# **D-Link** *Air* <sup>™</sup> **DWL-520** 2.4GHz Wireless PCI Adapter

Manual

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### **Package Contents**



#### **Contents of Package:**

- D-Link Air DWL-5202.4 GHz Wireless PCI Adapter
- Manual and Drivers on CD
- Quick Installation Guide

If any of the above items are missing, please contact your reseller.

#### **System Requirements:**

- A computer or laptop with an available 32-bit PCI slot
- Windows XP/2000/Me/98SE
- At least 32 MB of memory and a 300 MHz processor
- An 802.11b Access Point (e.g., DWL-900AP+) for Infrastructure mode, or an 802.11b wireless adapter for Ad-Hoc mode (e.g., DWL-650.)



This manual applies specifically to the DWL-520 revision E1. Please refer to earlier versions of this manual if you have a previous version of the DWL-520.

## Introduction

The D-Link *Air* DWL-520 Wireless PCI Adapter is an 802.11b wireless adapter that supports high-speed wireless networking when used with a desktop computer.

The DWL-520 is compatible with existing 802.11b devices such as the D-Link *Air* and *Air*Plus family of products including the DWL-650 and DWL-650+ Wireless Cardbus Adapters, the DI-614+ Wireless Router, DWL-900AP+ Wireless Access Point and the DWL-122 Wireless USB Adapter.

The DWL-520 is an ideal way to connect your desktop computer to a Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN). After completing the steps outlined in the *Quick Installation Guide* (included in the package) you will have the ability to share information and resources, such as files and printers, and enjoy the freedom that wireless networking delivers.

The DWL-520 comes with software drivers for the most popular Microsoft Windows operating systems and can be integrated into a larger network, running Windows XP, Windows 2000, Windows Me, or Windows 98SE in either Ad Hoc mode (without an Access Point or Router) or Infrastructure mode (with an Access Point or Router).

The IEEE 802.11b Ethernet standard allows you to connect computers and 802.11b compatible devices at speeds up to 11Mbps, dependent upon the distance between wireless adapters, the configuration of your working environment, or the capabilities or limitations of your computer systems.

## **Features & Benefits**

- Provides a simple and inexpensive way to connect your desktop computer to a wireless network at home, at the office, or in public places
- Fully compliant with the 802.11b standard and interoperable with all existing 802.11b-compliant devices
- Quick and Easy Installation- The DWL-520 installs quickly and easily into a standard PCI 2.2 slot in a desktop computer. By following the simple steps outlined in the Quick Installation Guide, you can connect to an available wireless network in a matter of seconds
- High Performance 32-bit PCI The high capacity PCI interface utilized by the DWL-520 ensures optimal performance in transmitting a wireless signal within the desktop computer. By utilizing a standard PCI 2.2 interface, the DWL-520 ensures a wide range of compatibility with motherboards used by PC manufacturers
- Provides high-speed wireless connection up to 11Mbps
- Operates in the 2.4GHz frequency range
- Maximum reliability, throughput and connectivity with automatic data rate switching
- Provides a measure of security for the information transmitted over a wireless network with high data encryption at 64 or 128-bit WEP.
- Supports infrastructure networks via an access point and peer-to-peer communication in ad-hoc mode
- User-friendly configuration and diagnostic utilities

#### **LEDS**

**LED** stands for **Light-Emitting Diode**.



**Power:** Solid green light indicates connection to the network

**Activity:** Blinking green light indicates activity on the network

## Wireless Basics

D-Link wireless products are based on industry standards to provide easy-to-use and compatible high-speed wireless connectivity within your home, business or public access wireless networks. D-Link wireless products will allow you access to the data you want, when and where you want it. You will be able to enjoy the freedom that wireless networking brings.

A Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) is a cellular computer network that transmits and receives data with radio signals instead of wires. WLANs are used increasingly in both home and office environments, and public areas such as airports, coffee shops and universities. Innovative ways to utilize WLAN technology are helping people to work and communicate more efficiently. Increased mobility and the absence of cabling and other fixed infrastructure have proven to be beneficial for many users.

Wireless users can use the same applications they use on a wired network. Wireless adapter cards used on laptop and desktop systems support the same protocols as Ethernet adapter cards.

People use WLAN technology for many different purposes:

**Mobility -** Productivity increases when people have access to data in any location within the operating range of the WLAN. Management decisions based on real-time information can significantly improve worker efficiency.

**Low Implementation Costs** – WLANs are easy to set up, manage, change and relocate. Networks that frequently change can benefit from WLANs ease of implementation. WLANs can operate in locations where installation of wiring may be impractical.

**Installation and Network Expansion** - Installing a WLAN system can be fast and easy and can eliminate the need to pull cable through walls and ceilings. Wireless technology allows the network to go where wires cannot go - even outside the home or office.

**Scalability** – WLANs can be configured in a variety of ways to meet the needs of specific applications and installations. Configurations are easily changed and range from peer-to-peer networks suitable for a small number of users to larger infrastructure networks to accommodate hundreds or thousands of users, depending on the number of wireless devices deployed.

**Inexpensive Solution -** Wireless network devices are as competitively priced as conventional Ethernet network devices.

#### **Wireless Basics** (continued)

The DWL-520 is compatible with 802.11b wireless products, which include:

- D-Link *Air* DWL-650,D-Link *Air* Plus DWL-650+ 2.4GHz Wireless Cardbus Adapter used with laptop computers
- D-Link AirPlus DWL-520+
   2.4GHz Wireless PCI cards used with desktop computers
- D-Link AirPlus DWL-900AP+ Enhanced 2.4GHz Wireless Access Point
- D-Link AirPlus DI-614+, DI-714P+
   Enhanced 2.4GHz Wireless Broadband Routers

#### **Standards-Based Technology**

Based on the IEEE **802.11b** standard, the DWL-520 is also interoperable with existing compatible 2.4GHz wireless technology with data transfer speeds of up to 11Mbps.

#### **Installation Considerations**

The D-Link *Air* DWL-520 lets you access your network, using a wireless connection, from virtually anywhere within its operating range. Keep in mind, however, that the number, thickness and location of walls, ceilings, or other objects that the wireless signals must pass through, may limit the range. Typical ranges vary depending on the types of materials and background RF (radio frequency) noise in your home or business. The key to maximizing wireless range is to follow these basic guidelines:

- 1 Keep the number of walls and ceilings between the DWL-520 and other network devices to a minimum each wall or ceiling can reduce your D-Link Air Wireless product's range from 3-90 feet (1-30 meters.) Position your devices so that the number of walls or ceilings is minimized.
- 2 Be aware of the direct line between network devices. A wall that is 1.5 feet thick (.5 meters), at a 45-degree angle appears to be almost 3 feet (1 meter) thick. At a 2-degree angle it looks over 42 feet (14 meters) thick! Position devices so that the signal will travel straight through a wall or ceiling (instead of at an angle) for better reception.
- 3 Building Materials can impede the wireless signal a solid metal door or aluminum studs may have a negative effect on range. Try to position wireless devices and computers with wireless adapters so that the signal passes through drywall or open doorways and not other materials.
- 4 Keep your product away (at least 3-6 feet or 1-2 meters) from electrical devices or appliances that generate RF noise.

# **Getting Started**

With its default settings, the DWL-520, when activated, will connect with other D-Link *Air* products, right out of the box.

There are basically two modes of networking:

- Infrastructure using an Access Point or Router, such as the DI-614+
- Ad-Hoc directly connecting to another computer, for peer-topeer communication, using wireless network adapters on each computer, such as two or more DWL-520 wireless network adapters.

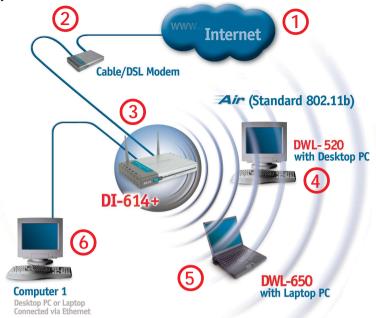
On the following pages we will show you an example of an **Infrastructure Network** and an **Ad-Hoc Network**.

An **Infrastructure** network contains an Access Point or Router. The **Infrastructure Network** example shown on the following page contains the following D-Link network devices (your existing network may be comprised of other devices):

- A wireless Router D-Link AirPlus DI-614+
- A laptop computer with a wireless adapter D-Link Air DWL-650
- A desktop computer with a wireless adapter D-Link Air DWL-520
- A Cable modem D-Link DCM-200

#### **Getting Started (continued)**

Setting up a Wireless Infrastructure Network



Please remember that **D-Link Air** wireless devices are pre-configured to connect together, right out of the box, with their default settings.

# For a typical wireless setup at home (as shown above), please do the following:

- You will need broadband Internet access (a Cable or DSL-subscriber line into your home or office)
- Consult with your Cable or DSL provider for proper installation of the modem
- Connect the Cable or DSL modem to your broadband router (see the **Quick Installation Guide** included with your router.)
- Install the D-Link *Air* DWL-520 wireless PCI adapter into an available PCI slot on your desktop computer.
  (See the **Quick Installation Guide** included with the DWL-520.)
- Install the D-Link *Air* DWL-650 wireless Cardbus adapter into a laptop computer. (See the **Quick Installation Guide** included with the DWL-650.)
- If you wish, you may connect a computer that is equipped with an Ethernet network adapter (such as a DFE-530TX+) to the router also.

#### **Getting Started (continued)**

#### Setting up a Wireless Ad Hoc Network



- Install the DWL-520 into the desktop computer.
  (See the **Quick Installation Guide** included with the product for installation instructions.)
- Install the DWL-650 wireless Cardbus adapter into a laptop computer. (See the **Quick Installation Guide** included with the product.)
- Set the wireless configuration for the adapters to Ad-Hoc mode, set the adapters to the same channel, and assign an IP Address to each computer on the Ad-Hoc network. (See Box below)

#### **IP Address**

When assigning IP Addresses to the computers on the network, please remember that the IP Address for each computer must be in the same IP Address range as all the computers in the network, and the subnet mask must be exactly the same for all the computers in the network.

For example: If the first computer is assigned an IP Address of 192.168.0.2 with a Subnet Mask of 255.255.255.0, then the second computer can be assigned an IP Address of 192.168.0.3 with a Subnet Mask of 255.255.255.0, etc.

IMPORTANT: If computers or other devices are assigned the same IP Address, one or more of the devices may not be visible on the network.

# **Using the Configuration Utility**

D-Link *Air* DWL-520 uses the Configuration Utility as the management software. The utility provides the user an easy interface to change any settings related to the wireless adapter. After you have completed the installation of the DWL-520 (refer to the *Quick Installation Guide* that came with your purchase) whenever you start the computer, the Configuration Utility starts automatically and the system tray icon is loaded in the toolbar (see illustration below\*.) Clicking on the utility icon will start the Configuration Utility. Another way to start the Configuration Utility is to click on Start>Programs>D-Link *Air*>D-Link *Air* Utility.

If you are using Windows XP, you can use either the Zero Configuration Utility or the D-Link Configuration Utility.

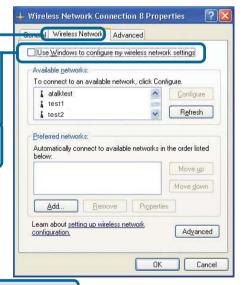
To use the D-Link Configuration Utility with XP, right-click on the Wireless network icon in the taskbar in the lower right-hand corner of your computer screen.



In the window that appears, select **View Available Wireless Networks** and click the **Advanced** button. The screen at right will appear.

Select the Wireless Networks tab.

Uncheck the box in the properties window that enables windows configuration.



After you have done this, you can then use the D-Link Configuration Utility with XP by clicking on the D-Link Configuration Utility icon.

\*Config Utility icon in system tray

If the icon does not display in the taskbar, then click on this icon on your desktop to open.



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After clicking on the Configuration Utility icon, the **Link Info** screen will display the settings for the DWL-520:

#### Status:

Displays the MAC Address of the Access Point or Router to which the DWL-520 is associated

#### SSID:

The Service Set Identifier is the name assigned to the wireless network. The factory SSID setting is **default**.

#### Frequency:

802.11b indicates that the DWL-520 is communicating in the 2.4GHz band.

#### Wireless Mode:

Either Infrastructure or Ad-Hoc will be displayed here. (Please see the

Getting Started section in this manual for an explanation of these two modes.)

#### **Encryption:**

You can see if WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) is **Enabled** or **Disabled** here.

#### Tx Rate:

The default setting is **Auto**; Tx Rate settings are automatically determined for an optimal speed up to a maximum of 11Mbps.

#### **Channel:**

The default setting is **Auto**. The channel selection is automatically determined by the DWL-520.

#### Signal Strength/Link Quality:

Displays the Link Quality for the DWL-520 wireless connection to the access point. The Signal Strength represents the wireless signal between the access point and the DWL-520. The percentage coincides with the graphical bar

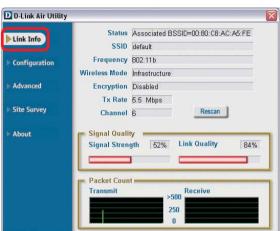
#### **Packet Count:**

Displays the statistics of the data packets that are transmitted and received.

#### **Rescan Button:**

Rescans for the strongest signal in your environment and associates with that Access Point or Router 12

#### Link Info



#### SSID:

Service Set Identifier is a name that identifies a wireless network. Access Points and wireless devices attempting to connect to a specific WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network) must use the same SSID. The default setting is **default**.

#### Wireless Mode:

Click on the pull-down menu; select from the following options:

> Infrastructure - connecting to the WLAN using an Access Point.(This is the default setting).

Ad-Hoc – wireless mode used when connecting directly to a computer equipped with a wireless adapter in a peer-to-peer environment.

#### **Data Encryption:**

Select Enabled or Disabled.

#### Authentication:

Choose one of the following modes:

Open Authentication - the DWL-520 is visible to all devices on the network

Shared Authentication - allows communication only with other devices with identical WEP settings

Auto – will automatically adjust to the Authentication mode of the wireless Access Point or Router

#### **Kev Lenath:**

Select the key length and either ASCII (e.g., a word) or hexadecimal format.

#### Keys 1-4:

Select the default key

Hexadecimal digits consist of the numbers 0-9 and the letters A-F ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) is a code for representing English letters as numbers from 0-127

#### **IP Settings:**

When you click IP Settings in the Configuration window, the pop-up screen above will appear. Configure the IP Settings in this window.



#### **IP Settings**

Configuration



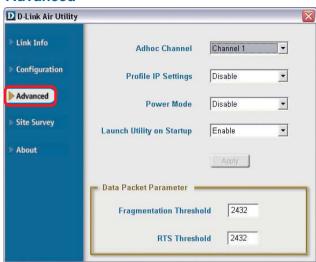
#### **Ad-Hoc Channel:**

All devices in the Ad Hoc network must be set to the same channel

#### **Profile IP Settings:**

You can **Enable** or **Disable** the *IP Settings* portion of your profile here. If you select **Disable** you will need to configure the IP Address information each time you connect to a network. If you select **Enable** you will maintain the same IP Address information each time you connect to a network.

#### **Advanced**



#### **Power Mode:**

Disable -this default setting consumes the most power

Enable - this setting consumes the least power

#### **Launch Utility on Startup:**

Select Enable or Disable

#### **Data Packet Parameter:**

Select the parameters here

#### **Fragmentation Threshold:**

This value should remain at its default setting of 2432. If you experience a high packet error rate, you may slightly increase your Fragmentation Threshold within the value range of 256 to 2432. Setting the Fragmentation Threshold too low may result in poor performance.

#### **RTS Threshold:**

This value should remain at its default setting of 2432. If inconsistent data flow is a problem, only a minor modification should be made.

Click Apply if you have made any changes

#### Available Network:

The top section of the window displays the **Available Networks**. Scroll up and down the list and highlight the network to which you wish to connect. Click on the **Connect** button

#### **Profile:**

In the lower half of the screen, you can manage the profiles that you have created for the wireless network at home, at the office and in public places. Scroll up and down and highlight the profile that you wish to configure. You can **Add** or **Remove** a profile, or configure the **Properties** of the profile in order to connect with an available network.

Site Survey

D D-Link Air Utility

#### Refresh:

Click on **Refresh** to get the most updated list of available networks

#### **Configure:**

Highlight an existing network and click Configure; the configuration window on the next page will appear.

#### Advanced:

Highlight a network; click Advanced and the screen on the next page will appear.

#### Add:

Click **Add** and the screen on the next page will appear.

#### Remove:

Highlight a network profile; click **Remove** to remove a network from the profile list.

#### **Properties:**

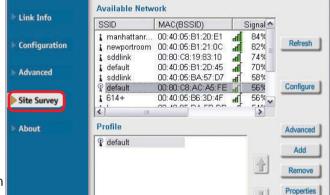
Highlight a network profile; click **Properties** and the screen on the next page will appear.

#### Connect:

Highlight a network profile; click **Connect** to connect to that network.

#### Rescan:

Click Rescan to rescan and connect to the strongest signal.



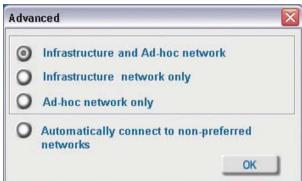
Connect

Site Survey > Add

In this window you can select the type of network connection.

Click **OK** to save the changes.

#### Advanced



If you clicked on **Add**, you can configure, in this window, all the properties of a profile that you wish to add to the network.

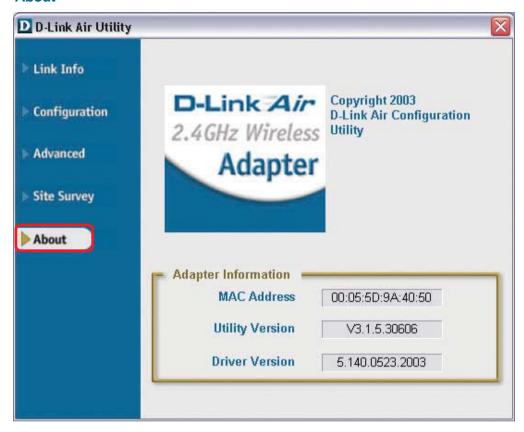
If you clicked on **Configuration or Properties** you can configure, in this window, all the properties of a profile that already exists in the network.

Click **OK** to save the changes.

#### **Configuration, Add or Properties**



#### **About**



The **ABOUT** screen gives you the MAC Address, Utility Version and the Driver Version of the DWL-520.

# **Networking Basics**

#### **Using the Network Setup Wizard in Windows XP**

In this section you will learn how to establish a network at home or work, using **Microsoft Windows XP.** 

Note: Please refer to websites such as <a href="http://www.homenethelp.com">http://www.homenethelp.com</a> and <a href="http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000">http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000</a> for information about networking computers using Windows 2000, ME or 98SE.

Go to Start>Control Panel>Network Connections
Select Set up a home or small office network



When this screen appears, click Next.

Please follow all the instructions in this window:

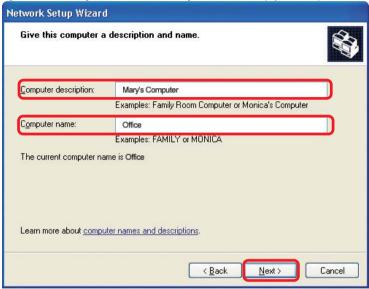


#### Click Next

In the following window, select the best description of your computer. If your computer connects to the internet through a gateway/router, select the second option as shown.

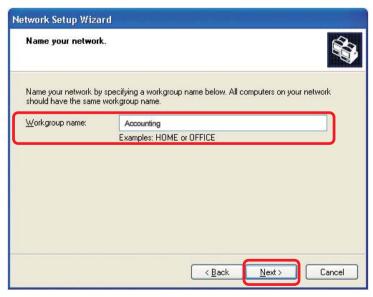


Enter a Computer description and a Computer name (optional.)



#### Click Next

Enter a **Workgroup** name. All computers on your network should have the same **Workgroup** name.



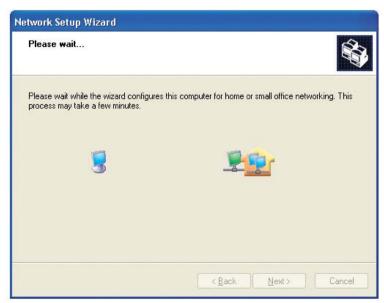
Click Next

Please wait while the **Network Setup Wizard** applies the changes.



When the changes are complete, click **Next**.

Please wait while the **Network Setup Wizard** configures the computer. This may take a few minutes.



In the window below, select the option that fits your needs. In this example, **Create a Network Setup Disk** has been selected. You will run this disk on each of the computers on your network. Click **Next**.

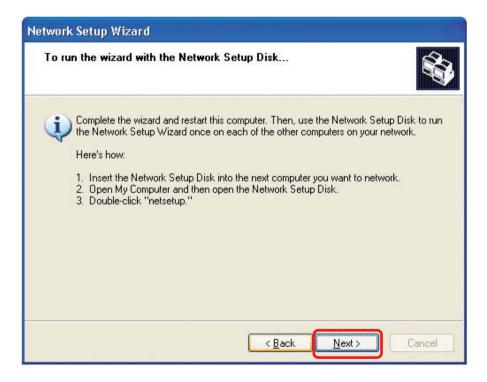


Insert a disk into the Floppy Disk Drive, in this case drive A.





Please read the information under **Here's how** in the screen below. After you complete the **Network Setup Wizard** you will use the **Network Setup Disk** to run the **Network Setup Wizard** once on each of the computers on your network. To continue click **Next.** 



Please read the information on this screen, then click **Finish** to complete the **Network Setup Wizard**.



The new settings will take effect when you restart the computer. Click **Yes** to restart the computer.



You have completed configuring this computer. Next, you will need to run the **Network Setup Disk** on all the other computers on your network. After running the **Network Setup Disk** on all your computers, your new wireless network will be ready to use.

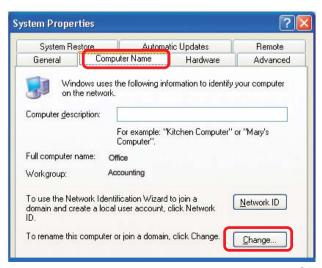
#### Naming your Computer

To name your computer, please follow these directions: In Windows XP:

- Click Start (in the lower left corner of the screen)
- Right-click on My Computer
- Select Properties and click

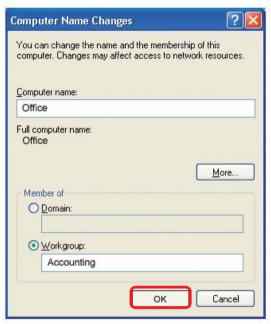


- Select the Computer Name Tab in the System Properties window.
- You may enter a Computer Description if you wish; this field is optional.
- To rename the computer and join a domain, Click Change.



#### Naming your Computer

- In this window, enter the Computer name
- Select Workgroup and enter the name of the Workgroup
- All computers on your network must have the same
   Workgroup name.
- Click OK



#### Checking the IP Address in Windows XP

The wireless adapter-equipped computers in your network must be in the same IP Address range (see Getting Started in this manual for a definition of IP Address Range.) To check on the IP Address of the adapter, please do the following:

Right-click on the Local Area Connection icon in the task bar



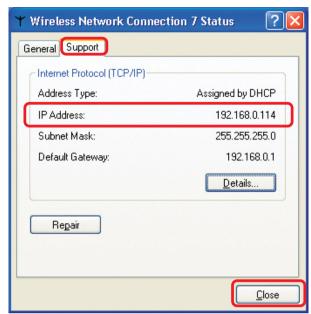


#### Checking the IP Address in Windows XP

This window will appear.

Click theSupport tab

Click Close



#### Assigning a Static IP Address in Windows XP/2000

Note: Residential Gateways/Broadband Routers will automatically assign IP Addresses to the computers on the network, using DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) technology. If you are using a DHCP-capable Gateway/Router you will not need to assign Static IP Addresses.

If you are not using a DHCP capable Gateway/Router, or you need to assign a Static IP Address, please follow these instructions:

Go to Start

Double-click on Control Panel

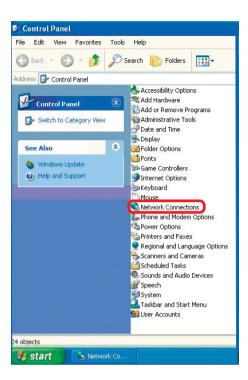


#### Assigning a Static IP Address in Windows XP/2000

Double-click on NetworkConnections



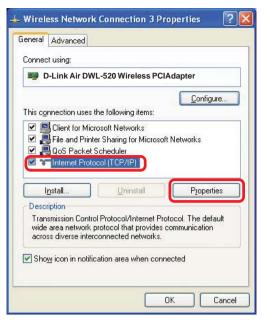
Double-click on Properties





# Networking Basics (continued) Assigning a Static IP Address in Windows XP/2000

- Click on Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)
- Click Properties



In the window below, select **Use the following IP address**. Input your **IP address and subnet mask**. (The IP Addresses on your network must be within the same range. For example, if one computer has an IP Address of 192.168.0.2, the other computers should have IP Addresses that are sequential, like 192.168.0.3 and 192.168.0.4. The subnet mask must be the same for all the computers on the network.)

#### IP Address:

e.g., 192.168.0.2

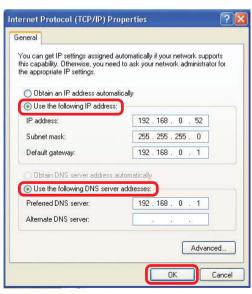
#### Subnet Mask:

255.255.255.0

#### **Default Gateway:**

Enter the LAN IP address of the wireless router. (D-Link wireless routers have a LAN IP address of 192.168.0.1)

- Select Use the following DNS server address. Enter the LAN IP address of the Wireless Router. (D-Link wireless routers have a LAN IP address of 192.168.0.1)
- Click **OK**



# Networking Basics (continued) Checking the Wireless Connection by Pinging in Windows XP and 2000\*

Go to Start > Run > type **cmd**. A window similar to this one will appear. Type ping XXX.XXX.XXX.XXX, where xxx is the IP Address of the Wireless Router or Access Point, A good wireless connection will show four replies from the Wireless Router or Acess Point, as shown.

# Checking the Wireless Connection by Pinging in Windows Me and 98\*

Go to Start > Run > type **command**. A window similar to this will appear. Type **ping** XXX.XXX.XXX where xxx is the IP Address of the Wireless Router or Access Point. A good wireless connection will show four replies from the wireless router or access point, as shown.

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Microsoft Windows XP [Uersion 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

F:\Documents and Settings\lab3\ping 192.168.0.50

Pinging 192.168.0.50 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.0.50: bytes=32 time(1ms ITL=64
Ping statistics for 192.168.0.50:
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

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<sup>\*</sup>You may be pinging different IP Addresses than the ones pictured here, however the procedure for pinging remains the same.)

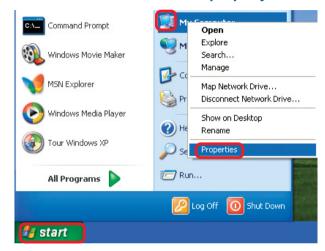
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# **Troubleshooting**

This chapter provides solutions to problems that can occur during the installation and operation of the DWL-520. Read the following descriptions if you are having problems. (The examples below are illustrated in Windows XP. If you have another operating system, these solutions will still apply although the appearance on your computer screen may differ.)

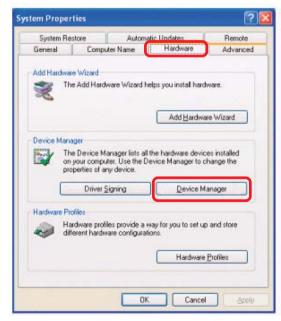
#### 1. Check that the drivers for the DWL-520 are installed properly.

Go to Start > My Computer > Properties



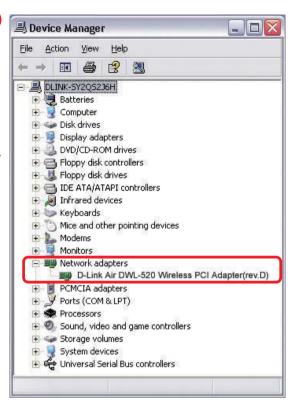
Select the Hardware Tab

Click Device Manager



- Double-click on Network Adapters
- Right-click on D-Link Air DWL-520 Wireless PCI Adapter

- Select Properties to check that the drivers are installed properly
- Look under Device Status to check that the device is working properly





Click OK

#### 2. I cannot connect to the access point or the wireless router.

- Make sure that the SSID on the DWL-520 PCI adapter is exactly the same as the SSID on the Access Point or wireless router.
- Move the DWL-520 and Access Point or Wireless router into the same room and then test the wireless connection.
- Disable all security settings. (WEP, MAC Address Control, AES)
- Make sure that the Radio is not locked down to a different frequency
- Turn off your Access Point and the computer with the DWL-520. Turn on the Access Point, and then turn on the computer with the DWL-520.
- Refresh the DWL-520 Utility

#### 3. The DWL-520 Power and Link lights are not on.

Check to see if the DWL-520 PCI adapter is firmly inserted into the PCI slot of your computer.

#### 4. I forgot my Encryption key.

Reset the Access Point to its factory default settings and restore the DWL-520 Wireless PCI Adapter to the factory default settings. (The default settings are listed in the **Using the Configuration Utility** section in this manual.)

#### 5. The computer does not recognize the DWL-520 PCI Adapter.

- Make sure that the DWL-520 Wireless PCI Adapter is properly seated in the computer's PCI slot.
- If Windows does not detect the hardware upon insertion of the adapter, make sure to completely remove drivers that were previously loaded. To remove the drivers, do the following:

- A. Under Tools> select Folder Options...> select View > under Hidden files and folders > select Show hidden files and folders
- B. Uncheck **Hide extension for known file types** > click on **Apply**
- C. Search for the files DWL520.INF and DWL520.SYS. Remove these files from the INF and SYSTEM32 (DRIVERS) folders in the Windows directory. Note: Windows XP and Windows 2000 will rename .inf files that have not received WHQL certification into oem.inf files (e.g., oem1.inf.)

# 6. The computer with the DWL-520 installed is unable to connect to the wireless network and/or the Internet.

- Check that the LED indicators for the broadband modem are indicating normal activity. If not, there may be a problem with the broadband connection.
- Check that the LED indicators on the wireless router are functioning properly.
  If not, check that the AC power and Ethernet cables are firmly connected.
- Check that the IP Address, subnet mask, gateway, and DNS settings are correctly entered for the network
- In Infrastructure mode, make sure the same Service Set Identifier (SSID) is specified on the settings for the wireless clients and access points. The SSID factory default setting for the D-Link Air and Air Plus products is default. (Double-click on the WLAN icon in the taskbar. The Link Info screen will display the SSID setting.)
- In Ad-Hoc mode, both wireless clients will need to have the same SSID. Please note that it might be necessary to set up one client to establish a BSS (Basic Service Set) and wait briefly before setting up other clients. This prevents several clients from trying to establish a BSS at the same time, which can result in multiple singular BSSs being established, rather than a single BSS with multiple clients associated to it.

- Check that the Network Connection for the wireless client is configured properly. Select AP (Infrastructure) when connecting to an access point and select Ad-Hoc mode when connecting without an access point. Doubleclick on the WLAN icon in the taskbar > click on Configuration to change the settings for the wireless adapter.
- If **Security** is enabled, make sure that the correct encryption keys are entered on both the DWL-520 and the access point. Double-click on the **WLAN** icon in the taskbar > click **Encryption**. Check to see that the key selected is set to the same key as other devices on the network.

#### 7. How can I troubleshoot distance issues using the DWL-520.

- Move the DWL-520 and Access Point or Wireless router into the same room and then test the wireless connection.
- Change the channel of the Access Point.
- Move devices within the line of sight

# **Technical Specifications**

#### **Standards**

IEEE 802.11b

#### **Temperature**

- Operating: 32°F to 131°F (0°C to 55°C)
- Storing: -4°F to 167°F (-20°C to 75°C)

#### **Humidity:**

- Operating: 10% 90%, non-condensing
- Storage: 5% 95%, non-condensing

#### **Antenna Type:**

Dual UFL antenna with reverse SMA connector

#### **Emissions:**

FCC part 15b

#### **Physical Dimensions:**

- L = 6.10 inches (155mm)
- W = 5.51 inches (140mm)
- $\mathbf{H} = .90 \text{ inches } (23 \text{mm})$

#### Weight:

.20 lbs. (90g)

#### **Bus Type:**

PCI 2.2

#### Warranty:

1 Year

#### **System Requirements:**

- Computer with an available PCI slot
- Windows XP/2000/Me/98SE
- At least 32MB of memory and a 300 MHz processor
- An 802.11b Access Point (e.g., DWL-900AP+) for Infrastructure mode; or an 802.11b wireless adapter (e.g., DWL-650) for Ad-Hoc mode
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#### **Technical Specifications (continued)**

#### Data Rates:

1, 2, 5.5, 11Mbps (with Automatic Fallback)

#### **Operating Channels:**

1-11 United States (FCC)

#### **Encryption:**

Supports 64-bit or 128-bit WEP encryption

#### Frequency Range:

■ 2.4 – 2.4835 GHz

#### **Media Access Control:**

CSMA/CA with ACK

#### **Transmit Output Power:**

■ 14dBm

#### Receiver Sensitivity: Nominal Temp Range

- -83dBm for 11Mbps @ 8% PER (Packet Error Rate)
- -90dBm for 2Mbps @ 8% PER (Packet Error Rate)

#### **Modulation Techniques**

- CCK (11Mbps)
- CCK (5.5Mbps)
- DQPSK (2Mbps)
- DBSK (1Mbps)

#### **Modulation:**

Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum

#### **Key Management:**

Automatic Dynamic Key Allocation (ADKA) through public key

#### Range:

Indoors - up to 328 feet (100 meters)\*

# **Technical Support**

You can find software updates and user documentation on the D-Link website.

D-Link provides free technical support for customers within the United States and within Canada for the duration of the warranty period on this product.

U.S. and Canadian customers can contact D-Link technical support through our website, or by phone.

#### Tech Support for customers within the United States:

D-Link Technical Support over the Telephone:

(877) 453-5465

24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### D-Link Technical Support over the Internet:

http://support.dlink.com email:support@dlink.com

#### Tech Support for customers within Canada:

D-Link Technical Support over the Telephone:

(800) 361-5265

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 9:00pm EST

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http://support.dlink.ca email:support@dlink.ca

# Warranty and Registration

(USA only)

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, D-Link Systems, Inc. ("D-Link") provides this Limited warranty for its product only to the person or entity that originally purchased the product from:

- D-Link or its authorized reseller or distributor and
- Products purchased and delivered within the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, U.S. Possessions or Protectorates, U.S. Military Installations, addresses with an APO or FPO.

*Limited Warranty:* D-Link warrants that the hardware portion of the D-Link products described below will be free from material defects in workmanship and materials from the date of original retail purchase of the product, for the period set forth below applicable to the product type ("Warranty Period"), except as otherwise stated herein.

1-Year Limited Warranty for the Product(s) is defined as follows:

- Hardware (excluding power supplies and fans) One (1) Year
- Power Supplies and Fans One (1) Year
- Spare parts and spare kits Ninety (90) days

D-Link's sole obligation shall be to repair or replace the defective Hardware during the Warranty Period at no charge to the original owner or to refund at D-Link's sole discretion. Such repair or replacement will be rendered by D-Link at an Authorized D-Link Service Office. The replacement Hardware need not be new or have an identical make, model or part. D-Link may in its sole discretion replace the defective Hardware (or any part thereof) with any reconditioned product that D-Link reasonably determines is substantially equivalent (or superior) in all material respects to the defective Hardware. Repaired or replacement Hardware will be warranted for the remainder of the original Warranty Period from the date of original retail purchase. If a material defect is incapable of correction, or if D-Link determines in its sole discretion that it is not practical to repair or replace the defective Hardware, the price paid by the original purchaser for the defective Hardware will be refunded by D-Link upon return to D-Link of the defective Hardware. All Hardware (or part thereof) that is replaced by D-Link, or for which the purchase price is refunded, shall become the property of D-Link upon replacement or refund.

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**Submitting A Claim**: The customer shall return the product to the original purchase point based on its return policy. In case the return policy period has expired and the product is within warranty, the customer shall submit a claim to D-Link as outlined below:

- The customer must submit with the product as part of the claim a written description of the Hardware defect or Software nonconformance in sufficient detail to allow D-Link to confirm the same.
- The original product owner must obtain a Return Material Authorization ("RMA") number from the Authorized D-Link Service Office and, if requested, provide written proof of purchase of the product (such as a copy of the dated purchase invoice for the product) before the warranty service is provided.
- After an RMA number is issued, the defective product must be packaged securely in the
  original or other suitable shipping package to ensure that it will not be damaged in transit, and
  the RMA number must be prominently marked on the outside of the package. Do not include any
  manuals or accessories in the shipping package. D-Link will only replace the defective portion
  of the Product and will not ship back any accessories.
- The customer is responsible for all in-bound shipping charges to D-Link. No Cash on Delivery ("COD") is allowed. Products sent COD will either be rejected by D-Link or become the property of D-Link. Products shall be fully insured by the customer. D-Link will not be held responsible for any packages that are lost in transit to D-Link. The repaired or replaced packages will be shipped to the customer via UPS Ground or any common carrier selected by D-Link, with shipping charges prepaid. Expedited shipping is available if shipping charges are prepaid by the customer and upon request.
- Return Merchandise Ship-To Address
   Ship-To Address

USA: 53 Discovery Drive, Irvine, CA 92618

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**CE Mark Warning:** This is a Class B product. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference, in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## For detailed warranty outside the United States, please contact corresponding local D-Link office.

#### FCC Caution:

The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or TV interference caused by unauthorized modifications to this equipment; such modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

#### FCC Radiation Exposure Statement:

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. The antenna(s) used for this equipment must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least eight inches (20 cm) from all persons.

This equipment must not be operated in conjunction with any other antenna.

Register your D-Link product online at http://support.dlink.com/register/

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#### **Federal Communication Commission Interference Statement**

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

"D-Link declare that DWL-520 v.D2 (2.4GHz Wireless PCI Adapter) is limited in CH1~CH11 by specified firmware controlled in USA."

#### **MPORTANT NOTE:**

#### FCC Radiation Exposure Statement:

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

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

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