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



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

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Figure 67 Windows Vista: Network and Sharing Center

6 Select Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) and click Properties.

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Figure 68 Windows Vista: Local Area Connection Properties

- 7 The Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties window opens (the General tab).
 - If you have a dynamic IP address click Obtain an IP address automatically.
 - If you have a static IP address click Use the following IP address and fill in the IP address, Subnet mask, and Default gateway fields.
 - Click Advanced.

Figure 69 Windows Vista: Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties

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8 If you do not know your gateway's IP address, remove any previously installed gateways in the IP Settings tab and click OK.

Do one or more of the following if you want to configure additional IP addresses:

- In the IP Settings tab, in IP addresses, click Add.
- In TCP/IP Address, type an IP address in IP address and a subnet mask in Subnet mask, and then click Add.
- Repeat the above two steps for each IP address you want to add.
- Configure additional default gateways in the **IP Settings** tab by clicking **Add** in **Default gateways**.
- In **TCP/IP** Gateway Address, type the IP address of the default gateway in Gateway. To manually configure a default metric (the number of transmission hops), clear the Automatic metric check box and type a metric in Metric.
- Click Add.
- Repeat the previous three steps for each default gateway you want to add.
- Click **OK** when finished.

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Figure 70 Windows Vista: Advanced TCP/IP Properties

- **9** In the Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties window, (the General tab):
 - Click **Obtain DNS server address automatically** if you do not know your DNS server IP address(es).
 - If you know your DNS server IP address(es), click Use the following DNS server addresses, and type them in the Preferred DNS server and Alternate DNS server fields.

If you have previously configured DNS servers, click **Advanced** and then the **DNS** tab to order them.

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Figure 71 Windows Vista: Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties

10 Click OK to close the Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties window.

- 11 Click Close to close the Local Area Connection Properties window.
- 12 Close the Network Connections window.
- 13 Turn on your NWD310N and restart your computer (if prompted).

Verifying Settings

- 1 Click Start, All Programs, Accessories and then Command Prompt.
- 2 In the **Command Prompt** window, type "ipconfig" and then press [ENTER]. You can also open **Network Connections**, right-click a network connection, click **Status** and then click the **Support** tab.

Macintosh OS 8/9

1 Click the Apple menu, Control Panel and double-click TCP/IP to open the TCP/IP Control Panel.

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🔟 Key Caps	AppleTalk
💷 Network Browser	ColorSync
Recent Applications	Control Strip
Recent Documents	Date & Time
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	Location Manager
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	Monitors
	Mouse
	Multiple Users
	Numbers
	QuickTime [™] Settings
	Remote Access
	Software Update
	Sound
	Speech
	Startup Disk
	TCP/IP
	Text
	USB Printer Sharing

Figure 72 Macintosh OS 8/9: Apple Menu

2 Select Ethernet built-in from the Connect via list.

Figure 73 Macintosh OS 8/9: TCP/IP

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- **3** For dynamically assigned settings, select **Using DHCP Server** from the **Configure:** list.
- **4** For statically assigned settings, do the following:
 - From the **Configure** box, select **Manually**.

- Type your IP address in the IP Address box.
- Type your subnet mask in the **Subnet mask** box.
- Type the IP address of your NWD310N in the Router address box.
- **5** Close the **TCP/IP Control Panel**.
- 6 Click Save if prompted, to save changes to your configuration.
- 7 Turn on your NWD310N and restart your computer (if prompted).

Verifying Settings

Check your TCP/IP properties in the TCP/IP Control Panel window.

Macintosh OS X

1 Click the Apple menu, and click System Preferences to open the System Preferences window.

Figure 74 Macintosh OS X: Apple Menu



- 2 Click Network in the icon bar.
 - Select Automatic from the Location list.
 - Select Built-in Ethernet from the Show list.
 - Click the TCP/IP tab.
- 3 For dynamically assigned settings, select Using DHCP from the Configure list.

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	Location: Automatic	•
Show:	Built-in Ethernet)
	TCP/IP PPPoE App	pleTalk Proxies
	Configure: Using DHCP	*
		Domain Name Servers (Optional)
	IP Address: 192.168.11.12 (Provided by DHCP Server)	168.95.1.1
	Subnet Mask: 255.255.254.0	
	Router: 192.168.10.11	Search Domains (Optional)
	HCP Client ID: (Optional)	
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Figure 75 Macintosh OS X: Network

- **4** For statically assigned settings, do the following:
 - From the Configure box, select Manually.
 - Type your IP address in the IP Address box.
 - Type your subnet mask in the Subnet mask box.
 - Type the IP address of your NWD310N in the Router address box.
- 5 Click Apply Now and close the window.
- 6 Turn on your NWD310N and restart your computer (if prompted).

Verifying Settings

Check your TCP/IP properties in the Network window.

Linux

This section shows you how to configure your computer's TCP/IP settings in Red Hat Linux 9.0. Procedure, screens and file location may vary depending on your Linux distribution and release version.



Make sure you are logged in as the root administrator.

Using the K Desktop Environment (KDE)

Follow the steps below to configure your computer IP address using the KDE.

1 Click the Red Hat button (located on the bottom left corner), select **System Setting** and click **Network**.



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2 Double-click on the profile of the network card you wish to configure. The Ethernet Device General screen displays as shown.

Figure 77 Red Hat 9.0: KDE: Ethernet Device: General

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- If you have a dynamic IP address, click **Automatically obtain IP address settings** with and select **dhcp** from the drop down list.
- If you have a static IP address, click **Statically set IP Addresses** and fill in the **Address**, **Subnet mask**, and **Default Gateway Address** fields.
- 3 Click OK to save the changes and close the Ethernet Device General screen.
- **4** If you know your DNS server IP address(es), click the **DNS** tab in the **Network Configuration** screen. Enter the DNS server information in the fields provided.

Figure 78 Red Hat 9.0: KDE: Network Configuration: DNS

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- **5** Click the **Devices** tab.
- 6 Click the Activate button to apply the changes. The following screen displays. Click Yes to save the changes in all screens.

Figure 79 Red Hat 9.0: KDE: Network Configuration: Activate

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?	redhat-config-network: You have made some changes in your configuration. To activate the network device eth0, the changes have to saved. Do you want to continue?	o be	
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7 After the network card restart process is complete, make sure the **Status** is **Active** in the **Network Configuration** screen.

Using Configuration Files

Follow the steps below to edit the network configuration files and set your computer IP address.

- 1 Assuming that you have only one network card on the computer, locate the ifconfigeth0 configuration file (where eth0 is the name of the Ethernet card). Open the configuration file with any plain text editor.
 - If you have a dynamic IP address, enter **dhcp** in the BOOTPROTO= field. The following figure shows an example.

Figure 80 Red Hat 9.0: Dynamic IP Address Setting in ifconfig-eth0

DEVICE=eth0	
ONBOOT=yes	
BOOTPROTO=dhcp	
USERCTL=no	
PEERDNS=yes	
TYPE=Ethernet	

• If you have a static IP address, enter static in the BOOTPROTO= field. Type IPADDR= followed by the IP address (in dotted decimal notation) and type NETMASK= followed by the subnet mask. The following example shows an example where the static IP address is 192.168.1.10 and the subnet mask is 255.255.255.0.

Figure 81 Red Hat 9.0: Static IP Address Setting in ifconfig-eth0

```
DEVICE=eth0
ONBOOT=yes
BOOTPROTO=static
IPADDR=192.168.1.10
NETMASK=255.255.255.0
USERCTL=no
PEERDNS=yes
TYPE=Ethernet
```

2 If you know your DNS server IP address(es), enter the DNS server information in the resolv.conf file in the /etc directory. The following figure shows an example where two DNS server IP addresses are specified.

Figure 82 Red Hat 9.0: DNS Settings in resolv.conf

```
nameserver 172.23.5.1
nameserver 172.23.5.2
```

3 After you edit and save the configuration files, you must restart the network card. Enter ./network restart in the /etc/rc.d/init.d directory. The following figure shows an example.

[OK]

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Figure 83 Red Hat 9.0: Restart Ethernet Card

```
[root@localhost init.d]# network restart
Shutting down interface eth0:
Shutting down loopback interface:
Setting network parameters:
Bringing up loopback interface:
Bringing up interface eth0:
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Verifying Settings

Enter ifconfig in a terminal screen to check your TCP/IP properties.

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Figure 84 Red Hat 9.0: Checking TCP/IP Properties
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[root@localhost]# ifconfig
eth0 Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:50:BA:72:5B:44
    inet addr:172.23.19.129 Bcast:172.23.19.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
    UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
    RX packets:717 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
    TX packets:13 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
    collisions:0 txqueuelen:100
    RX bytes:730412 (713.2 Kb) TX bytes:1570 (1.5 Kb)
    Interrupt:10 Base address:0x1000
[root@localhost]#
```

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



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.



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.



When station \mathbf{A} sends data to the AP, it might not know that the station \mathbf{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.



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 NWD310N uses long preamble.



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:

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)

Table 22 IEEE 802.11g

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 NWD310N are data encryption, wireless client authentication, restricting access by device MAC address and hiding the NWD310N identity.

The following figure shows the relative effectiveness of these wireless security methods available on your NWD310N.

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

 Table 23
 Wireless Security Levels



You must enable the same wireless security settings on the NWD310N 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.



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.

	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

 Table 24
 Comparison of EAP Authentication Types

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

Both WPA and WPA2 improve data encryption by using Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP), Message Integrity Check (MIC) and IEEE 802.1x. WPA and WPA2 use Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) in the Counter mode with Cipher block chaining Message authentication code Protocol (CCMP) to offer stronger encryption than TKIP.

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 89 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 90 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.

AUTHENTICATION METHOD/ KEY MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL	ENCRYPTIO N METHOD	ENTER MANUAL KEY	IEEE 802.1X
Open	None	No	Disable
			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

Table 25 Wireless Security Relational Matrix

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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Windows Wireless Management

This appendix shows you how to manage your NWD310N using the Windows Vista and Windows XP wireless configuration tools.

Windows Vista

Take the following steps to connect to a wireless network using the Windows Vista wireless configuration tool (WLAN AutoConfig).

Connecting to a Wireless Network

1 In the Windows Vista taskbar, click Start (🚱) > Connect To.





The Connect To window displays, showing all available networks.

Select a network to connect to Show All Dial-up and VPN ADSL PPPoE Connection Wireless Network Connection Ad-Hoc Security-enabled network	twork	🔍 🔨 Connect to a networ		
Initial-up and VPN Image: Connection Image: ADSL PPPoE Connection Image: Wireless Network Connection Image: Connection Image: Ad-Hoc Security-enabled network	twork	Select a network to c	• J	4,
Ad-Hoc Security-enabled network	twork	Dial-up and VPN	PPPoE Connection	
		Ad-Hoc	Security-enabled network	, Utre
ZyXEL_WLAN Security-enabled network	etwork	JYXEL_WLAN	Security-enabled network	- 1111-

Figure 92 Vista: The Connect To Window

The security status of each wireless network displays, as well as an indication of its signal strength. If you use the mouse pointer to hover over a network's entry, additional information about the network displays.

Figure 93 Vista: Additional Information



2 Double-click the network's name to join the network, or select a network and click **Connect**.



If the network to which you want to connect does not display, see the section on setting up a connection manually on page 120.

3 If security is enabled, you may be prompted to enter your security key.

Genect to a network	
Type the network security key or passphrase for ZyXEL_WLAN	
The person who setup the network can give you the key or passphrase.	
Security key or passphrase:	
Display characters	
If you have a USB flash drive with network settings for ZyXEL_WLAN, insert it now	ι.
Connect	Cancel

Figure 94 Vista: Enter Security Key

Your computer tries to connect to the wireless network.

Figure 95 Vista: Connecting

Connect to a network	
Connecting to ZyXEL_WLAN	
i 🔍 💐	
	Cancel

If your computer has connected to the wireless network successfully, the following screen displays.



Figure 96 Vista: Successful Connection

- **4** If you will use this network again, ensure that **Save this network** is selected. If you save the network, you do not have to configure its settings again.
- 5 Select Start this connection automatically if you want Windows to always try to use this network when you start up your computer. If you do not select this (but select Save this network) you can connect manually each time by clicking Start > Connect to and selecting the network's name from the list.

Connecting to a Network Manually

If the wireless network to which you want to connect does not appear in the **Connect to** window (if your network's SSID is hidden, for example), take the following steps to configure your network connection manually

1 Click Set up a connection or network at the bottom of the Connect to screen. The following screen displays.

Internet			
ss, broadband, or dial-u) connection to the In	ternet.	
ss router or access point			
rireless network for your	home or small busine	\$5.	
			=
ect to a wireless networ	2		
connect to a nidden ne	work of create a new t	wireless prome-	
ss ad hoc (computer-to-	computer) network		
orary network for sharing	files or an Internet co	nnection.	
p connection			
	e Internet iss, broadband, or dial-up iss router or access point vireless network for your nect to a wireless networf connect to a hidden net iss ad hoc (computer-to- orary network for sharing	e Internet iss, broadband, or dial-up connection to the Int iss router or access point vireless network for your home or small busine nect to a wireless network o connect to a hidden network or create a new v iss ad hoc (computer-to-computer) network orary network for sharing files or an Internet co	e Internet iss, broadband, or dial-up connection to the Internet. iss router or access point. vireless network for your home or small business. nect to a wireless network o connect to a hidden network or create a new wireless profile. iss ad hoc (computer-to-computer) network orary network for sharing files or an Internet connection.

Figure 97 Vista: Choose a Connection Option

2 Click Manually connect to a wireless network. The following screen displays.

Figure 98 Vista: Connect Manually

🕒 🔨 Manually connect to a v	vireless network
Enter information for th	ne wireless network you want to add
N <u>e</u> twork name:	
Security type:	[Choose an option]
Encryption type:	Ţ
Se <u>c</u> urity Key/Passphrase:	Display characters
🔲 Start this connection au	rtomatically
Connect even if the net Warning: If you select t	work is not broadcasting his option, your computer's privacy might be at risk.
	Next Cancel

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 26 Vista: Connect Manually

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Network name	Enter your network's SSID (Service Set IDentifier).
Security type	Select the type of security used by the network to which you want to connect. The types of available security shown depend on your computer's wireless client. In this field, WPA(2)-Personal is the same as WPA(2)-PSK, and WPA(2)-Enterprise is the same as WPA(2)

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Encryption type	Select the type of encryption used by the network. When you use WEP or 802.1x , WEP displays. When you use a WPA mode (WPA(2)-Personal or WPA(2)-Enterprise) you can choose AES or TKIP (if supported by your computer's wireless client).
Security Key / Passphrase	If your network uses WEP or WPA(2)-Personal security, enter the key here.
Display Characters	Select this if you do not want the security key characters to be hidden.
Start this connection automatically	Select this box if you always want to try to connect to this network at startup. If you leave this box unchecked, you will need to connect manually each time.
Connect even if the network is not broadcasting	Select this box if you always want to try to connect to this network at startup, even if the network is not broadcasting its SSID. The warning in this field refers to the fact that if you do this, your computer sends out probe request packets, which contain the network's SSID and could be used by an attacker to access the network.
Next	Click this to save your settings and move on to the next page.
Cancel	Click this to stop setting up your network.

 Table 26
 Vista: Connect Manually

3 When you have finished filling in the fields, click **Next**. the following screen displays.

Figure 99 Vista: Successfully Added Network



4 If you want to make any changes to the settings you just configured, click **Change connection settings**. Otherwise, click **Connect to...**. In the window that displays, double-click the new network's name to connect to the network.

Setting Up An Ad-Hoc Network

Take the following steps to set up a wireless connection between two computers in Windows Vista.

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Click Start () > Connect To. In the Connect to screen, click Set up a connection or network. The following screen displays.

Figure 100 Vista: Set Up An Ad-hoc Network

Choos	e a connection option	
0	Connected to Detuning	
1	Set up a wireless, broadband, or dial-up connection to the Internet.	
- K		
11	Set up a wireless router or access point Set up a new wireless network for your home or small business.	
0		=
	Manually connect to a wireless network	
-	Choose this to connect to a hidden network or create a new wireless profile.	
N	Set up a wireless ad hoc (computer-to-computer) network	L
-	Set up a temporary network for sharing files or an Internet connection.	
an	Set up a dial-up connection	
4	Connect through a dial-up connection to the Internet.	

2 Select Set up a wireless ad hoc (computer-to-computer) network and click Next. The following screen displays.

Figure 101 Vista: Ad-hoc Options

\bigcirc	🔮 Set up a wireless ad ho	oc (computer-to-computer) networ	k
	Give your network a r	name and choose security o	ptions
	Ne <u>t</u> work name:	Test2	
	Security type:	WPA2-Personal 🔻	Help me choose
	S <u>e</u> curity key/Passphrase:	•••••	Display characters
	Sa <u>v</u> e this network		
			Next Cancel

3 Enter the **Network name** (SSID) you want to use for your network. Select a **Security type**. If you are not sure what kind of security you want to use, click the **Help me choose** link.



Make sure all the wireless clients on your ad-hoc network can support the type of security you select.

- 4 Enter the Security key/Passphrase. Everybody on the network must enter this key in their computer's wireless client in order to access the network. If you want to see the characters you entered, select the Display characters box. Otherwise, leave it empty (dots display instead of the characters).
- 5 If you will use this ad-hoc network again, select the Save this network box. If you do this, the next time you click Start > Connect to, you can select the network from the list.
- 6 Click Next. The following screen displays.

Figure 102 Vista: Ad-hoc Network Ready

To share files, open Network and Sharing Center in Control Panel and turn on file sharing.	The 1	Test2 network is ready to use	
Wireless network name: Test2 Network security key: •••••• To share files, open <u>Network and Sharing Cented</u> in Control Panel and turn on file sharing.	this n discon to con	etwork will appear in the list of wireless networks and will stay active until everyone inects from it. Give the network name and security key (if any) to people you want nect to this network.	
To share files, open Network and Sharing Cented in Control Panel and turn on file sharing.		Wireless network name: Test2 Network security key: ••••••	
	To sha	re files, open <u>Network and Sharing Centes</u> in Control Panel and turn on file sharing.	

7 If you want to share files with other computers on the ad-hoc network, or let other computers use your Internet connection, click the Network and Sharing Center link. Otherwise, click Close.

Windows XP

Be sure you have the Windows XP service pack 2 installed on your computer. Otherwise, you should at least have the Windows XP service pack 1 already on your computer and download the support patch for WPA from the Microsoft web site.

Windows XP SP2 screen shots are shown unless otherwise specified. Click the help icon (?) in most screens, move the cursor to the item that you want the information about and click to view the help.

Activating Wireless Zero Configuration

1 Click Start, Control Panel and double-click Network Connections.

- **2** Double-click on the icon for wireless network connection.
- **3** The status window displays as shown below. Click **Properties**.

Figure 103 Windows XP SP1: Wireless Network Connection Status

ieneral Support	
Connection	
Status:	Connected
Duration:	01:18:28
Speed:	48.0 Mbps
Signal Strength:	T •••••
Activity	Sent — ᇌ — Received
Bytes:	2,819 0
	<u>)</u> isable

Figure 104 Windows XP SP2: Wireless Network Connection Status

eneral Support		
Connection		
Status:		Connected
Network:		ZW70-1
Duration:		00:01:56
Speed:		48.0 Mbps
Signal Strengt	h:	UBBae
Activity	-	A
	Sent — 🕎	P) Received
Bytes:	1,300	1,676
	<u>D</u> isable <u>V</u> iew	v Wireless Networks

4 The Wireless Network Connection Properties screen displays. Click the Wireless Networks tab.

Make sure the Use Windows to configure my wireless network settings check box is selected.

-	WIEless Networks	Authentication	Advanced
Use	Windows to configur	e my wireless net	work settings
Availa	able <u>n</u> etworks:		
To co	onnect to an available	e network, click C	Configure.
1	AOL	^	Configure
i	SOC_TEST CPESW3		Retresh
Prefe Autor belov	rred networks: matically connect to a v:	vailable network:	s in the order listed
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Figure 105 Windows XP SP1: Wireless Network Connection Properties

Figure 106 Windows XP SP2: Wireless Network Connection Properties

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Use	Windows to configur	e my wirele	ss network settings
Avail	able <u>n</u> etworks:		I may a series to the second second
lo co abou	onnect to, disconnect t wireless networks in	trom, or tin range, click	d out more information k the button below.
			/iew Wireless Networks
belov	E		Move up Move down
	<u>A</u> dd <u>B</u> emo	ive [Properties
Learn	about setting up wire	less networ	Advanced

If you see the following screen, refer to article 871122 on the Microsoft web site for information on starting WZC.



Figure 107 Windows XP SP2: WZC Not Available

Connecting to a Wireless Network

1 Double-click the network icon for wireless connections in the system tray to open the Wireless Network Connection Status screen.

Figure 108 Windows XP SP2: System Tray Icon



The type of the wireless network icon in Windows XP SP2 indicates the status of the NWD310N. Refer to the following table for details.

Table 27	Windows XP	SP2: S	ystem T	ray Icon
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ICON	DESCRIPTION
	The NWD310N is connected to a wireless network.
	The NWD310N is in the process of connecting to a wireless network.
	The connection to a wireless network is limited because the network did not assign a network address to the computer.
2	The NWD310N is not connected to a wireless network.

2 Windows XP SP2: In the Wireless Network Connection Status screen, click View Wireless Networks to open the Wireless Network Connection screen.

^{((†))} Wireless Netwo	rk Connection 6 Status 🛛 🛛 🛛 🔀
General Support	
Connection	
Status:	Connected
Network:	ZW70-1
Duration:	00:01:56
Speed:	48.0 Mbps
Signal Strength:	Ulter
Activity	Sent — 🐨 – Received
Bytes:	亡 (ф) 1,300 1,676
Properties	Disable

Figure 109 Windows XP SP2: Wireless Network Connection Status

Windows XP SP1: In the Wireless Network Connection Status screen, click Properties and the Wireless Networks tab to open the Wireless Network Connection Properties screen.

Figure 110 Windows XP SP1: Wireless Network Connection Status

★ Wireless Netwo	rk Connection 6 Status	<u> </u>
General Support		
Connection		
Status:	Connected	
Duration:	01:18:28	
Speed:	48.0 Mbps	
Signal Strength:	?	
Activity	Sent — 👰 — Received	
Bytes:	2,819 0	
Properties	<u>D</u> isable	-

3 Windows XP SP2: Click **Refresh network list** to reload and search for available wireless devices within transmission range. Select a wireless network in the list and click **Connect** to join the selected wireless network.



Figure 111 Windows XP SP2: Wireless Network Connection

The following table describes the icons in the wireless network list.

 Table 28
 Windows XP SP2: Wireless Network Connection

ICON	DESCRIPTION
8	This denotes that wireless security is activated for the wireless network.
\$	This denotes that this wireless network is your preferred network. Ordering your preferred networks is important because the NWD310N tries to associate to the preferred network first in the order that you specify. Refer to the section on ordering the preferred networks for detailed information.
1000	This denotes the signal strength of the wireless network. Move your cursor to the icon to see details on the signal strength.

Windows XP SP1: Click **Refresh** to reload and search for available wireless devices within transmission range. Select a wireless network in the **Available networks** list, click **Configure** and set the related fields to the same security settings as the associated AP to add the selected network into the **Preferred** networks table. Click **OK** to join the selected wireless network. Refer to the section on security settings (discussed later) for more information.

🕹 Wireless Network Connection 6 Properties 👘 🛛 🔀
General Wireless Networks Advanced
✓ Use <u>W</u> indows to configure my wireless network settings
Available networks:
l o connect to an available network, click Contigure.
cpe_5254_g2kplus
♀ Zw70-1
Defendention
Automatically connect to available networks in the order listed below:
? ZW70-1 Move up
A pqa-3225-p334w Move down
Add <u>R</u> emove Properties
Learn about <u>setting up wireless network</u> <u>configuration.</u> Ad <u>v</u> anced
OK Cancel

Figure 112 Windows XP SP1: Wireless Network Connection Properties

4 4.Windows XP SP2: If the wireless security is activated for the selected wireless network, the **Wireless Network Connection** screen displays. You must set the related fields in the **Wireless Network Connection** screen to the same security settings as the associated AP and click **Connect**. Refer to the section about security settings for more information. Otherwise click **Cancel** and connect to another wireless network without data encryption. If there is no security activated for the selected wireless network, a warning screen appears. Click **Connect Anyway** if wireless security is not your concern.

Figure 113 Windows XP SP2: Wireless Network Connection: WEP or WPA-PSK

Wireless Network Conne	ction	×		
The network 'cpe_5236' requires a network key (also called a WEP key or WPA key). A network key helps prevent unknown intruders from connecting to this network.				
Type the key, and then click (Connect.			
Network <u>k</u> ey:	•••••			
C <u>o</u> nfirm network key:	••••••			
	Cancel]		

Figure 114 Windows XP SP2: Wireless Network Connection: No Security



5 Verify that you have successfully connected to the selected network and check the connection status in the wireless network list or the connection icon in the Preferred networks or Available networks list.

The following table describes the connection icons.

Table 29 Windows XP: Wireless Netwo	rks
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ICON	DESCRIPTION
i.	This denotes the wireless network is an available wireless network.
Ŷ	This denotes the NWD310N is associated to the wireless network.
X	This denotes the wireless network is not available.

Security Settings

When you configure the NWD310N to connect to a secure network but the security settings are not yet enabled on the NWD310N, you will see different screens according to the authentication and encryption methods used by the selected network.

Association

Select a network in the Preferred networks list and click Properties to view or configure security.

Vireless properties	? 🛛	Wireless network prope	rties
Association Authentication Connection		Association Authentication	
Network name (SSID):		Network <u>n</u> ame (SSID):	ZW70-1
Wireless network key This network requires a key for the following:		Wireless network key This network requires a k	ey for the following:
Network Authentication: Shared	~	Network <u>A</u> uthentication:	Shared
Data encryption: WEP	~	Data encryption:	WEP
Network key:		Network <u>k</u> ey:	
Confirm network key:		C <u>o</u> nfirm network key:	
Key inde <u>x</u> (advanced):		Key inde <u>x</u> (advanced):	1
The key is provided for me automatically		The key is provided for	or me automatically
This is a <u>c</u> omputer-to-computer (ad hoc) network; wireles access points are not used	25	This is a <u>c</u> omputer-to-co access points are not us	mputer (ad hoc) network; wirele: sed
ОК	Cancel		ОК

Figure 115 Windows XP: Wireless (network) properties: Association

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Cancel

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 30	Windows XP [.] Wireless	(network) prov	perties: Association
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LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Network name (SSID)	This field displays the SSID (Service Set IDentifier) of each wireless network.
Network Authentication	This field automatically shows the authentication method (Share , Open , WPA or WPA-PSK) used by the selected network.
Data Encryption	This field automatically shows the encryption type (TKIP , WEP or Disable) used by the selected network.
Network Key	Enter the pre-shared key or WEP key. The values for the keys must be set up exactly the same on all wireless devices in the same wireless LAN.
Confirm network key	Enter the key again for confirmation.
Key index (advanced)	Select a default WEP key to use for data encryption. This field is available only when the network use WEP encryption method and the The key is provided for me automatically check box is not selected.
The key is provided for me automatically	If this check box is selected, the wireless AP assigns the NWD310N a key.
This is a computer-to- computer (ad hoc) network; wireless access points are not used	If this check box is selected, you are connecting to another computer directly.
ОК	Click OK to save your changes.
Cancel	Click Cancel to leave this screen without saving any changes you may have made.

Authentication

Click the **Authentication** tab in the **Wireless (network) properties** screen to display the screen shown next. The fields on this screen are grayed out when the network is in Ad-Hoc mode or data encryption is disabled.



Figure 116 Windows XP: Wireless (network) properties: Authentication

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Enable IEEE 802.1x authentication for this network	This field displays whether the IEEE 802.1x authentication is active. If the network authentication is set to Open in the previous screen, you can choose to disable or enable this feature.
EAP Type	Select the type of EAP authentication. Options are Protected EAP (PEAP) and Smart Card or other Certificate .
Properties	Click this button to open the properties screen and configure certificates. The screen varies depending on what you select in the EAP type field.
Authenticate as computer when computer information is available	Select this check box to have the computer send its information to the network for authentication when a user is not logged on.
Authenticate as guest when user or computer information is unavailable	Select this check box to have the computer access to the network as a guest when a user is not logged on or computer information is not available.
ОК	Click OK to save your changes.
Cancel	Click Cancel to leave this screen without saving any changes you may have made.

Table 31	Windows	XP:	Wireless	(network)	pro	perties:	Authent	ication
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Authentication Properties

Select an EAP authentication type in the **Wireless (network) properties: Authentication** screen and click the **Properties** button to display the following screen.

Protected EAP Properties

Protected EAP Properties
When connecting:
Trusted Root Certification Authorities:
ABA.ECOM Root CA Autoridad Certificadora de la Asociacion Nacional del Notaria Autoridad Certificadora del Colegio Nacional de Correduria P Baltimore EZ by DST Belgacom E-Trust Primary CA C&W HKT SecureNet CA Class A C&W HKT SecureNet CA Class B
Do not prompt user to authorize new servers or trusted certification authorities.
Select Authentication Method:
Secured password (EAP-MSCHAP v2)
Enable Fast Reconnect

Figure 117 Windows XP: Protected EAP Properties

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

 Table 32
 Windows XP: Protected EAP Properties

LABEL	DESCRIPTION
Validate server certificate	Select the check box to verify the certificate of the authentication server.
Connect to these servers	Select the check box and specify a domain in the field below to have your computer connect to a server which resides only within this domain.
Trusted Root Certification Authorities:	Select a trusted certification authority from the list below. Note: You must first have a wired connection to a network and obtain the certificate(s) from a certificate authority (CA). Consult your network administrator for more information.
Do not prompt user to authorize new server or trusted certification authorities.	Select this check box to verify a new authentication server or trusted CA without prompting. This field is available only if you installed the Windows XP server pack 2.
Select Authentication Method:	Select an authentication method from the drop-down list box and click Configure to do settings.
Enable Fast Reconnect	Select the check box to automatically reconnect to the network (without re- authentication) if the wireless connection goes down.
ОК	Click OK to save your changes.
Cancel	Click Cancel to leave this screen without saving any changes you may have made.

Smart Card or other Certificate Properties

Smart Card or other Certificate Properties 🛛 🔹 🔀
When connecting:
OUse my smart card
 Use a certificate on this computer
✓ Use simple certificate selection (Recommended)
✓ <u>V</u> alidate server certificate
Connect to these servers:
Trusted <u>R</u> oot Certification Authorities:
ABA.ECOM Root CA
📃 Autoridad Certificadora de la Asociacion Nacional del Notaria
Autoridad Certificadora del Colegio Nacional de Correduria Pu
Baltimore EZ by DST
Belgacom E-Trust Primary CA
C&W HKT SecureNet CA Class A
C&W HKT SecureNet CA Class B
C&W HKT SecureNet CA Root
View Certificate
Use a different user name for the connection
OK Cancel

Figure 118 Windows XP: Smart Card or other Certificate Properties

The following table describes the labels in this screen.

Table 33 WINDOWS AF. SINAIL CALL OF OTHER CERTINGLE FROMEIN	Table 33	Windows	XP: Smart	Card or other	Certificate	Properties
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LABEL	DESCRIPTION	
Use my smart card	Select this check box to use the smart card for authentication.	
Use a certificate on this computer	Select this check box to use a certificate on your computer for authentication.	
Validate server certificate	Select the check box to check the certificate of the authentication server.	
Connect to these servers	Select the check box and specify a domain in the field below to have your computer connect to a server which resides only within this domain.	
Trusted Root Certification Authorities:	Select a trusted certification authority from the list below. Note: You must first have a wired connection to a network and obtain the certificate(s) from a certificate authority (CA). Consult your network administrator for more information.	
View Certificate	Click this button if you want to verify the selected certificate.	
Use a different user name for the connection:	Select the check box to use a different user name when the user name in the smart card or certificate is not the same as the user name in the domain that you are logged on to.	
ОК	Click OK to save your changes.	
Cancel	Click Cancel to leave this screen without saving any changes you may have made.	

Ordering the Preferred Networks

Follow the steps below to manage your preferred networks.

1 Windows XP SP2: Click Change the order of preferred networks in the Wireless Network Connection screen (see Figure 111 on page 129). The screen displays as shown.

Figure 119 Wind	dows XP SP2:	Wireless Networks:	Preferred	Networks
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📥 Wireless Network Connection 7 Properties 💦 🚺	? 🗙
General Wireless Networks Advanced	
✓ Use <u>W</u> indows to configure my wireless network settings	
Available networks:	
To connect to, disconnect from, or find out more information about wireless networks in range, click the button below.	
View Wireless Networks	
Preferred networks: Automatically connect to available networks in the order listed below: ZyXEL_MIS (Automatic) wireless (Automatic) Wireless (Automatic) TI demo (Automatic) Add	J J
Learn about <u>setting up wireless network</u> Advanced	<u>ַ</u>
OK Canc	el

Windows XP SP1: In the **Wireless Network Connection Status** screen, click **Properties** and the **Wireless Networks** tab to open the screen as shown.

Figure 120 Windows XP SP1: Wireless Networks: Preferred Networks

🕂 Wireless Network Connection 6 Properties 🛛 🕐 🗙
General Wireless Networks Advanced
Use Windows to configure my wireless network settings
Available networks:
To connect to an available network, click Configure.
i cpe_sw1_5275
Cpe_5254_g2kplus P Zw70-1 Refresh
Preferred networks: Automatically connect to available networks in the order listed below:
Y Zw70-1 Move up
A pqa-3225-p334w Move down
Add Remove Properties
Learn about <u>setting up wireless network</u> <u>configuration.</u> Ad <u>v</u> anced
OK Cancel

2 Whenever the NWD310N tries to connect to a new network, the new network is added in the **Preferred networks** table automatically. Select a network and click **Move up** or

Move down to change it's order, click **Remove** to delete it or click **Properties** to view the security, authentication or connection information of the selected network. Click **Add** to add a preferred network into the list manually.

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