MWS100 Configuration Guide

MWS100 Mobile Wireless System



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FCC Notice

This wireless network device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: 1. This device may not cause harmful interference. 2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. This wireless network device has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This wireless network device generates, uses, and radiates radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this wireless network device does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the wireless network device off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures: Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna; Increase the separation between the wireless network device and the affected receive; Connect the wireless network device into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected; Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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This wireless network device is in conformity with the Essential Requirements of R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC of the European Union.

Non-Modification Statement

Unauthorized changes or modifications to Strix devices are not permitted. Modifications to Strix devices will void the warranty and may violate FCC or other regulations.

RF Exposure Requirements

To ensure compliance with FCC RF exposure requirements, the antenna used for this wireless network device must be installed to provide a separation distance of a minimum of 40cm or more from all persons, and must not be co-located or operated in conjunction with any other antenna or radio transmitter. Installers and end-users must follow these installation instructions.

Professional Installation Only

This unit must be installed by a trained professional installer only.

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1 Introduction

The MWS100 is intended for mobile wireless broadband applications and is designed for indoor, outdoor and in-vehicle applications. The MWS100 is a member of the Strix Access/One[®] Edge product family, and interoperates with Strix Access/One[®] Mesh Nodes. Within a region where Strix Access/One[®] Mesh Nodes are deployed, the MWS100 provides broadband data access and seamless roaming between nodes, even at high vehicle speeds.

The MWS100 contains two 802.11-type radios. One is an 802.11g radio that operates in the 2.4 GHz band. The other is an 802.11a radio that operates in *either* the 5 GHz band *or* the 4.9 GHz U.S. Public Safety band. One of these radios will operate as a Wireless Station (STA) and be used to connect wirelessly to s Strix Access/One[®] Mesh Network. The other radio may optionally be used as a Wireless Access Point (AP). An Ethernet connector is also provided for connection to other devices.

The MWS100 operates as a bridge between its Station Radio, Access Point Radio, and Ethernet Port. This bridging function is accomplished using Layer 2 Network Address Translation (L2NAT). The purpose for this is to allow multiple client devices, each with a unique IP address, to be supported by a single wireless association with the Access/One® Mesh Network.

Note: Different MWS100 models exist for different regions and regulatory domains. Availability of specific bands, channels within those bands, and operating modes varies depending upon the specific MWS100 model.







Note: The MWS100 is designed for professional installation. Failure to comply fully with these instructions may void the MWS100 warranty and/or violate local safety or radio regulations.

1. Select a mounting location for the MWS100. The MWS100 is designed for indoor, outdoor and in-vehicle applications. Mount the MWS100 using the chassis mounting holes and hardware suitable for the particular installation.

Note: In the U.S. the 5150-5250MHz band is only available for indoor applications. It is the responsibility of the installer to configure the MWS100 to use this band only when it is installed indoor.

2. Select antennas with gain specifications according to the table below.

Note: The maximum allowable power for each antenna type is noted in the last column. The installer must set the power correctly for the chosen antennas.

| Frequency | Antenna Type | Connection Method | Maximum Gain | Maximum Power Setting |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2412-2462MHz 5150-5250MHz 5745-5850MHz | Linear Polarized Dome | LMR200 Cable (> 3 ft. length) | 4 dBi | Full |
| 2412-2462MHz 5150-5250MHz 5745-5850MHz | Omni-directional | Direct connection to MWS100 | 3 dBi 5 dBi 5 dBi | Full |
| 2412-2462MHz | Omni-directional | LMR200 Cable (> 3 ft. length) | 8 dBi | Full |
| 5745-5850MHz | Omni-directional | LMR200 Cable (> 3 ft. length) | 12 dBi | -3dB (23dBm) |
| 4940-4990MHz | Omni-directional | LMR200 Cable (> 3 ft. length) | 11 dBi | Full |

3. Mount the selected antennas securely following all antenna manufacturer instructions and recommendations. Provide a suitable length of LMR-200 type antenna cable between each antenna and the MWS100. If using only one antenna, connect it to the port labeled "MAIN". Connect a second antenna to the port labeled "AUX".

4. Using the supplied fused power cable, connect the BLACK wire to the system ground and then attach the RED wire to the positive DC supply. The MWS100 is designed to operate from a minimum of 11 VDC* to a maximum of 52 VDC and a maximum current draw of 2 A.

* A low-voltage cut-off circuit will automatically power down when the DC voltage falls below 10.5 VDC. Operation will be restored once the DC voltage rises above 11.5 VDC.

The MWS100 may also be powered over its Ethernet port (LAN) by a PoE power injector capable of sourcing 16 W.

- 5. Provide an Ethernet cable for connecting the MWS100 to a computer or router.
- 6. Attach the supplied fused power cable to the PWR connector on the MWS100 rear panel.

5 Wireless Station Configuration

MWS100 configuration screens may be accessed by connecting its LAN port to a computer running Microsoft Internet Explorer Version 7. The default address of http://169.254.1.250 may be used. The username for configuration is "Admin" (without the quotes). The default password is "Admin" (also without quotes).

Important: After changing any parameter on any configuration screen, an "Update" button will appear near the upper-right corner of the screen. This must be pressed for any change to take effect. Some changes require that the MWS100 be re-booted. This is indicated by the appearance of a "Reboot" button, which must be pressed for the change to take effect.

The first step to configure an MWS100 is to select which radio will be used as a Wireless Station to connect to the Strix Access/One[®] mesh network. The 11a radio is the default for this. This may be changed from the "Configure \rightarrow WiFi \rightarrow General" screen.

| Home Configure | Ionitor | MWS |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | | Reboot Update |
| System | Configure > Wi-Fi > General | |
| User Login | General Settings | |
| Management | Active Country Code: UNITED STA | ATES |
| TCP/IP Settings | Country Code: UNITED ST | ATES 🔽 |
| Firmware Updates | Wireless Station Radio: 802.11a | |
| | AP Radio (802.11g): 802.11a | |
| Wi-Fi | 002.11g | |
| General | | |
| 802.11a 🗳 | | |
| Radio Parameters | | |
| Configuration | | |
| | | |
| 802.11g 🛶 | | |
| Radio Parameters | | |
| Configuration | | |
| Quality of Service | | |
| Scan List | | |
| | | |

Press the "Update" button if Station Radio selection is changed, followed by the "Reboot" button.

The next step is to configure the selected Station radio to connect to the network. This is performed on the "Configure \rightarrow Wi-Fi \rightarrow Station Configuration" screen. The default AP Selection Method is "SSID" and is correct for most applications. Enter the SSID used by the network for MWS100 applications, and then select the Security Mode and Security Keys associated with that SSID. This information should be available from the operator of the Strix Access/One® Mesh network.

| Home Configure | Monitor | | | | | | - (| Update | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------|--|
| System | Configure > Wi-Fi | > 802.11a | > Station Co | onfiguration | | | | - | |
| User Login Management | AP Selection Method: | с | BSSID | SSID | | | | | |
| TCP/IP Settings | BSSID: 00:00:0 | 0:00:00:00 | | BSSID | . 30 (s | ec) | | | |
| Firmware Updates | SSID: Wireles | ss-System-0 | 1 | meda | • | | | | |
| Wi-Fi | Security Mode | е | | | | | | | |
| General | Authentication: | Open | C WPA-PSK | C WPA2-PSK | C WPA-AUTO-PSK | C Access/One | Cynamic (802.1x) | C WPA | |
| 802.11a 🚽 | EAP Type: | C TTLS | C TLS | | | | | | |
| Padio Parameters | Encryption: | • Clear | C WEP | C AES | C TKIP | C Auto Negociate | | | |
| Configuration | Security Keys | Security Keys | | | | | | | |
| Quality of Service | Default Shared | Default Shared Key | | | Encryption Key | | | | |
| Scan List | © 1. | | | | | | Enter Key 1 | | |
| 802.11g 👗 | C 2. | | | | | | Enter Key 2 | | |
| Radio Parameters | С 3. | | | | | _ | Enter Key 3 | | |
| comgaración | C 4. | | | | | | Enter Key 4 | | |
| | DHCP Renewa | d | | | | | | | |
| | DHCP Renew T | ime (0 - ; | 21600 minute | s): 0 | | | | | |

After setting the Station radio parameters, press the "Update" button.

6 Wireless Access Point Configuration

The Access Point radio may now be configured on the "Configure \rightarrow Wi-Fi \rightarrow AP Configuration" screen. Set the SSID which client radios will use to connect to the MWS100. The default behavior is for this SSID to be broadcast. This may be overridden with the "Suppress SSID" checkbox. Enter Security Mode and Keys. Access may be further restricted to specific client MAC addresses by pressing the "Manage ACL" button to define an Access Control List.

| Home Configure | Monitor | | | | | | MWS100 | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------|------------|----------------|--------------|----------|--|
| | | | | | | Reboot | Update i | |
| System | Configure > Wi-Fi | Configure > Wi-Fi > 802.11g > AP Configuration | | | | | | |
| User Login | SSTD: MyNotM | shile | | Suppress | _ | | | |
| Management | SSID. INVICEN | Dile | | SSID | | | | |
| TCP/IP Settings | Security Mode | 9 | | | | | | |
| Firmware Updates | Authentication: | Open | C WPA-PSK | C WPA2-PSK | C WPA-AUTO-PSK | C Access/One | | |
| | Encryption: | Clear | C WEP | C AES | C TKIP | Auto Negocia | ate | |
| Wi-Fi | Security Keys | | | | | | | |
| General | Default Shared | Kev | Encrypti | on Kev | | Key Entry | | |
| 802.11a 🚽 | 6.1 | | | , | | Enter Key 1 | | |
| Radio Parameters | · 1. | | | | | Linteritey i | | |
| Configuration | C 2. | C 2. | | | | Enter Key 2 | | |
| Quality of Service | С з. | | | | | Enter Key 3 | | |
| Scan List | C 4. | | | | | Enter Key 4 | | |
| 802.11g 👗 | Manage Access Control List | | | | | | | |
| Radio Parameters | Manage ACL | | | | | | | |
| Configuration | | | | | | | | |

After setting the AP radio parameters, press the "Update" button, then press the "Reboot" button.

7 Configuration and Status Monitoring

Configuration settings may now be verified on the "Home" screen. This screen shows the connection status of the MWS100 Station radio as well as that of the MWS100 Access Point. Check to ensure that the MWS100 Station radio has associated to a Strix Access/One® Mesh node with the correct SSID. Then, using a standard Wi-Fi client device (such as a laptop computer), ensure that it can associate with the MWS100 Access Point radio.

| UICK LINKS | 802.11a Radio Enabled | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|--------------|-----------------|----------|--|--|
| 02.11a 🖘 Wireless Neighbors | Associated AP: | 00:0E:8E:7B:75:1A | -90 dBm | -90 dBm Aimer Refreshing Interval: 10 sec | | | | | |
| Nireless History | Duration: | | Aimer Refi | | | | | | |
| Antenna Aimer | SSID: | MyNet | Operating | | | | | | |
| 02.110 | Data Rate: | 11 Mbps | Noise Lev | el: - 101 | 1 dBm | | | | |
| lient Monitor | | | | | | | | | |
| Nireless Neighbors | 802.11g Radio Deta | ails (Radio Mode: AP) Enabled | | | | | 1 | | |
| Will Globa Weighbora | Associated Users: 0 | | Operating Channel: 2412 MHz (Channel 1) | | | hannel 1) | | | |
| ctions | SSID: | MyNetMobile | Noise Lev | el: | -94 dBm | | | | |
| Factory Defaul | Too Neighbors 80211 | | | | | | | | |
| .oad Firmware | BSSID | SSID | Technology | Channel | Freg (MHz) | RSSI (dBm) | Security | | |
| teboot | 00:0E:8E:7B:75:1A | MyNet | 802.11a | 44 | 5220 | - 53 📶 | | | |
| | 00:0E:8E:7B:75:E3 | MyNet | 802.11a | 36 | 5180 | - 55 đ | | | |
| | 00:06:5A:00:37:2F | OtherNet | 802.11a | 149 | 5745 | - 58 đấi | | | |
| | 00:06:5A:02:05:98 | MyNet | 802.11a | 165 | 5825 | -64 📶 | | | |
| | 00:06:5A:00:50:E6 | SomeNet | 802.11a | 153 | 5765 | - 65 📶 | | | |
| | 00:09:B7:7E:67:59 | | 802.11a | 40 | 5200 | - 65 📶 | 0 | | |
| | 00:06:5A:00:40:C1 | | 802.11a | 161 | 5805 | - 66 📶 | | | |
| | System Details | | | | | | | | |
| | Name: | MWS100-001fbc | Uptime: | | Day 0, 0:01: | 16 | | | |
| | MAC Address: | 00:19:33:00:1F:BC | Firmware | 2.1.1 | 2.1.1 | | | | |
| | TP Address | 160 254 1 250 | Boot Vers | ion: | 10.3 | | | | |

Nearby Wireless Access Points may be viewed on the "Top Neighbors" window of the "Home" screen. This is useful for identifying Strix Access/One[®] Mesh Nodes that the MWS100 Wireless Station radio may connect to, or for identifying potential sources of interference.

A more complete list of nearby radios may be seen using the "Wireless Neighbors" selection in the "Quick Links" window under either the 802.11a or 802.11g headings.

A wide range of verification, status monitoring, and trouble-shooting tools are available on the "Monitors" screen. The "Troubleshooting" window provides end-to-end network diagnostics, verifying the Wireless Station link and connectivity back to the Default Gateway, DHCP Server, and DNS server.

| Home Configure M | Aonitor | | | MWS100 |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|
| | | | | Reboot i |
| Monitors | Monitors > Troublesh | ooting | | |
| Client Monitor | | | | _ |
| Event Log | | | | |
| L2NAT | | • | | |
| Troubleshooting | | | | |
| 802.11a | | | | |
| Wireless Neighbors | | | | |
| Statistics | Test Prograss: | Tost Complete | Start Troubleshooting | |
| 802.11g 🔊 | Test Plogress. | Test complete | | _ |
| Wireless Neighbors | Test Results | | | |
| Statistics | DHCP: | Succeeded | \checkmark | |
| Wireless History | Default Gateway: | Reachable | ✓ | |
| | DNS Server: | Reachable | 1 | |
| | Wireless Connectivity: | Associated | ✓ | |
| | Wireless Network Access: | Succeeded | ✓ | |

Other useful monitors are:

Client Monitor – Displays information about the clients currently connected to the MWS100 Wireless Access Point.

Event Log – Displays a history of Station and Access Point connections and system events.

L2NAT – Shows the associations between MAC addresses and IP addresses stored in the Layer 2 Network Address Translation table.

Statistics – Various statistics useful for troubleshooting MWS100 operation.

Wireless History – Contains a chart showing a 24 hour history of the signal strength of the Access/One® Mesh Network Access Point(s) as seen by the MWS100 Station radio.