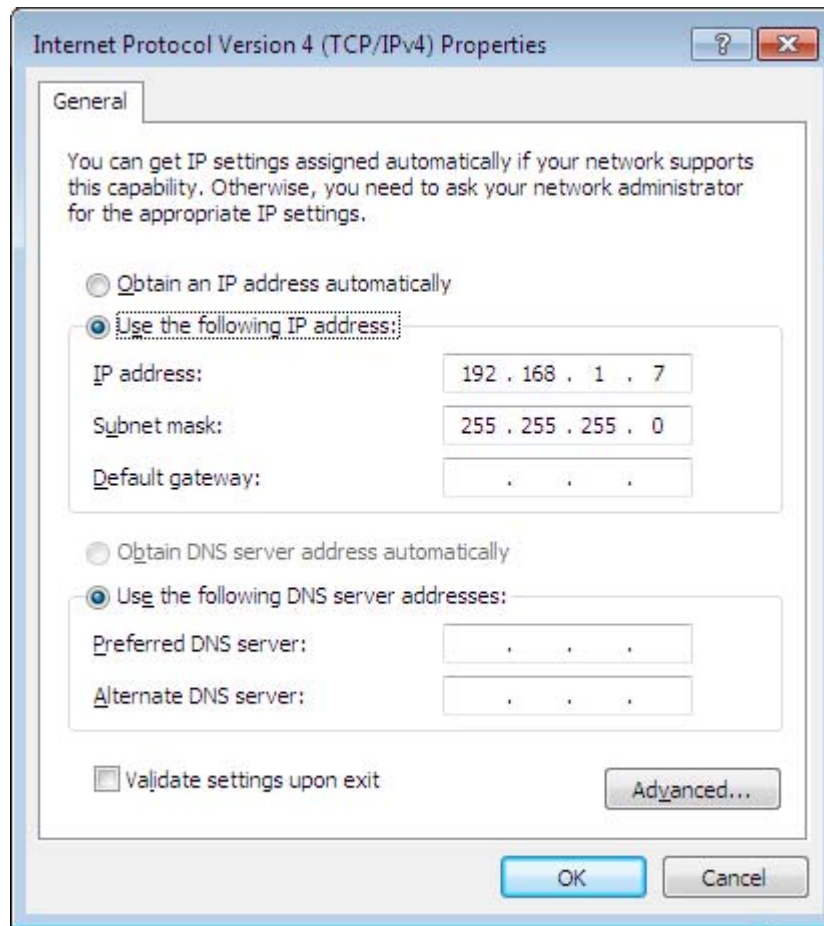


Note: During this procedure, click **Continue** whenever Windows displays a screen saying that it needs your permission to continue.

- 5 Select **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** and then select **Properties**.



- 6 The **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties** window opens.



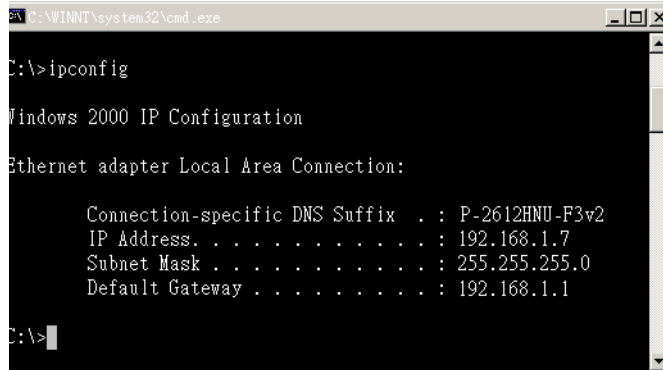
- 7 Select **Obtain an IP address automatically** if your network administrator or ISP assigns your IP address dynamically.

Select **Use the following IP Address** and fill in the **IP address**, **Subnet mask**, and **Default gateway** fields if you have a static IP address that was assigned to you by your network administrator or ISP. You may also have to enter a **Preferred DNS server** and an **Alternate DNS server**, if that information was provided. Click **Advanced** if you want to configure advanced settings for IP, DNS and WINS.

- 8 Click **OK** to close the **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties** window.
- 9 Click **OK** to close the **Local Area Connection Properties** window.

Verifying Settings

- 1 Click **Start > All Programs > Accessories > Command Prompt**.
- 2 In the **Command Prompt** window, type "ipconfig" and then press [ENTER].
- 3 The IP settings are displayed as follows.



```
C:\WINNT\system32\cmd.exe
C:\>ipconfig

Windows 2000 IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection:

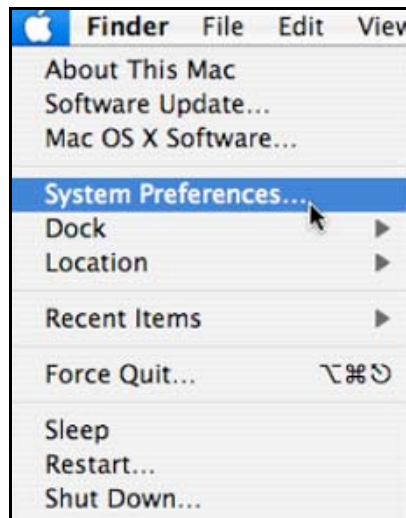
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : P-2612HNU-F3v2
    IP Address. . . . . : 192.168.1.7
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.1.1

C:\>
```

Mac OS X: 10.3 and 10.4

The screens in this section are from Mac OS X 10.4 but can also apply to 10.3.

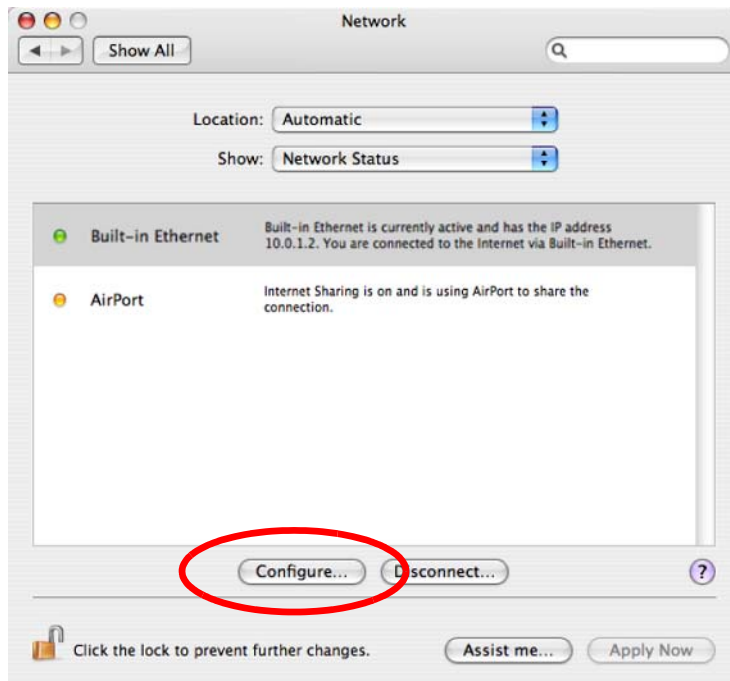
- 1 Click **Apple > System Preferences**.



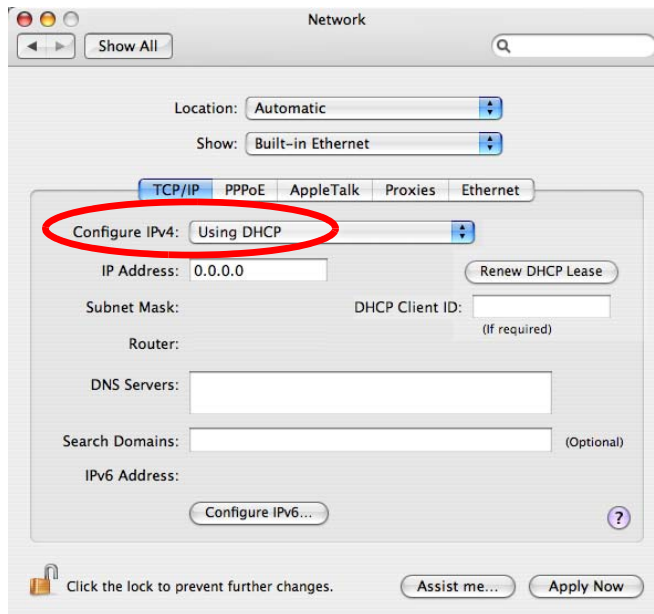
- 2 In the **System Preferences** window, click the **Network** icon.



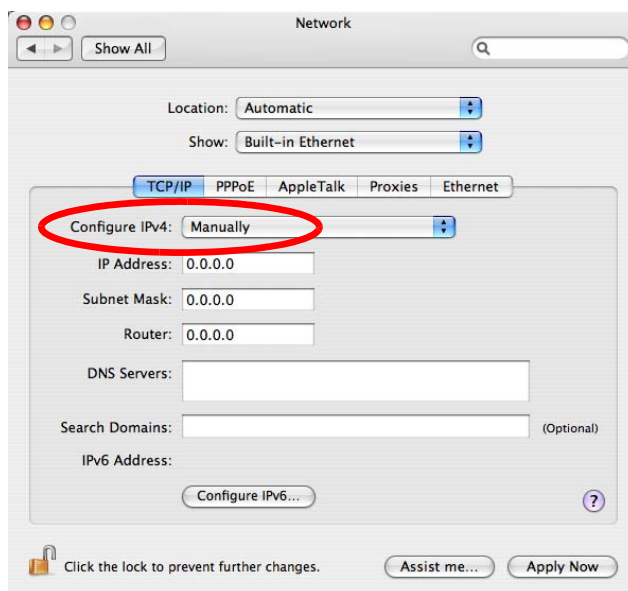
- 3 When the **Network** preferences pane opens, select **Built-in Ethernet** from the network connection type list, and then click **Configure**.



- 4 For dynamically assigned settings, select **Using DHCP** from the **Configure IPv4** list in the **TCP/IP** tab.



- 5 For statically assigned settings, do the following:
- From the **Configure IPv4** list, select **Manually**.
 - In the **IP Address** field, type your IP address.
 - In the **Subnet Mask** field, type your subnet mask.
 - In the **Router** field, type the IP address of your device.

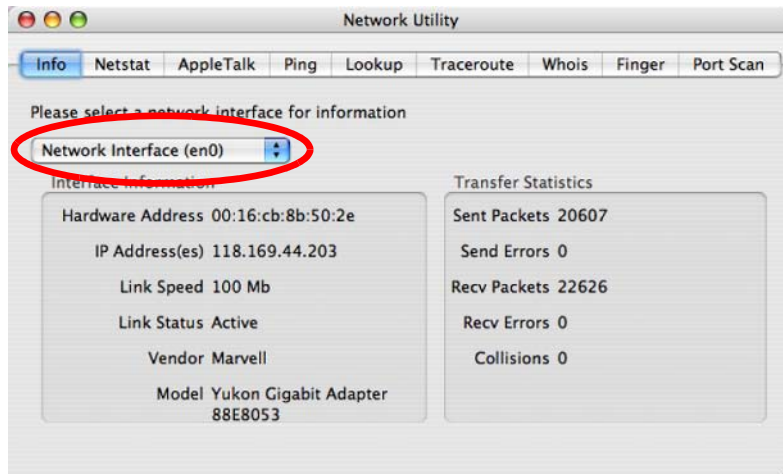


- 6 Click **Apply Now** and close the window.

Verifying Settings

Check your TCP/IP properties by clicking **Applications > Utilities > Network Utilities**, and then selecting the appropriate **Network Interface** from the **Info** tab.

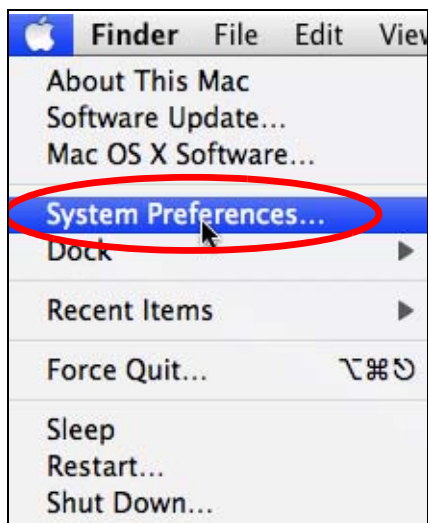
Figure 42 Mac OS X 10.4: Network Utility



Mac OS X: 10.5 and 10.6

The screens in this section are from Mac OS X 10.5 but can also apply to 10.6.

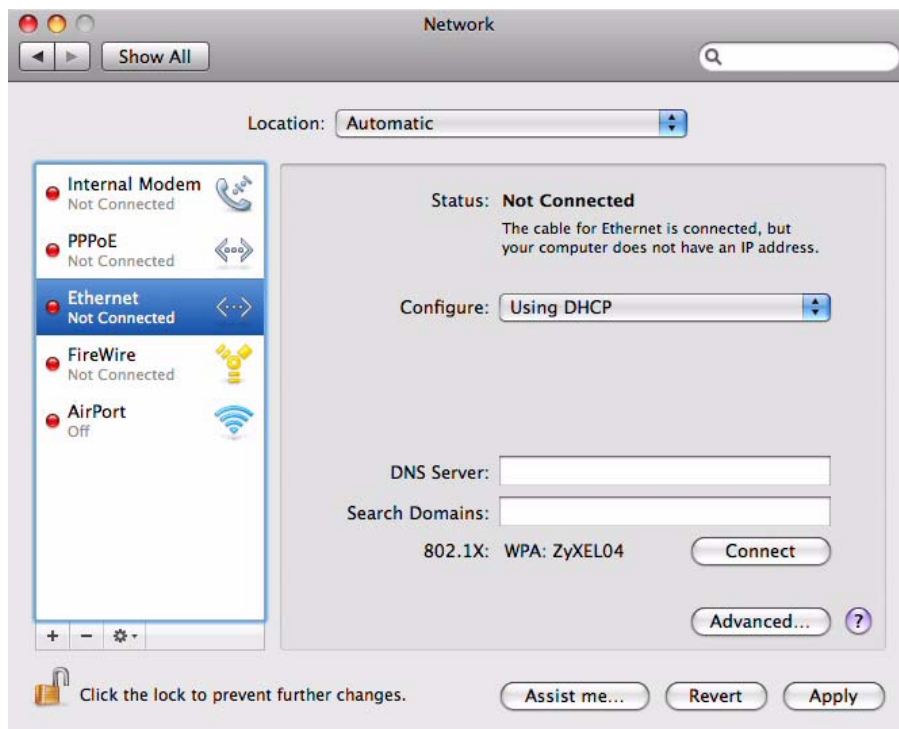
- 1 Click **Apple > System Preferences**.



- 2 In **System Preferences**, click the **Network** icon.

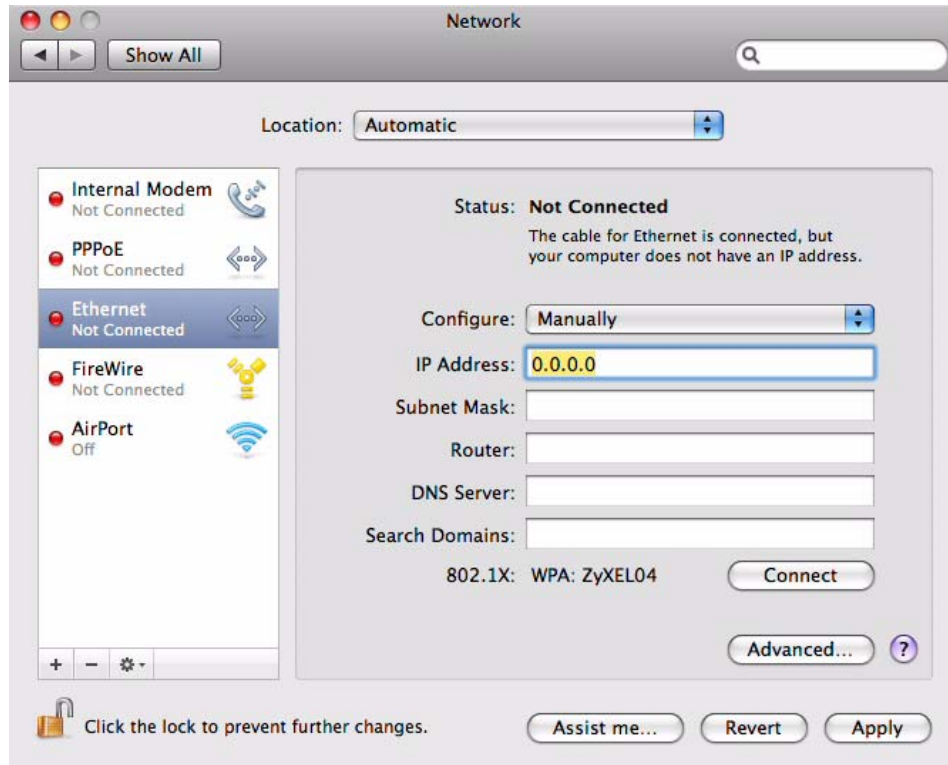


- 3 When the **Network** preferences pane opens, select **Ethernet** from the list of available connection types.



- 4 From the **Configure** list, select **Using DHCP** for dynamically assigned settings.

- 5 For statically assigned settings, do the following:
 - From the **Configure** list, select **Manually**.
 - In the **IP Address** field, enter your IP address.
 - In the **Subnet Mask** field, enter your subnet mask.
 - In the **Router** field, enter the IP address of your NWA1300-NJ.

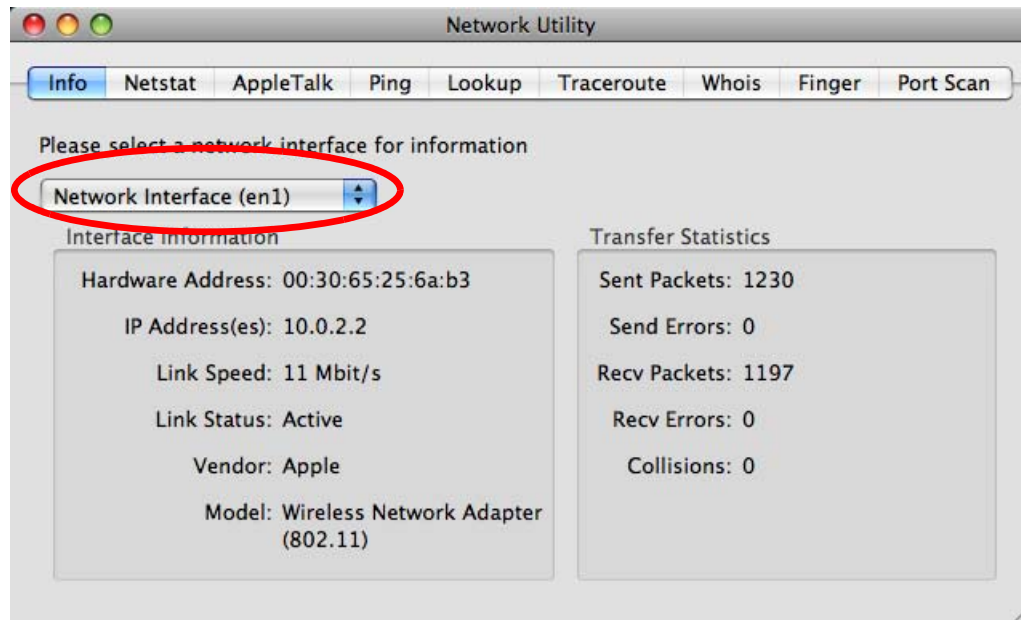


- 6 Click **Apply** and close the window.

Verifying Settings

Check your TCP/IP properties by clicking **Applications > Utilities > Network Utilities**, and then selecting the appropriate **Network interface** from the **Info** tab.

Figure 43 Mac OS X 10.5: Network Utility



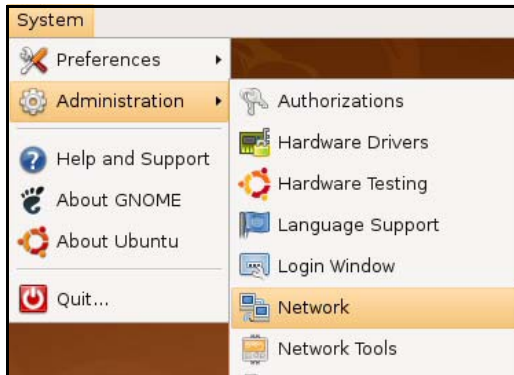
Linux: Ubuntu 8 (GNOME)

This section shows you how to configure your computer's TCP/IP settings in the GNU Object Model Environment (GNOME) using the Ubuntu 8 Linux distribution. The procedure, screens and file locations may vary depending on your specific distribution, release version, and individual configuration. The following screens use the default Ubuntu 8 installation.

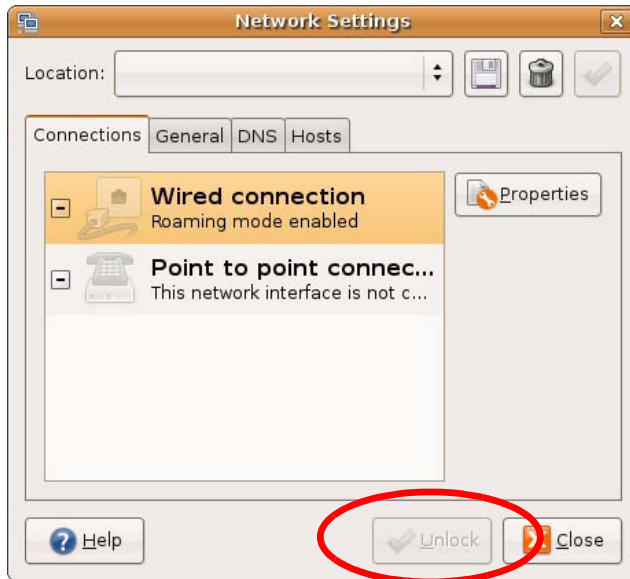
Note: Make sure you are logged in as the root administrator.

Follow the steps below to configure your computer IP address in GNOME:

- 1 Click **System > Administration > Network**.



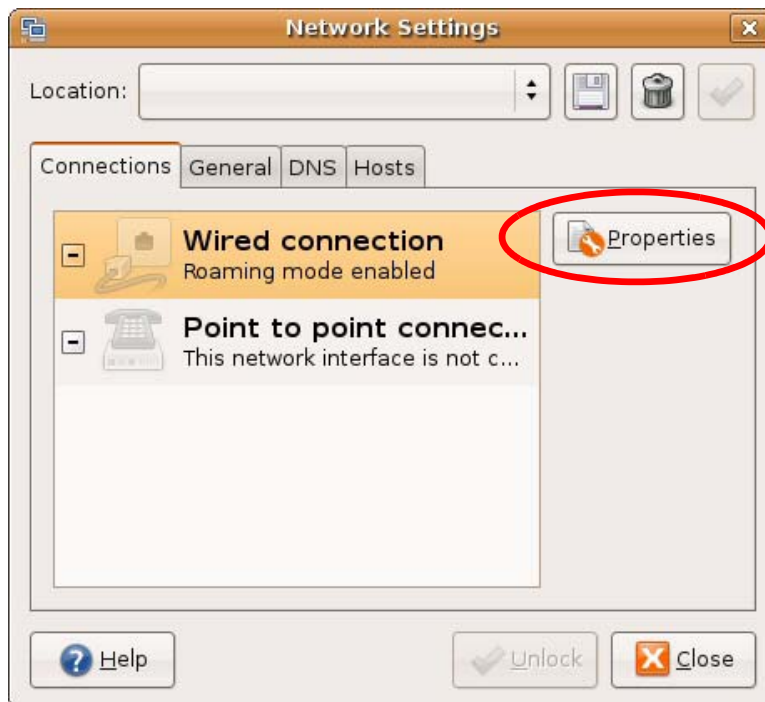
- 2 When the **Network Settings** window opens, click **Unlock** to open the **Authenticate** window. (By default, the **Unlock** button is greyed out until clicked.) You cannot make changes to your configuration unless you first enter your admin password.



- 3 In the **Authenticate** window, enter your admin account name and password then click the **Authenticate** button.



- 4 In the **Network Settings** window, select the connection that you want to configure, then click **Properties**.



- 5 The **Properties** dialog box opens.



- In the **Configuration** list, select **Automatic Configuration (DHCP)** if you have a dynamic IP address.
 - In the **Configuration** list, select **Static IP address** if you have a static IP address. Fill in the **IP address**, **Subnet mask**, and **Gateway address** fields.
- 6 Click **OK** to save the changes and close the **Properties** dialog box and return to the **Network Settings** screen.
 - 7 If you know your DNS server IP address(es), click the **DNS** tab in the **Network Settings** window and then enter the DNS server information in the fields provided.

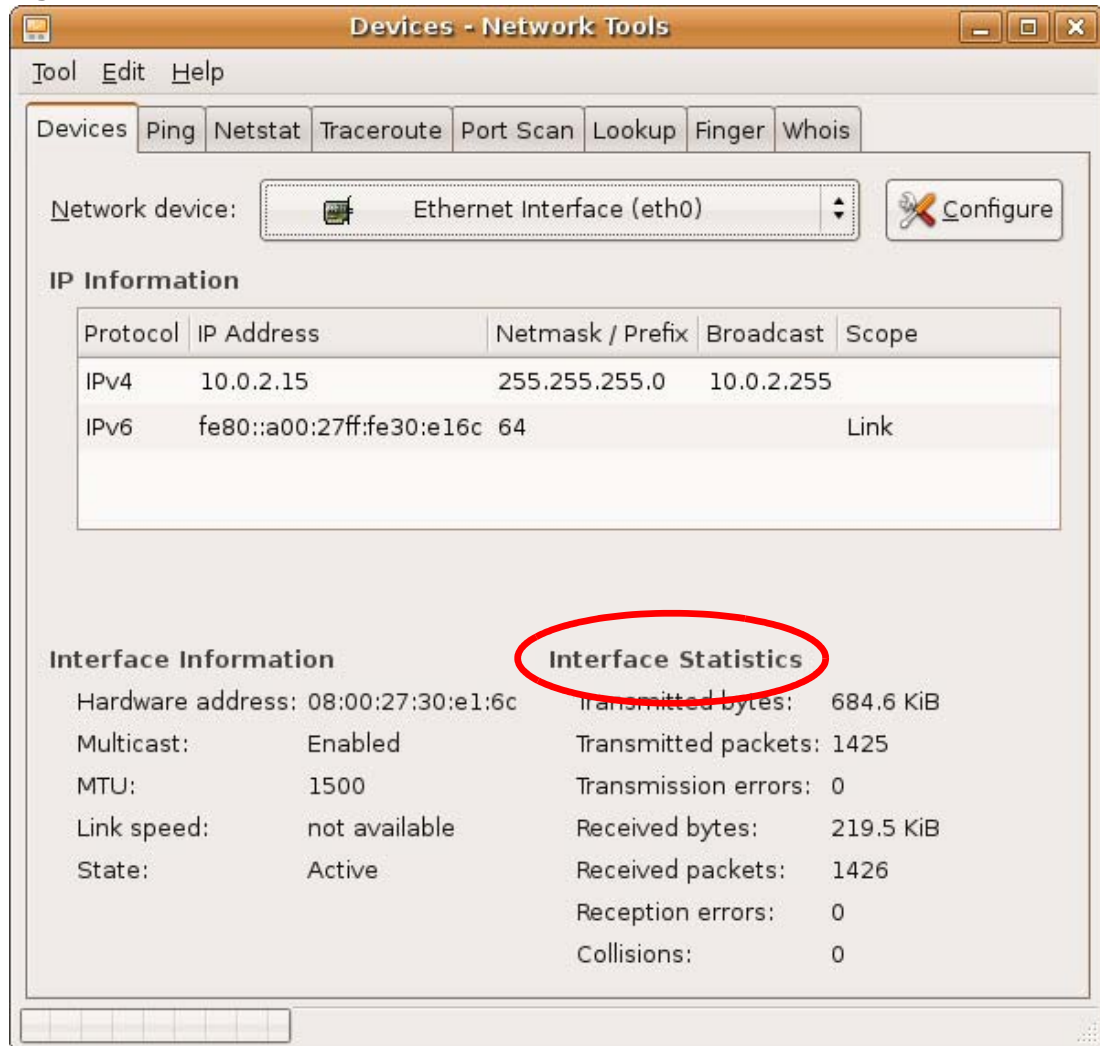


- 8 Click the **Close** button to apply the changes.

Verifying Settings

Check your TCP/IP properties by clicking **System > Administration > Network Tools**, and then selecting the appropriate **Network device** from the **Devices** tab. The **Interface Statistics** column shows data if your connection is working properly.

Figure 44 Ubuntu 8: Network Tools



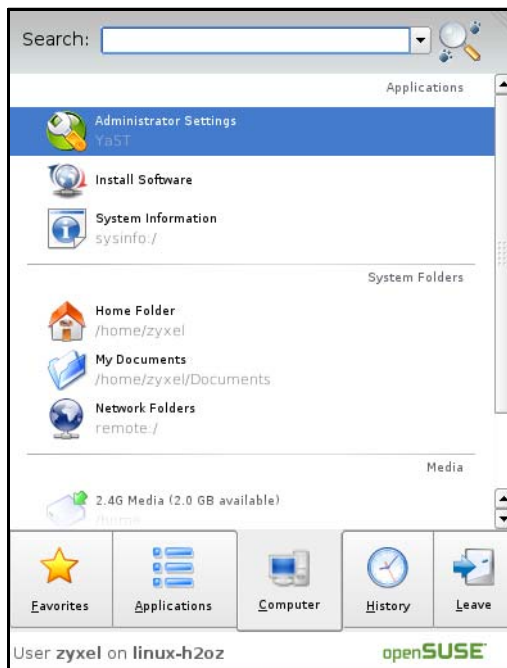
Linux: openSUSE 10.3 (KDE)

This section shows you how to configure your computer's TCP/IP settings in the K Desktop Environment (KDE) using the openSUSE 10.3 Linux distribution. The procedure, screens and file locations may vary depending on your specific distribution, release version, and individual configuration. The following screens use the default openSUSE 10.3 installation.

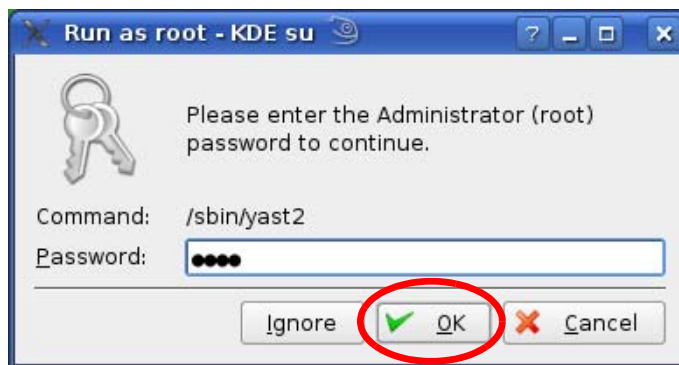
Note: Make sure you are logged in as the root administrator.

Follow the steps below to configure your computer IP address in the KDE:

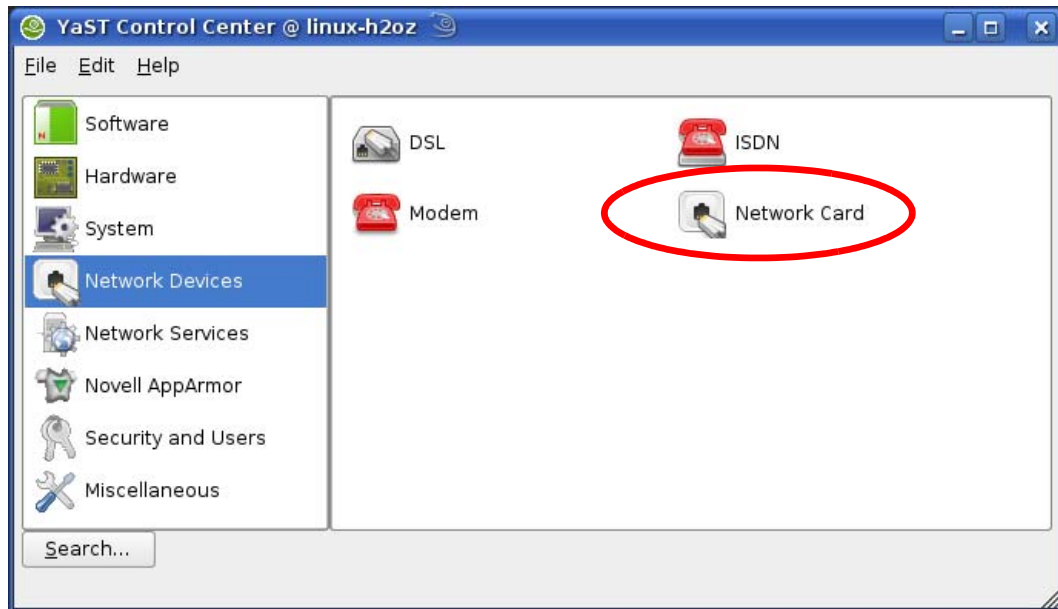
- 1 Click **K Menu > Computer > Administrator Settings (YaST)**.



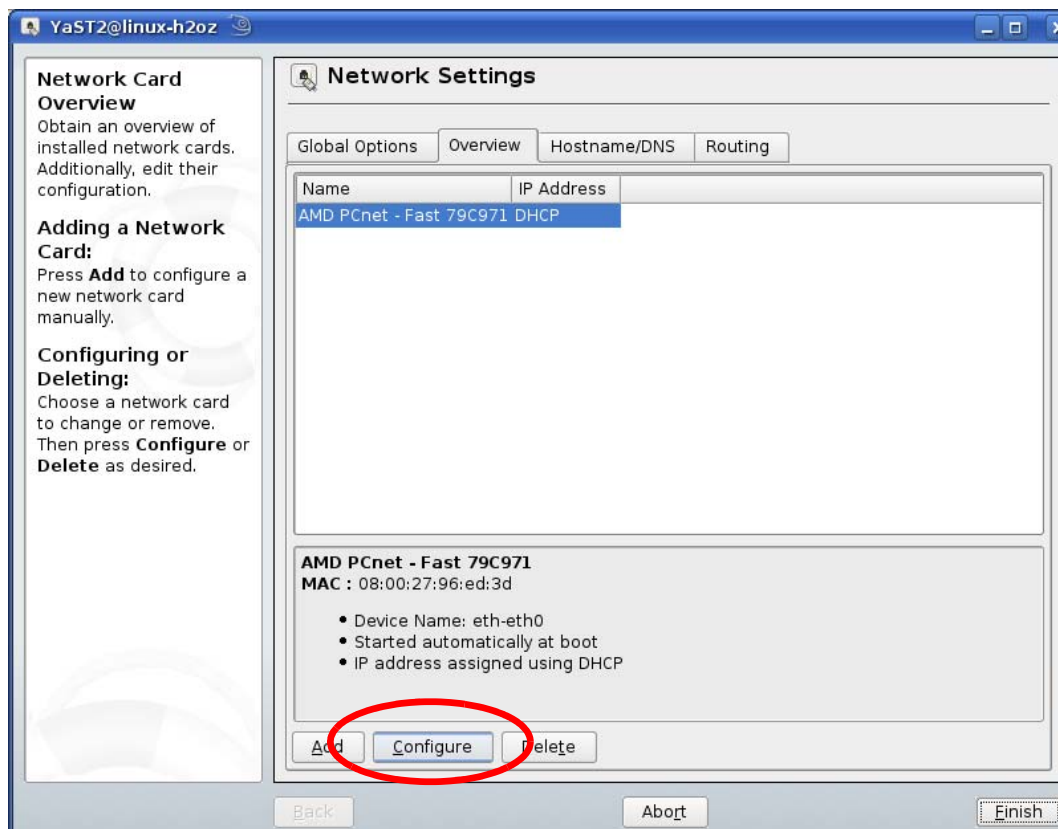
- 2 When the **Run as Root - KDE su** dialog opens, enter the admin password and click **OK**.



- 3 When the **YaST Control Center** window opens, select **Network Devices** and then click the **Network Card** icon.

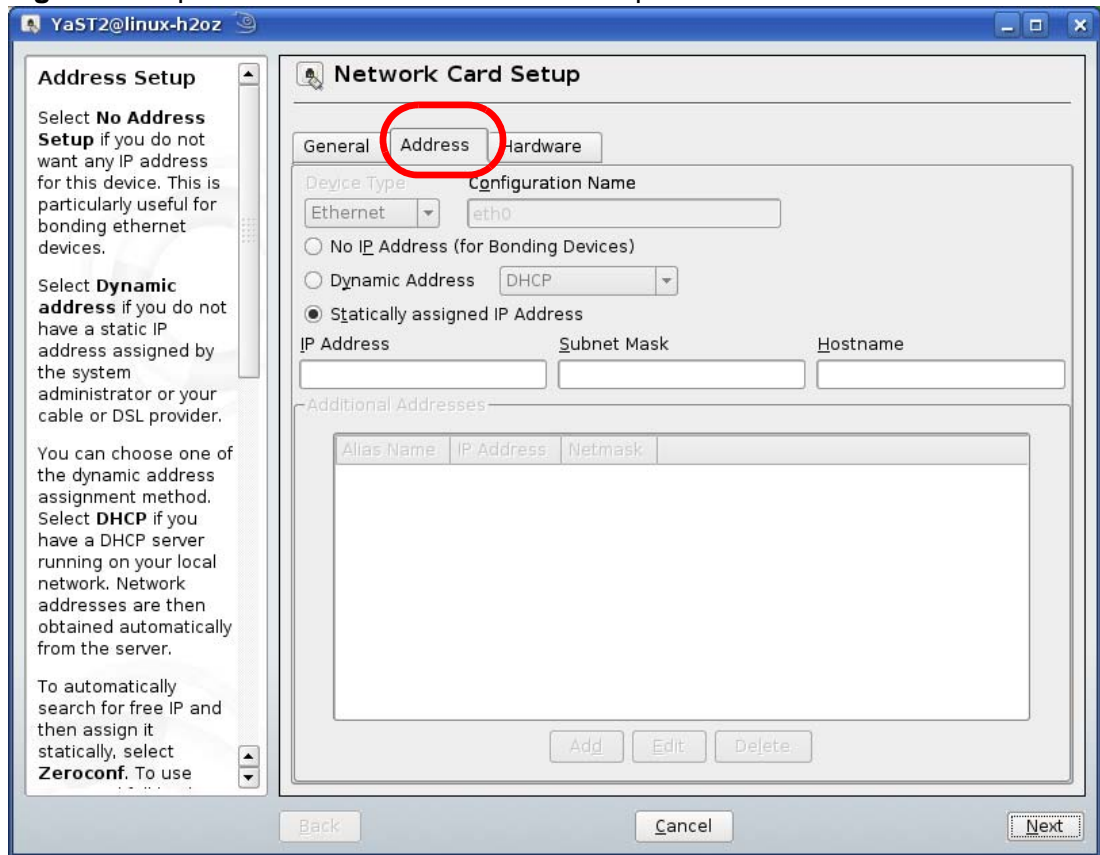


- 4 When the **Network Settings** window opens, click the **Overview** tab, select the appropriate connection **Name** from the list, and then click the **Configure** button.



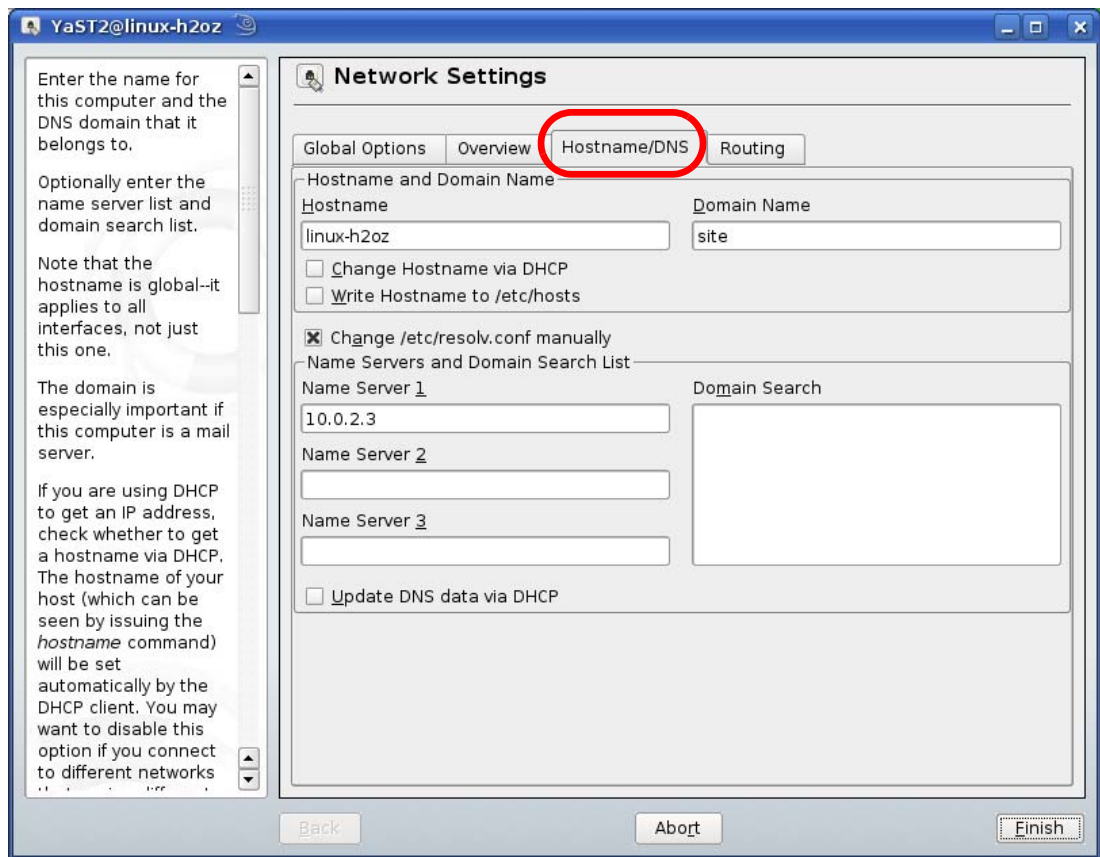
- 5 When the **Network Card Setup** window opens, click the **Address** tab

Figure 45 openSUSE 10.3: Network Card Setup



- 6 Select **Dynamic Address (DHCP)** if you have a dynamic IP address.
Select **Statically assigned IP Address** if you have a static IP address. Fill in the **IP address**, **Subnet mask**, and **Hostname** fields.
- 7 Click **Next** to save the changes and close the **Network Card Setup** window.

- 8 If you know your DNS server IP address(es), click the **Hostname/DNS** tab in **Network Settings** and then enter the DNS server information in the fields provided.

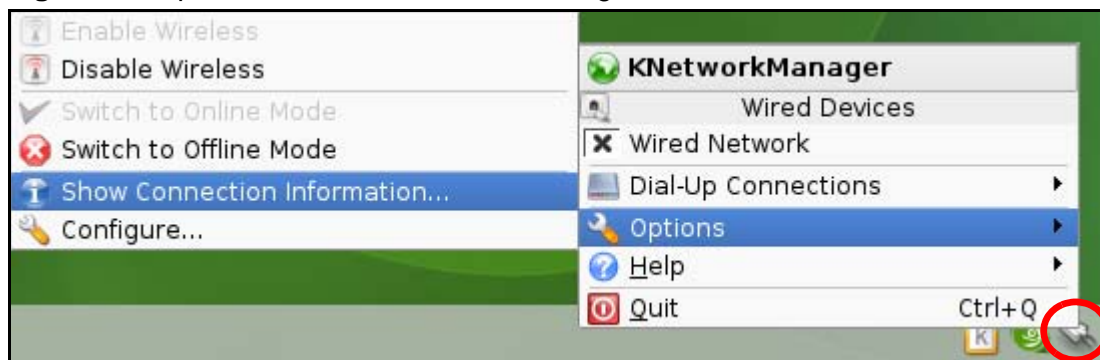


- 9 Click **Finish** to save your settings and close the window.

Verifying Settings

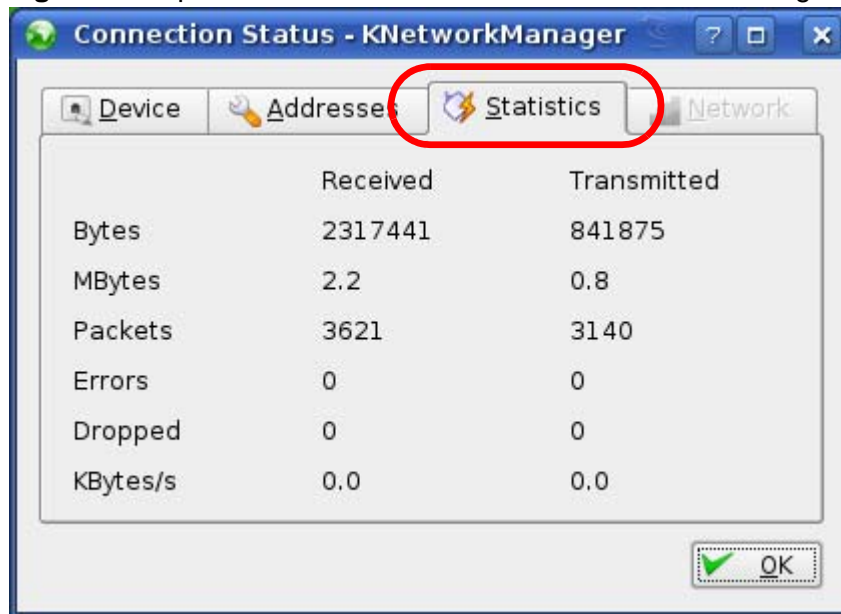
Click the **KNetwork Manager** icon on the **Task bar** to check your TCP/IP properties. From the **Options** sub-menu, select **Show Connection Information**.

Figure 46 openSUSE 10.3: KNetwork Manager



When the **Connection Status - KNetwork Manager** window opens, click the **Statistics tab** to see if your connection is working properly.

Figure 47 openSUSE: Connection Status - KNetwork Manager



Wireless LANs

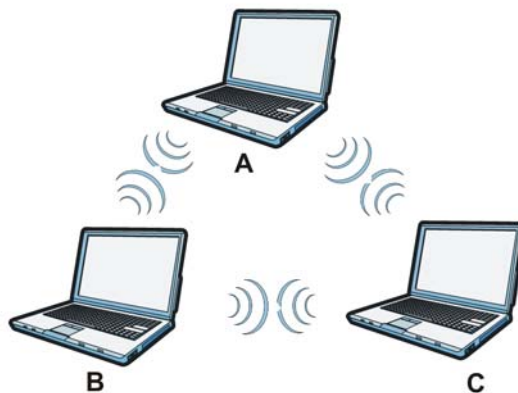
Wireless LAN Topologies

This section discusses ad-hoc and infrastructure wireless LAN topologies.

Ad-hoc Wireless LAN Configuration

The simplest WLAN configuration is an independent (Ad-hoc) WLAN that connects a set of computers with wireless adapters (A, B, C). Any time two or more wireless adapters are within range of each other, they can set up an independent network, which is commonly referred to as an ad-hoc network or Independent Basic Service Set (IBSS). The following diagram shows an example of notebook computers using wireless adapters to form an ad-hoc wireless LAN.

Figure 48 Peer-to-Peer Communication in an Ad-hoc Network



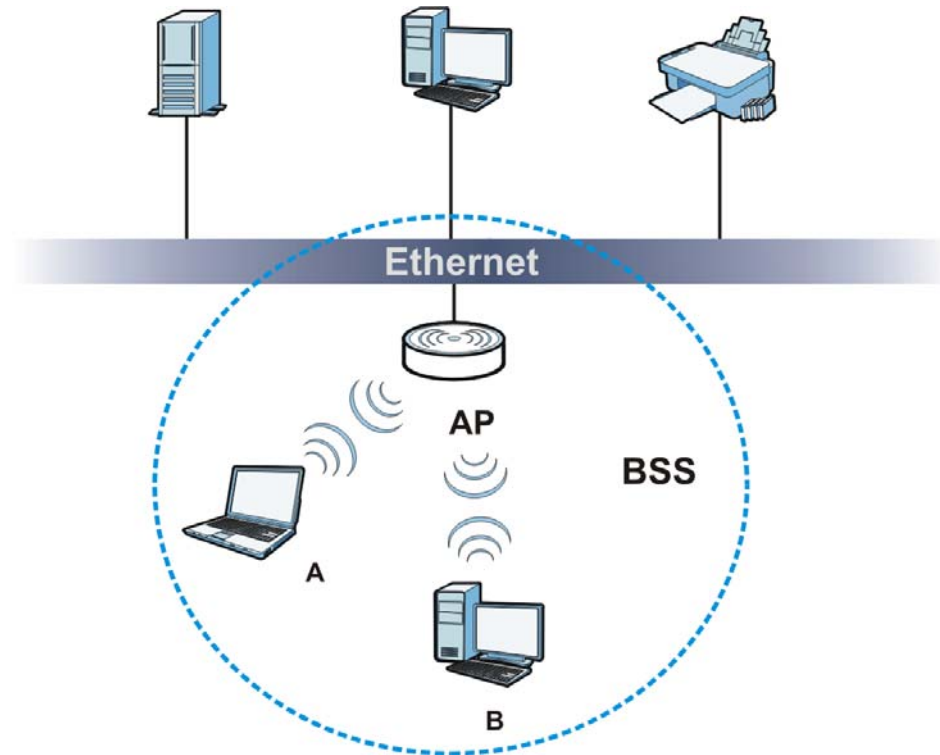
BSS

A Basic Service Set (BSS) exists when all communications between wireless clients or between a wireless client and a wired network client go through one access point (AP).

Intra-BSS traffic is traffic between wireless clients in the BSS. When Intra-BSS is enabled, wireless client **A** and **B** can access the wired network and communicate

with each other. When Intra-BSS is disabled, wireless client **A** and **B** can still access the wired network but cannot communicate with each other.

Figure 49 Basic Service Set



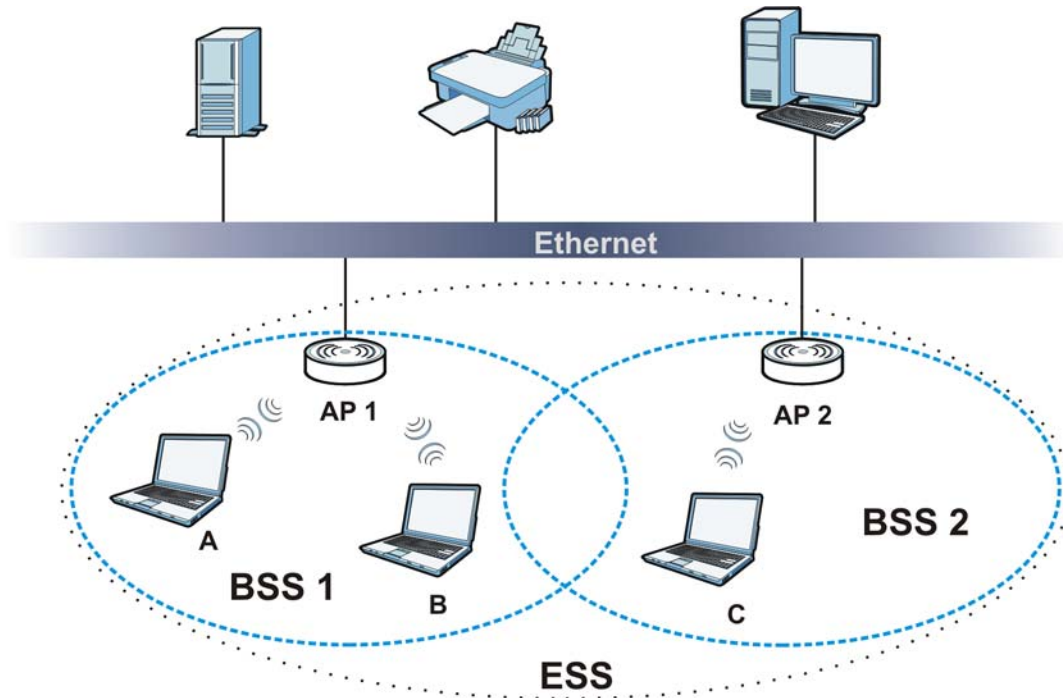
ESS

An Extended Service Set (ESS) consists of a series of overlapping BSSs, each containing an access point, with each access point connected together by a wired network. This wired connection between APs is called a Distribution System (DS).

This type of wireless LAN topology is called an Infrastructure WLAN. The Access Points not only provide communication with the wired network but also mediate wireless network traffic in the immediate neighborhood.

An ESSID (ESS IDentification) uniquely identifies each ESS. All access points and their associated wireless clients within the same ESS must have the same ESSID in order to communicate.

Figure 50 Infrastructure WLAN



Channel

A channel is the radio frequency(ies) used by wireless devices to transmit and receive data. Channels available depend on your geographical area. You may have a choice of channels (for your region) so you should use a channel different from an adjacent AP (access point) to reduce interference. Interference occurs when radio signals from different access points overlap causing interference and degrading performance.

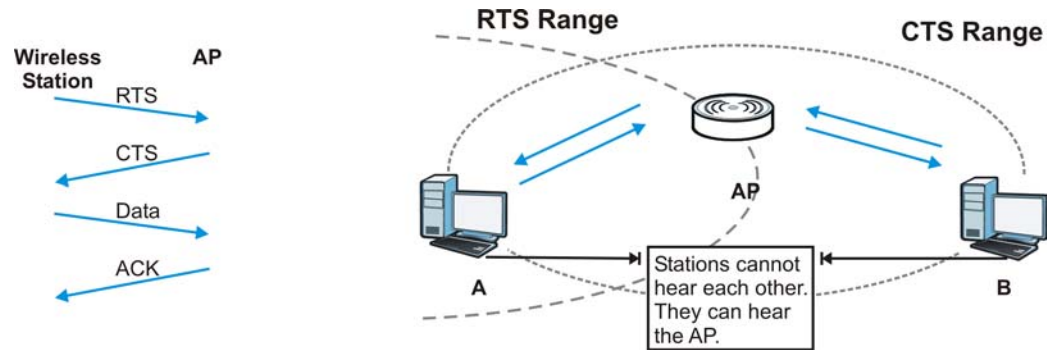
Adjacent channels partially overlap however. To avoid interference due to overlap, your AP should be on a channel at least five channels away from a channel that an adjacent AP is using. For example, if your region has 11 channels and an adjacent AP is using channel 1, then you need to select a channel between 6 or 11.

RTS/CTS

A hidden node occurs when two stations are within range of the same access point, but are not within range of each other. The following figure illustrates a hidden node. Both stations (STA) are within range of the access point (AP) or

wireless gateway, but out-of-range of each other, so they cannot "hear" each other, that is they do not know if the channel is currently being used. Therefore, they are considered hidden from each other.

Figure 51 RTS/CTS



When station **A** sends data to the AP, it might not know that the station **B** is already using the channel. If these two stations send data at the same time, collisions may occur when both sets of data arrive at the AP at the same time, resulting in a loss of messages for both stations.

RTS/CTS is designed to prevent collisions due to hidden nodes. An **RTS/CTS** defines the biggest size data frame you can send before an RTS (Request To Send)/CTS (Clear to Send) handshake is invoked.

When a data frame exceeds the **RTS/CTS** value you set (between 0 to 2432 bytes), the station that wants to transmit this frame must first send an RTS (Request To Send) message to the AP for permission to send it. The AP then responds with a CTS (Clear to Send) message to all other stations within its range to notify them to defer their transmission. It also reserves and confirms with the requesting station the time frame for the requested transmission.

Stations can send frames smaller than the specified **RTS/CTS** directly to the AP without the RTS (Request To Send)/CTS (Clear to Send) handshake.

You should only configure **RTS/CTS** if the possibility of hidden nodes exists on your network and the "cost" of resending large frames is more than the extra network overhead involved in the RTS (Request To Send)/CTS (Clear to Send) handshake.

If the **RTS/CTS** value is greater than the **Fragmentation Threshold** value (see next), then the RTS (Request To Send)/CTS (Clear to Send) handshake will never occur as data frames will be fragmented before they reach **RTS/CTS** size.

Note: Enabling the RTS Threshold causes redundant network overhead that could negatively affect the throughput performance instead of providing a remedy.

Fragmentation Threshold

A **Fragmentation Threshold** is the maximum data fragment size (between 256 and 2432 bytes) that can be sent in the wireless network before the AP will fragment the packet into smaller data frames.

A large **Fragmentation Threshold** is recommended for networks not prone to interference while you should set a smaller threshold for busy networks or networks that are prone to interference.

If the **Fragmentation Threshold** value is smaller than the **RTS/CTS** value (see previously) you set then the RTS (Request To Send)/CTS (Clear to Send) handshake will never occur as data frames will be fragmented before they reach **RTS/CTS** size.

Preamble Type

Preamble is used to signal that data is coming to the receiver. Short and long refer to the length of the synchronization field in a packet.

Short preamble increases performance as less time sending preamble means more time for sending data. All IEEE 802.11 compliant wireless adapters support long preamble, but not all support short preamble.

Use long preamble if you are unsure what preamble mode other wireless devices on the network support, and to provide more reliable communications in busy wireless networks.

Use short preamble if you are sure all wireless devices on the network support it, and to provide more efficient communications.

Use the dynamic setting to automatically use short preamble when all wireless devices on the network support it, otherwise the NWA1300-NJ uses long preamble.

Note: The wireless devices **MUST** use the same preamble mode in order to communicate.

IEEE 802.11g Wireless LAN

IEEE 802.11g is fully compatible with the IEEE 802.11b standard. This means an IEEE 802.11b adapter can interface directly with an IEEE 802.11g access point (and vice versa) at 11 Mbps or lower depending on range. IEEE 802.11g has

several intermediate rate steps between the maximum and minimum data rates. The IEEE 802.11g data rate and modulation are as follows:

Table 19 IEEE 802.11g

DATA RATE (MBPS)	MODULATION
1	DBPSK (Differential Binary Phase Shift Keyed)
2	DQPSK (Differential Quadrature Phase Shift Keying)
5.5 / 11	CCK (Complementary Code Keying)
6/9/12/18/24/36/ 48/54	OFDM (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing)

Wireless Security Overview

Wireless security is vital to your network to protect wireless communication between wireless clients, access points and the wired network.

Wireless security methods available on the NWA1300-NJ are data encryption, wireless client authentication, restricting access by device MAC address and hiding the NWA1300-NJ identity.

The following figure shows the relative effectiveness of these wireless security methods available on your NWA1300-NJ.

Table 20 Wireless Security Levels

SECURITY LEVEL	SECURITY TYPE
Least Secure	Unique SSID (Default)
	Unique SSID with Hide SSID Enabled
	MAC Address Filtering
	WEP Encryption
	IEEE802.1x EAP with RADIUS Server Authentication
	Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA)
	WPA2
Most Secure	

Note: You must enable the same wireless security settings on the NWA1300-NJ and on all wireless clients that you want to associate with it.

IEEE 802.1x

In June 2001, the IEEE 802.1x standard was designed to extend the features of IEEE 802.11 to support extended authentication as well as providing additional accounting and control features. It is supported by Windows XP and a number of network devices. Some advantages of IEEE 802.1x are:

- User based identification that allows for roaming.
- Support for RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial In User Service, RFC 2138, 2139) for centralized user profile and accounting management on a network RADIUS server.
- Support for EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol, RFC 2486) that allows additional authentication methods to be deployed with no changes to the access point or the wireless clients.

RADIUS

RADIUS is based on a client-server model that supports authentication, authorization and accounting. The access point is the client and the server is the RADIUS server. The RADIUS server handles the following tasks:

- Authentication
Determines the identity of the users.
- Authorization
Determines the network services available to authenticated users once they are connected to the network.
- Accounting
Keeps track of the client's network activity.

RADIUS is a simple package exchange in which your AP acts as a message relay between the wireless client and the network RADIUS server.

Types of RADIUS Messages

The following types of RADIUS messages are exchanged between the access point and the RADIUS server for user authentication:

- Access-Request
Sent by an access point requesting authentication.
- Access-Reject
Sent by a RADIUS server rejecting access.
- Access-Accept
Sent by a RADIUS server allowing access.

- Access-Challenge

Sent by a RADIUS server requesting more information in order to allow access. The access point sends a proper response from the user and then sends another Access-Request message.

The following types of RADIUS messages are exchanged between the access point and the RADIUS server for user accounting:

- Accounting-Request

Sent by the access point requesting accounting.

- Accounting-Response

Sent by the RADIUS server to indicate that it has started or stopped accounting.

In order to ensure network security, the access point and the RADIUS server use a shared secret key, which is a password, they both know. The key is not sent over the network. In addition to the shared key, password information exchanged is also encrypted to protect the network from unauthorized access.

Types of EAP Authentication

This section discusses some popular authentication types: EAP-MD5, EAP-TLS, EAP-TTLS, PEAP and LEAP. Your wireless LAN device may not support all authentication types.

EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol) is an authentication protocol that runs on top of the IEEE 802.1x transport mechanism in order to support multiple types of user authentication. By using EAP to interact with an EAP-compatible RADIUS server, an access point helps a wireless station and a RADIUS server perform authentication.

The type of authentication you use depends on the RADIUS server and an intermediary AP(s) that supports IEEE 802.1x. .

For EAP-TLS authentication type, you must first have a wired connection to the network and obtain the certificate(s) from a certificate authority (CA). A certificate (also called digital IDs) can be used to authenticate users and a CA issues certificates and guarantees the identity of each certificate owner.

EAP-MD5 (Message-Digest Algorithm 5)

MD5 authentication is the simplest one-way authentication method. The authentication server sends a challenge to the wireless client. The wireless client 'proves' that it knows the password by encrypting the password with the challenge and sends back the information. Password is not sent in plain text.

However, MD5 authentication has some weaknesses. Since the authentication server needs to get the plaintext passwords, the passwords must be stored. Thus someone other than the authentication server may access the password file. In addition, it is possible to impersonate an authentication server as MD5 authentication method does not perform mutual authentication. Finally, MD5 authentication method does not support data encryption with dynamic session key. You must configure WEP encryption keys for data encryption.

EAP-TLS (Transport Layer Security)

With EAP-TLS, digital certifications are needed by both the server and the wireless clients for mutual authentication. The server presents a certificate to the client. After validating the identity of the server, the client sends a different certificate to the server. The exchange of certificates is done in the open before a secured tunnel is created. This makes user identity vulnerable to passive attacks. A digital certificate is an electronic ID card that authenticates the sender's identity. However, to implement EAP-TLS, you need a Certificate Authority (CA) to handle certificates, which imposes a management overhead.

EAP-TTLS (Tunneled Transport Layer Service)

EAP-TTLS is an extension of the EAP-TLS authentication that uses certificates for only the server-side authentications to establish a secure connection. Client authentication is then done by sending username and password through the secure connection, thus client identity is protected. For client authentication, EAP-TTLS supports EAP methods and legacy authentication methods such as PAP, CHAP, MS-CHAP and MS-CHAP v2.

PEAP (Protected EAP)

Like EAP-TTLS, server-side certificate authentication is used to establish a secure connection, then use simple username and password methods through the secured connection to authenticate the clients, thus hiding client identity. However, PEAP only supports EAP methods, such as EAP-MD5, EAP-MSCHAPv2 and EAP-GTC (EAP-Generic Token Card), for client authentication. EAP-GTC is implemented only by Cisco.

LEAP

LEAP (Lightweight Extensible Authentication Protocol) is a Cisco implementation of IEEE 802.1x.

Dynamic WEP Key Exchange

The AP maps a unique key that is generated with the RADIUS server. This key expires when the wireless connection times out, disconnects or reauthentication times out. A new WEP key is generated each time reauthentication is performed.

If this feature is enabled, it is not necessary to configure a default encryption key in the wireless security configuration screen. You may still configure and store keys, but they will not be used while dynamic WEP is enabled.

Note: EAP-MD5 cannot be used with Dynamic WEP Key Exchange

For added security, certificate-based authentications (EAP-TLS, EAP-TTLS and PEAP) use dynamic keys for data encryption. They are often deployed in corporate environments, but for public deployment, a simple user name and password pair is more practical. The following table is a comparison of the features of authentication types.

Table 21 Comparison of EAP Authentication Types

	EAP-MD5	EAP-TLS	EAP-TTLS	PEAP	LEAP
Mutual Authentication	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Certificate – Client	No	Yes	Optional	Optional	No
Certificate – Server	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Dynamic Key Exchange	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Credential Integrity	None	Strong	Strong	Strong	Moderate
Deployment Difficulty	Easy	Hard	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Client Identity Protection	No	No	Yes	Yes	No

WPA and WPA2

Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) is a subset of the IEEE 802.11i standard. WPA2 (IEEE 802.11i) is a wireless security standard that defines stronger encryption, authentication and key management than WPA.

Key differences between WPA or WPA2 and WEP are improved data encryption and user authentication.

If both an AP and the wireless clients support WPA2 and you have an external RADIUS server, use WPA2 for stronger data encryption. If you don't have an external RADIUS server, you should use WPA2-PSK (WPA2-Pre-Shared Key) that only requires a single (identical) password entered into each access point, wireless gateway and wireless client. As long as the passwords match, a wireless client will be granted access to a WLAN.

If the AP or the wireless clients do not support WPA2, just use WPA or WPA-PSK depending on whether you have an external RADIUS server or not.

Select WEP only when the AP and/or wireless clients do not support WPA or WPA2. WEP is less secure than WPA or WPA2.

Encryption

WPA improves data encryption by using Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP), Message Integrity Check (MIC) and IEEE 802.1x. WPA2 also uses TKIP when required for compatibility reasons, but offers stronger encryption than TKIP with Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) in the Counter mode with Cipher block chaining Message authentication code Protocol (CCMP).

TKIP uses 128-bit keys that are dynamically generated and distributed by the authentication server. AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) is a block cipher that uses a 256-bit mathematical algorithm called Rijndael. They both include a per-packet key mixing function, a Message Integrity Check (MIC) named Michael, an extended initialization vector (IV) with sequencing rules, and a re-keying mechanism.

WPA and WPA2 regularly change and rotate the encryption keys so that the same encryption key is never used twice.

The RADIUS server distributes a Pairwise Master Key (PMK) key to the AP that then sets up a key hierarchy and management system, using the PMK to dynamically generate unique data encryption keys to encrypt every data packet that is wirelessly communicated between the AP and the wireless clients. This all happens in the background automatically.

The Message Integrity Check (MIC) is designed to prevent an attacker from capturing data packets, altering them and resending them. The MIC provides a strong mathematical function in which the receiver and the transmitter each compute and then compare the MIC. If they do not match, it is assumed that the data has been tampered with and the packet is dropped.

By generating unique data encryption keys for every data packet and by creating an integrity checking mechanism (MIC), with TKIP and AES it is more difficult to decrypt data on a Wi-Fi network than WEP and difficult for an intruder to break into the network.

The encryption mechanisms used for WPA(2) and WPA(2)-PSK are the same. The only difference between the two is that WPA(2)-PSK uses a simple common password, instead of user-specific credentials. The common-password approach makes WPA(2)-PSK susceptible to brute-force password-guessing attacks but it's still an improvement over WEP as it employs a consistent, single, alphanumeric password to derive a PMK which is used to generate unique temporal encryption

keys. This prevent all wireless devices sharing the same encryption keys. (a weakness of WEP)

User Authentication

WPA and WPA2 apply IEEE 802.1x and Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) to authenticate wireless clients using an external RADIUS database. WPA2 reduces the number of key exchange messages from six to four (CCMP 4-way handshake) and shortens the time required to connect to a network. Other WPA2 authentication features that are different from WPA include key caching and pre-authentication. These two features are optional and may not be supported in all wireless devices.

Key caching allows a wireless client to store the PMK it derived through a successful authentication with an AP. The wireless client uses the PMK when it tries to connect to the same AP and does not need to go with the authentication process again.

Pre-authentication enables fast roaming by allowing the wireless client (already connecting to an AP) to perform IEEE 802.1x authentication with another AP before connecting to it.

Wireless Client WPA Supplicants

A wireless client supplicant is the software that runs on an operating system instructing the wireless client how to use WPA. At the time of writing, the most widely available supplicant is the WPA patch for Windows XP, Funk Software's Odyssey client.

The Windows XP patch is a free download that adds WPA capability to Windows XP's built-in "Zero Configuration" wireless client. However, you must run Windows XP to use it.

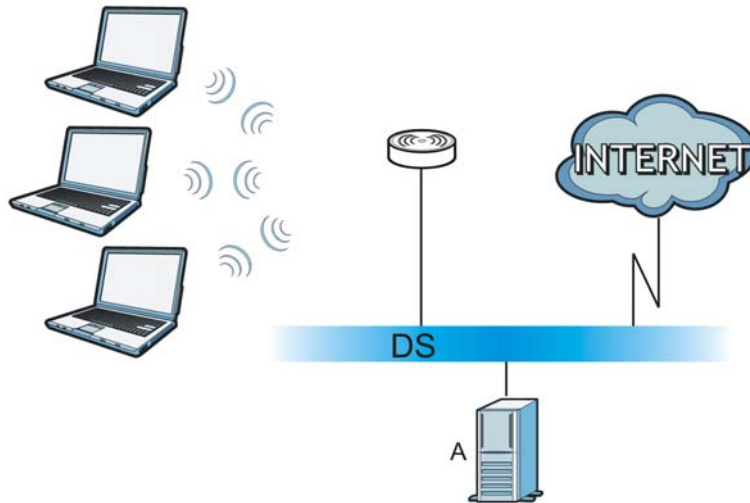
WPA(2) with RADIUS Application Example

To set up WPA(2), you need the IP address of the RADIUS server, its port number (default is 1812), and the RADIUS shared secret. A WPA(2) application example with an external RADIUS server looks as follows. "A" is the RADIUS server. "DS" is the distribution system.

- 1 The AP passes the wireless client's authentication request to the RADIUS server.
- 2 The RADIUS server then checks the user's identification against its database and grants or denies network access accordingly.
- 3 A 256-bit Pairwise Master Key (PMK) is derived from the authentication process by the RADIUS server and the client.

- 4 The RADIUS server distributes the PMK to the AP. The AP then sets up a key hierarchy and management system, using the PMK to dynamically generate unique data encryption keys. The keys are used to encrypt every data packet that is wirelessly communicated between the AP and the wireless clients.

Figure 52 WPA(2) with RADIUS Application Example



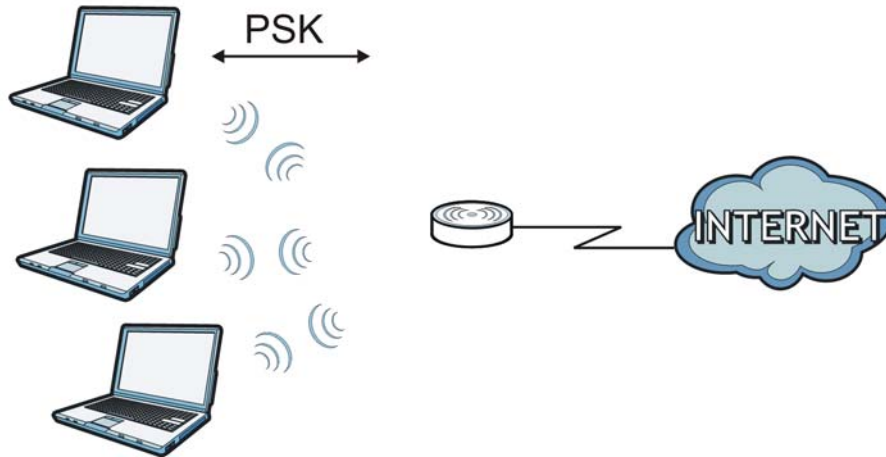
WPA(2)-PSK Application Example

A WPA(2)-PSK application looks as follows.

- 1 First enter identical passwords into the AP and all wireless clients. The Pre-Shared Key (PSK) must consist of between 8 and 63 ASCII characters or 64 hexadecimal characters (including spaces and symbols).
- 2 The AP checks each wireless client's password and allows it to join the network only if the password matches.
- 3 The AP and wireless clients generate a common PMK (Pairwise Master Key). The key itself is not sent over the network, but is derived from the PSK and the SSID.

- 4 The AP and wireless clients use the TKIP or AES encryption process, the PMK and information exchanged in a handshake to create temporal encryption keys. They use these keys to encrypt data exchanged between them.

Figure 53 WPA(2)-PSK Authentication



Security Parameters Summary

Refer to this table to see what other security parameters you should configure for each authentication method or key management protocol type. MAC address filters are not dependent on how you configure these security features.

Table 22 Wireless Security Relational Matrix

AUTHENTICATION METHOD/ KEY MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL	ENCRYPTION METHOD	ENTER MANUAL KEY	IEEE 802.1X
Open	None	No	Disable
		Yes	Enable without Dynamic WEP Key
Open	WEP	No	Enable with Dynamic WEP Key
		Yes	Enable without Dynamic WEP Key
		Yes	Disable
Shared	WEP	No	Enable with Dynamic WEP Key
		Yes	Enable without Dynamic WEP Key
		Yes	Disable
WPA	TKIP/AES	No	Enable
WPA-PSK	TKIP/AES	Yes	Disable
WPA2	TKIP/AES	No	Enable
WPA2-PSK	TKIP/AES	Yes	Disable

Antenna Overview

An antenna couples RF signals onto air. A transmitter within a wireless device sends an RF signal to the antenna, which propagates the signal through the air. The antenna also operates in reverse by capturing RF signals from the air.

Positioning the antennas properly increases the range and coverage area of a wireless LAN.

Antenna Characteristics

Frequency

An antenna in the frequency of 2.4GHz (IEEE 802.11b and IEEE 802.11g) or 5GHz (IEEE 802.11a) is needed to communicate efficiently in a wireless LAN

Radiation Pattern

A radiation pattern is a diagram that allows you to visualize the shape of the antenna's coverage area.

Antenna Gain

Antenna gain, measured in dB (decibel), is the increase in coverage within the RF beam width. Higher antenna gain improves the range of the signal for better communications.

For an indoor site, each 1 dB increase in antenna gain results in a range increase of approximately 2.5%. For an unobstructed outdoor site, each 1dB increase in gain results in a range increase of approximately 5%. Actual results may vary depending on the network environment.

Antenna gain is sometimes specified in dBi, which is how much the antenna increases the signal power compared to using an isotropic antenna. An isotropic antenna is a theoretical perfect antenna that sends out radio signals equally well in all directions. dBi represents the true gain that the antenna provides.

Types of Antennas for WLAN

There are two types of antennas used for wireless LAN applications.

- Omni-directional antennas send the RF signal out in all directions on a horizontal plane. The coverage area is torus-shaped (like a donut) which makes these antennas ideal for a room environment. With a wide coverage area, it is possible to make circular overlapping coverage areas with multiple access points.
- Directional antennas concentrate the RF signal in a beam, like a flashlight does with the light from its bulb. The angle of the beam determines the width of the coverage pattern. Angles typically range from 20 degrees (very directional) to 120 degrees (less directional). Directional antennas are ideal for hallways and outdoor point-to-point applications.

Positioning Antennas

In general, antennas should be mounted as high as practically possible and free of obstructions. In point-to-point application, position both antennas at the same height and in a direct line of sight to each other to attain the best performance.

For omni-directional antennas mounted on a table, desk, and so on, point the antenna up. For omni-directional antennas mounted on a wall or ceiling, point the antenna down. For a single AP application, place omni-directional antennas as close to the center of the coverage area as possible.

For directional antennas, point the antenna in the direction of the desired coverage area.

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