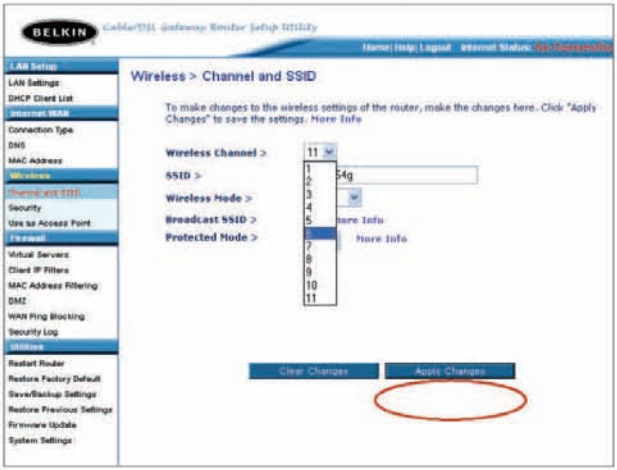
networks. For best performance, use a channel that is at least five channels away from the other wireless network. For instance, if another network is operating on channel 11, then set your network to channel 6 or below. To change the channel, select the channel from the drop-down list. Click "Apply Changes". The change is immediate.



Using the Broadcast SSID Feature

Note: This advanced feature should be employed by advanced users only.

For security, you can choose not to broadcast your network's SSID. Doing so will keep your network name hidden from computers that are scanning for the presence of wireless networks. To turn off the broadcast of the SSID, remove the check mark from the box next to "Broadcast SSID", and then click "Apply Changes". The change is immediate. Each computer now needs to be set to connect to your specific SSID; an SSID of "ANY" will no longer be accepted. Refer to the documentation of your wireless network adapter for information on making this change.

Protected Mode Switch

As part of the 802.11g specification, Protected mode ensures proper operation of 802.11g clients and access points when there is heavy 802.11b traffic in the operating environment. When Protected mode is ON, 802.11g scans for other wireless network traffic before it transmits data. Therefore, using this mode in environments with HEAVY 802.11b traffic or interference achieves best performance results. If you are in an environment with very little—or no—other wireless network traffic, your best performance will be achieved with Protected mode OFF.

Securing your Wi-Fi® Network

Here are a few different ways you can maximize the security of your wireless network and protect your data from prying eyes and ears. This section is intended for the home, home office, and small office user. At the time of this User Manual's publication, there are four encryption methods available.

Name	64-Bit Wired Equivalent Privacy	128-Bit Wired Equivalent Privacy	Wi-Fi Protected Access-TKIP	Wi-Fi Protected Access 2
Acronym	64-bit WEP	128-bit WEP	WPA-TKIP/AES (or just WPA)	WPA2-AES (or just WPA2)
Security	Good	Better	Best	Best
Features	Static keys	Static keys	Dynamic key encryption and mutual authentication	Dynamic key encryption and mutual authentication
	Encryption keys based on RC4 algorithm (typically 40-bit keys)	More secure than 64-bit WEP using a key length of 104 bits plus 24 additional bits of system-generated data	TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol) added so that keys are rotated and encryption is strengthened	AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) does not cause any throughput loss

Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP)

WEP is a common protocol that adds security to all Wi-Fi-compliant wireless products. WEP was designed to give wireless networks the equivalent level of privacy protection as a comparable wired network.

64-Bit WEP

64-bit WEP was first introduced with 64-bit encryption, which includes a key length of 40 bits plus 24 additional bits of system-generated data (64 bits total). Some hardware manufacturers refer to 64-bit as 40-bit encryption. Shortly after the technology was introduced, researchers found that 64-bit encryption was too easy to decode.

128-Bit WEP

As a result of 64-bit WEP's potential security weaknesses, a more secure method of 128-bit encryption was developed. 128-bit encryption includes a key length of 104 bits plus 24 additional bits of system-generated data (128 bits total). Some hardware manufacturers refer to 128-bit as 104-bit encryption.

Most of the new wireless equipment in the market today supports both 64-bit and 128-bit WEP encryption, but you might have older equipment that only supports 64-bit WEP. All Belkin wireless products will support both 64-bit and 128-bit WEP.

Encryption Keys

After selecting either the 64-bit or 128-bit WEP encryption mode, it is critical that you generate an encryption key. If the encryption key is not consistent throughout the entire wireless network, your wireless networking devices will be unable to communicate with one another on your network and you will not be able to successfully communicate within your network.

You can enter your key by typing in the hex key manually, or you can type in a passphrase in the "Passphrase" field and click "Generate" to create a key. A hex (hexadecimal) key is a combination of numbers and letters from A–F and 0–9. For 64-bit WEP, you need to enter 10 hex keys. For 128-bit WEP, you need to enter 26 hex keys.

For instance:

AF 0F 4B C3 D4 = 64-bit WEP key

C3 03 0F AF 0F 4B B2 C3 D4 4B C3 D4 E7 = 128-bit WEP key

The WEP passphrase is NOT the same as a WEP key. Your Router uses this passphrase to generate your WEP keys, but different hardware manufacturers might have different methods on generating the keys. If you have multiple vendors' equipment in your network, the easiest thing to do is to use the hex WEP key from your Router or access point and enter it manually into the hex WEP key table in your Router's configuration screen.

Wi-Fi Protected Access™ (WPA™)

WPA is a new Wi-Fi standard that was designed to improve upon the security features of WEP. To use WPA security, the drivers and software of your wireless equipment must be upgraded to support WPA. These updates will be found on the wireless vendor's website. There are three types of WPA security: WPA-PSK (no server), WPA (with radius server), and WPA2.

WPA-PSK (no server) uses what is known as a pre-shared key as the network key. A network key is basically a password that is between eight and 63 characters long. It can be a combination of letters, numbers, or characters. Each client uses the same network key to access the network. Typically, this is the mode that will be used in a home environment.

WPA (with radius server) is a system where a radius server distributes the network key to the clients automatically. This is typically found in a business environment.

WPA2™ requires Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) for encryption of data, which offers much greater security than WPA. WPA uses both Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP) and (AES) for encryption.

For a list of Belkin wireless products that support WPA, please visit our website at **www.belkin.com/networking.**

Sharing the Same Network Keys

Most Wi-Fi products ship with security turned off. So once you have your network working, you need to activate WEP or WPA and make sure your wireless networking devices are sharing the same network key.

The Wireless G Desktop Card cannot access the network because it is using a different network key than the network key that is configured on the Wireless G Router.

WEP Setup

64-Bit WEP Encryption

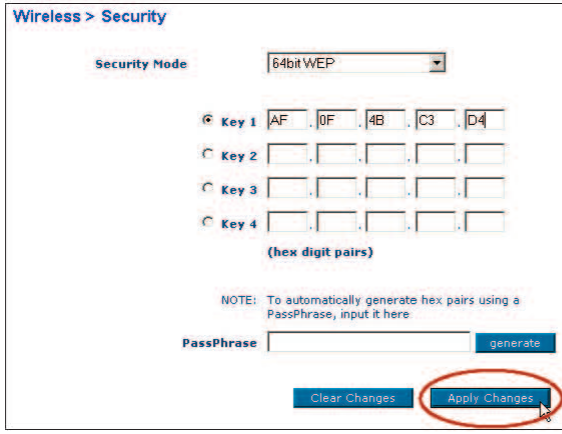
1. Select "64-bit WEP" from the "Security" menu's "Security Mode".

2. After selecting your WEP encryption mode, you can enter your key by typing in the hex key manually, or you can put a check mark in "Passphrase", then type in your passphrase. Click "Generate" to generate four different hex keys.

   A hex (hexadecimal) key is a combination of numbers and letters from A–F and 0–9. For 64-bit WEP, you need to enter 10 hex keys.

   For instance: AF 0F 4B C3 D4 = 64-bit WEP key

3. Click "Apply Changes" to save the setting.



WARNING: If you are configuring the Wireless G Router or access point from a computer with a wireless client, you will need to ensure that security is turned ON for this wireless client. If this is not done, your client will lose its wireless connection.

Using a Hexadecimal Key

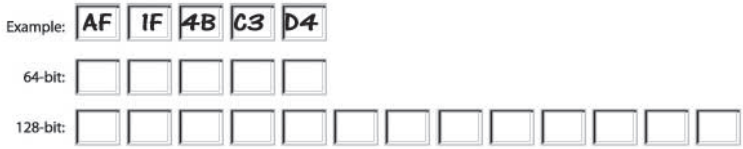
A hexadecimal key is a combination of numbers and letters from A–F and 0–9. 64-bit keys are five two-digit numbers. 128-bit keys are 13 two-digit numbers.

For instance:

AF 0F 4B C3 D4 = 64-bit key

C3 03 0F AF 0F 4B B2 C3 D4 4B C3 D4 E7 = 128-bit key

In the boxes below, make up your key by writing in two characters between A–F and 0–9 in each box. You will use this key to program the encryption settings on your Router and your wireless computers.



Note to Mac users: Original Apple® AirPort® products support 64-bit encryption only. Apple AirPort 2 products can support 64-bit or 128-bit encryption. Please check your product to see which version you are using. If you cannot configure your network with 128-bit encryption, try 64-bit encryption.

128-Bit WEP Encryption

Note to Mac users: The passphrase option will not operate with Apple AirPort. To configure encryption for your Mac computer, set the encryption using the manual method described in the next section.

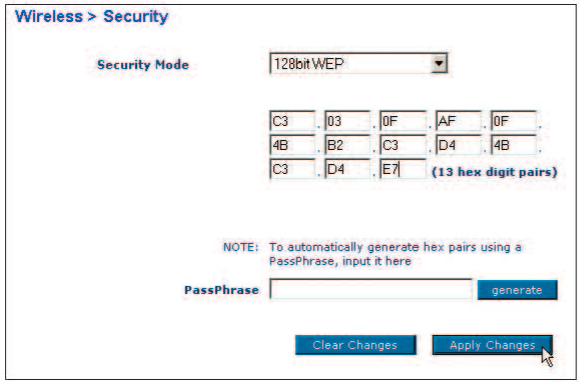
1. Select "128-bit WEP" from the "Security" menu's "Security Mode".

2. After selecting your WEP encryption mode, you can enter your key by typing in the hex key manually, or you can put a check mark in "Passphrase", then type in your passphrase. Click "Generate" to generate the hex keys.

   A hex (hexadecimal) key is a combination of numbers and letters from A–F and 0–9. For 128-bit WEP, you need to enter 26 hex keys.

   For instance: C3 03 0F AF 0F 4B B2 C3 D4 4B C3 D4 E7 = 128-bit WEP key

3. Click "Apply Changes" to save the setting.



WARNING: If you are configuring the Wireless G Router or access point from a computer with a wireless client, you will need to ensure that security is turned on for this wireless client. If this is not done, your client will lose its wireless connection.

Changing the Wireless Security Settings

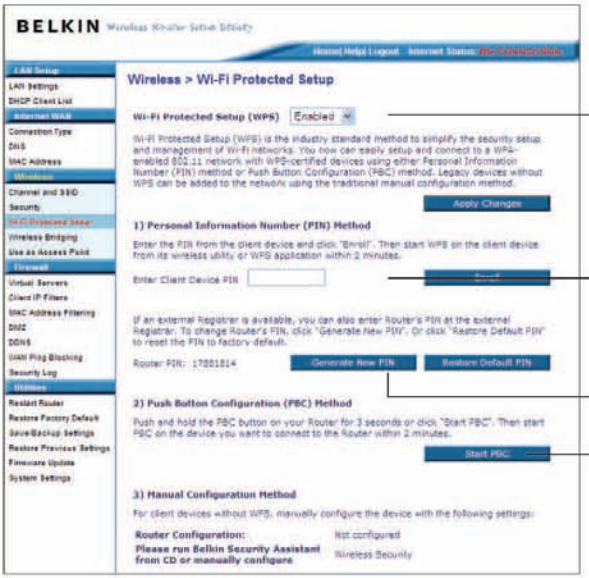
Your Router is equipped with the latest security standard called Wi-Fi Protected Access 2 (WPA2) and the legacy security standard called Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP). Your Router also supports the Wi-Fi Protected SetupTM (WPS) specification, which simplifies the setup of a wireless network. WPS uses familiar methodologies, such as typing in a Personal Identification Number (PIN) or pushing a button, to enable users to automatically configure network names and strong WPA/WPA2 data encryption and authentication. By default, wireless security is disabled. To enable security, you will need to determine which standard you want to use. To access the security settings, click "Security" on the "Wireless" tab.

Using Wi-Fi Protected Setup

WPS uses WPA2 (described below) for encryption. It does not provide additional security, but rather, standardizes the method for securing your wireless network. You may use either the Push Button Configuration (PBC) method or PIN method to allow a device access to your wireless network. Conceptually, the two methods work as follows:

PBC: Push and hold the WPS button located on the back of your Router for three seconds. Then, initiate the WPS procedure on the client device within two minutes. Refer to your client's documentation on this procedure. Pushing the PBC button will automatically enable WPS. The client has now been securely added to your wireless network.

PIN: The client device has a PIN number (either four or eight digits) that is associated with WPS. Enable WPS through the GUI shown below. Enter the client's PIN into the Router's internal registrar (accessed through this GUI).The client will be automatically enrolled into your wireless network within two minutes.



1. Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS): Enabled or Disabled.
2. Personal Identification Number (PIN) Method: In this method, a wireless client wishing to access your network must supply a 4- or 8-digit PIN to the Router. After clicking "Enroll", you must start the WPS handshaking procedure from the client within two minutes.
3. Router PIN: If an external registrar is available, you may enter in the Router's PIN to the registrar. Click "Generate New PIN" to change the PIN from the default value. Click "Restore Default PIN" to reset the PIN value.
4. Push Button Configuration (PBC) Method: PBC is an alternate method to connect to a WPS network. Push the PBC button located on the back of the Router for three seconds, and then initiate the PBC on the client device. Alternatively, push the "Start PBC" soft button to start this process.
5. Manual Configuration Method: This section lists the default security settings if not using WPS.

The Router features WPA2, which is the second generation of the WPA-based 802.11i standard. It offers a higher level of wireless security by combining advanced network authentication and stronger Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) encryption methods.

WPA Setup

Note: To use WPA security, all your clients must be upgraded to drivers and software that support it. At the time of this User Manual's publication, a security patch download is available, for free, from Microsoft®. This patch works only with the Windows XP operating system. You also need to download the latest driver for your Belkin Wireless G Desktop or Notebook Network Card from the Belkin support site. Other operating systems are not supported at this time. Microsoft's patch only supports devices with WPA-enabled drivers such as Belkin 802.11g products.

WPA uses a so-called pre-shared key as the security key. A pre-shared key is a password that is between eight and 63 characters long. It can be a combination of letters, numbers, and other characters. Each client uses the same key to access the network. Typically, this mode will be used in a home environment.

WPA2 is the second generation of WPA, offering a more advanced encryption technique over WPA.

Setting WPA/WPA2

1. Select "WPA/WPA2-Personal (PSK)" from the "Security Mode" drop-down box.

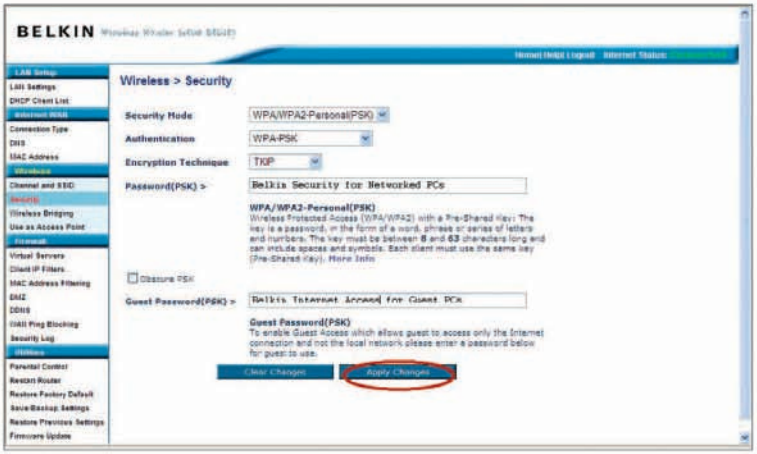
2. Select "WPA-PSK" for just WPA authentication, or "WPA2-PSK" for just WPA2 authentication, or you may select "WPA-PSK + WPA2-PSK" for WPA and WPA2 as the authentication type.

3. Enter your pre-shared key. This can be from eight to 63 characters and can be letters, numbers, or symbols. This same key must be used on all of the clients that you set up. This pre-shared key will allow users full access to your network including shared files and printers.

4. Click "Apply Changes" to finish. You must now set all clients to match these settings depending on the type of access you want them to have.

Guest Access (Optional)

The guest pre-shared key allows guest users an Internet-only access to restrict them from entering your network and having access to files on your PCs. Enter your pre-shared key for guest access. This can be from eight to 63 characters and can be letters, numbers, or symbols. Click "Apply Changes" to finish.



Setting up WPA for Wireless Desktop and Wireless Notebook Cards that are NOT Manufactured by Belkin

If you do NOT have a Belkin WPA Wireless Desktop or Wireless Notebook Card, and it is not equipped with WPA-enabled software, a file from Microsoft called "Windows XP Support Patch for Wireless Protected Access" is available for free download.

Please Note: The file that Microsoft has made available works only with Windows XP. Other operating systems are not supported at this time.

Important: You also need to ensure that the wireless card manufacturer supports WPA and that you have downloaded and installed the latest driver from their support site.

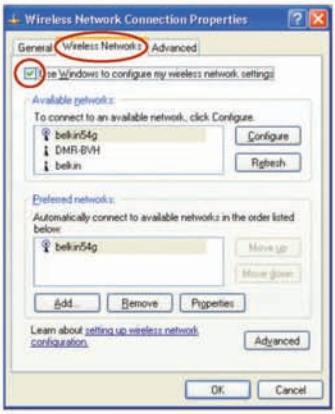
Supported Operating Systems:

- Windows XP Professional
- Windows XP Home Edition

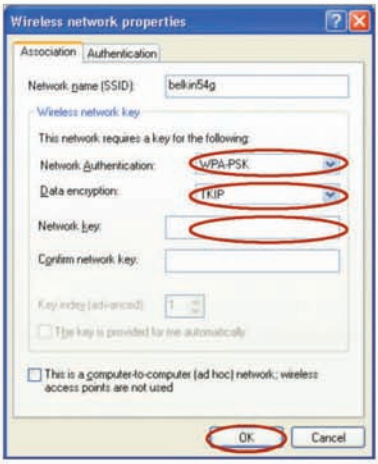
Setting up Windows XP Wireless Network Utility to use WPA-PSK

In order to use WPA-PSK, ensure you are using the Windows Wireless Network Utility by doing the following:

1. Under Windows XP, click "Start > Control Panel > Network Connections".
2. Right-click on "Wireless Network Connection Properties", and select "Properties".
3. Clicking on the "Wireless Networks" tab will display the following screen. Ensure the "Use Windows to configure my wireless network settings" box is checked.



4. Under the "Wireless Networks" tab, click the "Configure" button and you will see the following screen.



5. For a home or small business user, select "WPA-PSK" under "Network Authentication".

   Note: Select "WPA" if you are using this computer to connect to a corporate network that supports an authentication server such as a radius server. Please consult your network administrator for further information.

6. Select "TKIP" or "AES" under "Data Encryption". This setting will have to be identical to the Router that you set up.

7. Type your encryption key in the "Network key" box.

Important: Enter your pre-shared key. This can be from eight to 63 characters and can be letters, numbers, or symbols. This same key must be used on all of the clients that you set up.

8. Click "OK" to apply settings.

Using the Access Point Mode

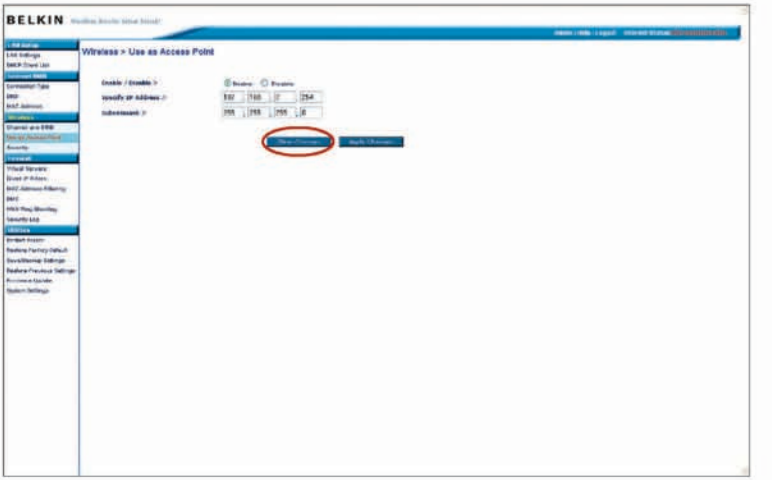
Note: This advanced feature should be employed by advanced users only. The Router can be configured to work as a wireless network access point. Using this mode will defeat the NAT IP sharing feature and DHCP server. In Access Point (AP) mode, the Router will need to be configured with an IP address that is in the same subnet as the rest of the network that you will bridge to. The default IP address is 192.168.2.254 and subnet mask is 255.255.255.0. These can be customized for your need.

1. Enable the AP mode my selecting "Enable" in the "Use as Access Point only" page. When you select this option, you will be able to change the IP settings.

2. Set your IP settings to match your network. Click "Apply Changes".

3. Connect a cable from the "Modem" port on the Router to your existing network.

The Router is now acting as an access point. To access the Router's Web-Based Advanced User Interface again, type the IP address you specified into your browser's navigation bar. You can set the encryption settings, MAC address filtering, SSID, and channel normally.



Wireless Range Extension and Bridging

Wireless range extension and bridging works with the following models only:

F5D7231-4 Wireless G Plus Router

F5D7230-4 Wireless G Router

F5D7130 Wireless G Range Extender/Access Point

F5D7132 Wireless G Universal Range Extender

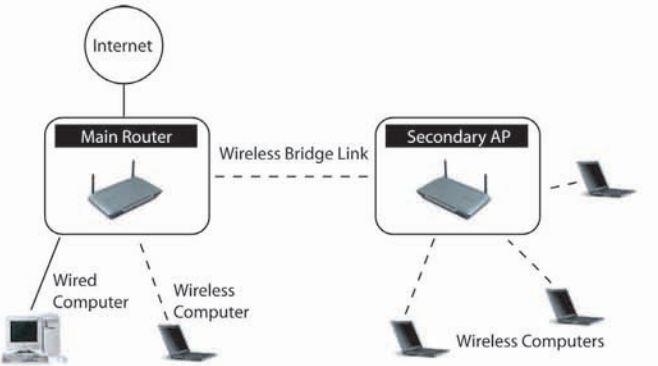
Please make sure to download the latest firmware version for the Router or Access Point for optimal performance: **http://web.belkin.com/support**

What is a Wireless Bridge?

A wireless bridge is a "mode" in which your Wireless Router can directly connect to a secondary Wireless Access Point. Note that you can only bridge your Belkin Wireless G Router (model F5D7230-4, F5D7231-4) to a Belkin Wireless G Range Extender/Access Point (model F5D7131, F5D7130). We do not support bridging with access points of other manufacturers at this time. You can use the bridge mode to extend the range of your wireless network, or add an extension of your network in another area of your office or home without running cables.

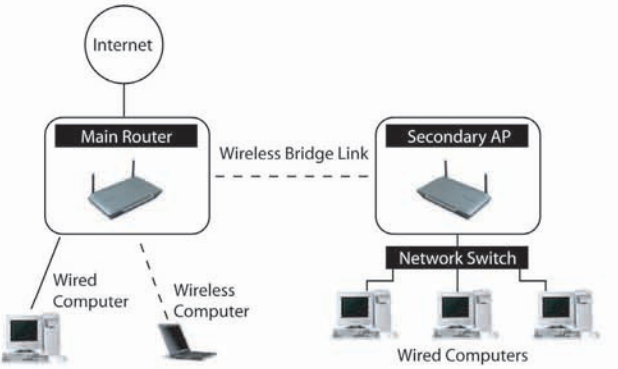
Range Extension

Range extension will extend the wireless coverage area in your home or office. The example on the next page illustrates the use of bridging to extend the range of your wireless network. In this example, the Router is set up to connect to an Access Point located in another area. Laptops can roam or move between the two wireless coverage areas.



Adding Another Network Segment Wirelessly

Bridging an Access Point to your Router allows you to add a network segment in another area in the home or office without running wires. Connecting a network switch or hub to the Access Point's RJ45 jack will allow a number of computers connected to the switch access to the rest of the network.



Setting Up a Bridge Between your Wireless Router and a Secondary Access Point

Bridging your Belkin Router to a secondary Access Point requires that you access the Router's Advanced Setup Utility and enter the MAC address of the Access Point in the appropriate area. There are also a few other requirements. **PLEASE BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW, CAREFULLY.**

1. Set your Access Point to the same channel as the Router. By default, the Router and Access Point channels are set to channel 11 at the factory. If you have never changed the channel, you don't need to do anything (for more information on changing channels, see page 48 of this User Manual).

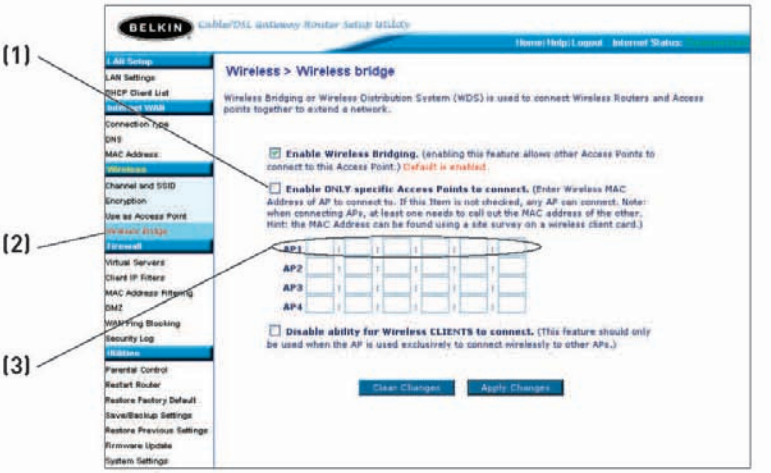
2. Find the Access Point's MAC address on the bottom of the Access Point. There are two MAC addresses on the bottom label. You will need the MAC address named "WLAN MAC Address". The MAC address starts with 0030BD and is followed by six other numbers or letters (i.e. 0030BD-XXXXXX). Write the MAC address below. Go to the next step.

3. Place your secondary Access Point within range of your Wireless Router and near the area where you want to extend the range or add the network segment. Typically, indoor range should be between 100 and 200 feet.

4. Connect power to your Access Point. Make sure the Access Point is on and proceed to the next step.

5. From a computer already connected to your Router, access the Advanced Setup Utility by opening your browser. In the address bar, type in "192.168.2.1". Do not type in "www" or "http://" before the number. **Note:** If you have changed your Router's IP address, use that IP address.

6. You will see the Router's user interface in the browser window. Click "Wireless Bridge" **(2)** on the left-hand side of the screen. You will see the following screen.



7. Check the box that says "Enable ONLY specific Access Points to connect" **(1)**.

8. In the fields named "AP1" **(3)**, type in the MAC address of your secondary Access Point. When you have typed in the address, click "Apply Changes".

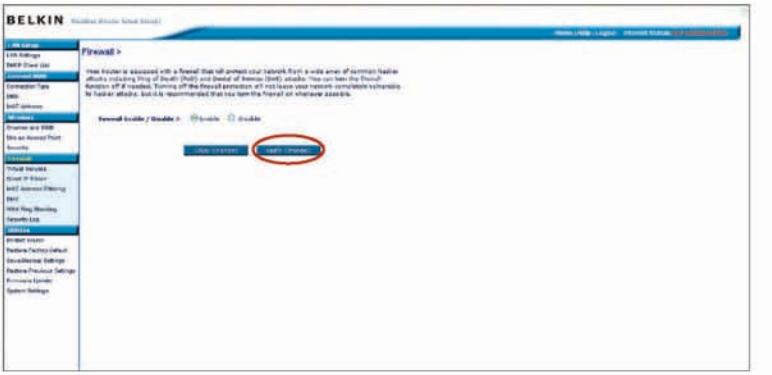
9. Bridging is now set up.

Configuring the Firewall

Your Router is equipped with a firewall that will protect your network from a wide array of common hacker attacks including:

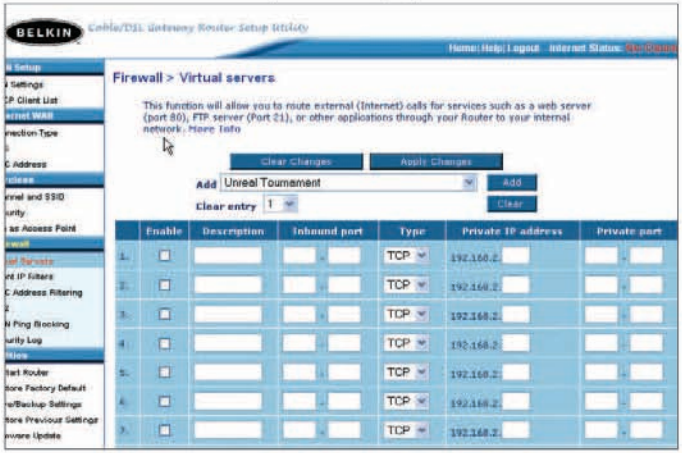
- IP Spoofing
- SYN flood
- Land Attack
- UDP flooding
- Ping of Death (PoD)
- Tear Drop Attack
- Denial of Service (DoS)
- ICMP defect
- IP with zero length
- RIP defect
- Smurf Attack
- Fragment flooding
- TCP Null Scan

The firewall also masks common ports that are frequently used to attack networks. These ports appear to be "Stealth", meaning that for all intents and purposes, they do not exist to a would-be hacker. You can turn the firewall function off if needed; however, while disabling the firewall protection will not leave your network completely vulnerable to hacker attacks, it is recommended that you leave the firewall enabled.



Configuring Internal Forwarding Settings

The "Virtual Servers" function will allow you to route external (Internet) calls for services such as a web server (port 80), FTP server (Port 21), or other applications through your Router to your internal network. Since your internal computers are protected by a firewall, computers outside your network (over the Internet) cannot get to them because they cannot be "seen." A list of common applications has been provided in case you need to configure the "Virtual Server" function for a specific application. You will need to contact the application vendor to find out which port settings you need.

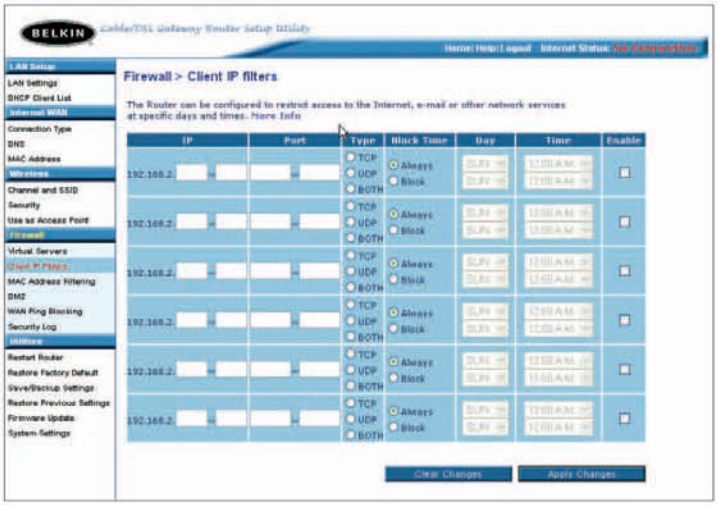


Entering Settings into the Virtual Server

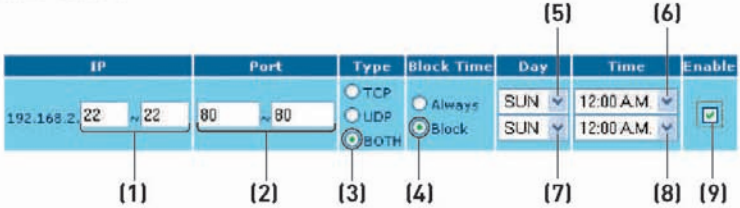
To enter settings, enter the IP address in the space provided for the internal (server) machine, and the port(s) required to pass. Then select the port type (TCP or UDP), check the "Enable" box, and click "Apply Changes". Each inbound port entry has two fields with five characters maximum per field that allows a start and end port range, e.g. [xxxxx]-[xxxxx]. For each entry, you can enter a single port value by filling in the two fields with the same value (e.g. [7500]-[7500]) or a wide range of ports (e.g. [7500]-[9000]). If you need multiple single port values or a combination of ranges and a single value, you must use multiple entries up to the maximum of 20 entries (e.g. 1. [7500]-[7500], 2. [8023]-[8023], 3. [9000]-[9000]). You can only pass one port per internal IP address. Opening ports in your firewall can pose a security risk. You can enable and disable settings very quickly. It is recommended that you disable the settings when you are not using a specific application.

Setting Client IP Filters

The Router can be configured to restrict access to the Internet, email, or other network services at specific days and times. Restriction can be set for a single computer, a range of computers, or multiple computers.

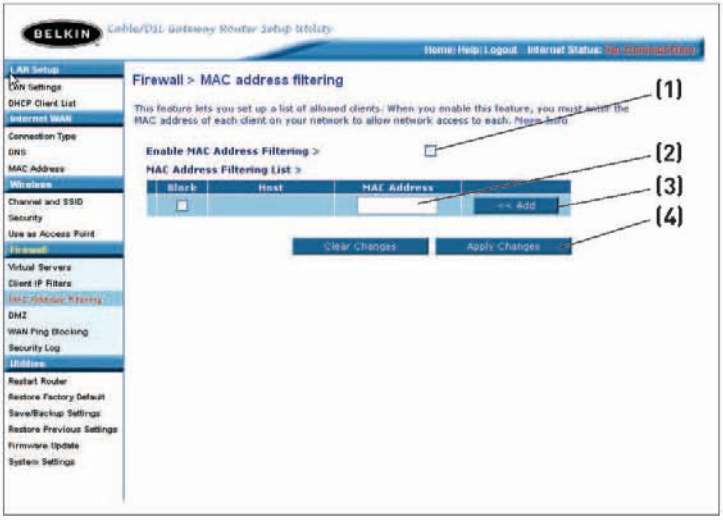


To restrict Internet access to a single computer, for example, enter the IP address of the computer you wish to restrict access to in the IP fields **(1)**. Next, enter "80" in both the port fields **(2)**. Select "Both" **(3)**. Select "Block" **(4)**. You can also select "Always" to block access all of the time. Select the day to start on top **(5)**, the time to start on top **(6)**, the day to end on the bottom **(7)**, and the time to stop **(8)** on the bottom. Select "Enable" **(9)**. Click "Apply Changes". The computer at the IP address you specified will now be blocked from Internet access at the times you specified. Note: Be sure you have selected the correct time zone under "Utilities> System Settings> Time Zone".



Setting MAC Address Filtering

The MAC address filter is a powerful security feature that allows you to specify which computers are allowed on the network. Any computer attempting to access the network that is not specified in the filter list will be denied access. When you enable this feature, you must enter the MAC address of each client (computer) on your network to allow network access to each.



To enable this feature, select "MAC Address Filtering" and click "Enable MAC Address Filtering" **(1)**. Next, enter the MAC address of each computer on your network by clicking in the space provided **(2)** and entering the MAC address of the computer you want to add to the list. Click "Add" **(3)**, then "Apply Changes" **(4)** to save the settings. You can have a MAC-address-filtering list of up to 32 computers.

Note: You will not be able to delete the MAC address of the computer you are using to access the Router's administrative functions (the computer you are using now).