# HG531 V1 300Mbps Wireless ADSL2+ Router User Guide



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# 1 Product Overview

# **Supported Features**

The HG531 V1 300Mbps Wireless ADSL2+ Router (HG531 V1 for short) is a high-speed wireless router designed for home and small office use. This chapter describes the features supported by the HG531 V1.

- Digital subscriber line (DSL) provides rugged stability, and with the WPS button, zero configuration is required for connections to multiple devices.
- · Network range allows any device in a home to be connected with a transmission rate of up to 300Mbps.
- A powerful firewall is provided with a flexible network configuration and quality of service (QoS) strategy, enabling different home devices to enjoy high-speed and high-quality broadband services.

#### High-Bandwidth DSL Connectivity

The HG531 V1 incorporates a high-performance ADSL2+ processor and provides high-speed Internet access and abundant services to be delivered through the digital subscriber line (DSL).

#### Routing

The HG531 V1 supports routing. It can obtain an IP address through PPP dial-up or Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), which provides simultaneous access for multiple devices.

#### WLAN

The HG531 V1 supports multiple WLAN protocols, including 802.11b/g/n (2.4 GHz). Adopting 802.11n multiple-input multiple-output antennas (MIMO) technology, the HG531 V1 delivers a wireless transmission rate of up to 300Mbps with its dual antennas. In addition, the HG531 V1 supports multiple wireless encryption modes to provide a secure, reliable, and high-speed WLAN.

#### Wi-Fi Protected Setup

You can set up wireless connections between the HG531 V1 and Wi-Fi enabled devices by pressing the Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) button.

#### Firewall

The powerful built-in firewall effectively protects against viruses and malicious attacks.

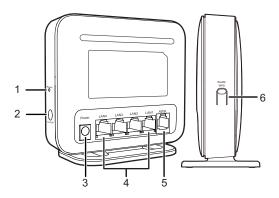
#### **ARP Attack Protection**

You can bundle an IP address and MAC address bi-directionally, which effectively protects your LAN from Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) attacks.

#### **Easy Configuration and Management**

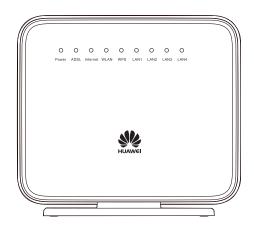
The HG531 V1 provides password-protected web-based management pages to protect your personal data.

# **Ports and Buttons**



No.	Item	Description
1	Reset	Restores the HG531 V1 to its default settings after you press and hold this button for 6 seconds or more while the HG531 V1 is powered on.
		A reset will result in all custom data and settings being lost. Use with caution.
2	On/Off	Powers the HG531 V1 on or off.
3	Power	Connects to a power adapter.
4	LAN4~LAN1	Connects to Ethernet devices, such as computers, set-top boxes (STBs), and switches.
5	ADSL	Connects to a DSL filter or phone socket.
6	WLAN/WPS	•Enables or disables the WLAN function.  Press this button (more than 3 seconds) to enable the WLAN function.  •Starts Wi-Fi protected setup (WPS) negotiation.
		Press this button (less than 3 seconds) to start WPS negotiation.

# **Indicators**



Indicator	Status	Description
Power	Steady green	The HG531 V1 is powered on.
rowei	Off	The HG531 V1 is powered off.
	Blinking green	A DSL connection is being activated.
ADSL	Steady green	A digital subscriber line (DSL) connection has been set up and activated.
11202	Off	No DSL connection has been set up, or the DSL connection is faulty.  The HG531 V1 is powered off.
	Blinking green	The HG531 V1 is connected to the Internet in router mode, and data is being transmitted.
Internet	Steady green	The HG531 V1 is connected to the Internet in router mode, but no data is being transmitted.
Internet	Off	•The HG531 V1 is in router mode, but not connected to the Internet.
		•The HG531 V1 is in bridge mode. The HG531 V1 is powered off.

	Blinking green	The HG531 V1 has WLAN enabled, and data is being transmitted.
WLAN	Steady green	The HG531 V1 has WLAN enabled, but is not transmitting data.
	Off	WLAN is disabled. The HG531 V1 is powered off.
	Blinking green	The HG531 V1 is connected to a wireless client, such as a computer with a wireless network adapter, over the WLAN using the Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) function.  The WPS indicator blinks for 120 seconds or less.
WPS	Steady green	The HG531 V1 is attempting to connect to a wireless client over the WLAN using the WPS function.  The WPS indicator is steady on for 300 seconds, and then turns off.
	Off	WPS is disabled. The HG531 V1 is powered off.
	Blinking green	The LAN port is connected to an Ethernet device with a network cable, and data is being transmitted.
LAN1~LAN4	Steady green	The LAN port is connected to an Ethernet device (such as a computer) with a network cable, but no data is being transmitted.
	Off	The LAN port is not connected to any Ethernet device.  The HG531 V1 is powered off.

# 2 Hardware Installation

# **Selecting an Installation Location**

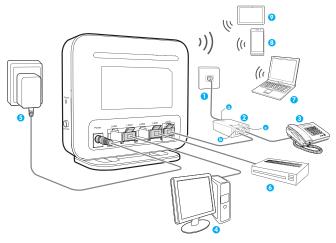
Place the HG531 V1 on a well-ventilated even surface without exposure to direct sunlight. For the best possible performance, take note of the following:

- Make sure there are no obstacles, such as concrete or wooden walls, between the computer and HG531 V1.
- Ensure that the computer and HG531 V1 are far from electric appliances that generate strong magnetic or electric fields, such as microwave ovens.

# **Connecting Cables**

If you have subscribed to digital subscriber line (DSL) broadband, you can connect the HG531 V1 to a telephone port for Internet access.

Follow the steps in the following figure to connect devices properly.



1 Telephone wall jack	2 Splitter	3 Telephone
4 Desktop computer	5 Power adapter	6 Set-top Box
7 Laptop computer	8 Smart Phone	9 Pad
a LINE port	b MODEM port	c PHONE port



When configuring the HG531 V1 for the first time, use an Ethernet cable to connect the HG531 V1 to a computer.

# **Powering On**

To power on the HG531 V1, press its power button.

After the HG531 V1 is powered on, the HG531 V1 indicator turns on. If the indicators do not behave as expected, ensure that everything is plugged in correctly.

# 3 Setting Network Parameters

# **Setting the Computer IP Address**

Before logging in to the HG531 V1 web management page, set the IP address of the computer that will be used for the login.

#### On Windows 7

- 1. Choose Start > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center.
- 2. Choose Change adapter settings. Right-click Local Area Connection and choose Properties.
- 3. Double-click Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4).
- 4. Select Obtain an IP address automatically and Obtain DNS server address automatically. Click OK.

#### On Windows Vista

- 1. Choose Start > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center.
- Choose Manage network connections. Right-click the connection that you want to change, and then click Properties.
- 3. Double-click Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4).
- 4. Select Obtain an IP address automatically and Obtain DNS server address automatically. Click OK.

### On Windows 8

- 1. Choose Settings > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center.
- Choose Change adapter settings. Right-click the connection that you want to change, and then click Properties.
- 3. Select Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCIP/IPv4), and click Properties.
- 4. Select Obtain an IP address automatically and Obtain DNS server address automatically. Click OK.

## On MAC OS X

- 1. Choose System Preferences > Network > Advanced.
- 2. Click AirPort, and choose Advanced in the lower right corner.
- 3. Click TCP/IP tab.
- 4. Select Automatically in Configure IPv4, and click OK.
- 5. Click Apply.

# Logging In to the Web Management Page

The HG531 V1 provides an intuitive web management page where you can view or set the HG531 V1 parameters.

Before you log in to the HG531 V1 web management page, ensure that the computer used for the login is connected to the HG531 V1 and has been configured to automatically obtain an IP address or assigned with a static IP address.

- 1. Open a browser. In the address box, enter 192.168.1.1. Press Enter.
- 2. Enter the login user name (user by default) and password (@User1234 by default). Click Login.
- i To protect against unauthorized access, change the user name and password after the first login.

# **Setting Dial-Up Connection Parameters**

The HG531 V1 works in bridge mode by default. You need to install and configure a dial-up connection on your computer, and perform it each startup.

Before setting dial-up connection parameters, verify that the HG531 V1 is correctly connected to your computer and you have the dial-up connection account name and password provided by your Internet service provider (ISP). This section demonstrates how to set up a Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet (PPPoE) connection on Windows.

#### On Windows 7

- 1. Choose Start > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center.
- 2. Under Change your networking settings, click Set up a new connection or network.
- 3. In the Set Up a Connection or Network window, select Connect to the Internet and click Next.
- 4. Click Broadband (PPPoE).
- 5. In User name and Password, enter the dial-up connection account name and password provided by your ISP. In Connection name, name the dial-up connection. Select or deselect Allow other people to use this connection. Then click Connect.

6. Return to the Network and Sharing Center page. Click Change adapter settings. Right-click the icon for the dial-up connection you just set up and choose Create Shortcut from the shortcut menu. In the displayed dialog box, click Yes.

#### On Windows Vista

- 1. Choose Start > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center.
- 2. Click Set up a connection or network.
- 3. In the displayed window, select Connect to the Internet and click Next.
- 4. Click Broadband (PPPoE).
- 5. In User name and Password, enter the dial-up connection account name and password provided by your ISP. In Connection name, name the dial-up connection. Select or deselect Allow other people to use this connection. Then click Connect.
- 6. Return to the Network and Sharing Center page, Click Manage network connections. Right-click the icon for the dial-up connection you just set up and choose Create Shortcut from the shortcut menu. In the displayed dialog box, click Yes.

#### On Windows 8

- 1. Choose Settings > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center.
- 2. In the displayed window, click Set up a new connection or network.
- 3. In the displayed window, click Connect to the Internet.
- 4. Click Broadband (PPPoE).
- 5. In User name and Password, enter the dial-up connection account name and password provided by your ISP. In Connection name, name the dial-up connection. Select or deselect Allow other people to use this connection. Then click Connect.
- 6. Return to the Settings page, Click Available to see a list of available connection types.
- Under Connections, select the connection you just set up and click Connect to open the dial-up connection window.
- 8. Click Dial to connect.

#### On MAC OS X

- 1. Choose System Preferences > Network.
- 2. Click + to add a new network connection.
- 3. In the displayed dialog, select PPPoE from the Interface drop-down combo box, then select Ethernet(for cable connection) or Airport(for wireless connection) from the Ethernet drop-down combo box, and enter a service name (default is PPPoE) you specified in Service Name.

- 4. Choose the network name you set from the services list, and enter the dial-up connection account name and password provided by your ISP in Account Name and Password. Select or deselect Remember this password. Then click Connect.
- 5. Select Show PPPoE status in menu bar.
- 6. Click Advanced.
- 7. In the displayed dialog, select settings as needed.
- 8. Click OK.
- 9. Return to the Network page, click Apply.

After you successfully set up a PPPoE connection, a dial-up connection icon is displayed on your computer desktop.

To connect to the Internet, double-click the dial-up connection icon. In the displayed dialog box, click Connect.

# 4 Wireless Connection Setup

# Enabling and Disabling the WLAN on the HG531 V1

The following two methods are available to enable and disable the WLAN on the HG531 V1.

### Using the WLAN Button

Press the WLAN button in the HG531 V1 to enable or disable the WLAN. To ascertain whether the WLAN is enabled, view the WLAN indicator.

# Using the Web Management Page

- 1. Log in to the web management page.
- 2. In the navigation tree, choose Basic > WLAN.
- 3. Configure wireless.
  - Select Enable WLAN to enable the WLAN.
  - •Clear Enable WLAN to disable the WLAN.

# Setting Up a Wireless Connection Using the WPS Button

Push the WPS button once to quickly set up a wireless connection between the HG531 V1 and any WPS-capable device.

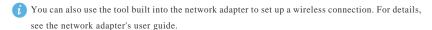
Before you set up a wireless connection using the WPS button, verify the following:

- The wireless network security mode of the HG531 V1 is WPA2-PSK or WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK.
- The wireless device (laptop, tablet, or mobile phone) to connect to the HG531 V1 is WPS-capable.
- Press the WPS button on the wireless device to start WPS negotiation. For details, see the user guide for the wireless device.
- Within 2 minutes, press and hold the WPS button (less than 3 seconds) on the HG531 V1. The WPS indicator blinks.

When the WPS indicator on the HG531 V1 is steady on, a connection between the HG531 V1 and wireless device is set up. The WPS indicator is on for 300 seconds, then turns off.

# Manually Setting Up a Wireless Connection

The wireless configuration software provided by Windows is used as an example to describe how to set up a wireless connection.



Before setting up a wireless connection, record the WLAN name and password of the HG531 V1. The default WLAN name and password are printed on the HG531 V1 cover label.

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### On Windows 7

- 1. Click in the lower right corner of your desktop.
- 2. From the wireless network list, select the WLAN provided by the HG531 V1. Click Connect.
- 3. In the displayed dialog box, enter the WLAN password and click OK.
- 4. In the wireless network list, check the WLAN connection status. If the status is Connected, the computer is wirelessly connected to the HG531 V1.

#### On Windows Vista

- Choose Start > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center > Manage wireless networks.
- 2. In the Connecting to a network window, double-click the WLAN provided by the HG531 V1.
- 3. In the displayed dialog box, enter the password and click Connect.
- In the wireless network list, check the WLAN connection status. If the status is Connected, the computer is wirelessly connected to the HG531 V1.

#### On Windows 8

- 1. Choose Settings from the right side of the desktop.
- 2. Click Available to list the available wireless networks.
- 3. Under Connections, select the WLAN provided by the HG531 V1 and click Connect.
- 4. In the displayed dialog box, enter the your WLAN password and click Next.
- 5. You will be asked if you would like to enable sharing between computers and connect to devices within the network. Selecting Yes will turn on sharing and No will leave it off.
- 6. In the wireless network list, check the WLAN connection status. If the status is Connected, the computer is wirelessly connected to the HG531 V1.

## On MAC OS X

- 1. Click at the top right side of your desktop.
- 2. Click Turn Airport On.
- 3. From the wireless network list, Select the WLAN provided by the HG531 V1.
- 4. In the displayed dialog box, enter your WLAN password and click Join.
- When a check mark appears next to the HG531 V1's SSID, the computer is wireless connected to the HG531 V1.

# **Changing Your WLAN Name and Password**

WLAN access requires the WLAN name and password. To improve your WLAN security, regularly change your WLAN name and password.

- 1. Log in to the web management page.
- 2. In the navigation tree, choose Basic > WLAN.
- 3. On the displayed page, enable your WLAN.
- On the Wireless Settings area, enter your desired WLAN name and password in SSID and WPA preshared key, and click Submit.

# 5 Maintenance Guide

# Changing the Web Management Page User Name and Password

The correct user name and password are required to log in to the web management page. Regular changes to the web management page user name and password can effectively prevent unauthorized users from logging in and modifying important parameters.

- 1. Log in to the web management page.
- 2. In the navigation tree, choose Maintenance > Account.
- 3. In New user name, enter your desired user name.
- 4. In Current password, enter the currently used password.
- 5. In New password, enter the new password you specified. In Confirm password enter the new password again.
- 6. Click Submit.

When modify password successfully, this page will jump to the login page, enter the new user name and password to log in.

i If you forget the password, you can press and hold the Reset button for 6 seconds or more, then the user name and password of the Web management page will back to factory value. This operation will make your own configuration data lost, please perform this operation with caution.

# **Restoring Default Settings**

## Using the Reset Button

If you forget the login password to the web management page or could not access the web management page, use the reset button on the HG531 V1 rear panel to restore the HG531 V1 to its default settings.

Perform this operation with caution. After the HG531 V1 is restored to its default settings, all custom data and settings will be lost, and the password will be restored to user.

- 1. Press the HG531 V1 power button to power the HG531 V1 on.
- 2. Press and hold the reset button for 6 seconds or more.

The HG531 V1 will restart, which will cause temporary network interruptions.

## Using the Configuration Tool

If the HG531 V1 parameter settings were configured incorrectly, log in to the web management page to reload the default configuration file and restore the HG531 V1 to its default settings. Perform this operation with caution. After the HG531 V1 is restored to its default settings, all custom data and settings will be lost, and the password will be restored to user.

- 1. Log in to the web management page.
- 2. In the navigation tree, choose Maintenance > Device.
- 3. In Reset, click Restore Default Settings.
- 4. In the displayed dialog box, click OK.

# 6 FAQs

# What Can I Do If I Cannot Open the Web Management Page?

- Open Internet Explorer. Choose Tools > Internet Options > Connections > LAN settings, and ensure that
  all check boxes are deselected.
- 2. Check that the computer IP address is 192.168.1.\*. (\* is any integer from 2 to 254.)
- 3. Check that the cables are securely connected to the HG531 V1 and that the LAN port's indicator is on.
- **4.** Ensure that the user name and password are correct.

If the problem persists, restore the HG531 V1 to its default settings.

# What Can I Do If the HG531 V1 Cannot Access the Internet through a Wireless Network Adapter Sometimes or If the WLAN Connection Is Unsteady?

This is probably because the HG531 V1 has its cables connected loosely, is placed too close to electronic appliances with intensive interference, or is too far from the computer. Verify that:

- 1. The power and telephone cables are correctly connected to the HG531 V1.
- Your computer and the HG531 V1 are far from electric appliances that generate strong magnetic or electric fields, such as microwave ovens, refrigerators, and cordless telephones.
- 3. The HG531 V1 is in an open area, and there are no obstacles, such as concrete or wooden walls, between the HG531 V1 and computer.
- 4. The HG531 V1 is close to the computer.
- 5. The angle between the HG531 V1 and computer is appropriate.
- Do not use the HG531 V1 during thunderstorms, as the signal strength may be unsteady and the HG531 V1 itself may be damaged due to lightning strikes.

## What Can I Do If I Cannot Access the Internet?

- Check that the Power indicator on the HG531 V1 is steady on. If the Power indicator is off, perform further checks as follows:
  - a. Check that the HG531 V1 is turned on.
  - b.Check that electricity comes from the socket and that the power input from the socket meets the requirements described on the label of the HG531 VI's power adapter. If the voltage is unstable, for example,

if the voltage is too high or too low, do not use the HG531 V1. Wait until the voltage recovers, and then use the HG531 V1

- c.Check that the HG531 V1 is securely connected to the socket using its power adapter.
- If the **Power** indicator is still off, contact an authorized maintenance center.
- After powering on the HG531 V1, wait for about 3 minutes. Then check whether the ADSL indicator turns steady on.
  - a.Check that the telephone line is correctly and securely connected, especially the connection between the telephone line and the splitter.
  - **b.**Check that the HG531 V1 and telephone line are located far from any electric appliances that generate strong magnetic or electric fields. Replace the telephone line when necessary.
  - If the ADSL indicator is still off, contact your network service provider.
- 3. Check whether the LAN indicator is on. If the LAN indicator is off, perform further checks as follows:
  - a. Check that the network adapter on your computer is enabled.
  - b.Check that the network cable between the HG531 V1 and the computer is securely connected. Remove and then insert the network cable or replace the network cable when necessary.
  - If the LAN indicator is still off, contact an authorized maintenance center.
- 4. Check that the driver for the network adapter is correctly installed. The following example uses a computer running the Windows XP operating system to check whether the driver for the network adapter is installed:
  - a.Right-click My Computer, and choose Manage from the displayed shortcut menu.
  - $b. \mbox{In} \mbox{ the } \mbox{Computer Management} \mbox{ window, click } \mbox{Device Manager}.$
  - c.In the right pane of the Computer Management window, click Network adapters.
  - If no network adapter is found or if a question mark (?) or an exclamation mark (!) is displayed next to the network adapter icon, the driver for the network adapter is not correctly installed. Re-install the driver.
- 5. Check that PPP dial-up software is installed and parameters are set correctly. For details about parameter settings, see the user guide for the PPP dial-up software.
- 6. Check that you have entered the correct user name and password required by the PPP dial-up software. The user name and password are provided by your network service provider.
- 7. Check that you can use the PPP dial-up software to set up dial-up connection. If the dial-up connection fails, perform further checks as follows:
  - a.Close the PPP dial-up software, and power off the HG531 V1. After 5 minutes, power on the HG531 V1, and use the PPP dial-up software to dial again.
  - b.Restore the HG531 V1 to its default settings.
  - If the problem persists, contact your network service provider.

- 8. Check that the proxy server of the browser is correctly configured. The following example uses Internet Explorer on the Windows XP operating system to check whether the proxy server of the browser is correctly configured:
  - a.Launch Internet Explorer.
  - **b.**Choose Tools > Internet Options.
  - c.In the Internet Options dialog box, click the Connections tab.
  - d.In the Local Area Network (LAN) settings area, click LAN Settings.
  - e.In the Proxy server area of the Local Area Network (LAN) Settings dialog box, check that the Use a proxy server for your LAN (These settings will not apply to dial-up or VPN connections). check box is cleared.
- Try to access more websites to check whether the HG531 V1 can access these websites. If the problem persists, contact your network service provider.

# I Often Need to Restart the HG531 V1 to Display Web Pages. What Can I Do?

Verify the following:

- The HG531 V1 and other devices such as telephones or fax machines are connected to the plain old telephone service (POTS) line through a digital subscriber line (DSL) filter. For details about how to install a DSL filter, see the description in the DSL filter manual.
- 2. Cables are securely connected to HG531 V1 ports. Otherwise, network stability may suffer.
- 3. Your computer and the HG531 V1 are far from electric appliances that generate strong magnetic or electric fields, such as microwave ovens, refrigerators, and cordless telephones.

If the problem persists, contact your Internet Service Provider.

# 7 Appendix

# **Technical Specifications**

Item	Specifications		
Power supply	12 V DC, 0.5 A		
Power consumption	< 5 W		
Ambient operating temperature	0°C to 40°C		
Ambient humidity	5% to 95% RH (non-	condensing)	
Dimensions (H x W x D)	31.5 mm x 118 mm x 100 mm (1.24 in. x 4.65 in. x 3.94 in.), antenna excluded		
Weight	About 360 g		
	ADSL standard	ITU G.992.1 (G.dmt) ITU G.994.1 (G.hs) ANSI T1.413 Issue 2	
DSL standard	ADSL2 standard	ITU G.992.3 (G.dmt.bis) Annex A ITU G.992.3 (G.dmt.bis) Annex L ITU G.992.3 (G.dmt.bis) Annex M	
	ADSL2+ standard	ITU G.992.5 (G.dmt.bitplus) Annex A ITU G.992.5 (G.dmt.bitplus) Annex M	
	WLAN standard	802.11b, 802.11g, and 802.11n (2.4 GHz)	
	G.dmt	Downlink: 8 Mbit/s	
	T1.413	Uplink: 896 kbit/s	
DSL transmission rate	ADSL	Downlink: 12 Mbit/s Uplink: 1024 kbit/s	
	ADSL2+	Downlink: 24 Mbit/s Uplink: 1024 kbit/s	
	802.11b	Up to 11 Mbit/s	
Wireless transmission rate	802.11g	Up to 54 Mbit/s	
w necess transmission rate	802.11n (2T2R antenna technology)	Up to 300 Mbit/s	

# **Default Settings**

Parameter	Default Value	
LAN port IP address	192.168.1.1	
LAN port subnet mask	255.255.255.0	
User name to log in to the web configuration page	user	
Password to log in to the web configuration page	@User1234	
WLAN name (SSID)	Labeled on the product cover	
WLAN password (WLAN Key)	Labeled on the product cover	
Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) server	Enabled	
WLAN	Enabled	

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## ErP Product Information

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The power consumption of product in networked standby if all wired network ports are connected and all wireless network ports are activated is 4.0 W.

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