150N Wireless LAN USB Adapter Ultra-Nano Size

User Manual

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This equipment is designed with the utmost care for the safety of those who install and use it. However, special attention must be paid to the dangers of electric shock and static electricity when working with electrical equipment. All guidelines of this and of the computer manufacture must therefore be allowed at all times to ensure the safe use of the equipment.

EU Countries Intended for Use

Equipment) As of April 8, 2000.

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None.

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The setup images used in this manual are for reference only. The contents of these images may vary according to firmware version. The official image contents are based on the newest firmware version.

Chapter I: Product Information

1-1 Introduction and safety information

Thank you for purchasing this high speed IEEE 802.11b/g/n wireless network card! This network card is ultra-nano size design and you are able to plug it into the USB port of your computer without removing it, just like an embedded network card. Excepting common wireless standards 802.11b/g, this wireless network card is also 802.11n compatible - data transfer rate is 150Mbps, and that's three times faster than 802.11g wireless network!

Other features of this product including:

- IEEE 802.11b/g/n compatible.
- High-speed data transfer rate Up to 150Mbps.
- QoS function (WMM feature) : control the bandwidth required for different applications.
- Supports major encryption methods like WEP, WPA, and WPA2 encryption.
- WPS configuration You don't need an experienced computer technician to help you to get connected. Utilizing the software program of the card, you can get your computer connected by pushing a button or entering an 8-digit code.
- USB 2.0 interface you can get it installed on your computer in just few seconds!
- Software AP support : this network card can also be configured to act as an access point.
- Ultra-Nano size design.

1-2 Safety Information

In order to keep the safety of users and your properties, please follow the following safety instructions:

1. This USB wireless network card is designed for indoor use only. DO NOT expose this network card to direct sun light, rain, or snow.

2. DO NOT put this network card at or near hot or humid places, like kitchen or bathroom. Also, do not left this wireless network card in the car in summer.

3. This network card is small enough to put in a child's mouth, and it could cause serious injury or could be fatal. If they throw the network card, the card will be damaged. PLEASE KEEP THIS NETWORK CARD OUT THE REACH OF CHILDREN!

4. This network card will become hot when being used for long time (*This is normal and is not a malfunction*). DO NOT put the network card on a paper, cloth, or other flammable objects after the network card has been used for a long time.

5. There's no user-serviceable part inside the network card. If you found that the network card is not working properly, please contact your dealer of purchase and ask for help. DO NOT disassemble the network card by yourself, warranty will be void.

6. If the network card falls into water, DO NOT USE IT AGAIN BEFORE YOU SEND THE CARD TO THE DEALER OF PURCHASE FOR INSPECTION.

7. If you smell something strange or even see some smoke coming out from the network card, switch the computer off immediately, and call dealer of purchase for help.

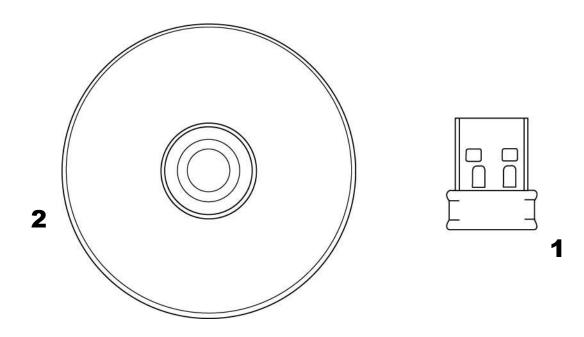
1-3 System Requirements

- An empty USB 2.0 port (May not be able work with USB 1.1 port, and performance will be greatly reduced)
- Windows XP, Windows 7 or Windows 8 operating system
- CD-ROM drive
- At least 100MB of available disk space

1-4 Package Contents

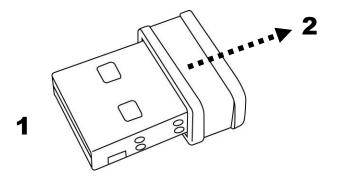
Before you starting to use this wireless network card, please check if there's anything missing in the package, and contact your dealer of purchase to claim for missing items:

USB Wireless Network Card (1 pcs)	1
Driver/Utility/User Manual/QIG CD-ROM (1pcs)	2



1-5 Familiar with your new wireless network card

- 1. USB Connector
- 2. Link/Activity LED

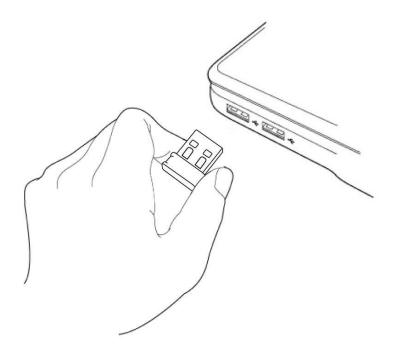


LED Name	Color	Light Status	Description
Radio Off	Green	Off	Wireless LAN function is disabled.
Radio On	Green	Off	No link to wireless AP or Router
(No Link)		Slow blinking	Transmitting management information.
	Green	On	Link to wireless AP or Router
Radio On			Transmitting data or management
(Link to AP		Blinking	information. If user activates WPS mode,
or Router)			the LED will be still blinking.

CHAPTER II: Driver Installation and Configuration

2-1 Network Card Installation

Please follow the following instructions to install your new wireless network card:



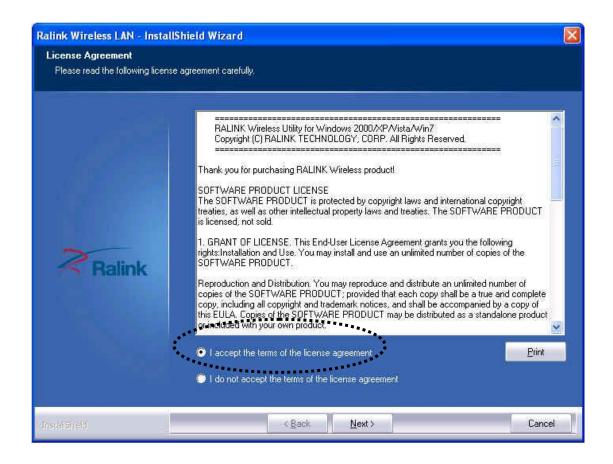
- 1. Insert the USB wireless network card into an empty USB 2.0 port of your computer when computer is switched on. Never use force to insert the card, if you feel it's stuck, flip the card over and try again.
- 2. Insert device driver CDROM into the CD/DVD ROM drive of your computer, and execute 'Setup.exe' program in 'Driver' folder.



3. On Windows 7 computer, you may see UAC (User Account Control) window popup to warn you that this program is going to make changes to your computer, click 'Yes' to continue.

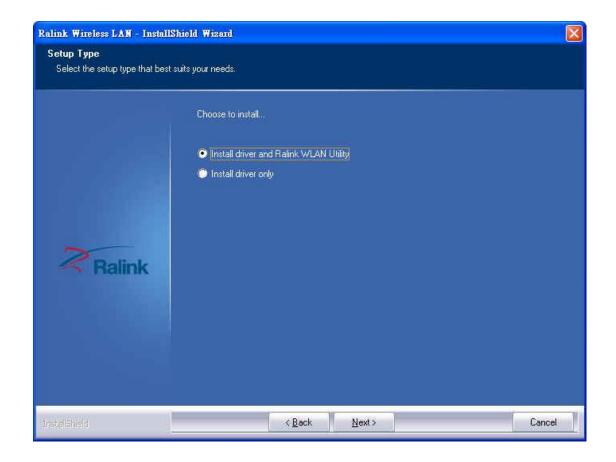
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		Change when these notifications appear

4. Please select 'I accept the terms of the license agreement', then click 'Next'.

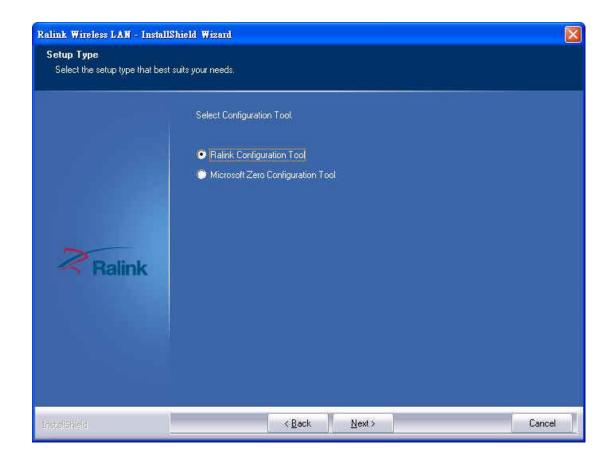


5. Select 'Install driver and Ralink WLAN Utility' and click 'Next' to continue. Optionally, you can select 'Install driver only' to install wireless network card driver only, and use Windows' built-in wireless manager.

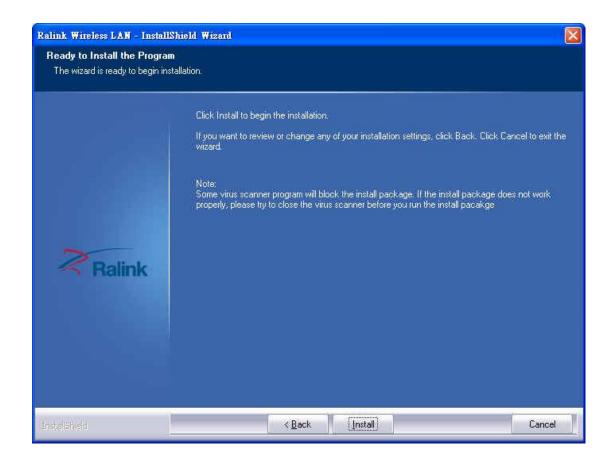
If you don't know which one you should choose, select 'Install driver and Ralink WLAN Utility' for maximum functionality.



6. Select the wireless configuration utility you wish to use, than click 'Next' to continue. It's recommended to select 'Ralink Configuration Tool' for maximum functionality. If you used to use Windows' built-in configuration tool, select 'Microsoft Zero Configuration Tool'. (*Windows XP Only*)



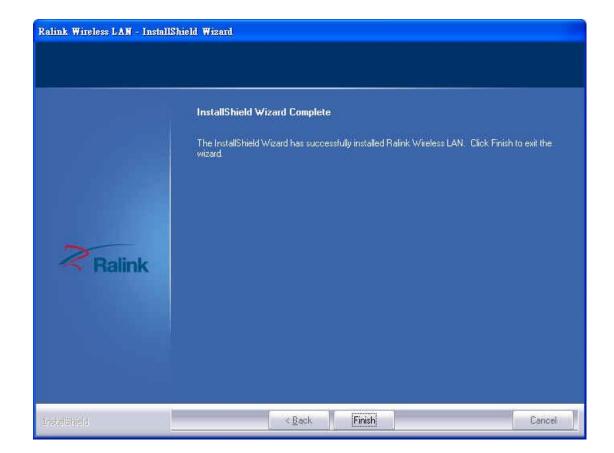
7. Click 'Install' to continue.



8. Please be patient while installation is in progress, this may require few minutes.

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Ralink		
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9. Click 'Finish' to finish installation procedure.

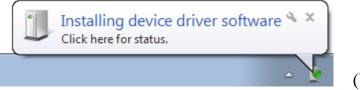


10.Please insert your USB wifi network card to any empty USB port now. A popup message indicating that your computer found '802.11n USB Wireless LAN Card' will appear. Please be patient while Windows is installation driver.

This message will only appear when you insert the USB wifi network card to your computer's USB port, or you insert the network card to a different USB port of your computer.

11. You should be able to see this popup message, indicating your new USB network is ready to use; If not, please either try to re-install driver, or insert the network card to another USB port of your computer.





(Windows 7)

12.A new icon will appear near the clock of system tray:



HERE!

Left-click the icon will launch wireless network configuration utility, and you can right-click the icon to show the quick menu of configuration utility.

This icon uses 5 colors to represent current network status:

R+ (Green)	Network connection established, signal strength good
R+ (Yellow)	Network connection established, signal strength normal
R+ (Red)	Network connection established, signal strength poor
K (Blue)	Network connection is not yet established
(Black)	Network card not found on your computer

For detailed instructions of wireless network configuration utility, please refer to next chapter.

2-2 Connect to Wireless Access Point

To use wireless network, you have to connect to a wireless access point first. You can either use Ralink utility (comes with network card driver), or Windows Zero Config utility (comes with Windows operating system)

2-2-1 Using Ralink Utility

Please follow the following instructions to use Ralink configuration utility to connect to wireless access point.

1. Left-click the Ralink configuration utility icon located at lower-right corner of computer desktop, and configuration menu will appear:



2. Wireless utility will appear.



Click 'Site Survey' D button to open the list of available wireless networks (and their status).

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There are 6 fields in 'Site Survey' list:

Field#	Description				
1 (SSID)	The Service-Set IDentifier of network device				
	(The name of network device)				
2 (Type)	The type of network device				
	Infrastructure (Access Point)				
	K Ad-Hoc				
3 (Channel)	The channel number of this network device				
4	Available wireless mode.				
(Wireless mode)	a 802.11a wireless capability				
	b 802.11b wireless capability				
	9 802.11g wireless capability				
	1 802.11n wireless capability				

5 (Security)	Security mode. When nothing is displayed here, means this network device does not require security and anyone can connect to it.
6	Shows the wireless signal strength in percentage.
(Signal Strength)	Higher percentage means better signal quality.

3. To connect to a wireless access point, double click on it:

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AF Information SSID MAC Address 00-1F-1F-	DE-1D		thentication Ope cryption WEF	

- 4. If the wireless access point you wish to connect does not appear here, you can click 'Refresh' 🗟 button to scan for wireless access points again; if the wireless access point you're looking for still not appear, try to move the computer closer.
- 5. You'll be prompted with wireless access point's encryption method (if any):

Click right arrow to continue. Generally you don't have to change encryption method, it will be detected automatically. If you selected a wrong encryption method, connection will not be able to establish.

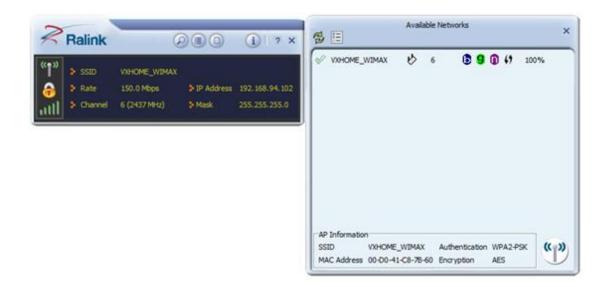
• • •	Profile	×
Authentication	WPA-PSK	
Encryption	AES	

6. Please input encryption key (or passphrase, depends on encryption method) here, then click right arrow.

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WPA Preshared Key		

7. Network card will attempt to connect to access point now, this may require few seconds to minutes, please be patient. When you see there's a check shown beside the access point you wish to connect, your computer is connected to access point you selected. The connection status will be displayed in configuration utility also.

(see example picture below).



Windows will prompt you for establish connection also:



2-2-2 Using Windows Zero Configuration (Windows XP Only)

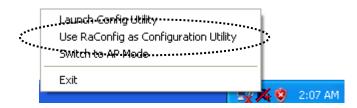
Windows XP, 7 and 8 has a built-in wireless network configuration utility, called as 'Windows Zero Configuration' (WZC). You can also use WZC to configure your wireless network parameter:

1. Right-click configuration utility's icon, and select 'Use Zero Configuration as Configuration Utility'.



In this mode, you can still use Ralink configuration utility to check the connection status, but unable to connect to a wireless network, or change network setting.

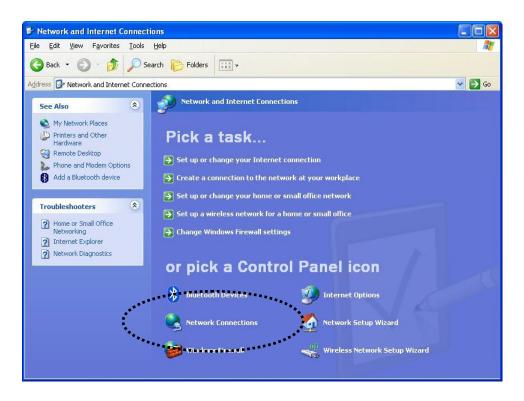
Follow the following steps to use WZC to establish network connection. If you wish to return to use Ralink configuration utility again, right-click Ralink configuration utility icon again, and select 'Use RaConfig as Configuration Utility'.



2. Click 'Start' button (should be located at the bottom-left corner of windows desktop), click 'Control Panel', then click 'Network and Internet Connections' in Control Panel.



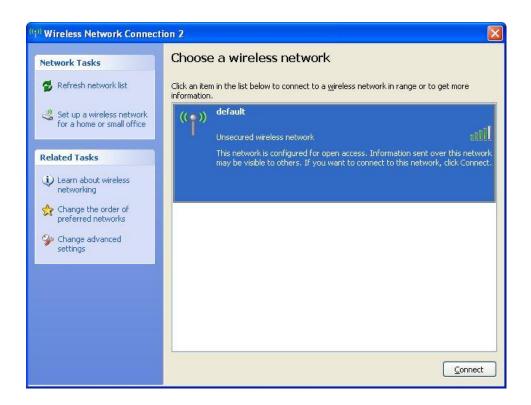
3. Click 'Connect to a network' under 'Network Connections'



4. Right-click 'Wireless Network Connection' (it may have a number as suffix if you have more than one wireless network card, please make sure you right-click the '802.11n Wireless LAN Card), then select 'View Available Wireless Networks'.

Local Area Connection	Disable	Firewalled
Lange Connection	View Available Wireless Networks	Firewalled
	Status	1.1007.001100.00
	Repair	
	Bridge Connections	
	Create Shortcut	
	Delete	
	Rename	
	Properties	

5. All wireless access points in proximity will be displayed here. If the access point you want to use is not displayed here, please try to move your computer closer to the access point, or you can click 'Refresh network list' to rescan access points. Click the access point you want to use if it's shown, then click 'Connect'.

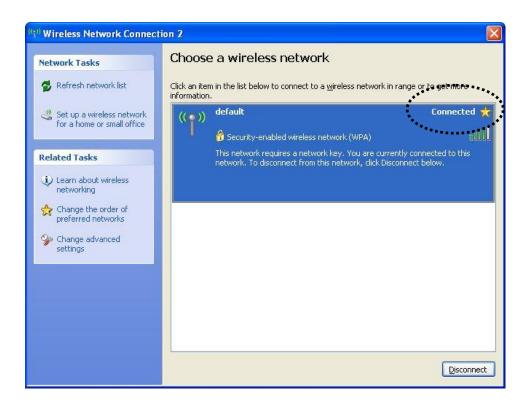


6. If the access point is protected by encryption, you have to input its security key or passphrase here. It must match the encryption setting on the access point.

If the access point you selected does not use encryption, you'll not be prompted for security key or passphrase.

Wireless Network Co	nnection	×
	uires a network key (also called a WEP key or WPA key). A nt unknown intruders from connecting to this network. lick Connect.	
Network <u>k</u> ey:	1	
Confirm network key:	<u>C</u> onnect Cancel	

7. If you can see 'Connected' message, the connection between your computer and wireless access point is successfully established.



2-3 Connection Profile Management

For connections you'll frequently use, you can save them as a profile and you can recall all settings (security type, password, etc.) back soon.

2-3-1 Add a new entry

By this function you can setup the connection parameters for a specific wireless access point in advance, so you can recall a set of connection parameters quickly.

To do this, follow the following procedures:

1. Click 'Profile' in configuration utility:



2. Profile manager will appear. Click plus sign 👎 to add a new profile.



3. Please name the profile in 'Profile Name' field, and select the AP you wish to connect in 'SSID' dropdown list, then click right arrow ■.

If you're connecting to a network device using AD-HOC connection method, select 'Ad Hoc - Connect to other computers' first.

	Profile	×
Profile Name SSID	PROF1	
Network Type	 Infrastructure - Connect to AP Ad Hoc - Connect to other computers 	

4. Select this AP's authentication and encryption method from dropdown list, then click right arrow ■.

• • •	Profile	×
Authentication	WPA-PSK	
Encryption	AES	
1		

5. Input passphrase key here (or WEP key, if required), then click right arrow ■:

	Profile	×
WPA Preshared Key	****	

- 6. Check this box if you wish to enable pre-logon connection. When this feature is enabled, wireless network connection will be established before you logon Windows so you can authenticate yourself against network server. If you don't need this, you can leave this box unchecked. Click right arrow ➡ to continue.
- 7. The profile will be saved in the list:



You can repeat step 2 to 6 to setup more profiles of wireless connection. When you wish to connect to a certain wireless access point, click 'Active' button (as indicated above).

A check mark *w* will be displayed beside active profile.

2-3-2 Remove an existing profile

When you no longer need an existing profile, just select it from the list and click 'Delete' button.

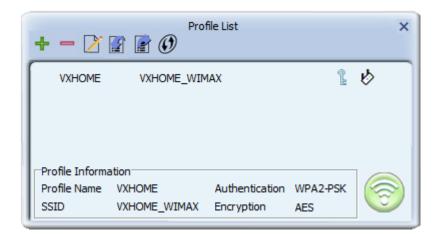
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r Profile Informa	tion			1
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If the profile you wish to delete is active now, you'll be prompted to confirm deletion:

To delete anyway, click 'OK'; to cancel, click 🔀 mark.

2-3-3 Edit an existing profile

If you have added a profile before, and you wish to change the content of the profile, you can use this function. Please select a profile from the list first, then click 'Edit' 🛛 button.



You'll be provided with the contents of selected profile; you can edit them and save changes.

2-3-4 Import / Export profile

If you need to move your wireless settings to another computer, or you just want to make a backup, you can use import / export function to make a copy, or restore current profile.

To backup a profile, click 'Export'

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ſ	VXHOME	VXHOME_WIN	ИАХ		¢
l d	Profile Informa	tion			
	Profile Name	VXHOME	Authentication	WPA2-PSK	3
	SSID	VXHOME_WIMAX	Encryption	AES	

You'll be prompted to select a place to save profile setting file. Select a folder in your computer and name the profile, then click 'Save'.

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Save in:	By Documents	8	•	+ 🗈 💣 🎟+	
My Recent Documents Desktop	My Music @My Pictures				
My Documents					
My Computer					
My Network Places	File name: Save as type:	Ralink Wireless Profile		•	Save Cancel

To recall previously-saved profiles, click 'Import'

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Profile Name SSID	VXHOME VXHOME_WIMAX	Authentication Encryption	AES	$\overline{\mathbf{C}}$

Select a profile (file with .prof extension), and click 'Open' Please note that this will overwrite any existing profile(s).

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My Recent Documents Desktop	My Music @My Pictures				
My Documents					
My Computer					
My Network	File name:	[*] .prof		•	Open
Places	Files of type:	Ralink Wireless Profile		•	Cancel

2-3-5 WPS Profile Setup

WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) is a new, convenient way to setup secured wireless connections. You only need to push a button or input a set of 8-digit random number, and you can setup a secure connection between wireless devices, like what a professional wireless expert can do.

To use WPS profile, you have to make sure the access point you wish to connect supports WPS first. You can discover if an access point is WPS-capable or not by site-survey:

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AP Information					

In this list, there are ten access points support WPS, which are indicated by \bigcirc icon.

You can still establish secured connection with WPS-capable access points in conventional way. To establish WPS-style connection, click 'Add WPS profile' Ø button:

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VXHOME	VXHOME_WIN	IAX	@_¥	¢
Profile Informa Profile Name SSID		Authentication Encryption	WPA2-PSK AES	

You'll be prompted to select WPS method and WPS AP:

Profile Settings				
WPS AP List	VXHOME_WIMAX			
WPS Method	Push-Button Configuration(PBC) WPS Ver			
	O PIN / numeric code 2.0)		

To use PIN (8-digit or 4-digit random number) to setup WPS, select 'PIN / numeric code', and you have to select an AP from 'WPS AP List' dropdown menu; to establish connection by Push-Button Configuration (PBC), you don't have to select an AP from 'WPS AP List' dropdown list.

Note: This device follows WPS 2.0 Standard Specification to allow inputting 4-digit PIN code, pls. make sure your Wireless Router or Access Point supports WPS 2.0 accordingly, or use 8-digit PIN as usual.

You can also check 'Auto' box and configuration utility will select a correct WPS-capable AP to connect when in PIN / numeric code mode.

Click right arrow ➡ to continue.

2-3-5-1 PBC mode WPS configuration

When you want to use 'PBC' mode:

= + +	Profile	×
WP5 :	0 %	
	Start PBC	

Click 'Start PBC' button:

Profile 🔶		×
	10 %	
PBC -Scanning AP		
Finish		

Now, please push the WPS button on the access point (a physical button or a software button in its configuration menu - please refer to access point's user manual) within 2 minutes.

2-3-5-2 PIN mode WPS configuration

There are two roles in PIN mode WPS configuration: registrar and enrollee. Registrar is the one who waits for incoming WPS request, and enrollee is the one who searches for WPS registrar and will attempt to connect it.

The WPS role of two devices should not be same: When one device is registrar, the other one must be enrollee, and vice versa.

To setup WPS connection by PIN, select 'PIN / numeric code', then click right arrow.

Profile S	ettings ×
WPS AP List VXHOME_WIMAX WPS Method O Push-Button Co © PIN / numeric o	

There will be a menu displaying 8-digit WPS PIN code on the configuration menu, please get this number. Please remember the number will become invalid after a short period of time (2 minutes or so).

Select 'Enrollee' in 'Config mode' dropdown list, and input PIN code in 'Pin Code', then click right arrow.

Profile Settings		
Pin Code	83774621	Renew 8 digit
1		Renew 4 digit
Config Mode	Enrollee	WPS Profile

Click 'StartPIN' to begin WPS connection, please be patient. You'll be

prompted when WPS connection is established successfully; if you received an error, you can try again, but please remember to make sure the PIN you obtained from access point is still valid.

= + -	Profile	×
	0 %	
	WPS status is not used	
	Start PIN	

2-4 View Link Status

You can check the status of active wireless connection by clicking 'Link Information' is button:



A new window will appear:

Link Information		
21111		
Status	123456 <> 00-1F-1F-B1-0C-E8	
Extra Info	Link is Up [Tx Power: 100%]	
Authentication	Open	
Encryption	None	
Network Type	Infrastructure	
Central Channel	3	

There are 3 kinds of link information:

a. Link status 🔊

Displays the status of active connection.

aill 🕜	Link Information	×
Authentication Encryption	VXHOME_WIMAX <> 00-D0-41-C8-7B-60 Link is Up [Tx Power:100%] WPA2-PSK AES Infrastructure 4	

b. Throughput 📶

Displays the throughput of active connection.

© الله ه	Link Info	rmation	×
Link Quality Signal Strength 1 Signal Strength 2 Signal Strength 3 Transmit Link Speed Throughput	150.0 Mbps 0.528 Kbps	Receive Link Speed Throughput	100 % -47 dBm -49 dBm -51 dBm 81.0 Mbps 19.464 Kbps

c. Statistics 📀

Displays the statistics of active connection. Select 'Transmit' or 'Receive' to switch displaying statistics of transmitted and received data packets.

To reset counters, click 🔊

Link Information		
Transmit C Receive		5
Transmitted Successfully	=	6895
Retransmitted Successfully	=	177
Fail To Receive ACK After All Retries	=	7

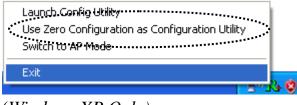
CHAPTER III: Soft-AP Function

Excepting become a wireless client of other wireless access points, this wireless card can act as a wireless service provider also! You can switch this wireless card's operating mode to 'AP' mode to simulate the function of a real wireless access point by software, and all other computers and wireless devices can connect to your computer wirelessly, even share the internet connection you have!

Please follow the instructions in following chapters to use the AP function of your wireless card.

3-1 Switch to AP Mode and Station Mode

The operating mode of the wireless card is 'Station Mode' (becoming a client of other wireless access points) by default. If you want to switch to AP mode, please right-click configuration utility icon, and click 'Switch to AP Mode'.



(Windows XP Only)

You'll see the configuration utility's icon switched to 'AP' icon.



Notice: If you receive windows firewall (or other firewalling software) warns you about access point utility, please click 'Unblock' (or similar), or software AP will not function normally.

😻 Windows Security Alert 🛛 🔀
To help protect your computer, Windows Firewall has blocked some features of this program.
Do you want to keep blocking this program?
<u>Name:</u> Ralink Wireless Access Point Utility Publisher: Ralink Technology, Corp.
Keep Blocking Unblock Ask Me Later
Windows Firewall has blocked this program from accepting connections from the Internet or a network. If you recognize the program or trust the publisher, you can unblock it. <u>When should I unblock a program?</u>

To launch AP manager, right-click configuration utility's icon, and select 'Launch Config Utilities'.

Launch Config Utility
Switch to Client + AP Mode
Switch to AP Mode
Exit

The soft-AP configuration utility will appear, along with the status of software AP:

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SSID Mode Channel	SoftAP-81 2.4GHz 1 (2412 MHz)	 IP 192.168.123.1 Mask 255.255.255.0

3-2 Configure AP

To use software AP, you need to configure it first to accept incoming wireless connections. Click 'Config AP' 😰 button to continue.



You have to input the SSID of this software AP first:

AP Setup	×
SSID SoftAP-A7	
ICS WAN Dell Wireless 1701 802.11b/g/n	

You can also change Internet Connection Sharing by 'ICS WAN' dropdown menu. When you finish, click right arrow **>** .

= + +	AP Setup	×
Channel	1	

In this page, You can also select wireless channel of this software AP by 'Channel' dropdown list.

When you finish, click right arrow \blacksquare .

= + +	AP Setup X
Authentication	Open 💌
Encryption	No Encryption

In this page, you have to select the authentication and encryption method of this software AP.

Available 'Authentication' options are:

Open: No security. Anyone who found this AP can get connected. Shared: Use shared key authentication (WEP). WPA-PSK: Use WPA-PSK authentication. WPA2-PSK: Use WPA2-PSK authentication. WPA-PSK / WPA2-PSK: Allows both WPA-PSK and WPA2-PSK authentication. Available 'Encryption' options are (This menu will vary when you select different authentication method):

Not Encryption: No security WEP: Use WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) encryption. TKIP: Use TKIP encryption. AES: Use AES encryption.

When you finish, click right arrow \blacksquare .

= + +	AP Setup X
WPA-PSK Key Group Rekey Interval	60 x 10 seconds

In this page, you can configure WEP / WPA passphrase (password).

For WEP:

= + +	Config AP 🗙
Default Tx Key	Key 1
Key Format	Hex(10 or 26 characters)
WEP Key	

Select default Tx Key (normally you can just use Key 1), Key Format

(Hex characters or ASCII characters), and input WEP key.

If you select Hex key format, input 10 or 26 characters (number 0-9 and alphabets A-F); if you select ASCII, input 5 or 13 characters (number 0-9 and alphabets).

For WPA-PSA / WPA2-PSK:

= + +	AP Setup X
WPA-PSK Key	60 x 10 seconds

Input WPA-PSK / WPA2-PSK key here. If you wish to change group rekey time interval, you can change it, but normally you don't need to change it and software AP will still work fine.

WPA-PSK / WPA2-PSK key must be 8 to 63 ASCII characters or 64 Hex characters.

When you finish, click right arrow **N**. After you finish this step, your software AP is ready and able to accept incoming connection requests.

3-3 Access Control

You can allow or disallow certain wireless clients to connect your software AP by this function. To setup access control, click 'Access Control List' button **S**.

2	Ralink		C	0 😨		×
" T "	SSID	SoftAP-81				
6	> Mode	2.4GHz	2	IP	192,168,123,1	
L	Channel	1 (2412 MHz)	2	Mask	255.255.255.0	

Access control list will appear:

	Access Control List	×
Access Policy	Allow All	•
MAC Address	112233445566	_
	AA-BB-CC-DD-EE-FF	_
Apply		

First you have to select access control policy:

Disable: No access controlling

Allow All: Only allow clients in the list to establish connection (white list).

Reject All: Rejects all clients in the list to establish connection (black list).

Then you have to input the 12-character MAC address in 'MAC Address' field. You may find the MAC address of a certain network card on itself (something like a label). Please note that you don't have to input : (colon) or - (dash) character between every 2 MAC address characters. Click 'Add' to add this MAC address in the list.

To delete a MAC address in the list, select it and click 'Delete' button; to delete all entries, click 'Remove All' button.

Click 'Apply' button to save changes.

3-4 Associate List

You can see the list of all wireless clients that connected to this software AP. Click 'Connected Devices' button to show the list.

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" T "	> SSID	SoftAP-81			
o	Mode	2.4GHz	2	IP	192.168.123.1
4	Channel	1 (2412 MHz)	2	Mask	255.255.255.0

Connected Devices >			×	
MAC Address	Client ID	Power S	Tx Rate (Mbits)	
•				Þ

3-5 About

Click this button to see the version information of software AP configuration utility.

Ralink		×
SSID Mode Channel	SoftAP-81 2.4GHz FIP 192.168.123.1 1 (2412 MHz) FMask 255.255.255.0	
	About	×
Utility Version: Driver Version: SDK Version:	5.1.5.0 Date: 2013-06-28	,
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CHAPTER IV: Appendix

4-1 Hardware Specification

- Standards: IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac
- Interface: USB 2.0 (USB 1.1 Compatible)
- Frequency Band:
 2.4000 ~ 2.4835GHz (Industrial Scientific Medical Band)
- Data Rate: 11b: 1/2/5.5/11Mbps 11g: 6/9/12/24/36/48/54Mbps 11n (20MHz): MCS0-7 (up to 72Mbps)
 - 11n (40MHz): MCS0-7 (up to 150Mbps) rities: WEP 64/128, WPA, WPA2
- Securities: WEP 64/128, WPA, WPA 802.1x Support
- Antenna: Internal Pifa Antenna (1T1R)
- Drivers: Windows XP/7/8
- LED: Link/Activity
- Dimension: 8(H) x 16(W) x 35.5(D) mm
- Temperature: $32 \sim 104$ °F (0 ~ 40 °C)
- Humidity: 10-95% (NonCondensing)

4-2 Troubleshooting

If you encounter any problem when you're using this wireless network card, don't panic! Before you call your dealer of purchase for help, please check this troubleshooting table, the solution of your problem could be very simple, and you can solve the problem by yourself!

Scenario	Solution
I can't find any wireless access point / wireless device in 'Site Survey' function.	 Click 'Rescan' for few more times and see if you can find any wireless access point or wireless device. Please move closer to any known wireless access point. 'Ad hoc' function must be enabled for the wireless device you wish to establish a direct wireless link. Please adjust the position of network card (you may have to move your computer if you're using a notebook computer) and click 'Rescan' button for few more times. If you can find the wireless access point or wireless device you want to connect by doing this, try to move closer to the place where the wireless access point or wireless device is located.
Nothing happens when I click 'Launch config utilities'	 Please make sure the wireless network card is inserted into your computer's USB port. If the Realtek configuration utility's icon is black, the network card is not detected by your computer. Reboot the computer and try again. Remove the card and insert it into another USB port. Remove the driver and re-install. Contact the dealer of purchase for help.
I can not establish connection with a certain	 Click 'Connect' for few more times. If the SSID of access point you wish to

wireless access point	connect is hidden (nothing displayed in
	'SSID' field in 'Site Survey' function),
	you have to input correct SSID of the
	access point you wish to connect. Please
	contact the owner of access point to ask
	for correct SSID.
	3. You have to input correct passphrase /
	security key to connect an access point
	with encryption. Please contact the
	owner of access point to ask for correct
	passphrase / security key.
	4. The access point you wish to connect
	only allows network cards with specific
	MAC address to establish connection.
	Please go to 'About' tab and write the
	value of 'Phy_Addess' down, then
	present this value to the owner of access
	point so he / she can add the MAC
	address of your network card to his / her
	access point's list.
The network is slow /	1. Move closer to the place where access
having problem when	point is located.
transferring large files	2. Enable 'Wireless Protection' in
	'Advanced' tab.
	3. Try a lower TX Rate in 'Advanced' tab.
	4. Disable 'Tx Burst' in 'Advanced' tab.
	5. Enable 'WMM' in 'QoS' tab if you need
	to use multimedia / telephony related
	applications.
	6. Disable 'WMM – Power Save Enable' in 'QoS' tab.
	 7. There could be too much people using
	the same radio channel. Ask the owner
	of the access point to change the channel
	number.
	Please try one or more solutions listed
	above.
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4-3 Glossary

1. What is the IEEE 802.11g standard?

802.11g is the new IEEE standard for high-speed wireless LAN communications that provides for up to 54 Mbps data rate in the 2.4 GHz band. 802.11g is quickly becoming the next mainstream wireless LAN technology for the home, office and public networks. 802.11g defines the use of the same OFDM modulation technique specified in IEEE 802.11a for the 5 GHz frequency band and applies it in the same 2.4 GHz frequency band as IEEE 802.11b. The 802.11g standard requires backward compatibility with 802.11b.

The standard specifically calls for:

- A. A new physical layer for the 802.11 Medium Access Control (MAC) in the 2.4 GHz frequency band, known as the extended rate PHY (ERP). The ERP adds OFDM as a mandatory new coding scheme for 6, 12 and 24 Mbps (mandatory speeds), and 18, 36, 48 and 54 Mbps (optional speeds). The ERP includes the modulation schemes found in 802.11b including CCK for 11 and 5.5 Mbps and Barker code modulation for 2 and 1 Mbps.
- B. A protection mechanism called RTS/CTS that governs how 802.11g devices and 802.11b devices interoperate.

2. What is the IEEE 802.11b standard?

The IEEE 802.11b Wireless LAN standard subcommittee, which formulates the standard for the industry. The objective is to enable wireless LAN hardware from different manufactures to communicate.

3. What does IEEE 802.11 feature support?

The product supports the following IEEE 802.11 functions:

- CSMA/CA plus Acknowledge Protocol
- Multi-Channel Roaming
- Automatic Rate Selection
- RTS/CTS Feature
- Fragmentation
- Power Management

4. What is Ad-hoc?

An Ad-hoc integrated wireless LAN is a group of computers, each has a Wireless LAN card, Connected as an independent wireless LAN. Ad hoc wireless LAN is applicable at a departmental scale for a branch or SOHO operation.

5. What is Infrastructure?

An integrated wireless and wireless and wired LAN is called an Infrastructure configuration. Infrastructure is applicable to enterprise scale for wireless access to central database, or wireless application for mobile workers.

6. What is BSS ID?

A specific Ad hoc LAN is called a Basic Service Set (BSS). Computers in a BSS must be configured with the same BSS ID.

7. What is WEP?

WEP is Wired Equivalent Privacy, a data privacy mechanism based on a 40 bit shared key algorithm, as described in the IEEE 802 .11 standard.

8. What is TKIP?

TKIP is a quick-fix method to quickly overcome the inherent weaknesses in WEP security, especially the reuse of encryption keys. TKIP is involved in the IEEE 802.11i WLAN security standard, and the specification might be officially released by early 2003.

9. What is AES?

AES (Advanced Encryption Standard), a chip-based security, has been developed to ensure the highest degree of security and authenticity for digital information, wherever and however communicated or stored, while making more efficient use of hardware and/or software than previous encryption standards. It is also included in IEEE 802.11i standard. Compare with AES, TKIP is a temporary protocol for replacing WEP security until manufacturers implement AES at the hardware level.

10. Can Wireless products support printer sharing?

Wireless products perform the same function as LAN products. Therefore, Wireless products can work with Netware, Windows 2000, or other LAN operating systems to support printer or file sharing.

11. Would the information be intercepted while transmitting on air?

WLAN features two-fold protection in security. On the hardware side, as with Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum technology, it has the inherent security feature of scrambling. On the software side, WLAN series offer the encryption function (WEP) to enhance security and Access Control. Users can set it up depending upon their needs.

12. What is DSSS? What is FHSS? And what are their differences? Frequency-hopping spread-spectrum (FHSS) uses a narrowband carrier that changes frequency in a pattern that is known to both transmitter and receiver. Properly synchronized, the net effect is to maintain a single logical channel. To an unintended receiver, FHSS appears to be short-duration impulse noise. Direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) generates a redundant bit pattern for each bit to be transmitted. This bit pattern is called a chip (or chipping code). The longer the chip is, the greater the probability that the original data can be recovered. Even if one or more bits in the chip are damaged during transmission, statistical techniques embedded in the radio can recover the original data without-the need for retransmission. To an unintended receiver, DSSS appears as low power wideband noise and is rejected (ignored) by most narrowband receivers.

13. What is Spread Spectrum?

Spread Spectrum technology is a wideband radio frequency technique developed by the military for use in reliable, secure, mission-critical communication systems. It is designed to trade off bandwidth efficiency for reliability, integrity, and security. In other words, more bandwidth is consumed than in the case of narrowband transmission, but the trade off produces a signal that is, in effect, louder and thus easier to detect, provided that the receiver knows the parameters of the spread-spectrum signal being broadcast. If a receiver is not tuned to the right frequency, a spread –spectrum signal looks like background noise. There are two main alternatives, Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) and Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS).

14. What is WMM?

Wi-Fi Multimedia (WMM), a group of features for wireless networks that improve the user experience for audio, video and voice applications. WMM is based on a subset of the IEEE 802.11e WLAN QoS draft standard. WMM adds prioritized capabilities to Wi-Fi networks and optimizes their performance when multiple concurring applications, each with different latency and throughput requirements, compete for network resources. By using WMM, end-user satisfaction is maintained in a wider variety of environments and traffic conditions. WMM makes it possible for home network users and enterprise network managers to decide which data streams are most important and assign them a higher traffic priority.

15.What is WPS?

WPS stands for Wi-Fi Protected Setup. It provides a simple way to

establish unencrypted or encrypted connections between wireless clients and access point automatically. User can press a software or hardware button to activate WPS function, and WPS-compatible wireless clients and access point will establish connection by themselves. There are two types of WPS: PBC (Push-Button Configuration) and PIN code.