

# XL, XLE, XLV BreadCrumb<sup>®</sup> User Guide



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## **1.0 PREFACE**

### **1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This manual provides information and guidance to all personnel who are involved with and use Rajant Corporation's BreadCrumb<sup>®</sup> Wireless Network devices ("BreadCrumb<sup>®</sup> devices").

This manual begins with an introduction to the BreadCrumb Wireless Network and a brief overview of the various BreadCrumb device models available. This is followed by a guide to BCAdmin™, the management application used to configure BreadCrumb devices before or during a deployment. Finally, common deployment scenarios are described and concise step-by-step instructions for each scenario are provided.

### **1.2 USER INFORMATION**

The user of this manual is encouraged to submit comments and recommended changes to improve this manual. Please send any comments or changes to [www.support@rajant.com](mailto:www.support@rajant.com). Be sure to include the version number of the manual you are using and please provide the page numbers related to your comments wherever possible.

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

Rajant Corporation's ([www.rajant.com](http://www.rajant.com)) XL, XLE, XLV BreadCrumb integrates Ethernet and wireless *IEEE* 802.11b/g connectivity with mesh networking protocols. The network is mobile, self-integrating, self-meshing, self-healing, full-duplex and secure. An internal Li Ion rechargeable standby battery can power the unit when external power is unavailable. The focus is on flexibility, adaptability, and simplicity.

The BC (BreadCrumb) is intended for rapid deployment of a broadband wireless network into a situation or 'hot zone'.

The BreadCrumb wireless network components utilize the *IEEE* 802.11b/g wireless networking standard to form a wireless mesh network. The network can be deployed as a stand-alone wireless network, or bridged to another network (such as the Internet) utilizing available reachback communication links (such as a DSL, cable, or satellite modem).

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## 2.1 WHAT IS A BREADCRUMB?

A Bread Crumb device is an 802.11b (Wi-Fi) Access Point specifically designed for the following scenarios:

### 2.1.1 TEMPORARY WIRELESS NETWORKS

Networks that must be established quickly and with minimal effort for short-term use. (e.g., a network established to provide First Responder support at the site of a disaster).

### 2.1.2 MOBILE WIRELESS NETWORKS

Networks in which the network infrastructure itself is mobile, in addition to client devices (e.g., a convoy viewing a video stream from a UAV).

### 2.1.3 WIRELESS NETWORK EXTENSION

Networks in which a wireless network must be quickly extended around or through obstacles that block wireless communications (e.g., urban canyon networks, tunnels/caves, etc.).

### **2.1.4 WIRED NETWORK EXTENSION**

Networks in which two or more wired LANs at different locations must be connected wirelessly (e.g., to securely connect combat service support computers with logistics bases).

### **2.1.5 ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE**

Most BreadCrumb deployments include elements from more than one of the above scenarios.

In many cases, BreadCrumb devices will perform all of the above tasks as shipped with no configuration necessary at all, providing an instant TAN -a *Tactical Area Network*. Moreover, because BreadCrumb devices use industry-standard 802.11b communications, client devices such as laptops or handheld computers require no special hardware, software, or configuration to access a BreadCrumb Wireless Network.

## **2.2 MOBILITY THROUGH MESHING**

The key component to a BreadCrumb Wireless Network is a technique known as *Meshing*. While this is generally handled automatically by BreadCrumb devices, complex deployment scenarios require a basic understanding of how BreadCrumb devices establish and maintain a mesh.

### **2.2.1 MESH – A DEFINITION**

A *mesh* is a collection of network devices (in our case, BreadCrumb devices), each of which is connected to one or more other BreadCrumb devices. Data can move between BreadCrumb devices via these links, possibly passing through several intermediate BreadCrumb devices before arriving at its final destination.

The intelligence of a BreadCrumb Wireless Network is in how it adapts rapidly to the creation or destruction of the links in the mesh as devices are moved, switched OFF or ON, blocked by obstructions, interfered with by other devices, or otherwise affected. This adaptation takes place automatically and immediately as needed.

Note: Although all BreadCrumb devices can be Access Points, most Access Points do not provide any meshing capabilities. Traditional Access Points simply allow wireless devices within range to connect to a wired network; they do not extend range through other Access Points.

### **2.2.2 BREADCRUMB DEVICES MESH BY CHANNEL AND ESSID**

Two BreadCrumb devices establish a mesh link to one another when they share both a radio channel and an ESSID. The 802.11b radios used by BreadCrumb devices support 11 different channels for communication, numbered 1-11. By default, each BreadCrumb device radio is on channel 1, or 11. Most BreadCrumb devices have two radios, using two of those channels.

An ESSID is essentially a name for a wireless network. By default, BreadCrumb devices use the ESSID "breadcrumb".



**Example 1**

Suppose you have three BreadCrumb devices, called A, B, and C. Each has two radios. BreadCrumb device A’s radios are on channels 1 and 8, B’s are on 8 and 11, and C’s are on 1 and 11. All three BreadCrumb devices are using the default ESSID of "breadcrumb". Assuming that all three BreadCrumb devices are within radio range of one another, the network will be connected,

**Example 2**

Now suppose that you change the ESSID of BreadCrumb device C to "lonely". The network will adjust to this change.

Note that BreadCrumb device C can no longer communicate with A or B, and vice versa.

**Table 1. Comparison of XL, XLE and XLV BreadCrumbs**

	<b>BreadCrumb® XL</b>	<b>BreadCrumb® XLE</b>	<b>BreadCrumb® XLV</b>
<b>Dimensions</b>	12" x 12" x 2.5"	12" x 12" x 2.5"	12" x 12" x 2.5"
<b>Weight</b>	13.6 lbs	14.4 lbs	14.2 lbs
<b>Input Power</b>	9—15 VDC	6—15 VDC	9—40 VDC
<b>Power Consumption</b>	12.2 W @ 12 V	Reg: 22.7 W @ 12 V Veh: 31.1 W @ 24 V	Reg: 12.2 W @ 12 V Veh: 15.2 W @ 24 V
<b>Operating Temperature</b>	-20°—60°C	-20°—60°C	-20°—60°C
<b>Standard Battery</b>	N/A - Vehicle Battery Cable	N/A -Vehicle Power Cable	N/A -Vehicle Power Cable
<b>Number of Radios</b>	2	2	2
<b>Ethernet</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>RF Output Power</b>	26 dBm / Channel ±2 dBm	26 dBm / Channel ±2 dBm	26 dBm / Channel ±2 dBm
<b>Receive Sensitivity</b>	11 Mbps: -85 dBm 1 Mbps: -92 dBm @PER <8%	11 Mbps: -89 dBm 5.5 Mbps: -91 dBm 2 Mbps: -93 dBm 1 Mbps: -94 dBm @PER <8%	11 Mbps: -85 dBm 1 Mbps: -92 dBm @PER <8%
<b>Security</b>	Access Control Lists; WEP; Third party VPNs; Type 1 encryption with Harris SecNet 11	Access Control Lists; WEP; Third party VPNs; Type 1 encryption with Harris SecNet 11	Access Control Lists; WEP; Third party VPNs; Type 1 encryption with Harris SecNet 11
<b>Integrated Antenna</b>	None	None	None
<b>External Antenna Connectors</b>	1x female N-type (radios combined internally)	1x female N-type (radios combined internally)	1x female N-type (radios combined internally)
<b>Managed Networking Features</b>	Bridging, Gateway, DHCP, NAT, Port Forwarding	Bridging, Gateway, DHCP, NAT, Port Forwarding	Bridging, Gateway, DHCP, NAT, Port Forwarding

## 2.3 DESCRIPTION OF XL, XLE & XLV BREADCRUMBS

### 2.3.1 FEATURES

The **BreadCrumb XL** is a long-range model, capable of 11 Mbits/s communications at distances of 7 miles (11.2 km) or more, and lower-speed communications at even greater range. As examples, BreadCrumb XLs have been rapidly deployed:

In Air Traffic Control towers

On mountain tops

On ships

**NOTE:** The range-extending circuitry within a BreadCrumb XL is permanently tuned to 802.11b channels 1 and 11. Changing these settings may prevent your network from operating properly.

The **BreadCrumb XLV** is identical to the BreadCrumb XL, with the exception that it also accepts unfiltered vehicle power (6—40 VDC) as a power source. This allows long-range communication within and among vehicle convoys and bases, and enables the bridging of widely spread networks by vehicles. As examples, BreadCrumb XLVs have been rapidly deployed:

In HMMWVs

In Bradley Fighting Vehicles

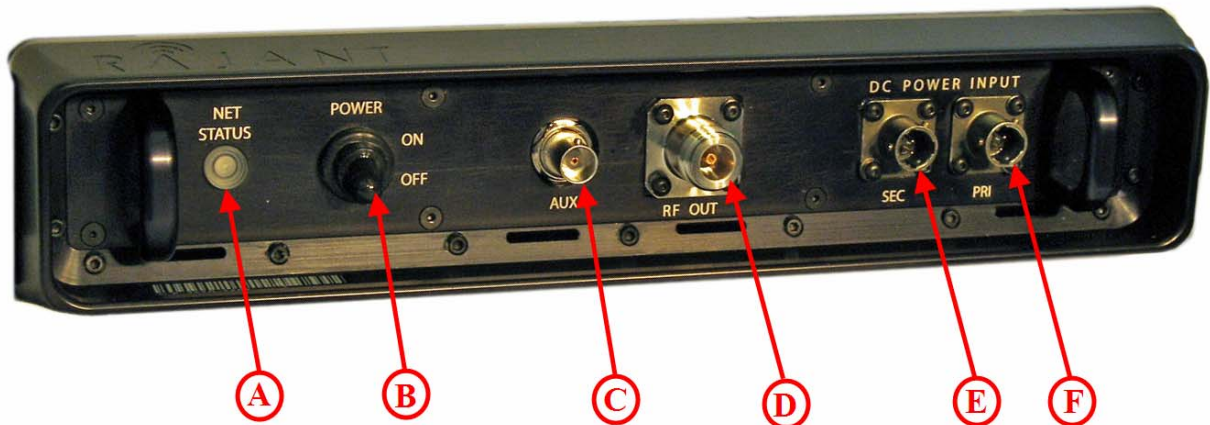
In trucks

The **BreadCrumb XLE** is identical to the BreadCrumb XLV, except that it also includes an MPEG video encoder and an external BNC video connector. A composite video source can be connected to the BreadCrumb XLE and its video stream will be available to other devices on the BCWN. As examples, BreadCrumb XLEs have been rapidly deployed to provide video from:

Security cameras

LRASSS (Long-Range Advanced Scout Surveillance System)

### 2.3.2 FRONT PANEL FEATURES



**Figure 1. XL, XLE, XLV Front Panel**

- A. Status LED Built In test and evaluation indicator (BITE) - status light
- B. Power Switch
- C. Composite Video Input (BNC) (only available on the XLE model)
- D. Antenna Connector (N-Type)
- E. Secondary DC Input Power 12 VDC
- F. Primary DC Input Power 12 VDC

### 2.3.3 REAR PANEL FEATURES



**Figure 2. XL, XLE, XLV Rear Panel**

- A. External Ethernet
- B. 6—40 VDC Rear Power Connector

## 2.4 NETWORK FEATURES

Each BreadCrumb XL, XLE, XLV device has one *IEEE* 802.11b/g wireless NICs (network interface cards), one externally accessible Ethernet port. The wireless NIC, enables the BCWL components to communicate and form the wireless LAN, as well provide access for wireless clients to connect and communicate. The Ethernet ports provide hardwired connections to auxiliary network devices and clients. The Ethernet ports also provide a secure connection for some device configuration options which are not available through wireless connections.

## 2.5 POWER FEATURES

Each BreadCrumb XL, XLE, XLV is shipped with a 12 V AC/DC power supply. The BreadCrumb XL, XLE, XLV may, however be powered by any regulated DC power source that is 6—18 V DC, 2.5 A. Primary power is provided though the 2-pin power connector

## 2.6 CABLE CONNECTOR PIN INFORMATION

### 2.6.1 2-PIN POWER CONNECTOR

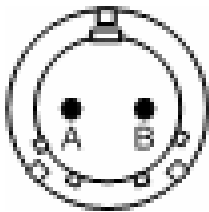
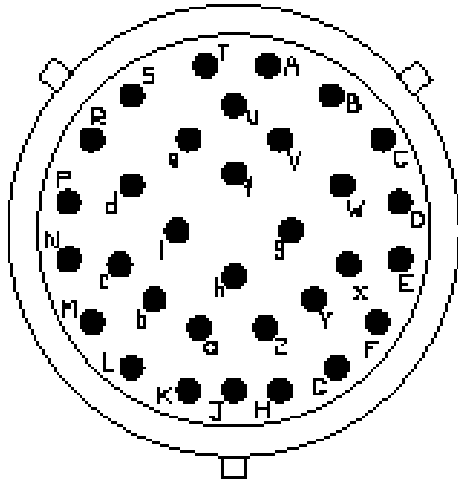


Figure 3. 2-Pin Power Connector

Table 2. 2-Pin Power Connection

Pin Letter	Pin Name	Pin Description
A	12 VDC	Power
B	GND	Ground

**32-PIN CONNECTOR**



**Figure 4. 32-Pin Connector**

**Table 3. 32-Pin Connector**

<b>Pin Letter</b>	<b>Pin Name</b>	<b>Pin Description</b>
A	GND	12 VDC REGULATED IN –
B	GND	12 VDC REGULATED IN –
C	Reserved	—
D	Reserved	—
E	Reserved	—
F	Reserved	—
G	GND	6–40 VDC UNREGULATED IN –
H	GND	6–40 VDC UNREGULATED IN –
J	Reserved	—
K	VDC_IN_+V	6–40 VDC UNREGULATED IN + (Vehicle Power) NOT functional on XL model
L	VDC_IN_+V	6–40 VDC UNREGULATED IN + (Vehicle Power) NOT functional on XL model
M	Reserved	—
N	Reserved	—
P	Reserved	—
R	VDC_IN_+V	12 VDC REGULATED IN +
S	VDC_IN_+V	12 VDC REGULATED IN +
T	Reserved	—
U	Reserved	—
V	Reserved	—
W	Reserved	—
X	Reserved	—
Y	Reserved	—
Z	Reserved	—
a	Reserved	—
b	Reserved	—
c	Reserved	—
d	Reserved	—
e	Reserved	—
f	Reserved	—
g	VDC_IN_+V	12 VDC REGULATED OUT +
h	GND	12 VDC REGULATED OUT –
j	Reserved	—

### 3.0 USING BCADMIN™

**Note:** Some portions of this section assume a working knowledge of TCP/IP networking, including DHCP, NAT, and DNS. While the network lay person may be able to perform some BCWN management tasks, it is recommended that network configuration be performed by experienced network administrators.

BCAdmin is an application allowing an administrator to perform several tasks on a BreadCrumb Wireless Network, including:

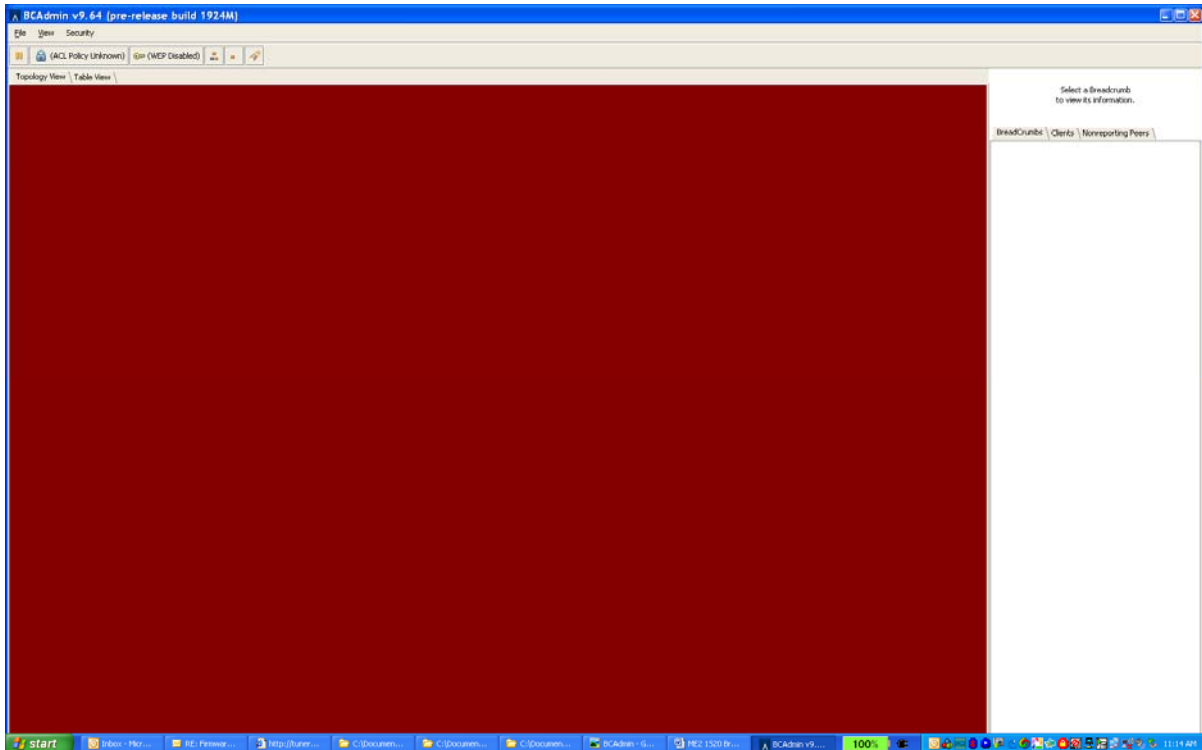
- Monitor its status
- Configure network-wide settings
- Configure individual BreadCrumb devices
- Graphically view the BCWN topology in real time

BCAdmin typically runs on a laptop PC, but it can be run on any PC that has access to the entire BCWN. Versions are available for Microsoft Windows® or Linux.

**Note:** BCAdmin version **9.64 or higher** is required to administer all firmware features that are covered in this manual.

### 3.1 SCREEN LAYOUT

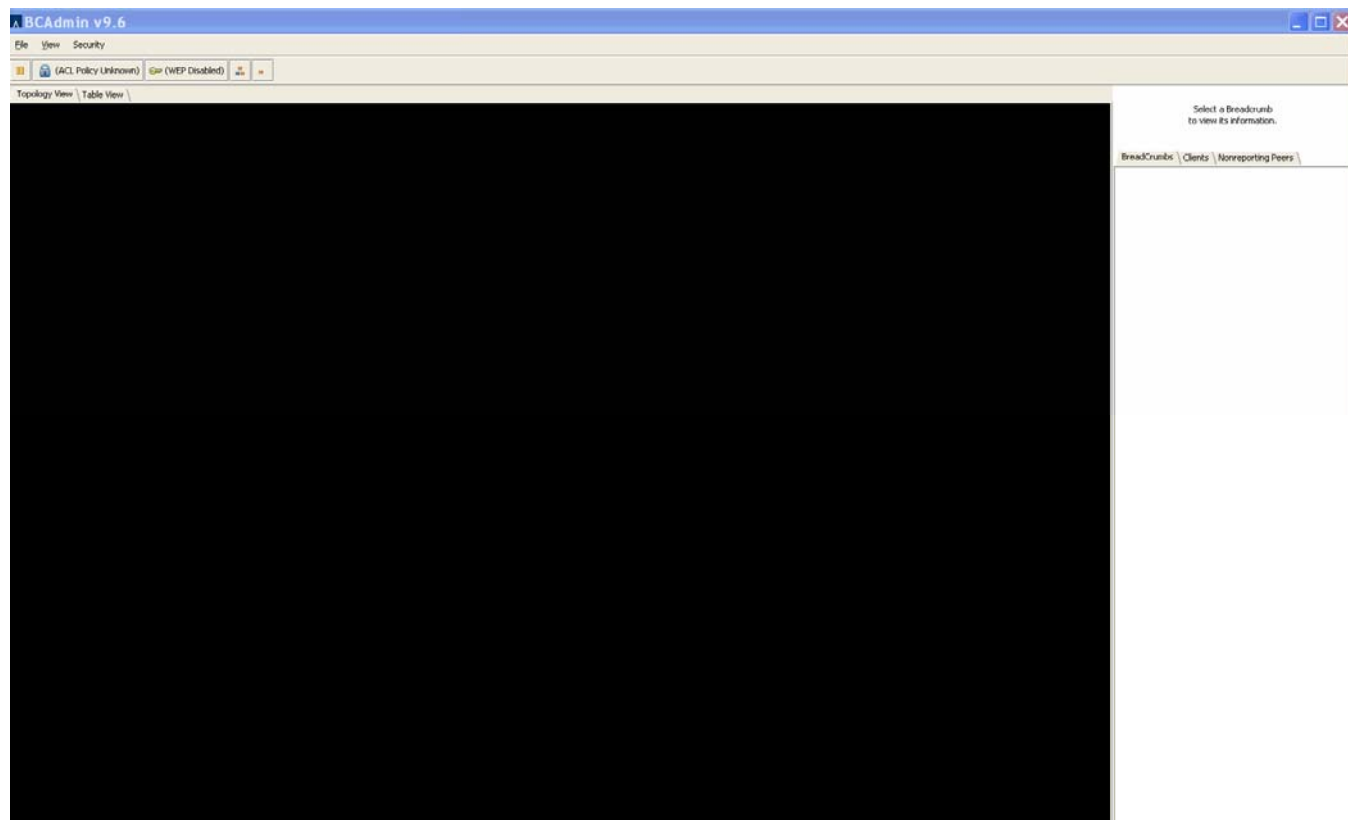
When BCAdmin is launched the screen will initially look like this: The large area on the left is the Topology Area, showing the current shape of the network at any given time. The Info Area to the right shows detailed information for BreadCrumb devices, client devices, and wireless links.



**Figure 5. BCAdmin Initial Screen at Startup**

**Note:** If your BCAdmin workstation does not have a network address in the 10.0.0.0/8 range, the large black area will instead be red, as in Figure 5, until you obtain such an address. A red Topology Area indicates that no communication with BreadCrumb devices is possible (this could be caused by no BreadCrumb devices being turned on, or the workstation has not associated with any BreadCrumbs).





**Figure 6. BCAdmin Screen at Startup (No Network Address in the 10.0.0.0/8 Range)**

When BCAdmin is able to communicate to a BCWN, the network topology is shown in the Topology Area, as below (your network will look different).

### 3.1.1 TOPOLOGY AREA

The Topology Area shows the topology (logical shape) of your network as it changes. BreadCrumb devices and client devices (laptops, etc.) are shown graphically, as well as the links between them.

Important: The Topology Area shows the *logical* layout of your network, not the physical layout. While there may be some correlation between the picture you see and the physical locations of your BreadCrumb devices and client devices, physical locations are not represented in this diagram.

Tip: BCAdmin makes an effort to layout the Topology Area in an easily readable way, with a minimum of line intersections and superimposed boxes. Sometimes, however, the screen can get cluttered. BCAdmin provides two features to help cope with this, which may be used in combination:

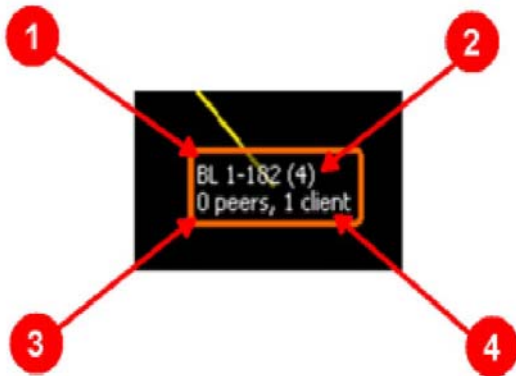
- A Play/Pause button in the toolbar below the File menu allows you to enable/disable continuous layout, effectively allowing you to ‘lock’ BreadCrumb devices in place.
- BreadCrumb device and client device icons can be dragged to desired positions in the Topology Area using the mouse.

The larger blocks in the Topology Area represent BreadCrumb devices. The smaller blocks with blue outlines represent client devices.

Detailed information for a BreadCrumb device can be viewed in the Info Area by selecting the BreadCrumb device in the Topology Area. A BreadCrumb device can be selected by single-clicking it with your mouse. The selected BreadCrumb device will be highlighted with a dashed border. A description of the detailed information is provided later in this chapter.

### 3.1.2 ANATOMY OF THE BREADCRUMB BOX

The following figure shows a close-up image of a BreadCrumb device as represented on the BCAdmin Topology Area.



**Figure 7. BreadCrumb represented on BCAdmin Topology Area**

#### 3.1.2.1. BREADCRUMB DEVICE NAME

The BreadCrumb device's name is displayed in the upper-left area of the BreadCrumb Box. The name is assigned by an administrator using the process described in the Section called *Configuring Individual BreadCrumbs*. This allows the administrator to distinguish between multiple

BreadCrumb devices in a BCWN.

If the BreadCrumb device has no name assigned, its ID is used. The ID is a unique, alphanumeric, non-editable string used internally by the BreadCrumb device.

#### 3.1.2.2. TIME SINCE LAST UPDATE

Each BreadCrumb device sends periodic information updates to BCAdmin, in intervals ranging from about 5 seconds to about 20 seconds. This number shows how long it has been, in seconds, since BCAdmin last heard from this BreadCrumb device.

By default, BCAdmin will color the BreadCrumb Box red and make a sound if a BreadCrumb device has not sent an update for 60 seconds. This may simply be because a BreadCrumb device has been switched off, or its battery has died, or it may indicate a problem with the network, its deployment, the local radio environment, or other factors.

#### 3.1.2.3. NUMBER OF PEERS

A *peer* is simply another BreadCrumb device to which a BreadCrumb device has meshed. Data packets are automatically routed through peers as necessary by the BreadCrumb devices.

#### 3.1.2.4. NUMBER OF CLIENTS

A client is any *IEEE* 802.11b device that has associated with a BreadCrumb device's access point. Laptops, handheld computers, cameras, VOIP + Wi-Fi phones, etc. are examples of client devices.

**Tip:** The amount of information displayed for each BreadCrumb device can be changed by right-clicking on a BreadCrumb device and choosing Show More Detail or Show Less Detail. The detail level for the entire network can be changed via the View Menu at the top of the window. The above figure shows BCAdmin's the default level of detail.

### 3.1.3 ANATOMY OF THE CLIENT BOX

Client devices are represented in the Topology Area by a blue box containing the client device's MAC address, as pictured below.



**Figure 8. Client Device's MAC Address**

#### 3.1.3.1. CLIENT MAC ADDRESS/NICKNAME

The MAC address or administrator-set nickname of the client device.

**Tip:** An administrator can set nicknames for each client device. These nicknames are then displayed in the Topology Area instead of the MAC address. To set a nickname, right-click on the client device and choose Set Client Nickname.

## 3.2 ANATOMY OF A CONNECTION LINE

If your BCWN has more than one BreadCrumb device, your Topology Area probably includes several lines connecting BreadCrumb boxes to clients and to one another. The color, style, and direction of motion (if any) of a line indicates its channel, speed, and direction as follows:

**Table 4. BCAdmin Line Colors Legend**

<i>IEEE</i> 802.11b Channel	Line Color
1	Yellow
2	Red
3	Red
4	Red
5	Red
6	Red
7	Red
8	Green
9	Red
10	Red
11	Purple

**Table 5. BCAdmin Line Styles Legend**

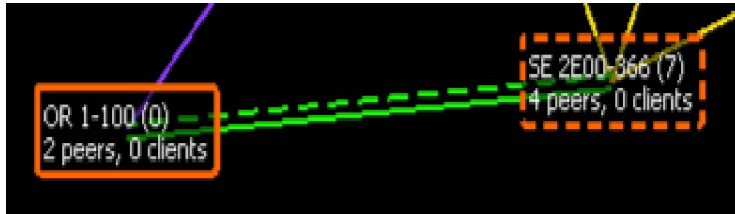
Link Speed (Mbps)	Line Style
11 or higher	Solid
5.5	Dashed
2	Dot-Dash
1	Dotted

### 3.2.1 ASYMMETRIC CONNECTIONS

For a variety of environmental reasons (antenna placement, radio reflections, interference, etc.), asymmetric connections are sometimes formed between BreadCrumb devices. An asymmetric connection is a connection between two BreadCrumb devices in which each BreadCrumb device is transmitting at a different speed.

When an asymmetric connection is made, the BCAdmin operator will see two lines of the same color connecting two BreadCrumb devices. The speeds will be represented in the line styles as specified in the BCAdmin Line Styles Legend above. Transmission direction of each link is represented by motion of the dots or dashes comprising the lines. (11 Mbps links are solid lines, so their direction in an asymmetric link is determined by elimination; its direction is simply the direction opposite the other link of the same color).

The following figure illustrates an asymmetric link:



**Figure 9. Assymmetric Links**

### 3.2.2 INFO AREA

The Info Area shows detailed information specific to the currently selected BreadCrumb device, if any. Select a BreadCrumb device in the Topology Area by single-clicking it with your mouse. The selected BreadCrumb device will be highlighted with a dashed border.

The top portion of the Info Area shows a summary of the selected BreadCrumb device's configuration as pictured below:

<b>Name:</b>	ME 2E20-1220
<b>ID:</b>	00:60:B3:2F:1D:D2
<b>Version:</b>	9.83 (Build 2432)
<b>Mode:</b>	Bridge
<b>DHCP:</b>	Enabled
<b>Uptime:</b>	0:47:54
<b>Platform:</b>	elf3 (armv5tel)
<b>eth0:</b>	00:50:c2:39:86:8d Ethernet
<b>wlan0:</b>	00:60:b3:2f:1d:d2 802.11b (Ch 1) (Mesh) (AP) 10.29.210.1
<b>wlan1:</b>	00:60:b3:2f:1d:d1 802.11b (Ch 11) (Mesh) (AP) 10.29.209.1

**Figure 10. BreadCrumb Summary Panel**

In this example, you can see that the selected BreadCrumb device is running version 9.83 of the BreadCrumb firmware, and has been running for a almost 48 seconds. It has two radios, on channels 1 and 11 which both are participating in the mesh and serving as access point. You can also see the IPv4 address assigned to radio card wlan0 is 10.29.210.1 and to radio card wlan1 is 10.29.209.1.

The same information is available in each list. The following figure shows an example listing of BreadCrumb connections.

BreadCrumbs	Clients	Nonreporting Peers
<b>ME 2E20-1044 (00:60:B3:2E:D0:99)</b>		
<b>Speed:</b>	<b>11.0 Mbps</b>	
<b>Channel:</b>	11 (2.462GHz)	
<b>MAC:</b>	00:60:b3:2e:3d:ba	
<b>IP:</b>	10.208.153.1	
<b>Signal:</b>	-18 dBm	
<b>Noise:</b>	-99 dBm	
<b>Speed:</b>	<b>11.0 Mbps</b>	
<b>Channel:</b>	1 (2.412GHz)	
<b>MAC:</b>	00:60:b3:2e:d0:99	
<b>IP:</b>	10.208.153.1	
<b>Signal:</b>	-21 dBm	
<b>Noise:</b>	-100 dBm	

Figure 11. Example Listing of BreadCrumb Connections

**Tip:** Place your mouse over the connection detail in the Info Area to highlight the corresponding line in the Topology Area.

### 3.3 CONFIGURING INDIVIDUAL BREADCRUMBS

To configure a specific BreadCrumb device, right-click on the BreadCrumb device in the Topology Area and choose Properties. A window will appear via which the BreadCrumb device can be configured, with configuration options grouped by tabs into multiple categories. Each tab and its settings are described in this section.

#### 3.3.1 GENERAL SETTINGS

The 'General' tab contains controls for configuring several simple system-wide settings:

**Properties for ME 2E20-1044 (00:60:B3:2E:D0:99)**

**BreadCrumb Properties**  
Advanced BreadCrumb Configuration.

General | IP Address | Radios | Reachback | Forwarding

Name:  Model:

Location:  Color:

ESSID:  Battery warning (minutes):

DHCP Server:  Enabled

**GPS**

Automatic Reporting:  Enabled

**Manual GPS Settings (automatic reporting overrides these settings)**

Format: DDMM.MMMMM (e.g., 7400.0000N for 74 deg North Latitude)

Latitude:  (e.g., 4000.0000N)

Longitude:  (e.g., 07400.0000W)

**AirFortress (v8.x) / BreadCrumb Mesh (v9.x) Encryption**

AES-256:  Enabled

**Figure 12. BreadCrumb Properties – General Tab**

### 3.3.1.1. BATTERY WARNING (MINUTES)

Each BreadCrumb device includes a battery timer that monitors run time. When batteries are changed, the battery timer should be reset (by right-clicking on the BreadCrumb box and choosing Diagnostics and Maintenance, then Reset Battery Timer). When the value set in this field is reached, a visible warning is shown in the Topology Area alerting administrators that a battery must be changed.

### 3.3.1.2. DHCP SERVER

Each BreadCrumb device provides an internal DHCP server (see the Section called DHCP in Chapter 3 for a description of its addressing scheme). When this check box is checked, the DHCP server will run.

### 3.3.1.3. GPS: AUTOMATIC REPORTING

For BreadCrumb devices equipped with GPS receivers, this enables their reporting of their coordinates to BCAdmin (and subsequently to a mapping server; see the Section called Mapping with FugawiTracker).

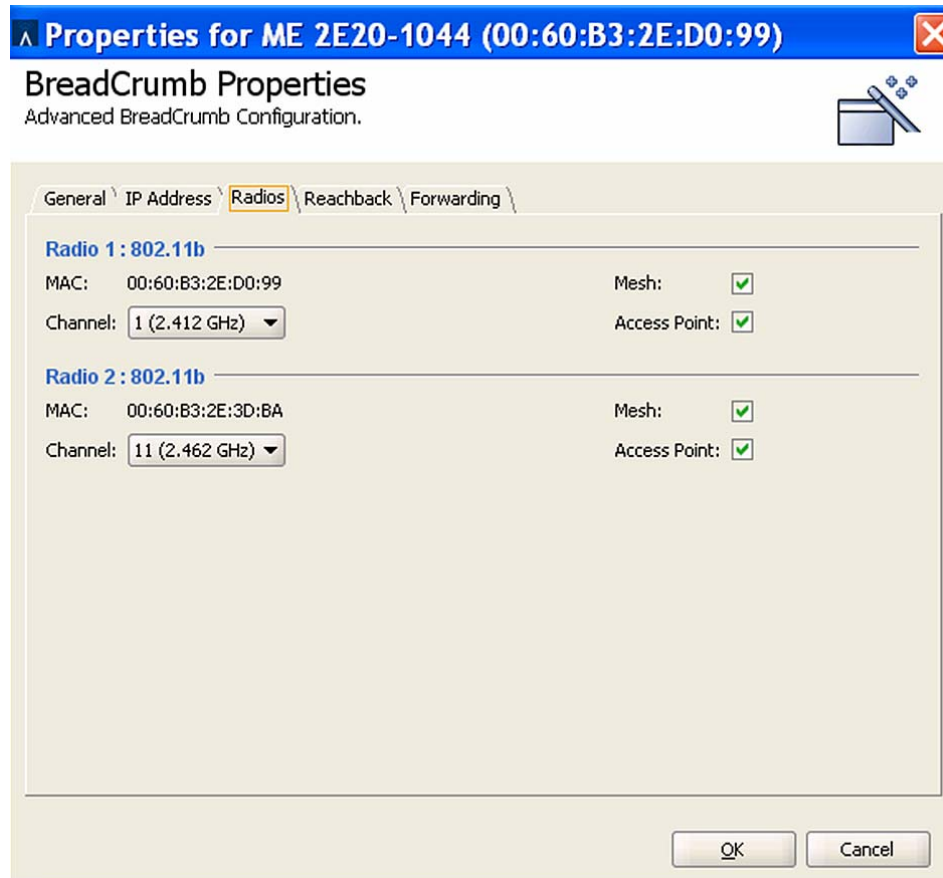
### 3.3.1.4. MANUAL GPS SETTINGS: LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE

An administrator may manually enter latitude and longitude coordinates which will be relayed to a mapping application (see the Section called Mapping with FugawiTracker).

3.3.1.5. IMCrypto Encryption: AES-256 and Set Access ID IMCrypto encryption is not available on the XL, XLE, XLV BreadCrumb.

## 3.4 RADIO SETTINGS

The ‘Radios’ tab contains controls for configuring each of the BreadCrumb device’s *IEEE* 802.11b radios:



**Figure 13. BreadCrumb Properties – Radios Tab**

The available settings for the radio are:

### 1. Channel

Channel selection may be automatic as described in the Section called Channel Assignments in Chapter 3, or radios maybe fixed to specific channels. If one radio is set to use automatic channel selection, so must all of a BreadCrumb device’s other radios.

**Mesh:** If this checkbox is checked, the radio will participate in the BreadCrumb mesh.

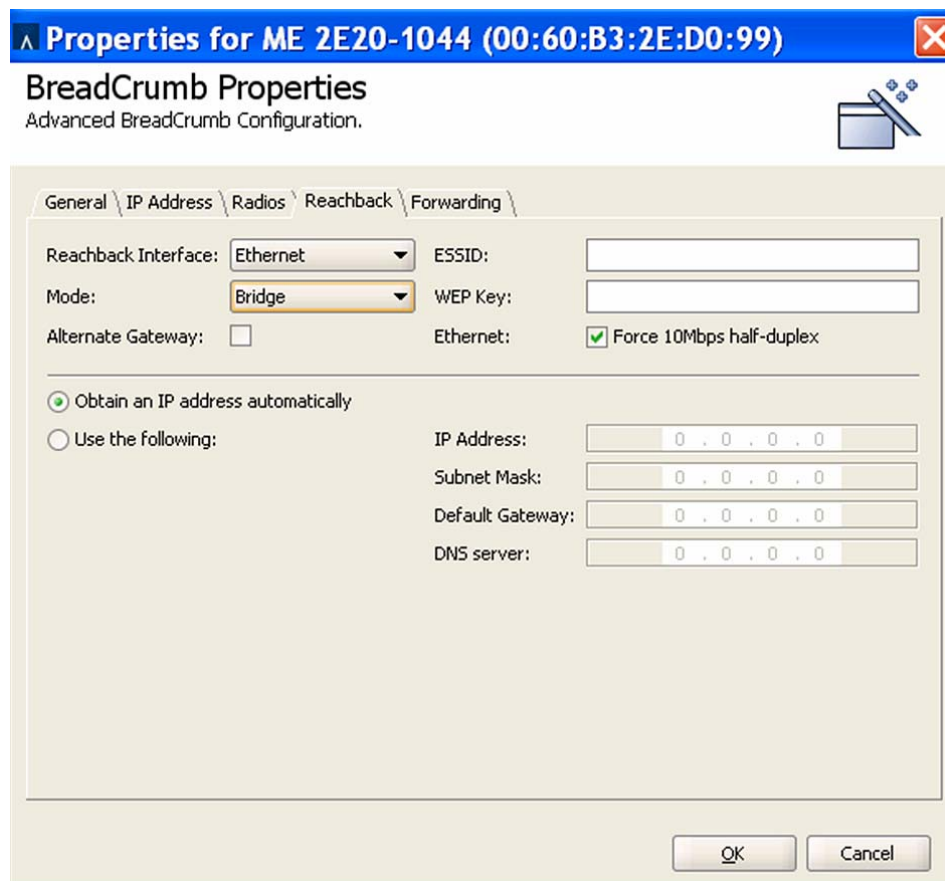
**Access Point:** If this checkbox is checked, the radio will provide *IEEE* 802.11b Access Point functionality.

**Note:** BCAdmin will not allow you disable all of the checkboxes on this tab.



## 3.5 REACHBACK SETTINGS

The 'Reachback' tab contains controls for configuring the BreadCrumb device's interconnection with other networks, both wired and wireless:



**Figure 14. BreadCrumb Properties – Reachback Tab**

The available settings are:

### 3.5.1. REACHBACK INTERFACE

This dropdown selects the network interface on the BreadCrumb device that will connect to the other network. Available options are (depending upon the BreadCrumb model and options):

- a. **None:** Disables reachback.
- b. **Ethernet Reachback** will be configured to use the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet port (if any).

**Note:** The reachback mode for eth1 is always bridge. Therefore, eth0 is the only port that can be changed. The type of Ethernet cable required depends upon the device to which you are connecting. If the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet port is to be connected to a hub or a switch, a conventional Ethernet patch cable ('straight-through') should be used. If the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet port is to be connected directly to a device such as laptop or camera, a crossover cable should be used. Using the wrong cable will result in no connectivity.

- c. **Radio2 Reachback** will be configured to use the BreadCrumb device's second radio (if any).

d. **Radio2 (ad hoc) Reachback** will be configured to use the BreadCrumb device's second radio (if any) in *IEEE 802.11b ad hoc* mode.

### 3.5.2. MODE

This dropdown selects the type of reachback to configure. Available options are:

#### a. Automatic

In Automatic Mode, the interface attempts to obtain an IPv4 address using DHCP. If it obtains an address, reachback is configured to use Gateway Mode; if it does not, reachback is configured to use Bridge Mode.

#### b. Bridge

In Bridge Mode, the reachback interface is configured to exist on the same network as the BreadCrumb device's other interfaces. Packets are forwarded into or out of the BCWN through this interface as necessary.

#### c. Gateway

In Gateway Mode, the reachback interface is configured to exist on a different network than the BreadCrumb device's other interfaces. Out bound NAT is configured so that any BCWN traffic destined for the reachback network appears to originate from the reachback interface. Any inbound traffic from the reachback network must be sent through a forwarded port (see the Section called Forwarding Settings)

Unless the Alternate Gateway checkbox is checked (see below) the BreadCrumb will assign itself the additional IPv4 address of 10.0.0.1.

#### d. Gateway (Ingress)

In Gateway (Ingress) Mode, as in Gateway mode, the reachback interface is configured to exist on a different network than the BreadCrumb device's other interfaces. NAT, however, is configured in the direction opposite to that of Gateway Mode. Inbound traffic from the reachback network appears to originate from the BreadCrumb, and outbound traffic from the BCWN must be sent through a forwarded port (see the Section called Forwarding Settings for details)

#### e. Disabled

Disables reachback regardless of the selected interface.

### 3.5.3. ALTERNATE GATEWAY

If the BreadCrumb is in Gateway Mode and this checkbox is *not* checked, the BreadCrumb device is considered a 'Primary Gateway' and assigns itself the additional address of 10.0.0.1 (the gateway address provided by the BreadCrumb DHCP servers). There may be at most one Primary Gateway in a BCWN.

Alternate Gateways do not assign themselves the 10.0.0.1 address, and provide their own addresses as a gateway to their own DHCP clients.

Tip: If you are running a BCWN with multiple gateways, disable DHCP on all non-gateway BreadCrumb devices for a simple form of load-balancing.

### 3.5.4. ESSID

For reachback using the 'Radio2' or 'Radio2 (adhoc)' interfaces, this is the ESSID to which the BreadCrumb device will attempt to connect.

### 3.5.5. WEP KEY

For reachback using the 'Radio2' or 'Radio2 (adhoc)' interfaces, this is the WEP key that will be used for the reachback connection. If a WEP key is not required for wireless reachback, leave this field blank.

### 3.5.6. IP ADDRESS CONFIGURATION

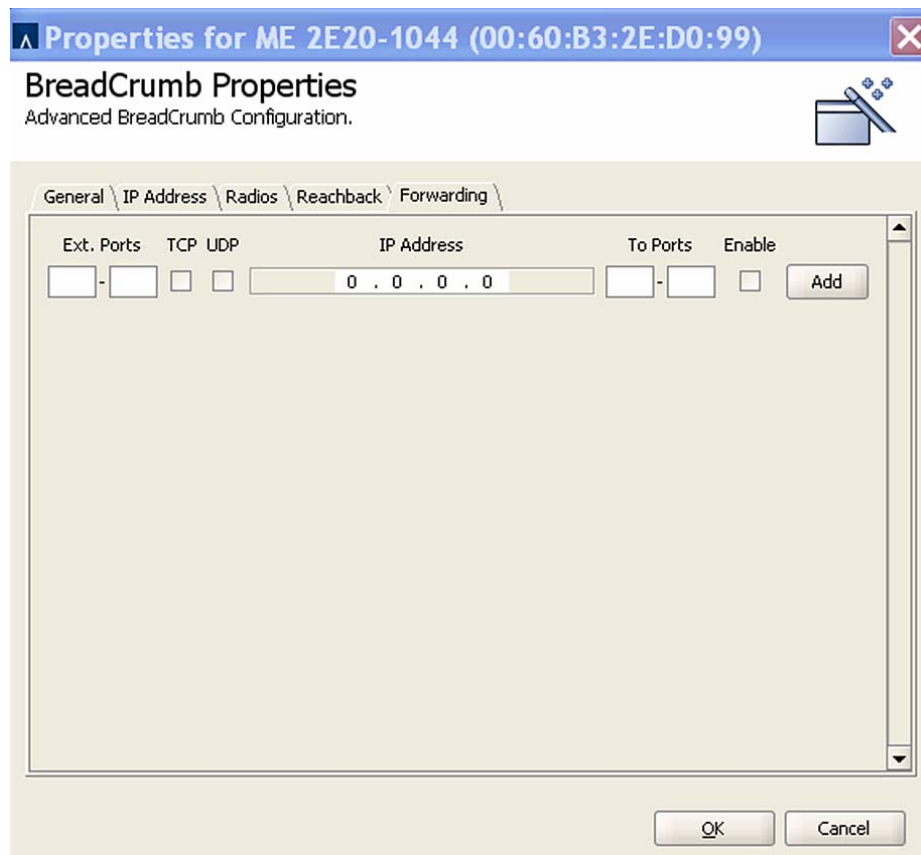
If 'Obtain an IP Address Automatically' is selected for a Gateway Mode, the BreadCrumb device will obtain its IPv4 address on its reachback interface using DHCP.

If 'Use the Following:' is selected for a Gateway Mode, the following must be set manually:

- a. IP Address
- b. Subnet Mask
- c. Default Gateway
- d. DNS Server (You may need to contact your network administrator in order to determine the correct settings.)

## 3.6 FORWARDING SETTINGS

The 'Forwarding' tab contains controls for configuring inbound NAT translation for BreadCrumb devices configured as gateways.



**Figure 15. BreadCrumb Properties – Forwarding Tab**

To forward traffic through a BreadCrumb device in Gateway Mode or Gateway (Ingress) mode, you must know:

- The IPv4 port(s) used by the forwarded traffic (e.g., 25 for SMTP, 80 for HTTP, etc.).
- The TCP protocol(s) used by the forwarded traffic (TCP and/or UDP).
- The IPv4 address to which the forwarded traffic is to be forwarded.
- The IPv4 port(s) at the destination address to which the forwarded traffic is to be forwarded (usually the same as the ports described above).

The checkbox marked 'Enable' specifies whether a particular forward configuration is active. This allows an administrator to pre-configure port forwards and selectively enable or disable them in the future.

When a port forward has been configured, click the 'Add' button to the right in order to add it to the current configuration.

You may add as many port forwards as necessary to a BreadCrumb.

Example: Port Forwarding Configuration for a Web Server

Suppose a web server exists somewhere within a BCWN, and one of the BCWN BreadCrumb devices is serving as a Gateway connected to the Internet. In order to allow users on the Internet to access the web server, the following port forward configuration is required:

### **3.6.1 EXT. PORTS**

We will allow Internet users to access the internal web server using port 80, the default for web traffic. The external port range is therefore 80-80.

### **3.6.2 PROTOCOL**

Web traffic uses TCP, not UDP, so only the TCP checkbox should be checked.

### **3.6.3 IP ADDRESS**

This is the IP address of the web server on the BCWN. Note that this should be a fixed IP address, as addresses obtained via DHCP can change overtime and thereby cause the port forwarding to fail.

### **3.6.4 TO PORTS**

The web server on the BCWN is listening for connections on port 80, so the port range should be 80-80.

Once this port forward is enabled and saved to the BreadCrumb, Internet users may direct their web browsers to the *Gateway BreadCrumb device's external IP address* in order to reach the web server on the BCWN.

## **3.7 SECURITY**

Several levels of security are available for the BreadCrumb Wireless Network, which may be used individually or in combination with one another. We are constantly adding security features, so please contact your Rajant Account Representative if you have specific needs not included in this section.

### 3.7.1 WEP

WEP (Wired Equivalency Protocol) was the first scheme to provide security for *IEEE* 802.11 communications. Although since its release it has been determined to contain serious weaknesses, WEP remains an effective means to prevent casual eavesdropping.

WEP settings are made network-wide; all BreadCrumb devices and wireless clients must agree on a WEP key in order to establish and maintain communications.

To enable WEP on a BCWN, make sure that all of the BreadCrumbs to configure are visible in BCAdmin. Then choose Security, then WEP Settings to display the following window:



**Figure 16. WEP Configuration Screen**

#### 3.7.1.1. WEP

This dropdown allows the administrator to enable or disable WEP on all BreadCrumb devices currently visible in BCAdmin.

#### 3.7.1.2. KEY

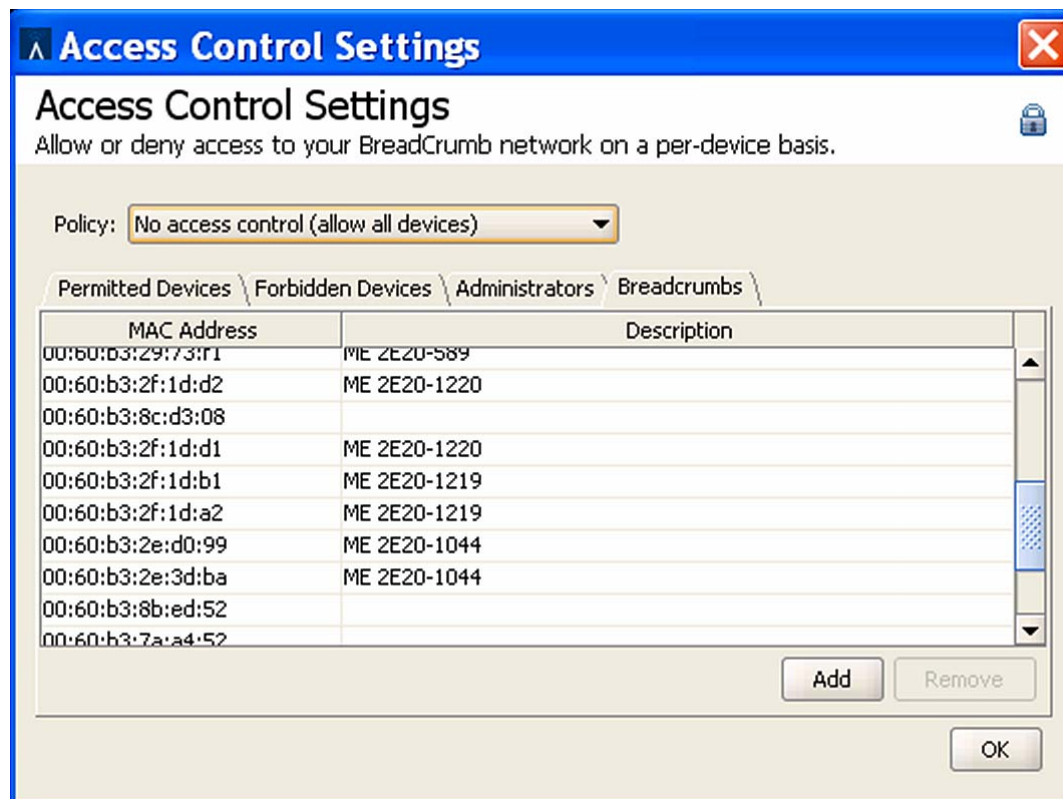
A 40-bit or 104-bit hexadecimal key is specified in this field. If this field is left blank, WEP can be enabled using a previously configured key.

### 3.7.2 ACCESS CONTROL LISTS (ACLs)

ABCWN may be configured with a network-wide Access Control List (ACL) to specify a list of devices to allow or disallow on the network. Each device communicating on the network (e.g., each BreadCrumb radio or laptop radio card) has a unique identifier known as a MAC address. ACLs consist of lists of these addresses to specify permitted or forbidden devices.

When enabled, the ACL may be in two modes: Deny by Default and Allow by Default. In Deny by Default mode, client devices and BreadCrumb devices are not permitted on the network unless they are listed in the 'Permitted Devices' ACL. In Allow by Default mode, client devices and BreadCrumb devices are permitted on the network unless they are listed in the 'Forbidden Devices' ACL.

To edit the ACLs, click the ACL button in the toolbar. A window resembling the following will appear:



**Figure 17. Access Control Settings Window**

### 3.7.3.1. POLICY

This dropdown allows the administrator to select from three different policies:

No access control (allow all devices)

This disables ACLs on the BCWN.

Deny by default (allow only permitted devices)

This policy only allows devices in the Permitted Devices, Administrators, or BreadCrumbs lists to connect to the BCWN.

- Allow by default (deny only forbidden devices)

This policy denies BCWN access to all devices in the Forbidden Devices list.

### 3.7.3.2. ACL LIST TABS

The Permitted Devices, Forbidden Devices, Administrators, and BreadCrumbs tabs allow access to individual device lists.

#### 3.7.3.2.1 ADD/REMOVE BUTTONS

These buttons allow individual devices to be added to or removed from the currently selected device list.

**Note:** The BreadCrumbs and Administrators tabs in the ACL are automatically merged into the Permitted Devices and Forbidden Devices lists. Separate tabs are only provided in order to ensure that the administrator has fully considered the ramifications of setting an ACL.

**Warning** Be sure to include the BCAdmin workstation in the ACL so that you can continue administering the network!

### 3.7.3.2.2 Setting the Access ID

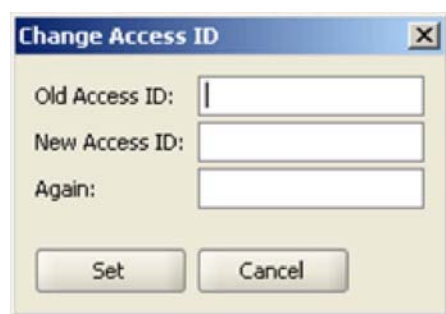
The Access ID is a shared credential used by the IMCrypto client to negotiate encryption keys. All devices that are to communicate with one another must share a common Access ID.

To set the Access ID on a BreadCrumb device, the BCAdmin workstation must be connected to the BreadCrumb device via the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet port. This is in order to prevent the transmission of the Access ID over an unsecured wireless connection that the Access ID will help to protect.

**Important:** In order to communicate to a BreadCrumb device via the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet port, the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet interface must be placed into Bridge Mode in the BreadCrumb device's Reachback settings. If a BreadCrumb device does not have an Ethernet port, you cannot set its Access ID.

If your BCAdmin workstation is connected to a BreadCrumb device via Ethernet, be sure that the BCAdmin workstation's radio is disabled in order to guarantee that the Ethernet connection is in fact being used.

To set the Access ID on a BreadCrumb device, open the General tab of its Properties window and click the button 'Change Access ID'. You will be presented with a window resembling the following:



**Figure 18. Set Access ID Window**

If the button is disabled, check to ensure that you have registered the IMCrypto client and that you are communicating with the BreadCrumb via its Ethernet interface.

You must know the current Access ID in order to set a new one. The default Access ID on a BreadCrumb device is '0000000000000000' (16 zeros).

You must supply the new Access ID twice in order to prevent the inadvertent setting of an unknown Access ID.

**Important:** The Access ID change in a BreadCrumb device has an immediate effect. If you change the Access ID on a BreadCrumb device that has IMCrypto encryption already running, you will have to change your BCAdmin workstation's Access ID to match it in order to communicate with the BreadCrumb device again.

## 3.7.4 ENCRYPTING WIRED TRAFFIC

The BreadCrumb devices' IMCrypto support includes the ability to encrypt traffic from a wired network provided that the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet interface is in either Gateway Mode or Gateway (Ingress) Mode. With IMCrypto enabled on a BreadCrumb device in one of these modes, encryption of wired traffic entering the wireless network and decryption of wireless traffic entering a wired network is completely automatic.

### 3.7.5 ZEROIZING THE ACCESS ID/FACTORY RESET

The user will see the LED cycling through all seven (7) colors. When the LED finishes cycling through all seven (7) of its colors, it means that the zeroizing/factory reset is complete.

**Note:** If there is no cycling of the colors, it means that a problem exists and that the unit should be returned to Rajant for repair.

After the zeroize/factory reset, the unit will boot up automatically.

The BreadCrumb Access ID and other settings can be erased remotely through BCAdmin.

### 3.7.6 AES-256 ENCRYPTION WITH OPENSLL

**Note:** OpenSSL is currently undergoing FIPS 140-2 certification. For its current status, visit the Open Source Software Institute's website at <http://www.oss-institute.org>.

Inter-BreadCrumb-device communication can be encrypted using OpenSSL in order to provide a secure wireless backbone. Traffic to or from wired devices and networks connected via a BreadCrumb device's Ethernet port and wireless devices associated with BreadCrumb devices is automatically encrypted as it passes through the BreadCrumb network. No client device configuration is necessary, although it is important to note that traffic between wireless clients and BreadCrumb devices should also be encrypted using WPA, WPA2, or WEP.

### SETTING THE KEY

The key is a shared credential used by the BreadCrumb devices to encrypt and authenticate data. All BreadCrumb devices in a BCWN must share a common key.

To set the key on a BreadCrumb device, the BCAdmin workstation must be connected to the BreadCrumb device via the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet port. This is in order to prevent the transmission of the key over an unsecured wireless connection that the key will help to protect.

**Important:** In order to communicate to a BreadCrumb device via the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet port, the BreadCrumb device's Ethernet interface must be placed into Bridge Mode in the BreadCrumb device's reachback settings. If a BreadCrumb device does not have an Ethernet port, you cannot set its key.

If your BCAdmin workstation is connected to a BreadCrumb device via Ethernet, be sure that the BCAdmin workstation's radio is disabled in order to guarantee that the Ethernet connection is in fact being used.

To set the key on a BreadCrumb device, open the General tab of its Properties window and click the button 'Change Access ID/Key'. You will be presented with a window resembling the following:





### 3.7.10 HARRIS SecNET11

For security exceeding AES-256 encryption, Rajant provides support for Harris Corporation's SecNet11 product family. You must specify when ordering your BreadCrumb devices that you require this feature; each BreadCrumb radio will be replaced with a SecNet11 Plus PC card.

The SecNet11 Plus PC card has been certified as part of the National Security Agency(NSA) Commercial COMSEC Evaluation Program (CCEP).

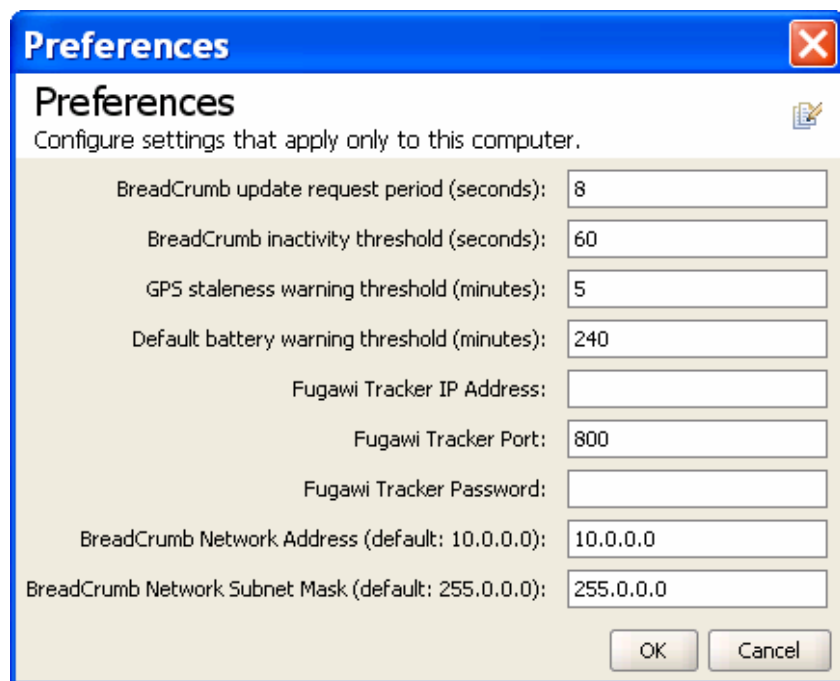
**Tip:** To learn more about the SecNet11, visit <http://www.govcomm.harris.com/secure-comm/>.

#### 3.7.10.1 SecNET11 KEY FILLING

The SecNet11 Plus PC cards included in SecNet11-enabled BreadCrumb devices are user-accessible and do not impose any changes up on existing SecNet11 key fill procedures.

## 3.8 BCADMIN PREFERENCES

Settings specific to BCAdmin are available through the View menu, under Preferences. The Preferences window is shown below:



**Preferences**

Configure settings that apply only to this computer.

BreadCrumb update request period (seconds):	<input type="text" value="8"/>
BreadCrumb inactivity threshold (seconds):	<input type="text" value="60"/>
GPS staleness warning threshold (minutes):	<input type="text" value="5"/>
Default battery warning threshold (minutes):	<input type="text" value="240"/>
Fugawi Tracker IP Address:	<input type="text"/>
Fugawi Tracker Port:	<input type="text" value="800"/>
Fugawi Tracker Password:	<input type="text"/>
BreadCrumb Network Address (default: 10.0.0.0):	<input type="text" value="10.0.0.0"/>
BreadCrumb Network Subnet Mask (default: 255.0.0.0):	<input type="text" value="255.0.0.0"/>

OK Cancel

**Figure 20. BC Admin Preferences Window**

The first three fields are described in this section. The remaining fields are described below in the Section called *Mapping with Fugawi Tracker*.

#### 3.8.1 BREADCRUMB INACTIVITY THRESHOLD (SECONDS)

If BCAdmin receives no update from a BreadCrumb device for this amount of time, the BreadCrumb box will turn red in the Topology View to call the administrator's attention to a possible problem. A red BreadCrumb box will return to normal up on receipt of an update from the BreadCrumb device, and its inactivity timer will be reset.

### 3.8.2 GPS STALENESS WARNING THRESHOLD (MINUTES)

For GPS-enabled BreadCrumb devices, position information shown in BCAdmin is marked as 'stale' if it has not been updated for this period of time (for example, if the BreadCrumb device's GPS receiver is no longer able to determine its location).

### 3.8.3 DEFAULT BATTERY WARNING THRESHOLD (MINUTES)

For BreadCrumb devices with no battery warning threshold set, this setting will be used.

## 3.9 MAPPING WITH FUGAWI TRACKER

BCAdmin has the ability to relay position information from BreadCrumb devices (either manually set by an administrator or obtained via GPS) to the Fugawi Tracker mapping application. Each BreadCrumb device's asset ID within Fugawi Tracker is its BreadCrumb ID as reported by BCAdmin.

To enable the relaying of position information, open the Preferences dialog shown above and provide the following information:

1. *Fugawi Tracker IP Address*  
This is the IPv4 address of the workstation running the Fugawi Tracker application.
2. *Fugawi Tracker Port*  
This is the IPv4 port on which Fugawi Tracker is listening for TCP connections (default is 800).
3. *Fugawi Tracker Password* This is the password configured within Fugawi Tracker that BCAdmin must use upon connecting.

## 4.0 DEPLOYING THE BREADCRUMB WIRELESS LAN

### 4.1 OVERVIEW OF BCWL DEPLOYMENT

There are many factors which need to be taken into account when deploying the BreadCrumb Wireless LAN. Section 2.2 details some of the most commonly occurring environmental factors that will have a major impact on the performance of the BCWL. Section 2.3 details two common BCWL deployment configurations. Section 3.4 details guidelines and methodology needed to follow when deploying the BCWL.

### 4.2 DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Commonly occurring environmental factors have a significant impact on performance and behavior of the BreadCrumb wireless LAN. Line-of-Sight obstructions, distance, weather, and device placement should all be considered when deploying a wireless LAN.

The *IEEE* 802.11b/g wireless standard ‘gracefully degrades’ as distance increases between nodes or as interference becomes present. This will be apparent by a data rate reduction between nodes.

The goal in planning and deploying a BreadCrumb wireless LAN is to maximize data transfer rate between devices. The data rate can be maximized by taking into consideration all of the contributing factors that affect data throughput.

#### 4.2.1 ADDRESSING

When routing to another network or when using its own embedded DHCP servers, the BreadCrumb Wireless Network requires that wireless devices use IPv4 addresses in the Class A network 10.0.0.0/8 (that is, any address that begins with ‘10.’). If you are not connected to another network, or if you are bridging to one rather than routing to it, your wireless client devices may have any address whatsoever.

**Important:** Any devices running the BCAdmin management application *must* have an address in the 10.0.0.0/8 range. This may be in addition to other addresses the devices may have configured.

##### 4.2.1.1 BREADCRUMB DEVICE ADDRESSES

Each BreadCrumb radio has one IPv4 address in the Class A network 10.0.0.0/8. These addresses are assigned during manufacturing and cannot be changed in the field. Rajant ensures during manufacturing that these addresses are not duplicated between any two BreadCrumb devices. Addresses assigned to BreadCrumb devices can be viewed using BCAdmin.

##### 4.2.1.2 DHCP

Each BreadCrumb device includes an embedded DHCP server. You may safely enable the DHCP servers of multiple BreadCrumb devices simultaneously, and it is in fact the most common case that all BreadCrumb devices in a BCWN run DHCP servers. Address conflicts among DHCP clients are prevented by using the unique BreadCrumb device addresses assigned at the factory as a base.

A BreadCrumb device determines its DHCP range as follows:

1. Start with the first three bytes of the first radio’s IPv4 address.  
Add a low-byte range of 10 to 210.

## 4.3 CHANNEL ASSIGNMENTS

By default, BreadCrumb devices use channels 1 and 11 upon startup. BreadCrumb devices can be configured via BCAdmin to choose their radio channels automatically upon startup instead. With this feature enabled, combinations of channels 1, 8, and 11 are automatically chosen using a process designed to provide a robust mesh.

In some cases, however, it is necessary to manually set the radios to specific channels as described below.

## 4.4 PHYSICAL PLACEMENT AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Commonly occurring environmental factors have a significant impact on performance and behavior of the BreadCrumb Wireless Network. LOS (Line of Sight) obstructions, distance, weather, and device placement should all be considered when deploying a wireless network.

*IEEE 802.11b* wireless operation degrades gracefully as distance increases between nodes or as interference becomes prominent. This manifests as a data rate reduction between nodes.

The goal in planning and deploying a BreadCrumb Wireless Network is to maximize both coverage and the data transfer rate between devices. These can be maximized by taking into consideration all of the contributing factors described in this section.

### 4.4.1 LINE OF SIGHT

Unobstructed LOS (Line of Sight) is critical for optimal performance of the BCWL. Partial LOS obstruction results in noticeable network performance degradation. Total LOS obstruction can result in complete loss of network connectivity.

Elevating the device and external antenna will assist in providing better LOS. This can allow the radio waves to propagate over some possible obstructions.

Unobstructed LOS is not necessary from every BreadCrumb and wireless client to every other BreadCrumb and wireless client. However, each device must have unobstructed LOS to the previous and subsequent device.

Client connectivity will degrade, and if significantly dense, drop if LOS to a BreadCrumb can not be maintained.

### 4.4.2 DISTANCE

- There are many factors to determine acceptable distances to place BreadCrumbs when deploying a wireless network.
- If many devices are placed too closely together, it is possible that interference will degrade the performance of the system.
- Devices placed too far away or in RF 'shadows' may experience total loss of connection.
- Device power is important in determining distances that the device will be effective.
- BreadCrumb XL, XLE, XLV operates at 600 mW.
- When placing a BreadCrumb, check the connection status to the most available device with BCAdmin. If the connection is poor or non-existent, attempt to relocate the BreadCrumb closer to the available device

until acceptable connection is achieved. If poor or no connection is made at even relatively close distances, you should refer to the troubleshooting section of this guide.

- When the connection quality is found to be acceptable from BCAdmin, the distance of the BreadCrumb from the network can be increased until an optimal balance between distance, connectivity and tactical placement is achieved.
- BCAdmin is an administrative software application that can aid in deploying a BreadCrumb wireless LAN. Refer to section 2 of this manual regarding BCAdmin.

#### **4.4.3 WEATHER**

Precipitation and fog also act as obstructions blocking the propagation of the wireless LAN's radio waves.

Light fog or precipitation may result in noticeable degradation of wireless LAN performance. Heavy precipitation or fog may result in severe performance degradation and possible loss of network connectivity.

If the performance of a well functioning LAN is degraded by increasing weather conditions, it may be advisable to add BreadCrumb devices into the network to act as short haul repeaters to counter act the effects of the weather. An alternative is to move the devices closer together.

#### **4.4.4 INTERFERENCE**

- RF interference can degrade network performance and can come from many different sources.
- Interference can come from other BreadCrumb devices that are placed too closely together.
- Interference can come from many other RF devices such as microwave devices, cordless phone base stations, radio transmitters, other wireless LANS, jamming devices, etc.
- Metal surfaces such as fences and building can cause radio waves to be reflected, causing multipath interference.
- Plan the BreadCrumb wireless LAN to minimize the effects of RF interference.

#### **4.4.5 PLACEMENT OF BCWL COMPONENTS**

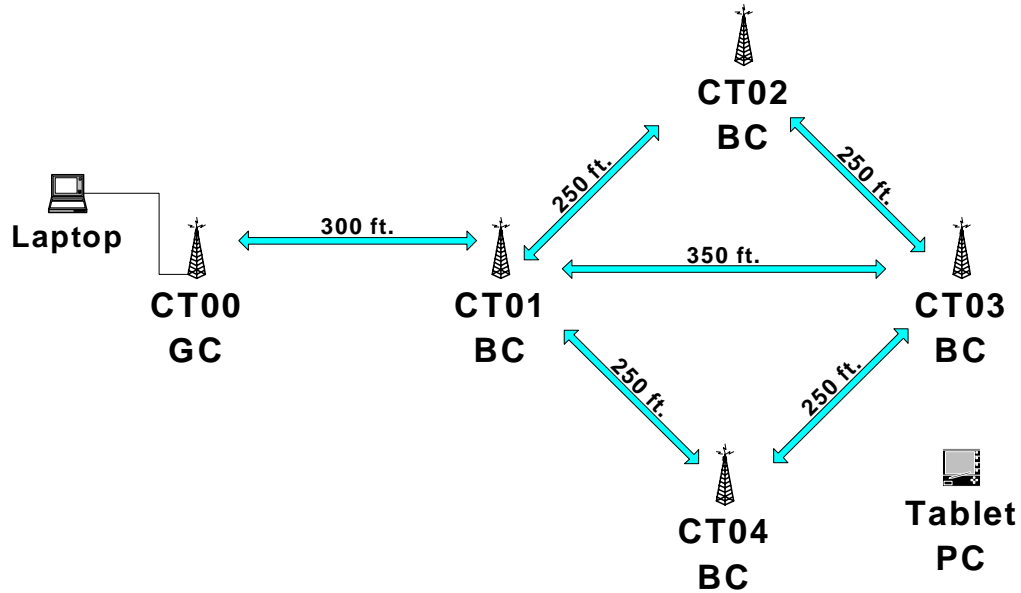
The placement of BreadCrumb devices has a major impact on maximum effective range, and therefore network performance. The components must be elevated above the surrounding terrain to allow for adequate wave propagation. A device placed directly on the ground has a significantly reduced effective range. Elevating a device above the ground dramatically increased the maximum effective range. Rajant recommends elevating the components a minimum of 6 ft. above the surrounding surface.

### **4.5 DEPLOYMENT CONFIGURATIONS**

Sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 detail the two most common BCWL deployment configurations. In Section 3.3.1, the BCWL is deployed to provide wireless network connectivity throughout a chosen coverage area. In Section 3.3.2, the BCWL is deployed to provide wireless network connectivity reaching out into a chosen coverage area. Either of the deployment configurations illustrated can provide reachback connectivity to the Internet or other network by utilizing a Gateway BreadCrumb and available communication link (such as DSL, cable, or satellite modem).

**4.5.1 DEPLOYMENT CONFIGURATION – COVERAGE AREA**

This section illustrates the placement of BCWL components to provide wireless network connectivity throughout a chosen coverage area. As illustrated in Figure 21, the BCWL components are deployed in a diamond pattern. The distances shown are good starting points if the BCWL components are placed directly on the ground. Elevating the BCWL components, if possible, will allow for greater distance between the BCWL components, and greater coverage range for the wireless clients (follow the guidelines detailed in Section 3.4).

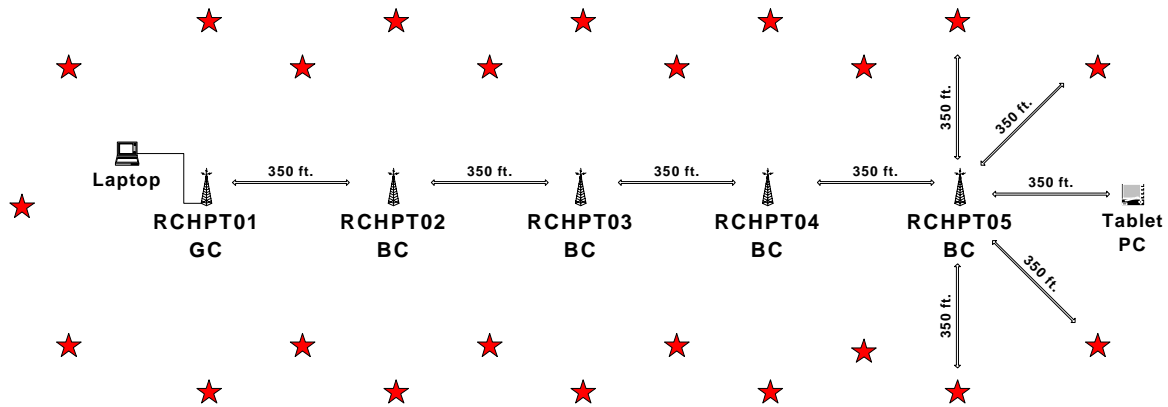


**Figure 21. Deployment Configuration - Coverage Area**

Note the offset placement of the BCWL component at point CT00 in Figure 21. This offset is optional, but is shown here to allow for possible placement of a Gateway BreadCrumb near a satellite modem or other communication link.

**4.5.2 DEPLOYMENT CONFIGURATION – REACH AREA**

This section illustrates the placement of BCWL components to provide wireless network connectivity reaching out for an extended distance. As illustrated in Figure 22, the BCWL components are deployed outward from RCHPT01 in a straight line. The distances shown in Figure 22 are good starting points if the BCWL components are placed directly on the ground. Elevating the BCWL components, if possible, will allow for greater distance between the BCWL components, and greater coverage range for the wireless clients (follow the guidelines detailed in Section 3.4).



**Figure 22. Deployment Configuration - Reach Area**

RCHPT01 in could be the command post at an incident, placed a safe distance from the threat. Each of the remaining BCWL components would provide continuity of the wireless network into the threat area.

It should also be noted that this deployment configuration does not have to stretch out in a perfectly straight line. The BCWL component placement can be altered (following the guidelines and methodology in Section 3.4) to ‘go around’ obstructions (such as buildings, terrain, etc.).

## 4.6 DEPLOYMENT GUIDELINES AND METHODOLOGY

This section addresses the actual onsite deployment of the BCWL. While no means an exhaustive treatise, it is intended as a good source of guidelines and methodology for the successful deployment of the BCWL in the field.

### 4.6.1 DEPLOYMENT GUIDELINES

Referring back to Section 3.2 (Deployment Considerations):

1. Placement of BCWL components
  - a. Elevate the BCWL components whenever possible.
    - i. Directly on the ground, the maximum distance between any two BCWL components is approximately 300 ft. Also, the maximum distance between a wireless client and the nearest BCWL component is approximately 300 ft.
    - ii. Rajant recommends elevating each BCWL component a minimum of 6 ft. above the surrounding terrain for maximum range. Elevating the BCWL components, as little as 14 inches, has proven to increase the range out to approximately 600 ft.
2. Distance
  - a. If you cannot elevate the BCWL components, they can only be approximately 300 ft. apart. Also, any wireless clients can be no farther than approximately 300 ft. from a BCWL component.
3. Line of sight
  - a. Obstructions to line of sight block/absorb/deflect the wireless LAN’s radio waves, resulting in poor network performance or total loss of network connectivity.
  - b. When placing the BCWL components, scan the area for LOS obstructions. Envision the BCWL’s radio waves as a light beam. Look for obstructions that would result in shadows in the light beam, they will most likely weaken or block the BCWL’s radio waves.
4. Weather
  - a. Light precipitation will reduce the range and performance of the BCWL components and wireless clients.
  - b. Heavy precipitation or fog will most likely result in extremely reduced range and frequent or total loss of network connectivity.



#### 4.6.2 DEPLOYMENT METHODOLOGY

The steps detailed in this section should assist you in successfully deploying the BCWL.

1. Scan the terrain on which the BCWL will be deployed.
  - a. Determine the initial distances for Crumbs referring to the distance table of section 3.2.2.
  - b. Note any LOS obstructions, and plan BreadCrumb placement to work around them.
2. Identify the PC on which BCAdmin will be run.
  - a. This PC should have a wireless NIC, as you will need to carry it with you as you deploy the BCWL.
    - i. Alternatively, the BCAdmin PC can be stationary with one person monitoring BCAdmin while another deploys the Crumbs. This method requires some form of communication (radio, cell phone, etc.) between the two persons.
3. Determine the location of the first two Crumbs.
4. Power ON the device.
5. Wait approximately 90 seconds for the device to boot.
6. Power ON the BCAdmin PC.
7. Start BCAdmin.
8. The BCAdmin console should display the first BreadCrumb.
9. Install the batteries in the second BreadCrumb.
10. Proceed to the location for this BreadCrumb, observing the network in BCAdmin as you progress.
  - a. If the BreadCrumb loses network connectivity before you reach its destination, backtrack until network connectivity is restored. The point at which network connectivity for this BreadCrumb is restored is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
  - b. If you reach the destination without losing connectivity you can place it there.
    - i. At this point, you may choose to proceed farther in an attempt to make optimal use of the available Crumbs.
      1. If so, proceed until network connectivity is lost and then backtrack until network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb. The point at which network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
11. Determine the approximate location for the next BreadCrumb.
12. Power ON the device.
13. Wait for it to appear in BCAdmin.
14. Proceed to the predetermined location for this BreadCrumb, observing the network in BCAdmin as you progress.
  - a. If the BreadCrumb loses network connectivity before you reach its destination, backtrack until network connectivity is restored. The point at which network connectivity for this BreadCrumb is restored is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
  - b. If you reach the destination without losing connectivity you can place it there.
    - i. At this point, you may choose to proceed farther in an attempt to make optimal use of the available Crumbs.
    - ii. The steps detailed in this section should assist you in successfully deploying the BCWL.
15. Scan the terrain on which the BCWL will be deployed.
  - a. Determine the initial distances for Crumbs referring to the distance table of section 3.2.2.
  - b. Note any LOS obstructions, and plan BreadCrumb placement to work around them.
16. Identify the PC on which BCAdmin will be run.
  - a. This PC should have a wireless NIC, as you will need to carry it with you as you deploy the BCWL.

- i. Alternatively, the BCAdmin PC can be stationary with one person monitoring BCAdmin while another deploys the Crumbs. This method requires some form of communication (radio, cell phone, etc.) between the two persons.
17. Determine the location of the first two Crumbs.
18. Power ON the device.
19. Wait approximately 90 seconds for the device to boot.
20. Power ON the BCAdmin PC.
21. Start BCAdmin.
22. The BCAdmin console should display the first BreadCrumb.
23. Install the batteries in the second BreadCrumb.
24. Proceed to the location for this BreadCrumb, observing the network in BCAdmin as you progress.
  - a. If the BreadCrumb loses network connectivity before you reach its destination, backtrack until network connectivity is restored. The point at which network connectivity for this BreadCrumb is restored is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
  - b. If you reach the destination without losing connectivity you can place it there.
    - i. At this point, you may choose to proceed farther in an attempt to make optimal use of the available Crumbs.
      1. If so, proceed until network connectivity is lost and then backtrack until network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb. The point at which network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
25. Determine the approximate location for the next BreadCrumb.
26. Power ON the device.
27. Wait for it to appear in BCAdmin.
28. Proceed to the predetermined location for this BreadCrumb, observing the network in BCAdmin as you progress.
  - a. If the BreadCrumb loses network connectivity before you reach its destination, backtrack until network connectivity is restored. The point at which network connectivity for this BreadCrumb is restored is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
  - b. If you reach the destination without losing connectivity you can place it there.
    - i. At this point, you may choose to proceed farther in an attempt to make optimal use of the available BreadCrumb.

If so, proceed until network connectivity is lost and then backtrack until network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb. The point at which network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb is most likely maximum range.

The steps detailed in this section should assist you in successfully deploying the BCWL.

1. Scan the terrain on which the BCWL will be deployed.
  - a. Determine the initial distances for Crumbs referring to the distance table of section 3.2.2.
  - b. Note any LOS obstructions, and plan BreadCrumb placement to work around them.
2. Identify the PC on which BCAdmin will be run.
  - a. This PC should have a wireless NIC, as you will need to carry it with you as you deploy the BCWL.
    - i. Alternatively, the BCAdmin PC can be stationary with one person monitoring BCAdmin while another deploys the Crumbs. This method requires some form of communication (radio, cell phone, etc.) between the two persons.
3. Determine the location of the first two Crumbs.

4. Power ON the device.
5. Wait approximately 90 seconds for the device to boot.
6. Power ON the BCAdmin PC.
7. Start BCAdmin.
8. The BCAdmin console should display the first BreadCrumb.
9. Install the batteries in the second BreadCrumb.
10. Proceed to the location for this BreadCrumb, observing the network in BCAdmin as you progress.
  - a. If the BreadCrumb loses network connectivity before you reach its destination, backtrack until network connectivity is restored. The point at which network connectivity for this BreadCrumb is restored is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
  - b. If you reach the destination without losing connectivity you can place it there.
    - i. At this point, you may choose to proceed farther in an attempt to make optimal use of the available Crumbs.
      1. If so, proceed until network connectivity is lost and then backtrack until network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb. The point at which network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
11. Determine the approximate location for the next BreadCrumb.
12. Power ON the device.
13. Wait for it to appear in BCAdmin.
14. Proceed to the predetermined location for this BreadCrumb, observing the network in BCAdmin as you progress.
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  - b. Connectivity for this BreadCrumb is restored is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
  - c. If you reach the destination without losing connectivity you can place it there.
    - i. At this point, you may choose to proceed farther in an attempt to make optimal use of the available Crumbs.
      1. If so, proceed until network connectivity is lost and then backtrack until network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb. The point at which network connectivity is restored for this BreadCrumb is most likely the farthest point in this direction at which you will be able to place this BreadCrumb.
15. Repeat steps 11 thru 14 until the BCWL has been deployed.

### 4.6.3 BITE LED

The LED function on the BreadCrumb indicates the current status of the BreadCrumb. The LED has three colors: Red, Blue and Green. Their color code indicators are given in the table below:

**Table 6. LED Color Status**

Color	Status
<b>SOLID RED</b>	Booting
<b><u>BLINKING RED</u></b>	Error
<b>SOLID BLUE</b>	Ready, but no peers
<b>SOLID GREEN</b>	At least one 11Mbit peer
<b><u>BLINKING GREEN</u></b>	At least one peer

**Note:** The default state of the LED after a power reset is **off** and the LED turns on/off when the status button is pressed.

## 5.0 BREADCRUMB SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE

### 5.1 BREADCRUMB FIRMWARE

#### 5.1.1 INTRODUCTION

Each BreadCrumb relies on low-level software known as firmware for proper execution. Rajant periodically releases updated BreadCrumb firmware. The updated firmware must be obtained from Rajant.

For a BreadCrumb to communicate with other BreadCrumbs or a BCAdmin client, the firmware version of the device must be compatible with the version of all other device firmware within the network, and with the version of BCAdmin running on a client PC!

Refer to the procedures to install and upgrade versions of BCAdmin and upgrade BreadCrumb firmware to ensure compatibility.

#### 5.1.2 UPGRADING THE FIRMWARE

For your hardware version 3 BreadCrumbs, download the firmware zip archive using the link provided by your Rajant Account Manager.

1. Create a new, empty folder and unzip the archive into it.
2. Copy the unzipped files (and *only* those files) onto an empty (no pre-existing files) ATA Flash Memory Card (of at least 16MB). The flash card may be directly purchased from <http://www.magicram.com/flshcrd.htm>
3. Proceed with the flash instructions below.

#### 5.1.3 FLASH UPDATE PROCEDURE FOR VERSION 3 SYSTEMS

Note: BreadCrumb Wireless Network-specific parameters, like *name* and *location*, are reset to their default values after the upgrade. The user should record these and other parameters to reload into the BreadCrumb devices after the software installation procedure is completed.

1. Turn OFF power to the BreadCrumb.
2. Remove the top PCMCIA card, *leaving one radio card still installed in the bottom slot.*
  - In dual-radio BreadCrumb products, remove the top radio card.
  - In single-radio BreadCrumb products, move the radio to the bottom slot.
  - Plug the flash card, white label side up, into the top slot.
  - Turn unit ON and observe the amber light ON on the radio card. (The green light sometimes goes ON, sometimes not.)
  - Wait for the amber light to go out.
  - TURN THE POWER OFF to the BreadCrumb.
  - Remove the flash card, and replace the radio(s) to their original positions.

### 5.1.4 UPGRADING THE FIRMWARE

- 1) Obtain the desired firmware from Rajant Corporation for the version of your device board type. Create a directory named 'rajant' on a USB storage device (of at least 256 MB) that must be VFAT formatted and copy the firmware file into the created 'rajant' directory.
- 2) Turn **off** power to the BreadCrumb.
- 3) Attach the USB **programming** cable to the 15-pin connector.
- 4) Insert the USB storage device into the USB cable.
- 5) Turn on the BreadCrumb.
- 6) **Wait** approximately 3 seconds after the BreadCrumb has been turned on, then press the **status button** to have the BITE LED turned on.
- 7) Observe BITE to monitor progress.
  - a) When the USB flash upgrade begins, the BITE LED will start blinking yellow, which identifies progress.
  - b) When the process nears completion, the blink rate will increase from once per second to several times per second.
  - c) If the flashing completes successfully, the LED will start rotating between red, green, blue, cyan, magenta, yellow and white colors.
  - d) If an error condition is encountered, the LED will start repeating a particular sequence of long and short blinks in red indicating the error code. If this happens, note the error code. Manually power off and then back on the BreadCrumb, leaving the USB drive plugged in. This time, the BreadCrumb will go through a more reliable, failsafe flashing process, which has a greater chance of successful completion. If, during the failsafe flashing process another error occurs, note the new error code and apply for technical support.
  - e) See APPENDIX A for a list of error codes
- 8) When complete, turn off power and remove USB programming cable.

## 5.2 BCADMIN MAINTENANCE

### 5.2.1 UPGRADING OR INSTALLING THE BCADMIN SOFTWARE

Rajant periodically releases updated BCAdmin software. The updated BCAdmin software must be obtained from Rajant. The following procedure must then be performed on each of the BCWL Administrators' PCs:

1. Obtain the desired version of BCAdmin from Rajant.
2. Existing Versions of BCAdmin do **NOT** need to be uninstalled.
3. Locate the BCAdmin software installation file and run it. It has typically been supplied by Rajant as an executable file such as the one shown in Figure 23.

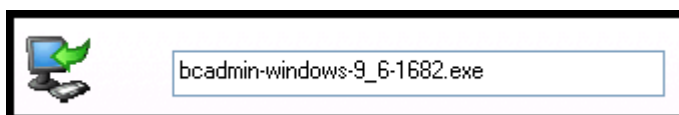
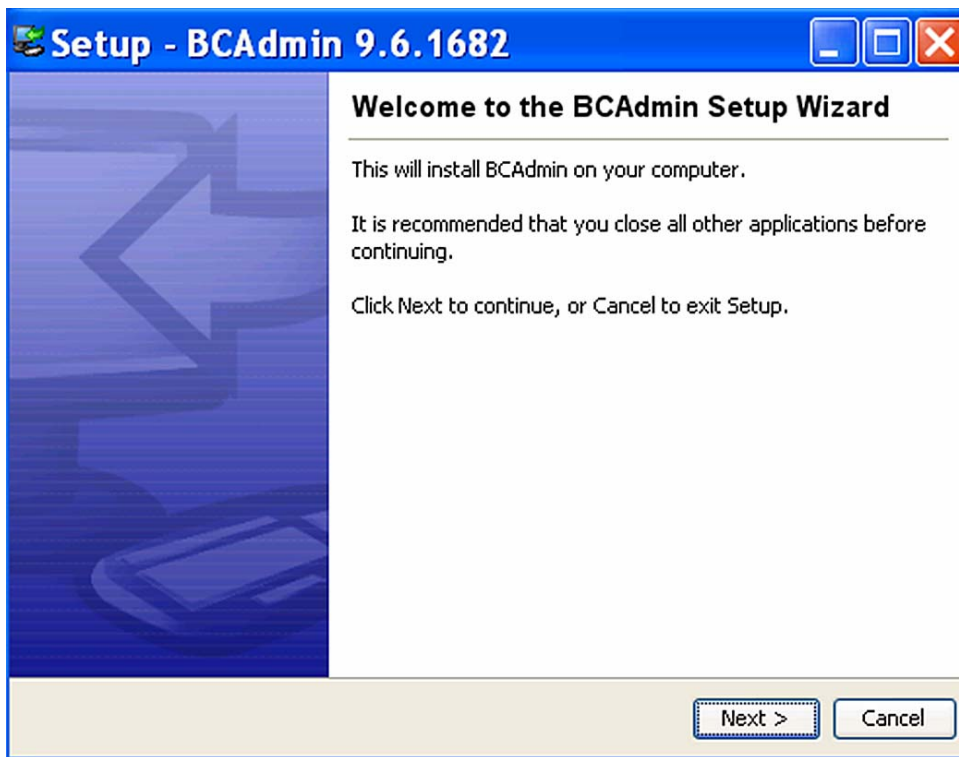
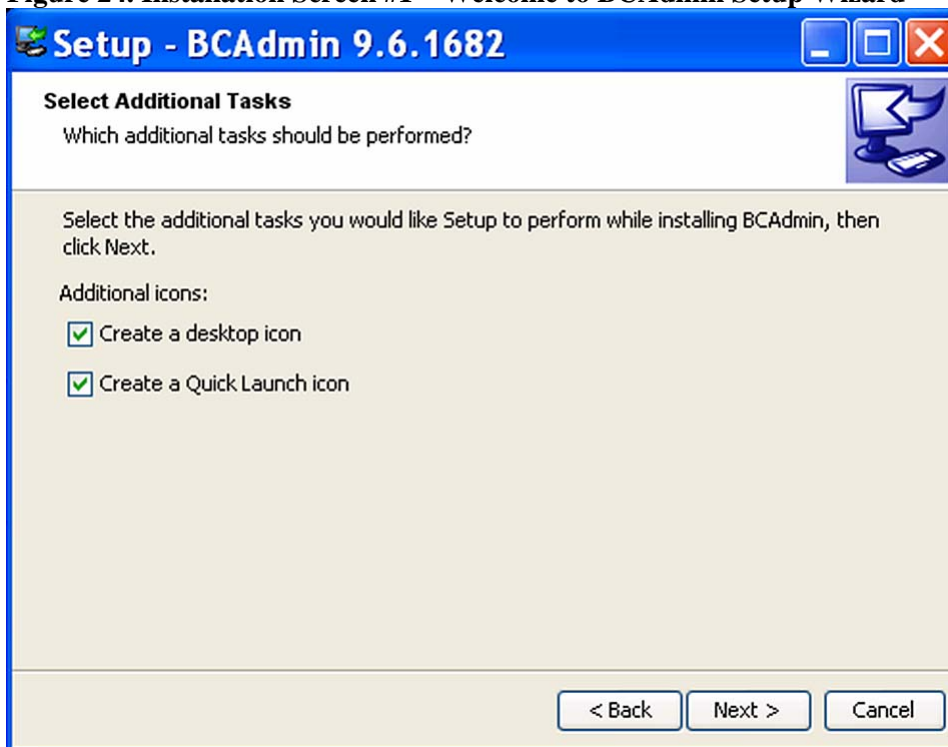


Figure 23. BCAdmin Software Installation File

The installation will proceed as illustrated in Figure 24 thru Figure 27.



**Figure 24. Installation Screen #1 – Welcome to BCAdmin Setup Wizard**



**Figure 25. BCAdmin Installation Screen #1 – Welcome to BCAdmin Setup Wizard**

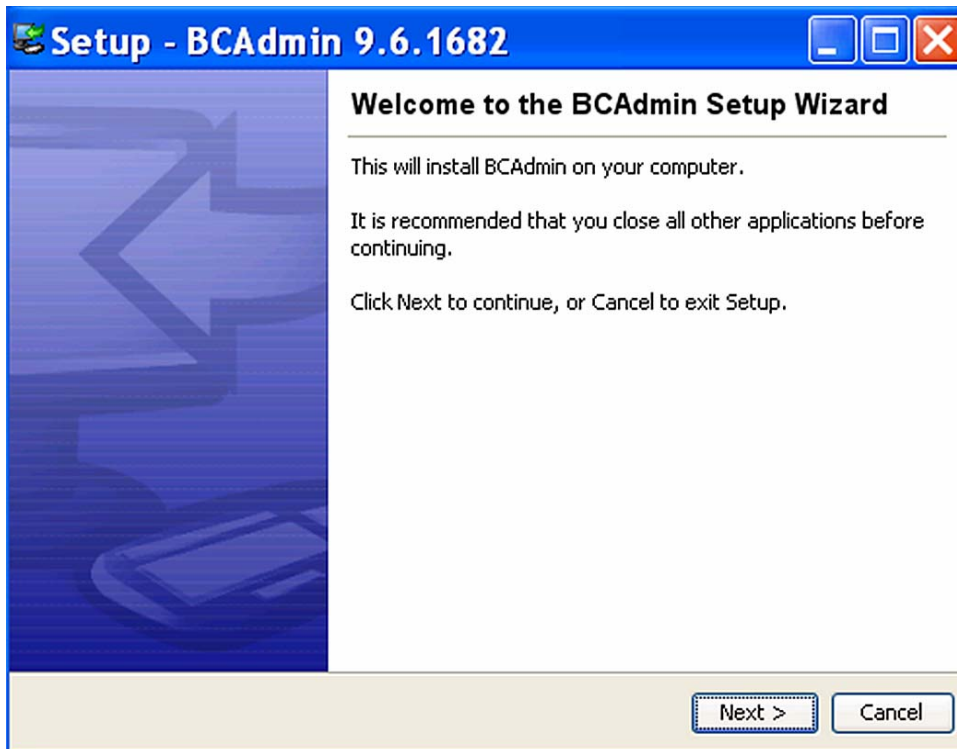


Figure 25. BCAdmin Installation Screen #1 – Welcome to BCAdmin Setup Wizard

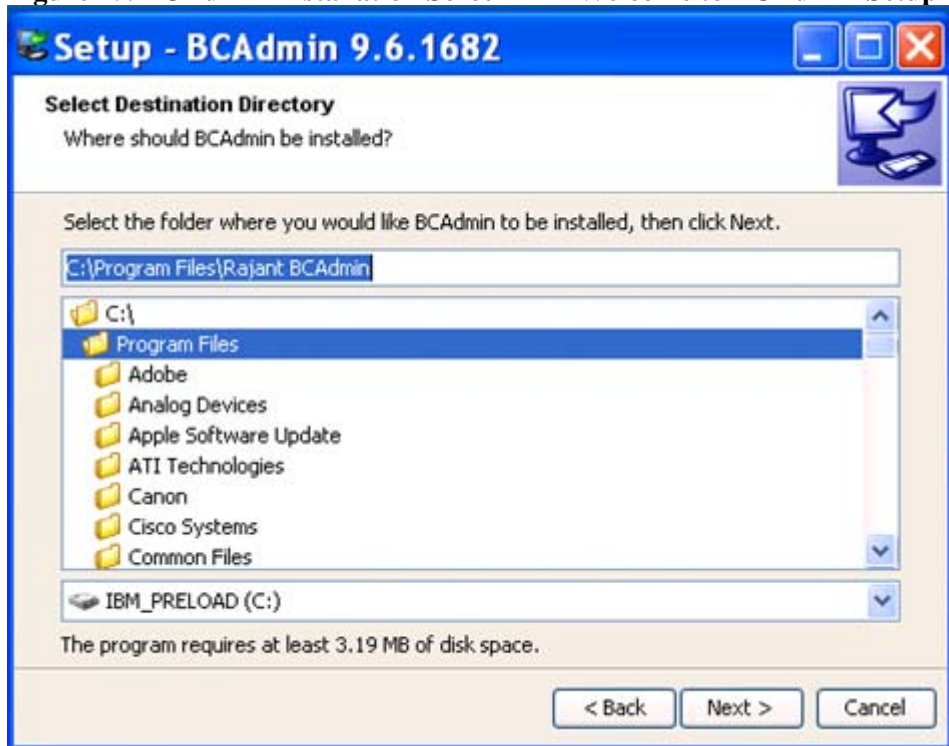


Figure 26. BCAdmin Installation Screen #2 – Select Destination Directory



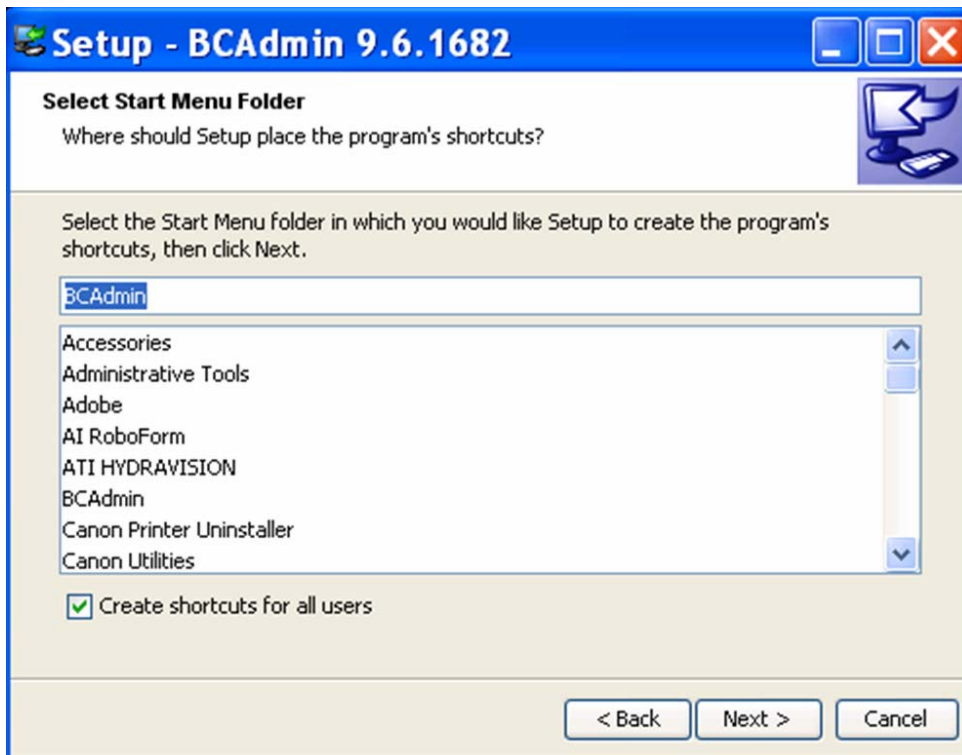


Figure 27. BCAdmin Installation Screen #3 – Select Start Menu Folder

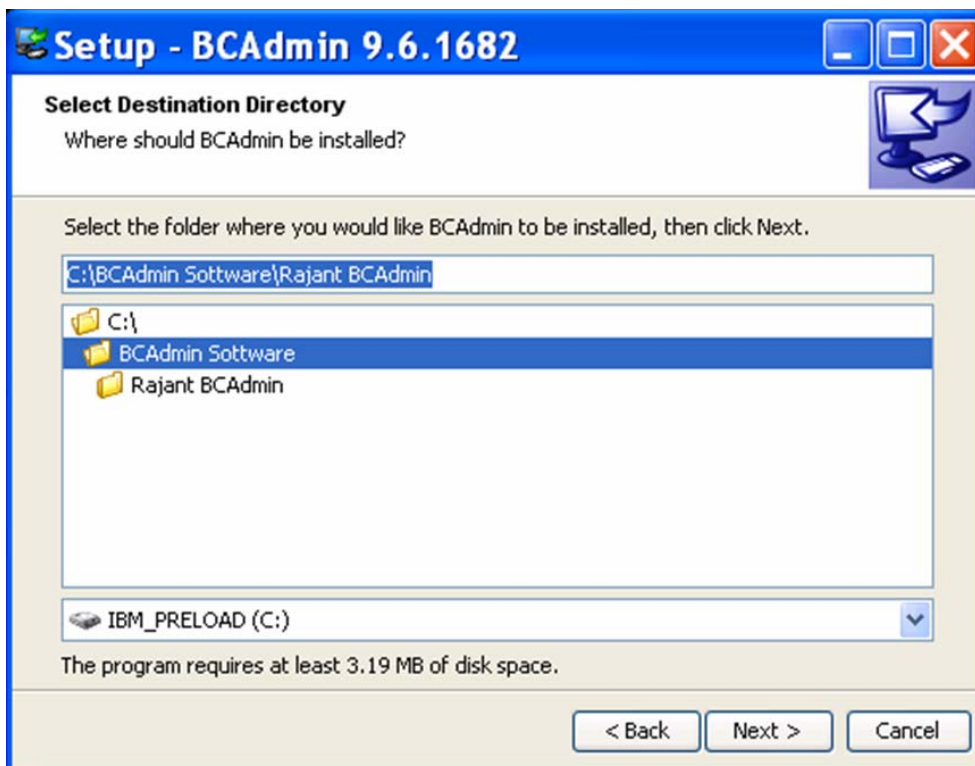


Figure 28. BCAdmin Installation Screen #4 – Select Destination Directory

BCAdmin automatically **un**installs any previous version of BCAdmin on the computer, before installing the new version of BCAdmin.

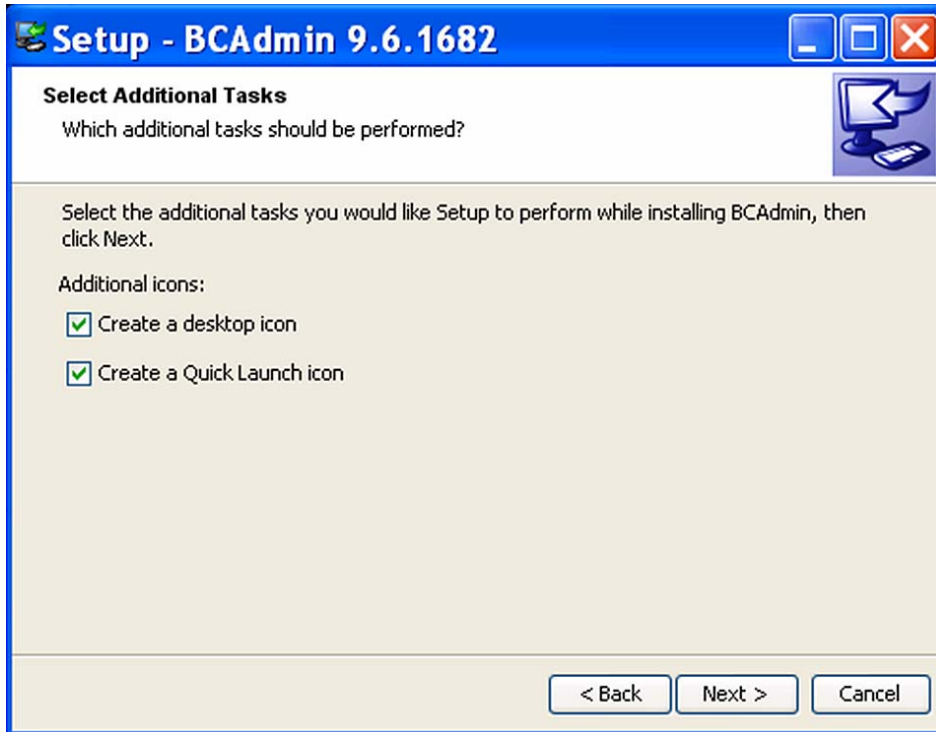


Figure 29. BCAdmin Installation Screen #5 – Select Additional Tasks

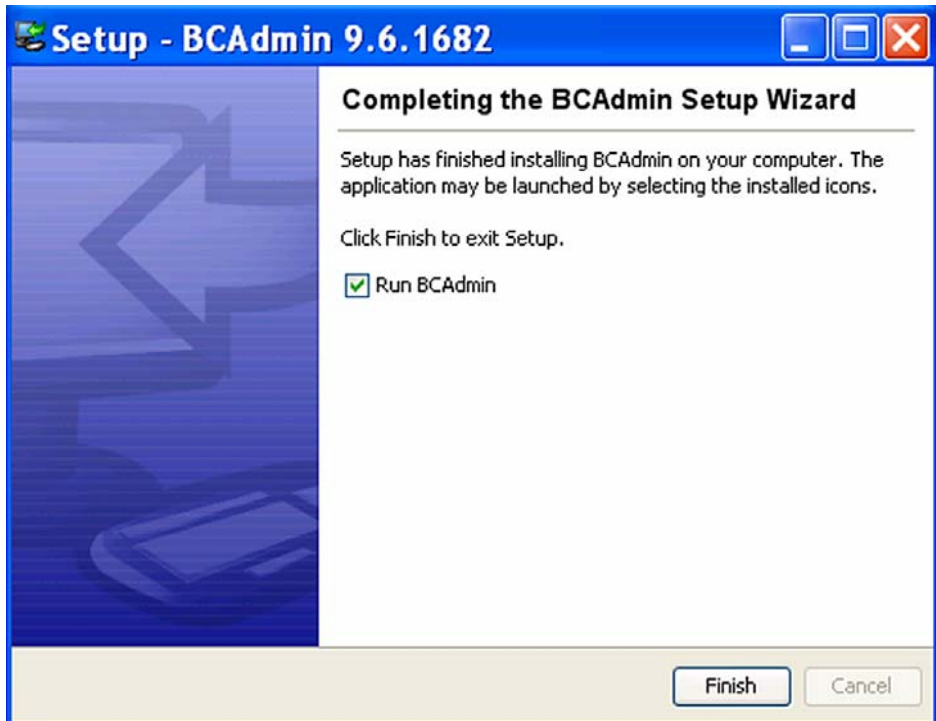


Figure 30. BCAdmin Installation Screen #6 – Completing the BCAdmin Setup Wizard

4. Installation of the BCAdmin software is now complete.

## 5.3 PORT FORWARDING

Port forwarding forwards all packets intended for one forwarding port on the gateway from the external networks to be routed on a specified port on one of the internal BreadCrumbs. It is a kind of traffic redirection to some other BreadCrumb, providing a particular service.

An example of this would be a web server running on a BreadCrumb. For machines or BreadCrumbs, attempting to access this service, would know to send traffic to port 80 on the Gateway BreadCrumb. But in true sense, this BreadCrumb does not host the web service. Some other BreadCrumb has the service running. So, a port forwarding setting in the gateway helps forwarding all the traffic on its port 80 to the IP Address:port where the web server is running.

### 5.3.1 SETTINGS

In BCAdmin, right-click on the BreadCrumb, where port forwarding is to be done and select Properties. Then select the Forwarding tab. Add the range of ports on this BreadCrumb, on which if any traffic is received, will be forwarded to some other BreadCrumb. For TCP or UDP traffic or both, select the corresponding check box. Then enter the IP address of the BreadCrumb where traffic is to be forwarded. Also enter the range of ports for that BreadCrumb. Check Enable to run this feature and the click the Add button.

For example, if a video camera is attached to a BreadCrumb with IP address 10.217.60.10 and is running on port 4001, and if the traffic for this arrives on port 75, then the settings for this should be –

Ext. Ports: 75 – 75

TCP: unchecked

UDP: checked

IP Address: 10.217.60.10

To Ports: 4001 – 4001

Enable: checked

## 6.0 Troubleshooting

### 6.1 BREADCRUMB WIRELESS NETWORK

#### 6.1.1 SPORADIC NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

**Table 7. Sporadic Network Connectivity Issues**

Problem	Resolution
As a BreadCrumb device's battery approaches exhaustion, network connectivity will become sporadic for the BreadCrumb device and its associated wireless clients.	Monitor battery usage and charge/replace batteries as necessary.
Light precipitation or fog beginning after initial deployment of the BCWN can result in sudden sporadic network connectivity for BreadCrumb devices and their associated wireless clients.	Increase the density of the network by adding more BreadCrumb devices or by moving existing BreadCrumbs closer together.
As a wireless client moves around through the coverage area, LOS to the BreadCrumb device can become obstructed resulting in sporadic network connectivity for this wireless client.	Train users to maintain LOS to known BreadCrumb device locations. Place BreadCrumb devices strategically to ensure coverage of areas through which users are expected to move.
A wireless client that moves beyond the range of the BCWN will experience sporadic, and eventually complete, loss of network connectivity.	Drop more BreadCrumb devices as necessary to increase range.
A wireless client cannot join the network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that BreadCrumb devices are powered on.</li> <li>• Ensure that the wireless card in the client device (laptop) is enabled. This is usually indicated with a blinking light on the card.</li> <li>• Ensure that the wireless card is in "Infrastructure" or "Access Point" mode, and not in "Ad Hoc" mode. Scan for the ESSID "breadcrumb" (or the ESSID that you set for the network) using the software accompanying your wireless card.</li> <li>• Ensure that the wireless client's IP address settings are configured properly.</li> <li>• Ensure that the WEP settings on the client device and BreadCrumb devices match.</li> <li>• Ensure that the client device is not prevented from connecting by an ACL.</li> <li>• If the BreadCrumb devices comprising the network have AirFortress encryption enabled, ensure that the client does as well.</li> </ul>

**6.1.2 BREADCRUMB DEVICE CANNOT CONNECT TO BCWN****Table 8. BreadCrumb Device Cannot Connect to BCWN**

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
Discharged batteries can cause the BreadCrumb device to appear to power up, but not be able to establish connectivity to the BCWN.	When deploying the BCWN, ensure that the batteries should be fully charged.
On rare occasions, the PCMCIA cards within a BreadCrumb device can work loose, resulting in the BreadCrumb device's not being able to establish connectivity to the BCWN.	Open the BreadCrumb device's case and verify that the PCMCIA cards are securely seated in the PCMCIA slots.
When using external antennas, faulty cable connections or crimped cables can result in difficulty establishing and maintaining network connectivity.	Check antenna cables and their connections to the BreadCrumb device.

### Customer Service

Please contact Rajant Tech Support at +1 484-585-1020 to assist you through any issues you encounter regarding this release.

Please forward all feedback regarding the BreadCrumb system functionality to <support@rajant.com>. Other than speaking with a Rajant representative, this is the best way to communicate with us any operational issues you may find.

Thank you for your on going business and support.