

D-Link *Air* DWL-900AP

Wireless Access Point Manual

*Please see the **Quick Install Guide**, included separately, for installation instructions.*

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Contents of Package



- DWL-900AP Wireless Access Point
- Installation CD
- Quick Install Guide
- AC Adapter
- USB cable
- Power Supply/Cord
- User's Manual

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

System requirements:

Computer with USB port

Microsoft Windows XP, 2000, ME, 98, 98SE

Introduction

The D-Link *Air* DWL-900AP 802.11b Wireless Access Point is an ideal way to extend the reach and number of computers connected to your wireless network or as part of a wired LAN (Local Area Network) with a wireless segment.

A Wireless Access Point may be used to serve different functions, including:

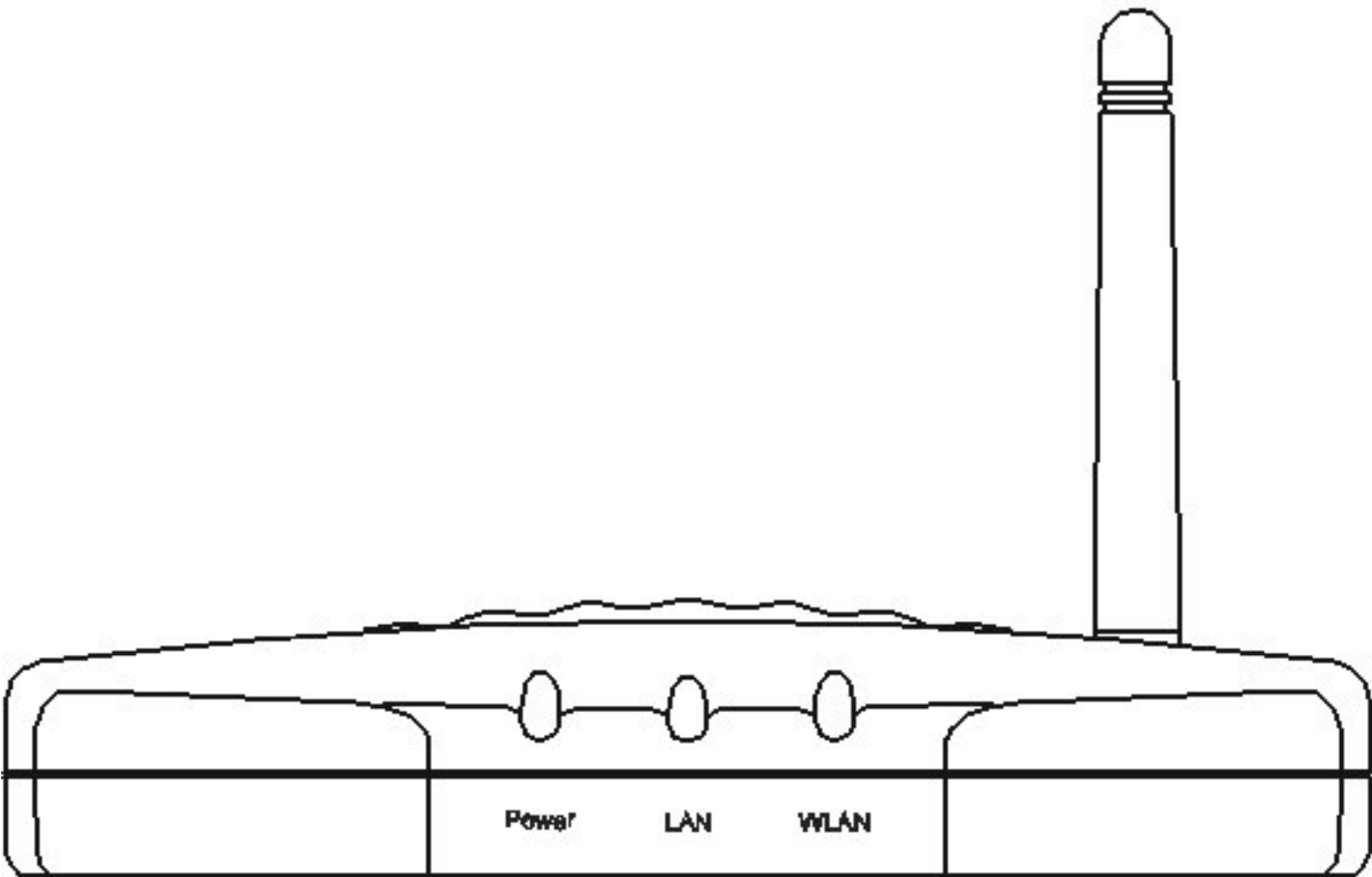
- **Bridge** - The Wireless Access Point can be used to provide access to the shared network facilities of an Ethernet LAN.
- **Wireless LAN Extension** - The effective communication range of wireless workstations can be increased.
- **Improve Signal Quality** - Providing a central relay station can provide a communication path for WLAN components that otherwise might be prevented from “seeing” other WLAN members.
- **Wireless LAN Security** - The Wireless Access Point can be configured to use encryption for improved security on a WLAN.

After completing the steps outlined in the Quick Install Guide (included separately) you will have the ability to share information and resources, such as files and printers, and take full advantage of a “connected” environment for work and play!

This manual provides a quick introduction to wireless technology and its application as it relates to networking. Take a moment to read through this manual and familiarize yourself with wireless technology. But you should also give yourself some time to become familiar with your new wireless network.

LED Display

Front Panel

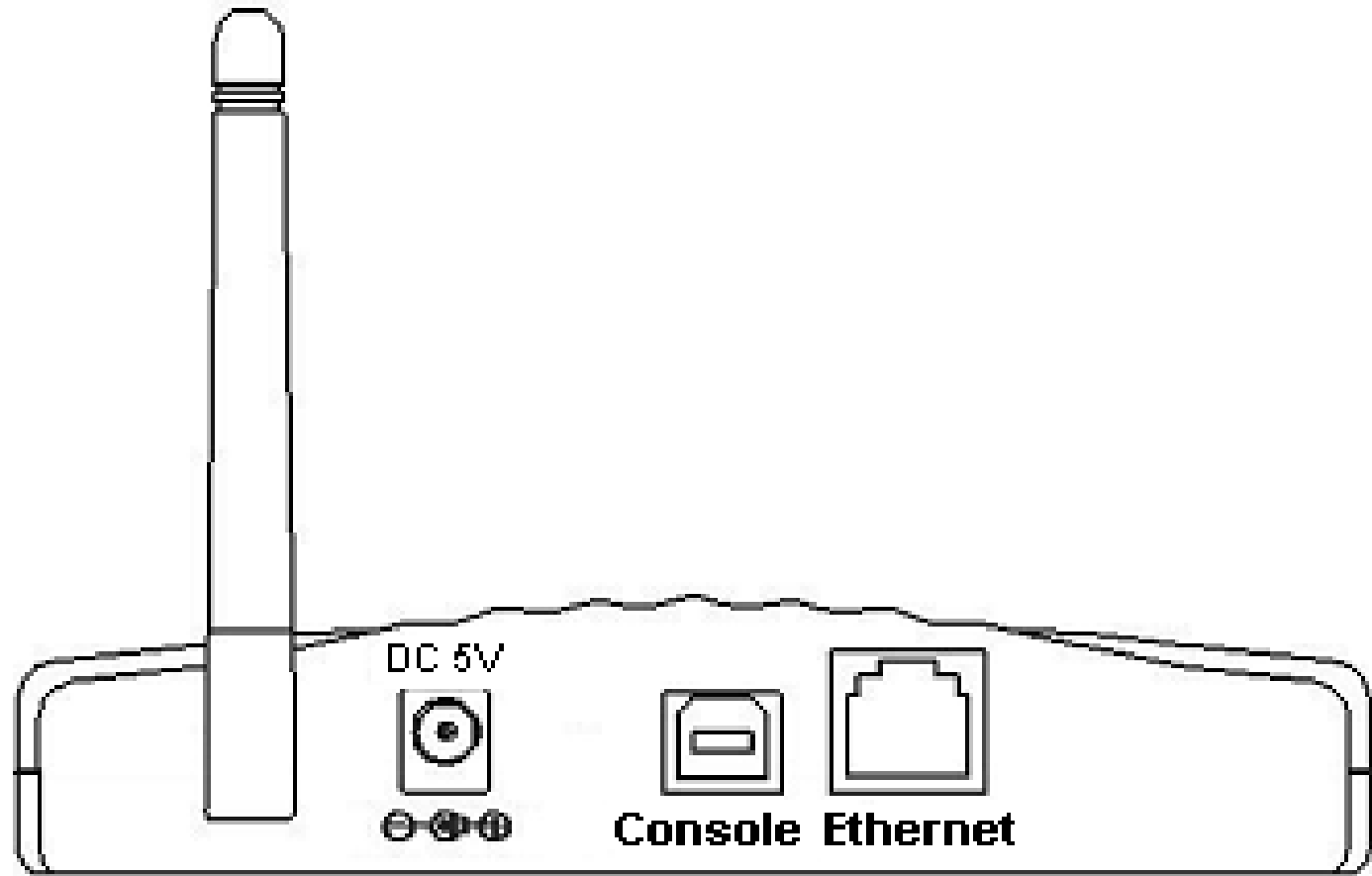


LED Display

	On	Blink	Off
Power	Unit is plugged in and working normally.	Unit is booting up and running self diagnostic test	Unit is not plugged in and it is off
LAN	Ethernet cable is plugged in and there is a valid network connection.	The Ethernet port is active	Ethernet cable not plugged in or the connection is not valid
WLAN	N/A	Detecting Wireless LAN network activities	No Wireless LAN network available in the vicinity

Connections

Rear Panel



Connections

Power 5V=1 ~ 2A	Plug in the AC/DC adapter here. Please make sure to plug in adapter to the Wireless Access Point before plugging the other end of the power adapter to an electrical wall outlet or power strip.
Console	The USB console port is used to make the USB connection from the device to a computer with the USB cable for first time configuration and configuration using the Wireless AP USB Utility.
Ethernet	The Ethernet port is used to connect the Wireless Access Point to the Ethernet LAN or a single computer using an Ethernet cable (RJ-45).

Note: To use the USB port on the Wireless Access Point, the computer that performs the configuration must have a USB interface with Windows XP, 2000, 98, or ME installed. USB is not supported under Windows NT or Windows 95.

Caution: Use only the power adapter included with the device!

Wireless Basics

D-Link *Air* wireless products are based on industry standards to provide easy to use and compatible high-speed wireless connectivity within your home or business. Strictly adhering to IEEE 802.11b, the D-Link *Air* wireless family of products will allow you to access the data you want, when and where you want it. No longer will you be tethered to a workstation or forced to run new wiring. You will be able to enjoy the freedom that wireless networking delivers.

A wireless LAN (WLAN) is a cellular computer network that facilitates communication with radio signals instead of wires. Wireless LANs are used increasingly in both home and corporate environments. Innovative ways to utilize WLAN technology are helping people to work and communicate more efficiently. Increased mobility and the absence of cabling and other fixed infrastructure has proven to be beneficial for many users.

WLAN users can use the same network applications they use on an Ethernet LAN. WLAN adapter cards used on laptop and desktop systems, support the same protocols as Ethernet adapter cards. For most users, there is no noticeable functional difference between a wired Ethernet desktop computer or mobile WLAN workstation other than the added benefit of the ability to roam within the WLAN-cell. Under many circumstances, it may be desirable for mobile network devices to link to a conventional Ethernet LAN in order use servers, printers or an Internet connection supplied through the wired LAN. The Wireless Access Point is a device used to provide this link.

People use wireless LAN technology for many different purposes.

Wireless Basics *(continued)*

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

Low Implementation Costs - WLANs are easy to set up, manage, change and relocate. Networks that frequently change, both physically and logically, can benefit from WLANs ease of implementation. WLANs can operate in locations where installation of wiring may be impractical. Furthermore, IEEE standardization mandates interoperability of all WLAN devices that conform to the 802.11b set of standards.

Installation Speed and Simplicity - Installing a wireless LAN system can be fast and easy and can eliminate the need to pull cable through walls and ceilings.

Installation Flexibility - Wireless technology allows the network to go where wires cannot go.

Reduced Cost-of-Ownership - While the initial investment required for wireless LAN hardware might be higher than the cost of wired LAN hardware, overall installation expenses and life-cycle costs will be significantly lower. Long-term cost benefits are greatest in dynamic environments requiring frequent moves, adds, and changes.

Scalability - Wireless LAN systems can be configured in a variety of topologies to meet the needs of specific applications and installations. Configurations are easily changed and range from peer-to-peer networks suitable for a small number of users to full infrastructure networks of thousands of users that allows roaming over a broad area.

Wireless Basics *(continued)*

Our full range of D-Link *Air* Wireless LAN products include:

- ◆ Wireless PC cards used with laptop computers
- ◆ Wireless PCI cards used with desktop computers
- ◆ Wireless Access Points
- ◆ Wireless Home Gateways

Standards - Based Technology

The IEEE 802.11b standard designates that devices operate at an optimal data rate of 11 Megabits per second. This means you will be able to transfer large files quickly or even watch a movie in MPEG format over your network without noticeable delays. This technology works by using multiple frequencies in the 2.4GHz range utilizing Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) technology. D-Link *Air* products will automatically sense the best possible connection speed to ensure the greatest speed and range possible with the technology.

Features and Standards

Wireless LAN technology is based on the internationally recognized IEEE 802.11 set of standards for wireless LANs. The Wireless Access Point is fully compliant with the IEEE 802.11b standard and can inter-operate with other compliant equipment.

The DWL-900AP Wireless Access Point also complies with the following regulatory standards:

- FCC part 15 Class A with no external shielding
- FCC part 15 Class B, ETS 300-339 compliance, including CE mark
- The regulatory requirements for Japan, Europe and many other areas of the world

Wireless Basics *(continued)*

The Wireless Access Point features include:

- Data transfer rates of up to 11 Mbps in optimal conditions
- An effective range of up to 900 feet (300 meters) outdoors or 300 feet (100 meters) indoors
- 10BaseT Ethernet port interface for bridging Wireless LAN to an Ethernet LAN
- Seamless roaming for notebook computers, wireless PCs, and other computers equipped with Wireless LAN
- Built-in diagnostics including a power-up self-check
- Dual antenna assembly with optional diversity
- Firmware can be upgraded easily in the field
- Data encryption (WEP 64 and WEP 128)
- SNMP support
- DHCP support (client)
- Optional Short RF preamble
- USB Configuration

Installation Considerations

Designed to go up to 300 feet (100 meters) indoors and up to 900 feet (300 meters) outdoors, D-Link *Air* DWL-900AP lets you access your network from virtually anywhere you want. Keep in mind, however, that the number and thickness of walls, ceilings or other objects that the wireless signals must pass thru may limit range. Typical ranges vary depending on the types of materials and background RF noise in your home or business. The key to maximizing range is to follow these basic principles:

1. Keep the number of walls and ceilings between the access point and your receiving device to a minimum - Each wall or ceiling can reduce your D-Link *Air* Wireless product's range from 3-90 feet. For some

Wireless Basics *(continued)*

business of large residential home deployment, it may be more beneficial to have more than one access point with overlapping coverage.

2. Be aware of the direct line between Access Points, Residential Gateways, and Computers - A wall that is 1.5 feet thick, at a 45 degree angle appears to be almost 3 feet thick. At a 2 degree angle it looks over 42 feet thick! Try to make sure that the AP and Adapters are positioned so that the signal will travel straight through a wall or ceiling for better reception.
3. Building Materials make a difference - A solid metal door or aluminum studs may have a negative effect on range. Again, try to position Access Points, Residential Gateways, and Computers so that the signal passes through drywall or open doorways and not other materials.
4. Make sure that the antenna is positioned for best reception.
5. Keep your product away (at least 3-6 feet) from electrical devices that generate RF noise, like microwaves, Monitors, electric motors, etc.

For the average residence, range should not be a problem. If you experience low or no signal strength in areas of your home that you wish to access, consider positioning the Access Point in a location directly between the Residential Gateways and/or Computers that will be connected. Additional Access Points can be connected to provide better coverage in rooms where the signal does not appear as strong as desired.

Using radio frequency (RF) technology, WLANs transmit and receive data over the air, minimizing the need for wired connections. Thus, WLANs combine data connectivity with user mobility, and, through simplified configuration, enable movable LANs.

Network Topology

The IEEE 802.11b standard supports three basic topologies for WLANs—the Independent Basic Service Set (IBSS), the Basic Service Set (BSS), and the Extended Service Set (ESS). Wireless LAN components can be used to extend, enhance or entirely replace existing Ethernet infrastructure. The DWL-900AP can accommodate any WLAN topology.

BSS

In a **Basic Service Set**, a wireless access point performs multiple tasks; it is a base station and network access controller for the wireless stations in the BSS. The access point can also provide a connection to a wired Ethernet LAN for the BSS member stations. An example of a BSS might be a business meeting conducted in a room with only a single Ethernet port available. Each participant has a wireless laptop computer and requires simultaneous access to a data server on the Ethernet LAN. A wireless access point provides the connection to the Ethernet and acts as the network control station for the BSS members.

In a BSS, the wireless access point performs functions similar to an Ethernet switch. The access point controls network access and maintains a

dynamically updated list of all the members of the BSS. Members of each BSS are added or deleted from the list as they join or leave the BSS. Wireless stations in the BSS are identified by their MAC (Media Access Control) address.

IBSS

An **Independent Basic Service Set** or ad-hoc network consists of two or more wireless stations that communicate directly, peer-to-peer, without the services of a wireless access point. An example of an ad-hoc network or

Network Topology (*continued*)

BSS would be a group of wireless-equipped laptop computers at a trade show set up to share information. In this arrangement, one of the WLAN units is elected to act as a controller or base station, similar to the function of a wireless access point except there is no connection to a wired Ethernet LAN. Ad-hoc networks are very easy to set up and require minimal involvement by network administrators or MIS personnel.

ESS

An **Extended Service Set** is a series of two or more basic service sets networked on an Ethernet or other type of LAN. Each access point provides connection to the Ethernet LAN for their respective BSS.

Each BSS is identified by a unique number, the BSS-ID (the MAC address of the Wireless Access Point). Wireless stations on an ESS automatically select the access point or BSS that can best serve them. If no access point can be found the device will scan for a usable access point.

An ESS can be set up so that wireless stations can roam anywhere within the range of any available access point, that is, to any member BSS, and still maintain links to both the WLAN and the Ethernet. In this case, each station shares a common ESS. The ESS is identified by an ESS ID number used by all stations in the ESS.

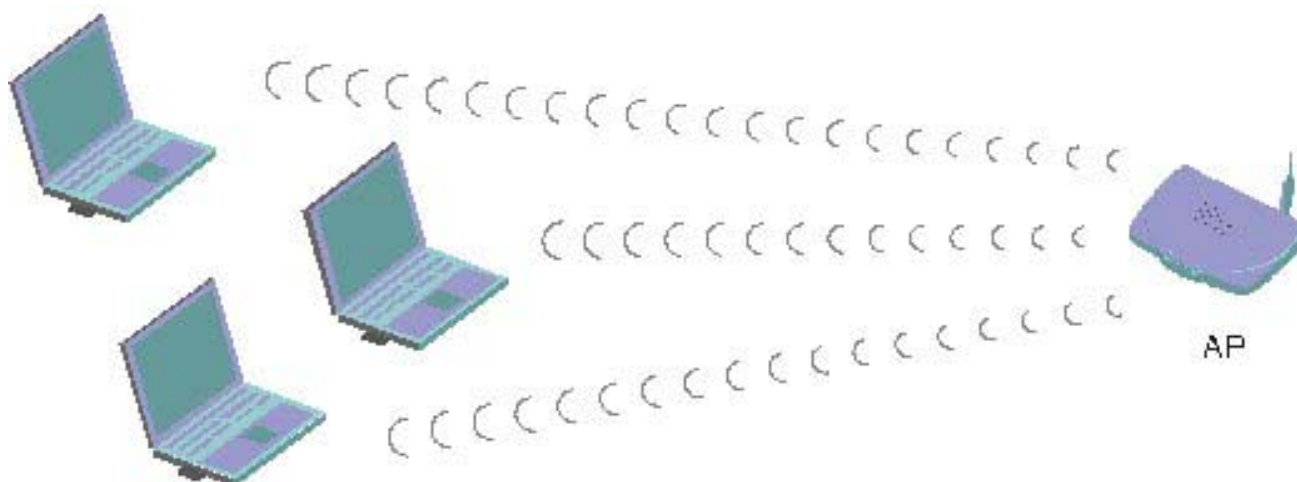
Wireless access points can also be used to segment a wireless network. Under such circumstances, more than one ESS might be used. Two or more separate Extended Service Sets can occupy the same physical space. Each station on a wireless LAN can only use one ESS.

Operation Modes with the DWL-900AP

Flexibility is fundamental to a wireless network. For this reason, the wireless access point can be configured to perform different functions and customized according to the needs of your network.

Access Point

In this mode, the access point provides access for wireless stations to wired LANs and from wired LANs to wireless stations. Wireless stations within the range of the access point may communicate with each other via the access point. This is the default operation mode of the device.



Simple Wireless Access Point

Wireless Bridging

Wireless Bridge mode allows two types of connections:

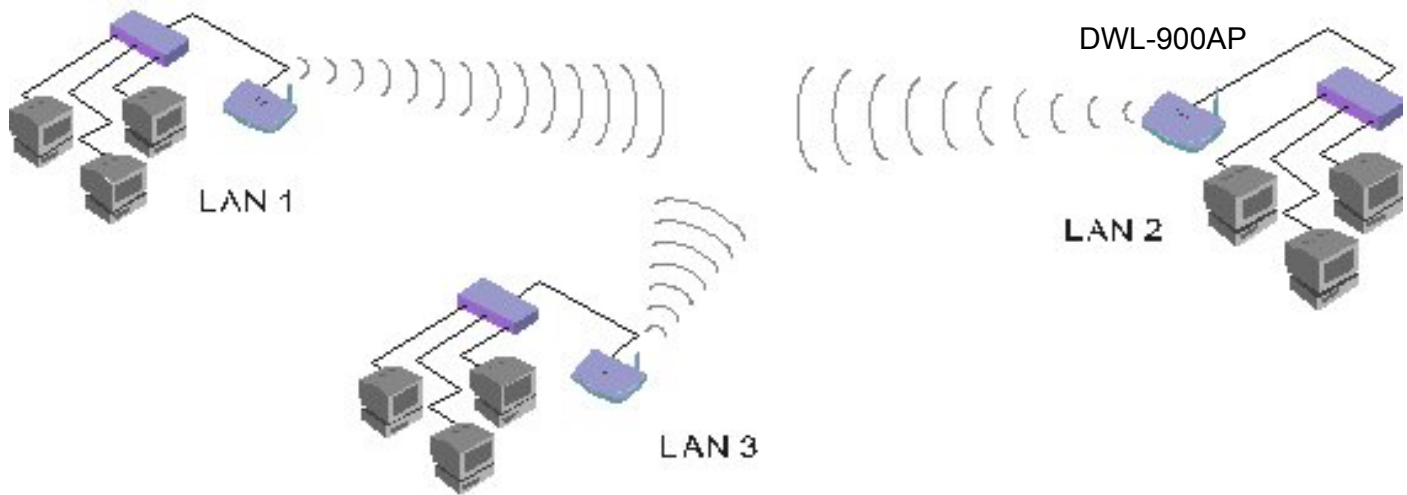
1. **WB Point-to-Point:** The wireless bridge is configured to communicate with a specific remote MAC address.



Wireless Bridge Point-to-Point mode

Operation Modes with the DWL-900AP *(continued)*

2. **Wireless Bridge Point to Multipoint:** The wireless bridge is configured to communicate with any wireless bridge available on the same channel and using the same ESS ID.



Wireless Bridge Point-to-Multipoint mode

Access Point Client Mode

The access point can also act as a client on a wireless LAN. When configured as a client the access point functions in the capacity of a wireless end station only. Communication through the wireless interface of the device can only be accomplished using another Access Point functioning in AP mode. When configured as a client, the access point connects to a single computer or an Ethernet LAN via the Ethernet interface. An access point configured to be a wireless client connected to a single computer is illustrated in the figure below.



Wireless Access Point used as a Client

Network Functions of the Access Point

The wireless access point performs key network functions controlling access to both the wireless and Ethernet LANs. The following paragraphs elaborate on the network function of the wireless access point.

DWL-900AP Bridging

The Wireless Access Point functions as an intelligent bridge. It listens to all data traffic on all its interfaces and maintains a MAC address database in much the same way that an Ethernet switch maintains a MAC address table. MAC address information is updated dynamically and MAC addresses that are inactive for a specified period are deleted from the database or “aged out.” The MAC address database also indicates the type of interface being used by each entry (either WLAN or Ethernet.) Packets destined for unknown MAC Addresses are forwarded to the Ethernet interface.

When necessary, the Wireless Access Point uses the Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) to match IP addresses to MAC addresses and stores ARP information in its database as well. ARP information is likewise aged out of the database.

Filtering and Access Control

The wireless access point can limit the wireless devices that associate with it and the data packets that are forwarded through it. Filters can provide a degree of security and improve network performance by eliminating broadcast/multicast packets from the radio network.

The ACL (Access Control List) contains the MAC address of every wireless device allowed to associate with the access point. This prevents unauthorized access to network resources.

The access point can discriminate based on the destination address of packets it handles by maintaining a list of disallowed destinations. This can improve efficiency by eliminating unnecessary transmission of data packets. The type of packet forwarded through the access point can be controlled using a filter. Type Filtering prevents specific packets from being processed. Certain packet types such as broadcast packets from devices not important to the wireless LAN are discarded to preserve bandwidth. Filtering out unnecessary frames can improve overall network performance.

Network Functions of the Access Point *(continued)*

DHCP Support

The access point supports the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) used to obtain a leased IP address and network configuration information from a remote server. When DHCP is enabled, the access point sends out a DHCP request to obtain the IP settings and network configuration information. The access point can be configured to download two additional files when a boot takes place, the firmware file and an HTML file. DHCP or BOOTP servers can be programmed to transfer these two files when a DHCP request is made.

Media Types

The wireless access point can be used to bridge the wired Ethernet LAN and wireless LAN radio network. The 10BASE-T Ethernet interface fully complies with Ethernet Rev. 2 and IEEE 802.3 specifications and operates in full duplex. The radio interface conforms to IEEE 802.11b specifications for wireless LAN. The WLAN interface operates at speeds of up to 11 Mbps using direct sequence radio technology. The wireless access point supports multiple-cell operations with fast roaming between cells. With the direct sequence system, each cell operates independently. Adding cells to the network can increase the coverage area and total system capacity. The access point supports wireless devices operating in Continuously Aware or Power Save modes.

Media Access Control

All WLAN devices, like all Ethernet devices, have a unique, hardware-encoded Media Access Control (MAC) address. Wireless LAN algorithms employ carrier sense and collision avoidance techniques (CSMA/CA) to ensure network access to all devices and error checking (CRC) for accuracy of data transmissions. The method of access control used in WLAN is called the Distributed Coordination Function (DCF).

Network Functions of the Access Point *(continued)*

Data Transfer Rates

The actual rate at which data transmission occurs varies according to the strength of the signal transmitting the data. Distance and environment can effect the strength of the signal that can be transmitted and received. The signal strength determines the type of modulation technique used to encode data, which effects the volume of data (i.e. the number of bits) that can be encoded in a given space of the carrier signal. The IEEE 802.11b standard specifies that WLAN devices adapt the rate of transmission to use the best rate achievable. Each wireless device first determines if conditions diminish signal strength and then chooses one of four possible bit rates (1, 2, 5.5, or 11 Mbps) based on this learned information.

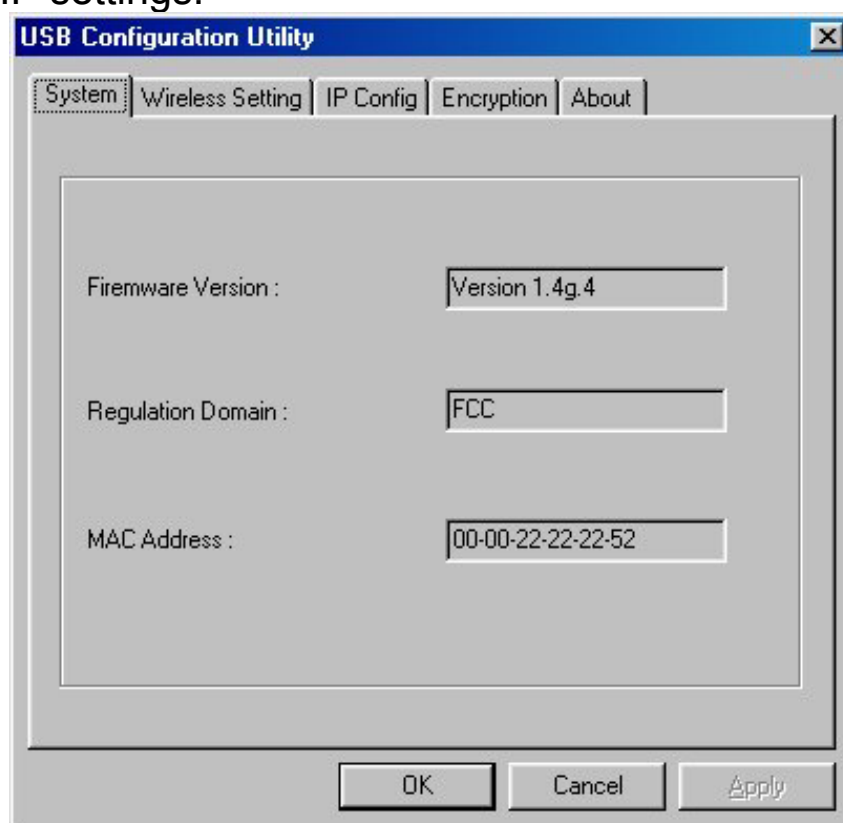
USB Configuration Utility

When the Wireless AP **USB Configuration** Utility and Wireless AP **SNMP** (Simple Network Management Protocol) **Utility** have been installed you can configure settings for the access point. Before you can use the SNMP Utility, you must configure the device IP address. The IP address of the device must be on the same subnet and use the same subnet mask as the computer using the SNMP Utility.

Using the USB Configuration Utility

To use the USB Configuration Utility and change the IP settings of the Access Point, follow these steps:

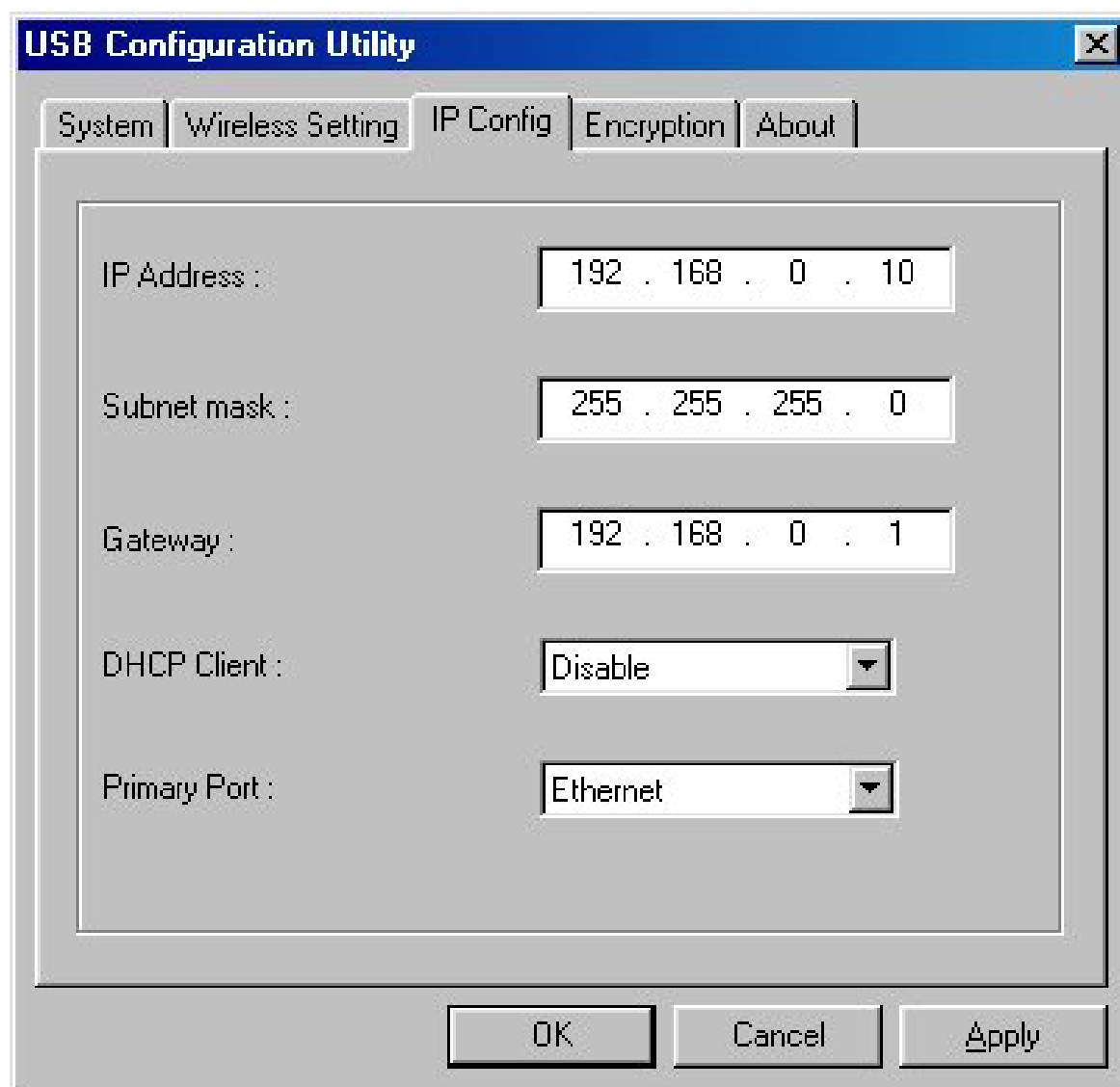
1. To launch the USB Configuration Utility, go to your **Start** menu, open **Programs**, find the **Wireless AP** folder and open it. You will see two new icons have been placed in this folder. Scroll to the **Wireless AP USB Utility** and click on it to launch the program.
2. The **Admin Password** screen will ask you for a password. The default password is “public” (all lower case), type this in the space and click **OK**.
3. The **USB Configuration Utility** management interface will appear displaying system information about the Wireless Access Point. To access any of the menus listed just click on the tab. If you intend to use the SNMP Utility to manage and configure the device you must first change the IP settings.



- Click the **IP Config** tab to change the IP settings of the device.

USB Configuration Utility (continued)

Note: Once you have assigned or obtained an IP Address for the DWL-900AP, through the USB Configuration Utility, we recommend that you manage your network using the SNMP Utility (please refer to the chapter in this manual entitled “SNMP Management Utility”). If you choose to manage your network using the USB Utility, you will need to connect the DWL-900AP to a computer on your network, using the USB cable, each time you have a management session on your network.



The screenshot shows the 'USB Configuration Utility' window with the 'IP Config' tab selected. The window has a title bar with a close button. Below the title bar are five tabs: 'System', 'Wireless Setting', 'IP Config' (selected), 'Encryption', and 'About'. The main area contains five configuration fields:

- IP Address :** 192 . 168 . 0 . 10
- Subnet mask :** 255 . 255 . 255 . 0
- Gateway :** 192 . 168 . 0 . 1
- DHCP Client :** Disable (dropdown menu)
- Primary Port :** Ethernet (dropdown menu)

At the bottom of the window are three buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply'.

- Change the IP settings of the access point. You may elect to use a DHCP server to determine the IP settings, or set them according to the requirements of your IP addressing scheme.

To configure the device as a DHCP client, select **Enable** from the **DHCP Client:** pull-down menu.

To manually assign the IP settings, you must **Disable** the DHCP client function and set the IP address and subnet mask. If necessary, you can assign a **Gateway** IP address for the device here as well.

USB Configuration Utility *(continued)*

Finally, if you are using DHCP to assign IP settings, you must select the port used for communication with the DHCP server. Change the **Primary Port:** setting to **Ethernet** (set by default) or **Wireless**, according to how the device will receive DHCP information.

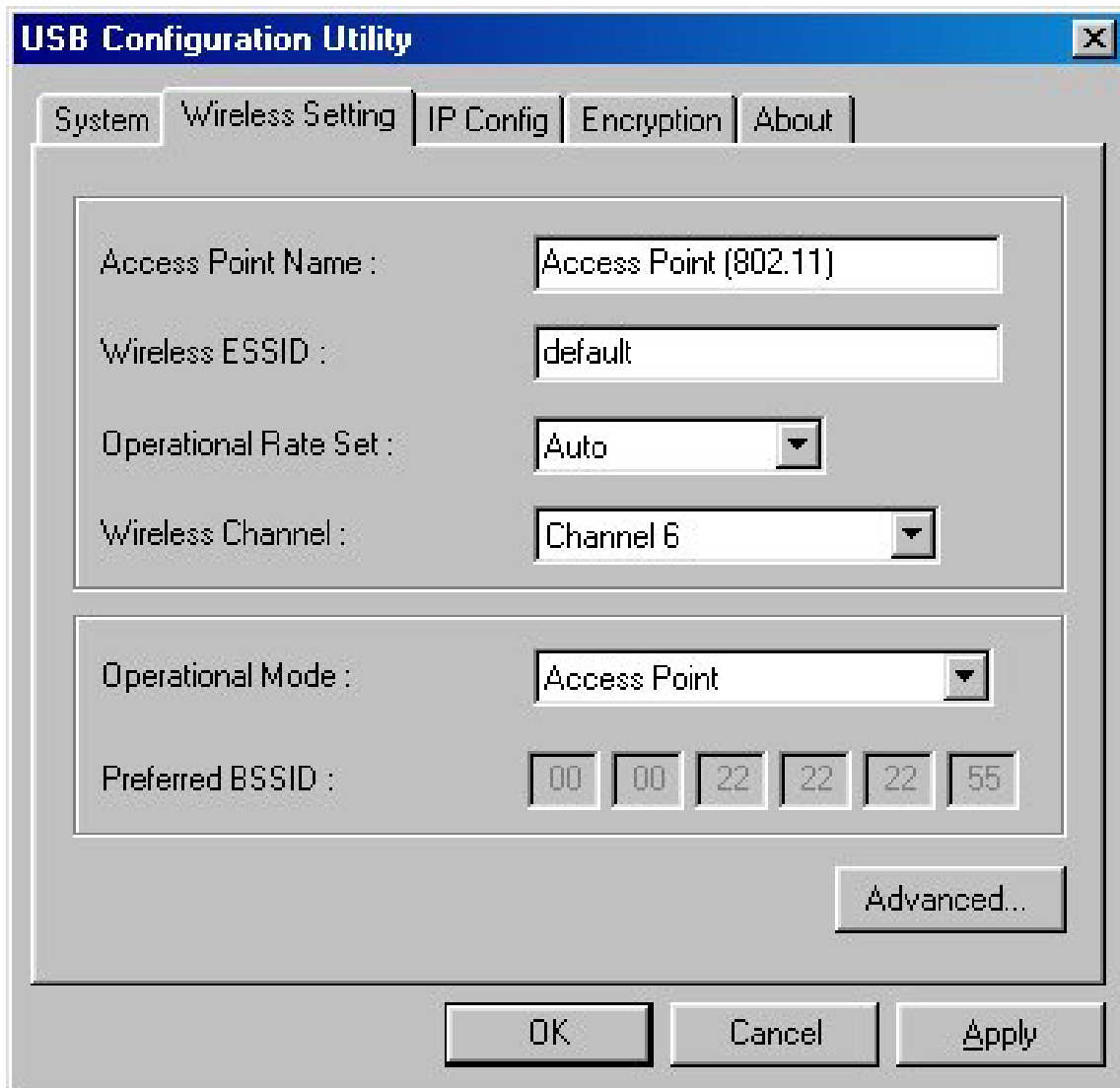
Note: Now that you have obtained an IP Address for your DWL-900AP, we recommend that you skip ahead to the “SNMP Management Utility” Chapter in this manual to learn how to manage your network without using the USB cable.

USB Utility Menus

If you elect to use the USB Configuration Utility to manage your network, you will need to connect your computer, using the USB cable, to the DWL-900AP each time you have a management session. (Skip ahead to the **SNMP Management Utility** section to learn about USB cable-free management of your network.)

Wireless Setting

Use the Wireless Operation menu to set parameters that enable the Access Point to communicate with other stations on the wireless LAN.



The screenshot shows the 'USB Configuration Utility' window with the 'Wireless Setting' tab selected. The window has a title bar with a close button. Below the title bar are five tabs: 'System', 'Wireless Setting', 'IP Config', 'Encryption', and 'About'. The 'Wireless Setting' tab contains two main sections. The first section has four fields: 'Access Point Name' with the value 'Access Point (802.11)', 'Wireless ESSID' with the value 'default', 'Operational Rate Set' with a dropdown menu set to 'Auto', and 'Wireless Channel' with a dropdown menu set to 'Channel 6'. The second section has two fields: 'Operational Mode' with a dropdown menu set to 'Access Point', and 'Preferred BSSID' with six input boxes containing the values '00', '00', '22', '22', '22', and '55'. At the bottom right of the main content area is an 'Advanced...' button. At the bottom of the window are three buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply'.

Field	Value
Access Point Name :	Access Point (802.11)
Wireless ESSID :	default
Operational Rate Set :	Auto
Wireless Channel :	Channel 6
Operational Mode :	Access Point
Preferred BSSID :	00 00 22 22 22 55

Define these Wireless parameters:

Access Point Name: The Access Point can be assigned a name for easy reference here.

Wireless ESSID: The ESSID is used by all wireless devices within the ESS or extended wireless LAN. This can be any alpha-numeric value up to 32

USB Utility Menus *(continued)*

units long. Use this to prevent cross communication between two or more WLANs in one area.

Operational Rate Set: By default, the unit adaptively selects the highest possible rate for transmission. Select the basic rates to be used among the following options: Auto, 1, 2, 5.5, or 11 Mbps. For most networks the default setting, Auto will be the best choice. When **Auto** (Rate Fall Back) is enabled the transmission rate will select the optimum rate. If obstacles or interference are present, the system will automatically fall back to a lower rate.

Wireless Channel: There are 14 channels available for with the Access Point. All devices communicating with the device must use the same channel. There may be restrictions on which channel can be used in some countries. In Canada and the US, channels 1 - 11 are authorized for use by the IC and the FCC.

Operation Mode

Use this menu to select how the Access Point will function on your WLAN. The previous discussion of Operations Modes contains illustrated examples of the four available operation modes. Click **Apply** to put the changes into effect.

Choose one of the following from the **Operation Mode** pull-down menu:

Access Point

This mode provides access for wireless stations to a wired Ethernet LAN and from the wired LAN to the wireless stations. Furthermore, wireless stations within the range of the Access Point will communicate with each other through the device. This is the default operation mode of the Access Point.

Access Point Client

This mode can be used to connect a remote Ethernet LAN or a single station with a central LAN, to create an extended single virtual LAN. In this way, any station of the Remote LAN can successfully communicate with any station of the central LAN as if they were members of the same physical LAN. Wireless end stations can not associate with an Access Point in Client mode except by means of another access point. As a client, the Access Point must operate within a BSS and therefore must use a designated BSS base station (usually another Access Point) for all communications through its wireless interface. Use the **Preferred BSSID:** entry field to define the wireless station used to direct wireless traffic of the device.

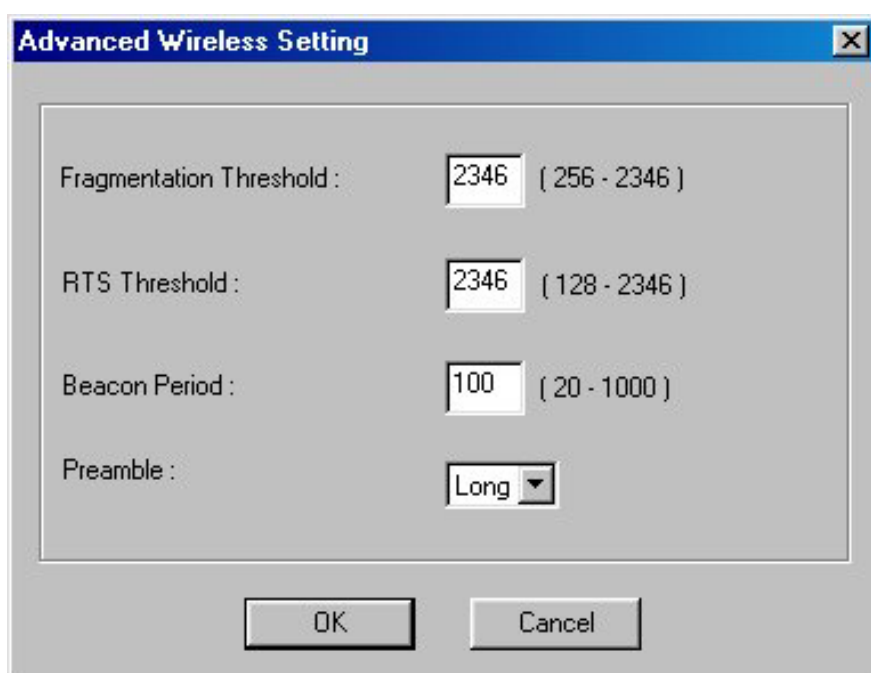
USB Utility Menus *(continued)*

Wireless Bridge- Two types of wireless bridge connections are allowed:

1. **Point-to-Point-** The Access Point still functions as the central controller for wireless stations within its BSS, but it will communicate with only one other wireless bridge. The designated access point with which it communicates is identified by the **Preferred BSSID**.
2. **Point to Multipoint-** The Access Point is able to communicate with any available wireless bridge on the same channel.

Advanced Wireless Operation

Click the **Advanced** button to define the parameters described below. A new window will appear. Define the following parameters:



The image shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Advanced Wireless Setting". It contains four configuration fields:

- Fragmentation Threshold :** A text box containing "2346" with a range "(256 - 2346)" to its right.
- RTS Threshold :** A text box containing "2346" with a range "(128 - 2346)" to its right.
- Beacon Period :** A text box containing "100" with a range "(20 - 1000)" to its right.
- Preamble :** A dropdown menu currently showing "Long".

At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

Fragment Threshold:

Fragment Threshold defines a threshold above which the wireless packet will be split up, or fragmented. For a fragmented packet, if transmission of part of it were to be interfered with, only the portion that was successfully transmitted would need to be re-sent. Throughput will generally be lower for fragmented packets, since the fixed packet overhead consumes a higher portion of the RF bandwidth.

RTS Threshold:

The RTS Threshold sets an upper threshold at which point the device will issue an RTS packet. The RTS (Request To Send) packet is used for the purpose of avoiding data collisions on the wireless LAN. There are several trade offs to consider when setting this parameter. Setting this parameter to a

USB Utility Menus *(continued)*

small value causes RTS packets to be sent more often, consuming more of the available bandwidth, therefore reducing the apparent throughput of other network packets. However, the more often RTS packets are sent, the quicker the system can recover from interference or collisions. Refer to the IEEE 802.11 Standard for more information on the RTS/CTS mechanism.

Beacon Period: The Beacon Period specifies the duration between beacon packets in milliseconds. The range for the beacon period is between the ranges of 20 to 1000 with a typical value of 100.

Encryption

If an additional measure of security is desired on the wireless network, WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) encryption can be enabled. WEP encrypts each frame transmitted from the wireless adapter using one of the keys entered in the **WEP Privacy** field. The Access Point or wireless adapter will accept only encrypted frames that it can decrypt correctly. Decrypting can take place only if the receiver has the correct key used by the transmitter.

The screenshot shows the 'USB Configuration Utility' window with the 'Encryption' tab selected. The window has a title bar with a close button. Below the title bar are five tabs: 'System', 'Wireless Setting', 'IP Config', 'Encryption' (which is active and highlighted with a dotted border), and 'About'. The main content area is divided into sections for WEP configuration. At the top, there are two dropdown menus: 'WEP Type' set to 'Disable' and 'Active Key ID' set to 'None'. Below these is another dropdown menu for 'Authentication Type' set to 'Both Type'. The next section is for '64 bit' keys, showing four keys (Key1, Key2, Key3, Key4) each with five input boxes. Key1 contains '11', Key2 contains '20', '21', '22', '23', '24', Key3 contains '30', '31', '32', '33', '34', and Key4 contains '40', '41', '42', '43', '44'. The final section is for '128 bit' keys, showing four keys (Key1, Key2, Key3, Key4) each with thirteen input boxes. Key1 contains '11', Key2 contains '22', Key3 contains '33', and Key4 contains '44'. At the bottom of the window are three buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply'.

WEP Type :		Active Key ID :	
Disable		None	

Authentication Type :	
Both Type	

64 bit											
Key1	11	11	11	11	11	Key3	30	31	32	33	34
Key2	20	21	22	23	24	Key4	40	41	42	43	44

128 bit												
Key1	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Key2	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22
Key3	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
Key4	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44

OK Cancel Apply

USB Utility Menus *(continued)*

WEP Type: The 64 or 128-bit Wired Equivalent Privacy Algorithm. Use this to enable 64-bit or 128-bit encryption. WEP is disabled by default.

Active Key: Active Key ID determines which Key (Key 1 to Key 4) encrypts and decrypts the transmissions received by the Access Point.

Authentication Type: Choose **Open System**, **Shared Key** or **Both**.

Open System: With this setting any station in the Wireless LAN can associate with an Access Point to receive and to transmit data.

Shared Key: With this setting only stations using a shared key encryption identified by the Access Point are allowed to associate with it.

Both: With this setting stations can communicate with or without data encryption.

Key 1 - Key 4

64 bit: Active Key ID 1 to 4. These values can only be edited if a WEP type is selected to 64-bits.

128 bit: Active Key ID 1 to 4. These values can only be edited if a WEP type is selected to 128-bits.

These four fields can be used to manually enter the encryption keys. This may be necessary if you wish this node to match keys in a different vendor's product. These fields also display the keys when they are generated using a Pass-phrase.

NOTE: 64 bit WEP is the same as 40 bit WEP! The lower level of WEP encryption uses a 40 bit (10 character) “secret key” (set by the user), and a 24 bit “Initialization Vector” (not under user control). The panel allows the entry of four keys for 64-bit encryption and one set for 128-bit key encryption. Each key must consist of hex digits, which means that only digits 0-9 and letters A-F are valid entries. The Configuration Utility will not apply keys that are not entered correctly.

Click **Apply** to set Encryption code settings.

SNMP Management Utility

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) is a network monitoring and control protocol. Once you have installed the **Wireless Access Point SNMP Utility** and assigned an IP Address through the USB Configuration Utility (see the Quick Install Guide,) you can configure the remaining settings to suit the needs of your network. The **USB Configuration Utility** contains the same menu options as the **SNMP Utility**, however, you will need to connect your computer to the DWL-900AP via USB cable each time you manage your network with the **USB Configuration Utility**. Using the **SNMP Management Utility**, you can configure your network on any networked computer **without** using the USB connection. The settings menus are described in this section.

Accessing the SNMP Manager

Follow these steps to access the Wireless Access Point manager from the manager PC:

From the **Start** menu, **Start > Programs > Wireless AP > Wireless AP SNMP Utility**

A new screen, the **Wireless Access Point Searching Utility**, will appear. If the device does not appear listed in the screen, click the **Search** button. The Search button is the magnifying glass icon.



SNMP Management Utility *(continued)*

Double click on the device in the list you wish to configure. You will be prompted for a password in a new screen, the **Admin. Authorization Password** window. Type in the default password “public” and click **OK**.

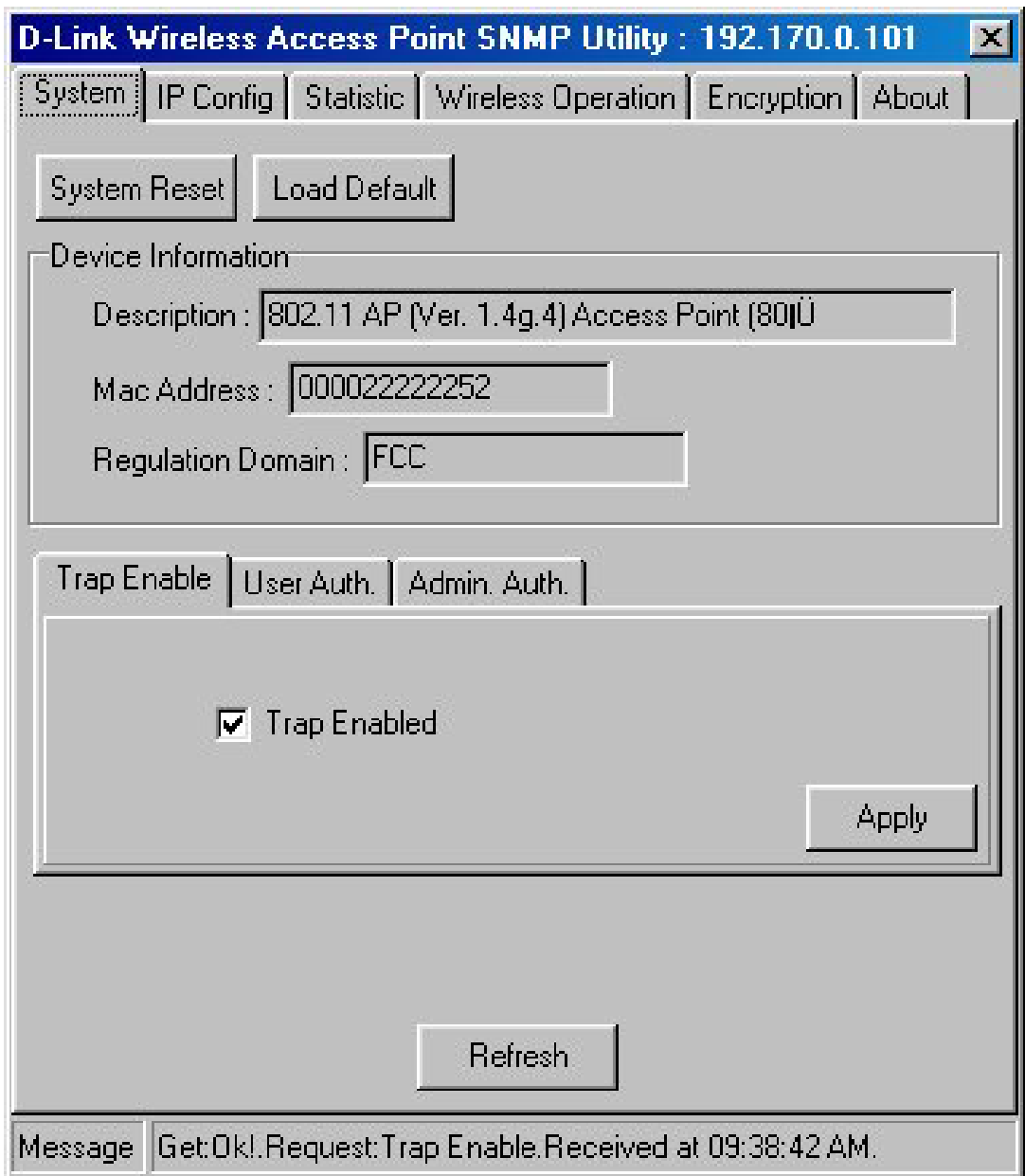


The **Wireless Access Point Configuration Utility** menu will appear displaying the System tab.

You may now use any of the management functions available in the **SNMP Configuration Utility**.

SNMP Utility Menus (continued)

Click on the appropriate tab to access any menu in the **Wireless Access Point SNMP Configuration Utility**.



System

The System menu will appear whenever the SNMP Configuration Utility is first accessed or you can click on the System tab at any time to view the menu. The System menu lists the following:

System Reset

Clicking the **System Reset** button will reset the device and initiate any changes that have been made to the device configuration settings. Configuration settings are saved to Non-volatile RAM (NV-RAM). This should be the last thing you do when you are ready to exit the **Configuration Utility**.

SNMP Utility Menus *(continued)*

Load Default

Clicking this button will load the factory default configuration settings into the NV-RAM of the device.

Device Information

Device information includes basic information about the Access Point including the name of the device, the firmware version currently being used, the MAC address and the regulation domain in which it resides.

Trap Enable

Use this to Enable or Disable SNMP traps.

User Authorized Setting

Use this to create user accounts identified by unique user names and passwords that allow read-only access to the SNMP Utility.

Admin Authorized Setting

Use this to create administrator accounts for administrator access to the SNMP Utility. Administrator privileges allow full read-write access to the SNMP Utility.

SNMP Utility Menus *(continued)*

IP Config

Use this menu to view, set or change IP settings. You can set them manually or allow a DHCP server to assign IP settings.

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Bridging Level

Mac address :

000022222252

IP address :

192

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168

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10

Subnet mask :

255

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255

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255

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0

Gateway :

192

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168

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0

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DHCP enabled :

Disabled

Primary port :

Ethernet

Refresh

Apply

Message

Get:Ok!.Request:IP Config.Received at 09:39:40 AM.

Listed in the Bridging Level information field are the following:

MAC Address

A unique 48-bit, hard-coded Media Access Control address used to identify devices on the WLAN and Ethernet LAN.

IP Settings

You may change any of the IP settings by simply typing in the desired address or net mask. Click **Apply** to put the changes into effect. Remember that if you change the IP address of the device to an address that is outside the subnet of the computer you are using, you will lose access to the **SNMP Utility**.

SNMP Utility Menus *(continued)*

IP Address

The Internet Protocol address of the Access Point

Subnet mask

Four sets of three digits used to logically divide an IP network into sub-networks.

Gateway

The IP address of a gateway device necessary for communication with devices outside the subnet of the Access Point. If your network is not divided into different subnets, this can remain blank.

DHCP

The Access Point can be configured as a DHCP client by choosing **Enabled** in the **DHCP enable** pull-down menu. By default DHCP support is **Disabled**.

If the Access Point is configured as a DHCP client, it will be necessary to decide what media will be used to transport DHCP information to the device. By default the Access Point is configured to receive IP settings through the Ethernet port. If your network is set up so that DHCP services are supplied through the wireless LAN, you must change the **Primary port:** setting to **Wireless** in the pull-down menu and click **Apply** to put the change into effect.

Click **Refresh** to refresh the screen to list the most current settings.

SNMP Utility Menus (continued)

Statistics

Various statistics concerning both Ethernet and wireless operation of the Access Point can be viewed in the **Statistics** window. This window can be useful for monitoring performance and diagnosing problems associated with the device or its BSS.

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EthernetWireless

Rx Item	Value	Tx Items	Value
TotalBytesRx	5871	TotalBytesTx	5066
TotalPktRx	41	TotalPackets	26
CRCErrRx	0	CRCErr	0
Multicast	0	Multicast	0
Broadcast	17	Broadcast	4
ControlFrames	0	Unicast	22
PauseFrames	0	PauseFrames	0
UnknownOPC	0	SingleDefer	0
AlignmentErr	0	MultiDefer	0
OutOfRange	0	SingleCollisions	0
CodeErrRx	0	MultiCollisions	0
FalseCarrierRx	0	LateCollisions	0
Undersize	0	Excessive	0
Oversize	0	TotalCollisions	0
TotalFragments	0		
TotalJabber	0		

MessageGet:Ok!.Request:Ethernet Packet.Received at 09:40:41 AM.

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EthernetWireless

Rx Item	Value	Tx Items	Value
Unicast	0	Unicast	0
Broadcast	5553	Broadcast	17
Multicast	34	Multicast	0
RxBeacon	0	TxB Beacon	9520
RxACK	0	TxACK	0
RxRTS	0	TxRTS	0
RxCTS	0	TxCTS	0

MessageGet:Ok!.Request:Wireless Packet.Received at 09:41:08 AM.

SNMP Utility Menus *(continued)*

Wireless Operation

Use the **Wireless Operation** menu to set parameters that enable the Access Point to communicate with other stations on the wireless LAN.

The screenshot shows the 'D-Link Wireless Access Point SNMP Utility : 192.170.0.101' window. It has several tabs: 'System', 'IP Config', 'Statistic', 'Wireless Operation' (which is selected), 'Encryption', and 'About'. The 'Wireless Operation' tab contains the following fields and controls:

- Channel ID :** A dropdown menu currently showing 'Channel 6'.
- ESSID :** A text input field containing 'default'.
- Access Point Name :** A text input field containing 'Access Point (802.11)'.
- Transmit Rates :** A dropdown menu currently showing 'Auto'.
- Operation Mode** section:
 - Mode :** A dropdown menu currently showing 'AP'.
 - BSS ID :** A text input field containing '000022222255'.
- Buttons:** 'Advance...' (top right), 'Refresh' (bottom center), and 'Apply' (bottom center).
- Message bar:** At the bottom, it says 'Get:Ok!.Request:Wireless Group.Received at 09:41:38 AM.'

Define these Wireless parameters:

Channel ID:

There are 14 channels available with the Access Point. All devices that communicate must use the same channel. There may be restrictions on which channel can be used in some countries. In Canada and the U.S., channels 1 - 11 are authorized for use by the IC and the FCC.

ESSID:

The ESSID is used by all wireless devices within the ESS or extended wireless LAN. This can be any alpha-numeric value of up to 32 units long. Use this to prevent cross communication between two or more WLANs in one area.

SNMP Utility Menus *(continued)*

Access Point Name:

The Access Point can be assigned a name for easy reference here.

Transmit Rate:

By default the unit adaptively selects the highest possible rate for transmission. Select the basic rates to be used among the following options: Auto, 1, 2, 5.5, or 11 Mbps. For most networks the default setting, **Auto** will be the best choice. When **Auto** (Rate Fall Back) is enabled the transmission rate will select the optimum rate. If obstacles or interference are present, the system will automatically fall back to a lower rate.

Operation Mode

Use this menu to select how the Access Point will function on your WLAN. The previous discussion of **Operations Modes** contains illustrated examples of the four available operation modes. Click **Apply** to put the changes into effect.

Mode: Choose one of the following:

Access Point:

This mode provides access for wireless stations to a wired Ethernet LAN and from the wired LAN to the wireless stations. Furthermore, wireless stations within the range of the Access Point will communicate with each other through the device. This is the default operation mode of the Access Point.

Access Point Client:

This mode can be used to connect a remote Ethernet LAN or a single station with a central LAN, to create an extended single virtual LAN. In this way, any station of the Remote LAN can successfully communicate with any station of the central LAN as if they were members of the same physical LAN. Wireless end stations can not associate with an Access Point in Client mode except by means of another access point. As a client, the Access Point must operate within a BSS and therefore must use a designated BSS base station (usually another Access Point) for all communications through its wireless interface. Use the **BSSID:** entry field to define the wireless station used to direct wireless traffic of the device.

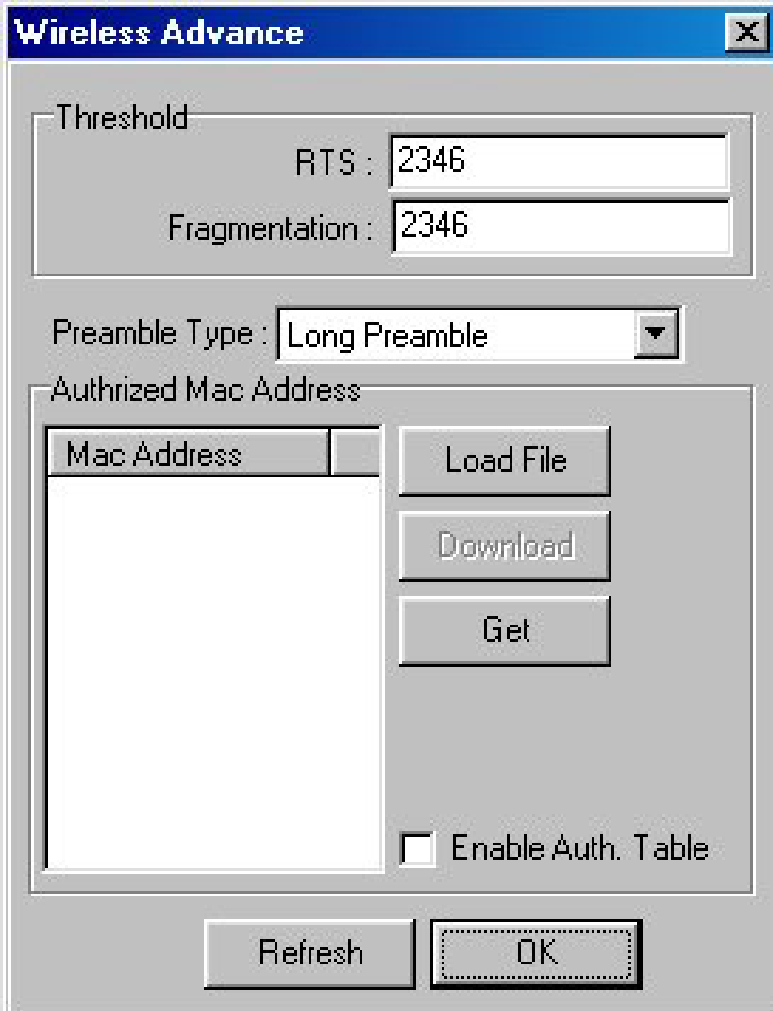
Wireless Bridge: Two types of wireless bridge connections are allowed:

3. **Point-to-Point:** The Access Point still functions as the central controller for wireless stations within its BSS, but it will only communicate with one other wireless bridge. The designated access point with which it communicates is identified by the **BSSID**.
4. **Point to Multipoint:** The Access Point is able to communicate with any available wireless bridge on the same channel.

SNMP Utility Menus *(continued)*

Advanced Wireless Operation

Click the **Advanced** button to define the parameters described below. A new window will appear.

A screenshot of a Windows-style dialog box titled "Wireless Advance". The dialog has a blue title bar with a close button (X). Inside, there are several sections. The "Threshold" section contains two text boxes: "RTS :" with the value "2346" and "Fragmentation :" with the value "2346". Below this is a "Preamble Type :" dropdown menu currently showing "Long Preamble". The "Authorized Mac Address" section features a table with a header "Mac Address" and an empty body. To the right of the table are three buttons: "Load File", "Download", and "Get". Below the table is a checkbox labeled "Enable Auth. Table" which is currently unchecked. At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "Refresh" and "OK".

Mac Address

In the **Threshold** field define the following parameters:

RTS:

The **RTS Threshold** sets an upper threshold at which point the device will issue an **RTS** packet. The **RTS** (Request To Send) packet is used for the purpose of avoiding data collisions on the wireless LAN. There are several trade-offs to consider when setting this parameter. Setting this parameter to a small value causes **RTS** packets to be sent more often, consuming more of the available bandwidth, therefore reducing the apparent throughput of other network packets. However, the more often **RTS** packets are sent, the quicker the system can recover from interference or collisions. Refer to the IEEE 802.11 Standard for more information on the RTS/CTS mechanism.

SNMP Utility Menus *(continued)*

Fragment Threshold:

Fragment Threshold defines a threshold above which the wireless packet will be split up, or fragmented. For a fragmented packet, if transmission of part of it were to be interfered with, only the portion that was successfully transmitted would need to be re-sent. Throughput will generally be lower for fragmented packets, since the fixed packet overhead consumes a higher portion of the RF bandwidth.

Preamble Type:

Preamble is the first sub-field of PPDU, which is the appropriate frame format for transmission to PHY (Physical layer). There are two options, **Short Preamble** and **Long Preamble**. The Short Preamble option improves throughput performance.

Authorized MAC Address

For security purposes the Access Point can discriminate its associations with other wireless stations. The **Authorized MAC Address** lets you select which stations are allowed throughput on the wireless interface. First you must enable the MAC address authorization table by placing a checkmark in the **Enable Auth. Table** box. When you want to leave this menu click **OK** to use the table. The table is maintained manually and can be updated and edited by downloading MAC addresses to the data table. This is described below.

You can supply a list of authorized MAC addresses to the Access Point. Perform the following tasks:

1. Click the **Load file** button and enter the file name and location of the file you want to load. The file should contain the MAC addresses you wish to add to the table of authorized addresses. The file should be a simple text document with each MAC address written on a separate line.
2. Once the file has been loaded, click the **Download** button to download the Authorized MAC Address file to the Access Point.

Click on **Get** to obtain a list of the Authorized MAC Addresses currently entered on the table.

SNMP Utility Menus *(continued)*

Encryption

If an additional measure of security is desired on the wireless network, **WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy)** encryption can be enabled. WEP encrypts each frame transmitted from the wireless adapter using one of the keys entered in the **WEP Privacy** field. The Access Point or wireless adapter will accept only encrypted frames that it can decrypt correctly. Decrypting can take place only if the receiver has the correct key used by the transmitter.

Active Key: Active Key ID determines which Key (Key 1 to Key 4) encrypts and decrypts the transmissions received by the Access Point.

WEP Type: The 64 or 128-bit Wired Equivalent Privacy Algorithm. Use this to enable 64-bit or 128-bit encryption. WEP is disabled by default.

Authentication Type: Choose **Open System**, **Shared Key** or **Both**.

Open System: With this setting any station in the Wireless LAN can associate with an Access Point to receive and to transmit data.

SNMP Utility Menus *(continued)*

Shared Key: With this setting only stations using a shared key encryption identified by the Access Point are allowed to associate with it.

Both: With this setting stations can communicate with or without data encryption.

Key 1 - Key 4

64 bit: Active Key ID 1 to 4. These values can only be edited if a WEP type is selected to 64-bits.

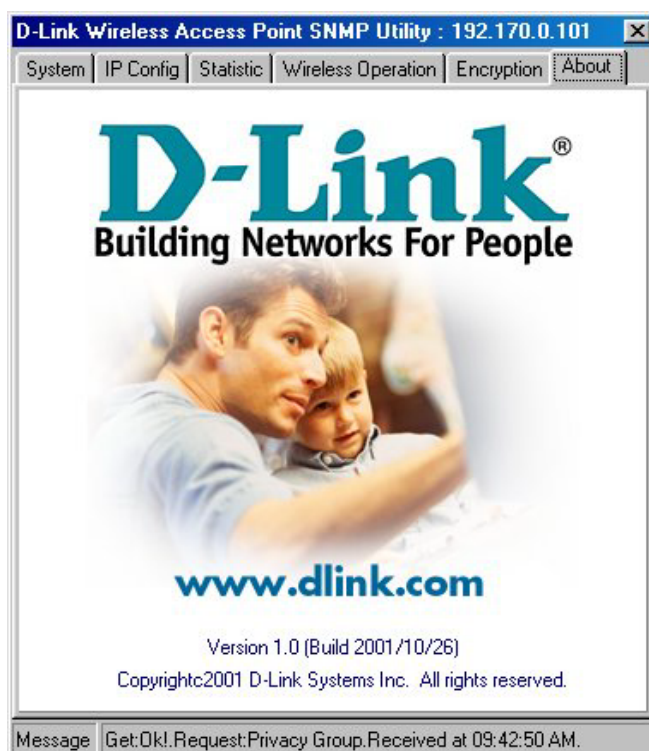
128 bit: Active Key ID 1 to 4. These values can only be edited if a WEP type is selected to 128-bits.

These four fields can be used to manually enter the encryption keys. This may be necessary if you wish this node to match keys in a different vendor's product. These fields also display the keys when they are generated using a Pass-phrase.

NOTE: 64 bit WEP is the same as 40 bit WEP! The lower level of WEP encryption uses a 40 bit (10 character) “secret key” (set by the user), and a 24 bit “Initialization Vector” (not under user control). The panel allows the entry of four keys for 64-bit encryption and one set for 128-bit key encryption. Each key must consist of hex digits, which means that only digits 0-9 and letters A-F are valid entries. The **Configuration Utility** will not apply keys that are not entered correctly.

About

The **About** tab displays general information about the **SNMP Manager**. This screen also displays the software version of **SNMP Manager** and the firmware version of the Wireless Access Point.



Networking Basics

You may have had some ideas about how to use your new network prior to installing this product - sharing files, printing from a computer on the network, or accessing the Internet on multiple computers with one connection. This section will help you get started on those ideas or even give you some new ones. However, this section is not intended to be a comprehensive guide to networking, it is just an outline of a few networking basics. If you are interested in learning more about networking please visit our website:

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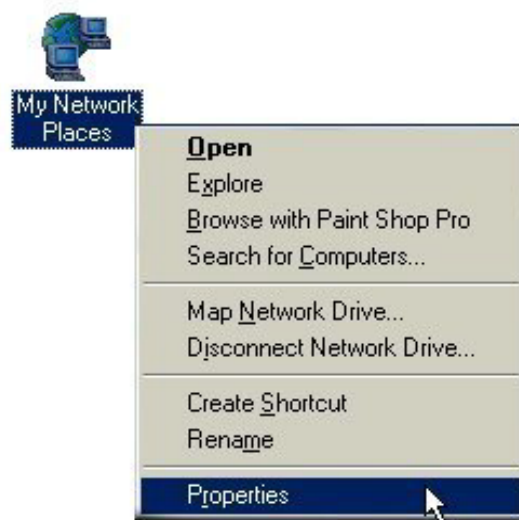
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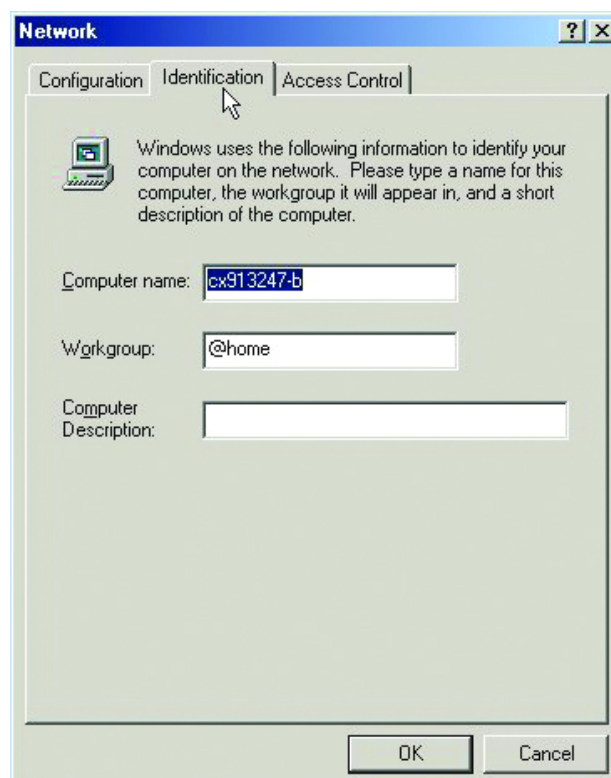
Computer Identification

If you had previously given your Windows 98 computers names or if you are using Windows 98, you may need to verify that each computer has a unique name and common workgroup name.

- A. On your Desktop, right-click the icon **Network Places** and select **Properties** from the context menu.



- B. Click the **Identification** tab on the top of the dialog box.



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Computer Identification *(continued)*

- C. Type a unique, identifying name for this particular computer in the **Computer name** field. This will be the name that other computers on your network will use to communicate with this computer. Each computer's name must be unique on a particular network or confusion will result. (The computer's name should be 15 or fewer characters with no spaces.)
- D. Type the workgroup name this computer will be a part of in the **Workgroup** field. All of the computers on your network should have an identical Workgroup name.
- E. The **Computer Description** field is optional. You may enter a description that will help you identify this computer on your network. Then click **Close**.
- F. Repeat this process for each computer on your network to ensure that they all have a unique **Computer Name** and identical **Workgroup**.

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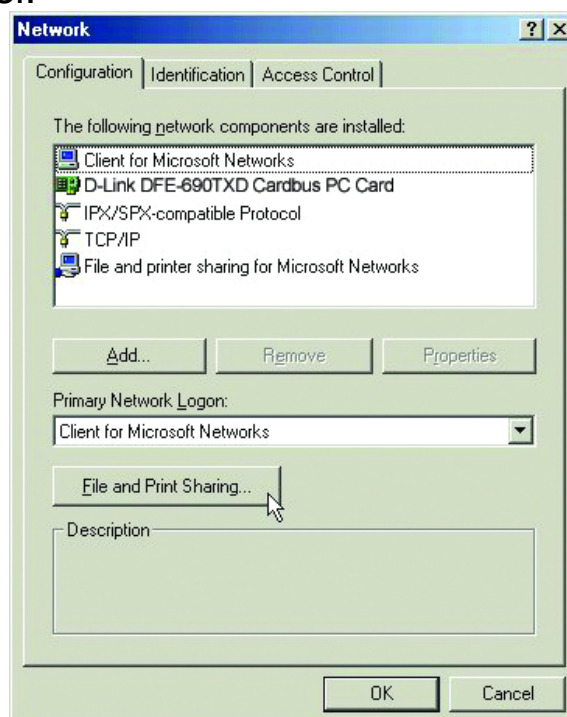
Sharing Files

With your computers connected together on a network, you may now open and save files on another computer. You will be able to specify particular folders or disk drives to "share" and even password protect them. The steps below will enable you to share specific files and folders with other computers on your network.

- A. On your Desktop, right-click the icon **Network Places** and select **Properties** from the context menu.



- B. This dialog box is where you will come to configure most of your computer network settings. It is also available through the **Network** icon in the Control Panel.



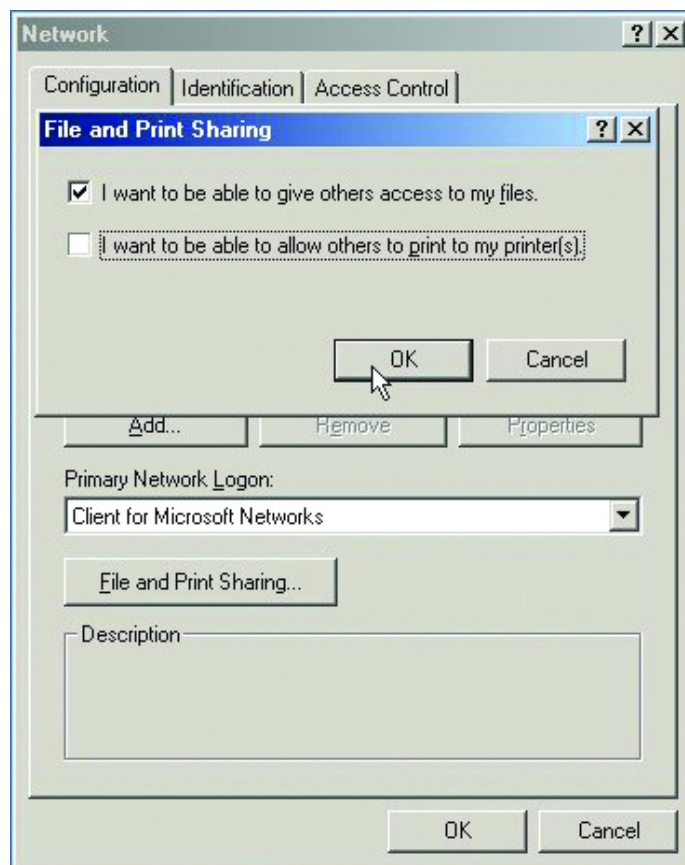
- C. Click the **File and Print Sharing** button.

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Sharing Files *(continued)*

D. Click to place a check mark next to **"I want to be able to give others access to my files."**

E. Click **OK** on the **File and Print Sharing** dialog box.



F. Click **OK** on the **Network** dialog box.

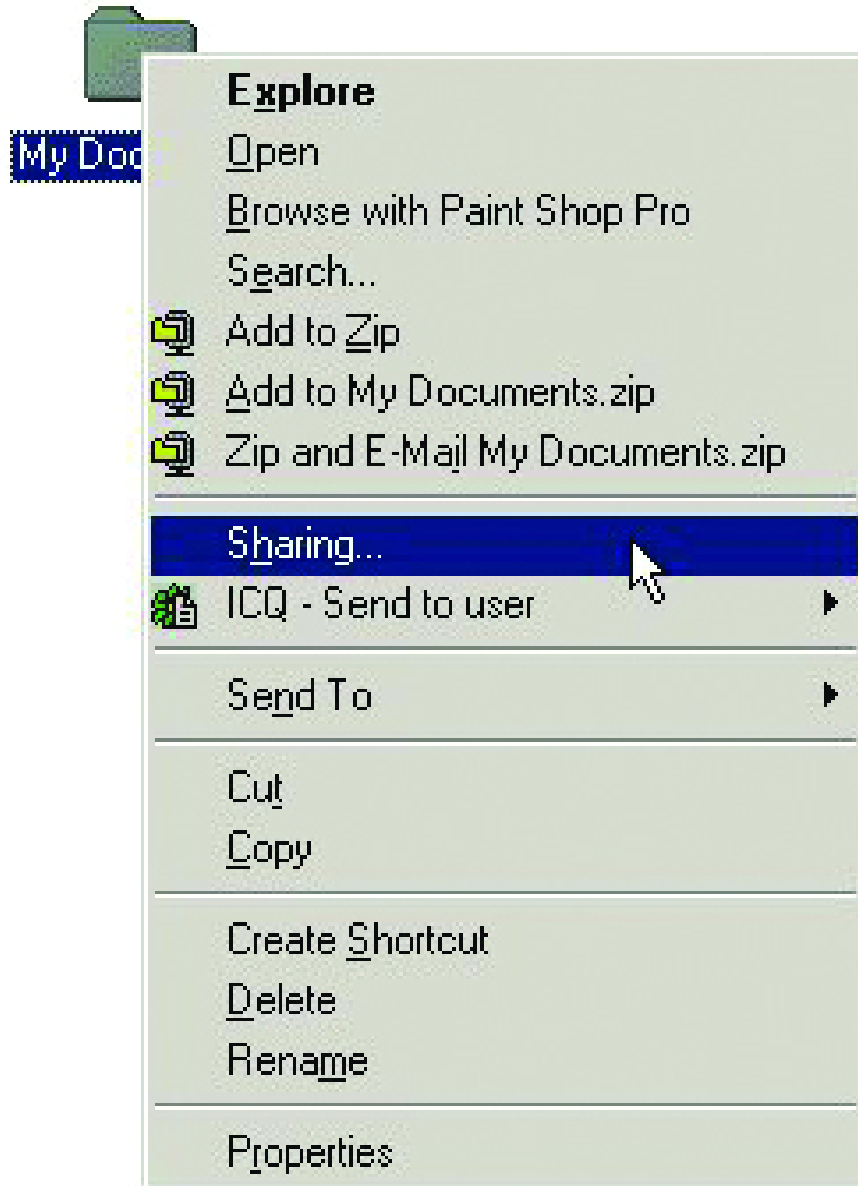
G. Provide the Windows 98 installation CD or diskette(s) if prompted or direct Windows to the proper location of the installation files. Reboot if prompted.

H. You will now be able to identify a particular folder or disk drive to share. You may want to share a folder that both you and a colleague/family member need to access occasionally. Or, maybe you want to share a CD-ROM drive so your other computer that does not have one can read CD's. Both processes are the same. Only the disk drives and folders that you specifically identify as shared will be accessible to other computers on your network.

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Sharing Files *(continued)*

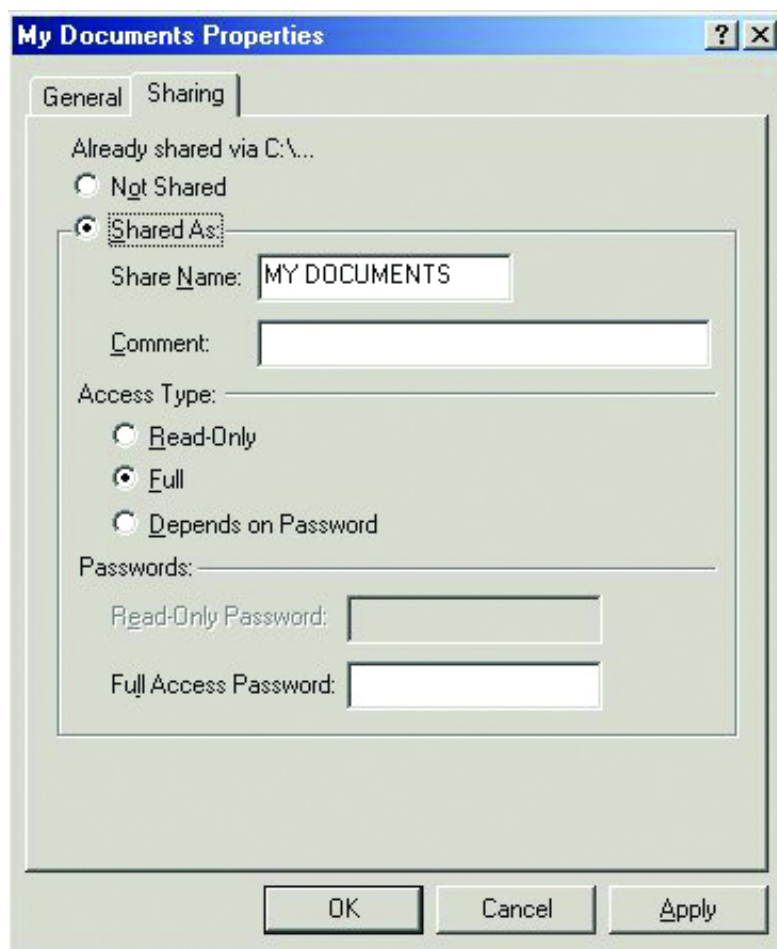
- I. Find the disk drive or folder you want to share using Windows Explorer or the **My Computer** icon on your desktop.
- J. Right-click on the disk drive or folder icon and select **Sharing**.



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Sharing Files *(continued)*

- K. Select **Shared As** to set the parameters for sharing this particular disk drive or folder.



- L. The **Share Name** field is used to identify the disk drive or folder you are sharing to other computers on the network. You can give it any name you wish. However, a specific identification may help as more resources on your network are shared.
- M. The **Comment** field is optional. You can use this to further describe the disk drive or folder for others on the network.
- N. **Access Type** allows you to designate how much access others on the network can have with this disk drive or folder. **Read-Only** allows others only to look at or open the files on the disk drive or in the folder. **Full** allows others to read, write, open, save, copy, move, and delete files on the disk or in the folder. **Depends on Password** gives other computers access conditional upon the password they provide.

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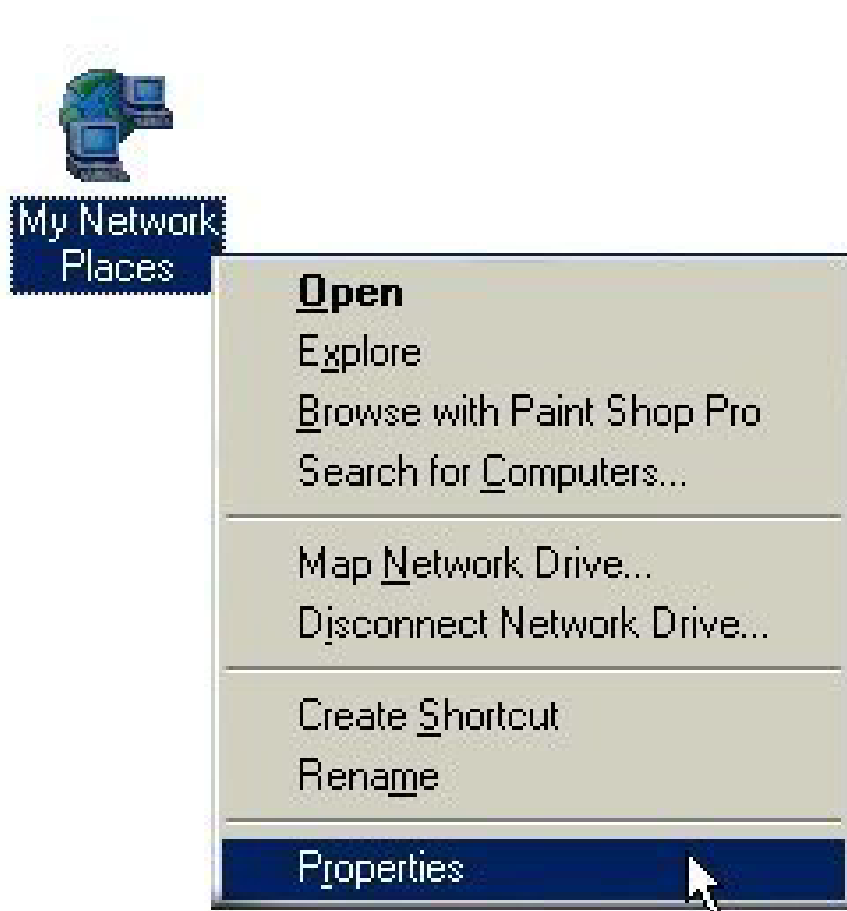
- O. **Passwords** allow you to apply a level of security to your shared disk drives and folders. Another computer (user) will be required to enter the password you designate here before accessing the disk drive or folder. Two passwords are used to give two levels of security (or access) to others on the network using the **Depends on Password** setting. Leaving the **Password** fields blank gives everyone on the network access to the disk drive or folder.
- P. Click **OK** to continue. You will be prompted to enter the password(s) you provided for verification. Retype the password(s) just as you entered them the first time.
- Q. You may now access this disk drive or folder from another computer on your network. Do so by double-clicking the **My Network Places** icon on your desktop or inside Windows Explorer.
- R. Navigate to the computer with the shared disk drive or folder (recognized by the **Computer Name** you provided), double-click. You should now see the disk drive or folder, double-click. If you specified a password when sharing this disk drive or folder, you will be prompted for the password.
- S. You can access a disk drive or folder shared over the network from most Windows applications. To make this process easier, Windows allows you to map these disk drives and folders to a drive letter on another computer. For example, on a computer where you are accessing a shared folder from another computer, inside Windows Explorer right-click and select **Map Network Drive**. You will then be able to assign an available drive letter. Checking **Reconnect at logon** allows Windows to map this network drive each time you start your computer.

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Sharing Printers

Sharing a printer connected to one computer with other computers on your network can be very convenient - allowing you to print from any computer on the network. The steps below will enable you to print with other computers on your network.

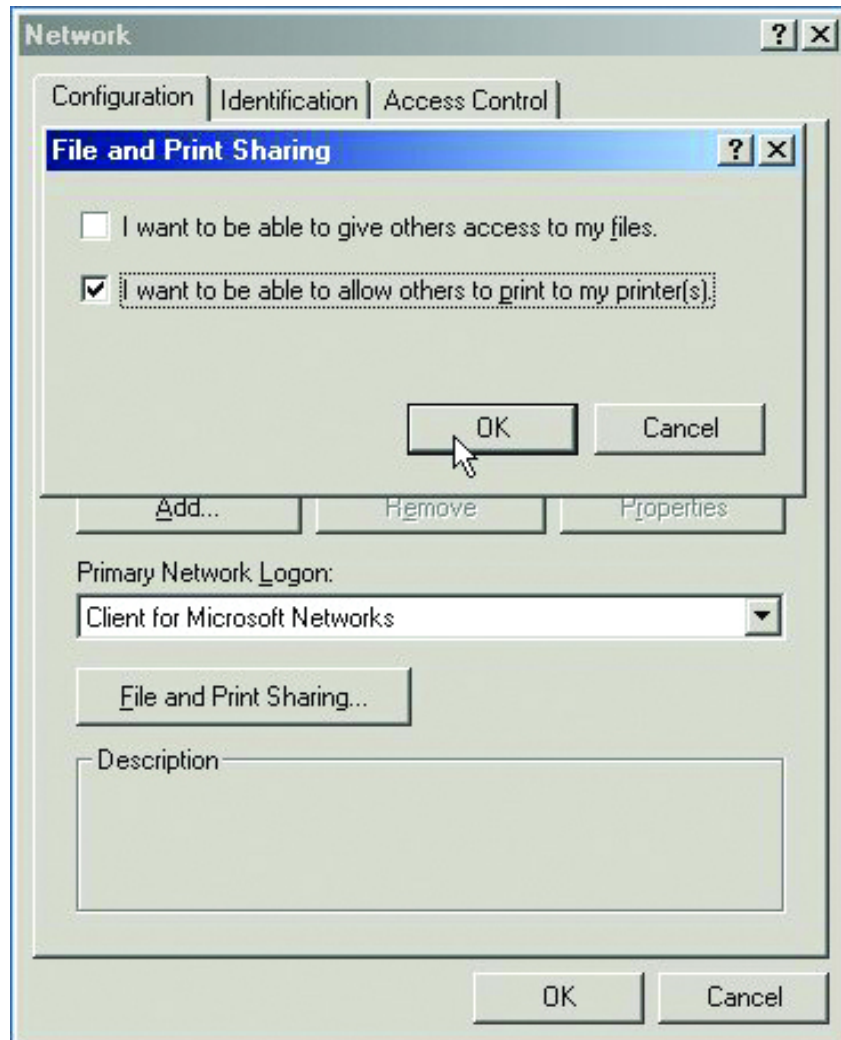
- A. On your Desktop, right-click the icon **Network Places** and select **Properties** from the context menu.



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Sharing Printers *(continued)*

- B. Click the **File and Print Sharing** button.
- C. Click to place a check mark next to "**I want to be able to allow others to print to my printer(s).**"



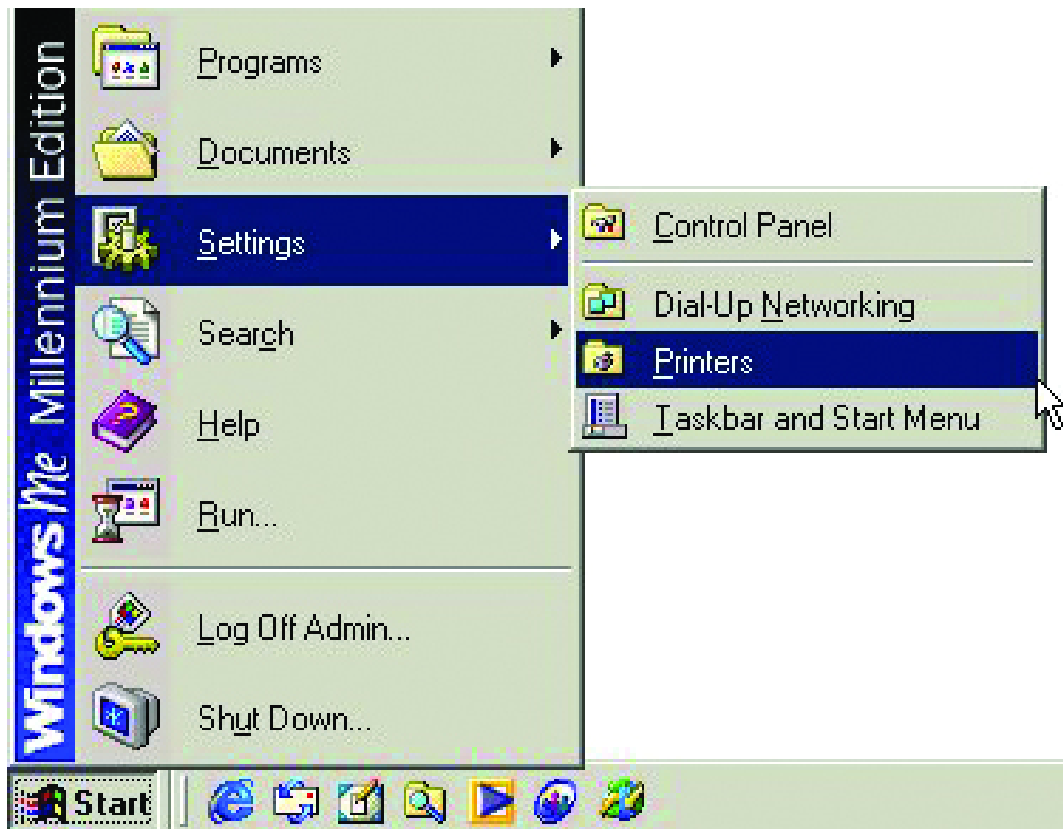
- D. Click **OK** on the **File and Print Sharing** dialog box.
- E. Click **OK** on the **Network** dialog box.
- F. You may now share any installed printers connected to this computer with other computers on your network.

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Sharing Printers *(continued)*

Go to **START>SETTINGS>PRINTERS**

Right click on the printer you want to share with others on the network and select **Sharing**.



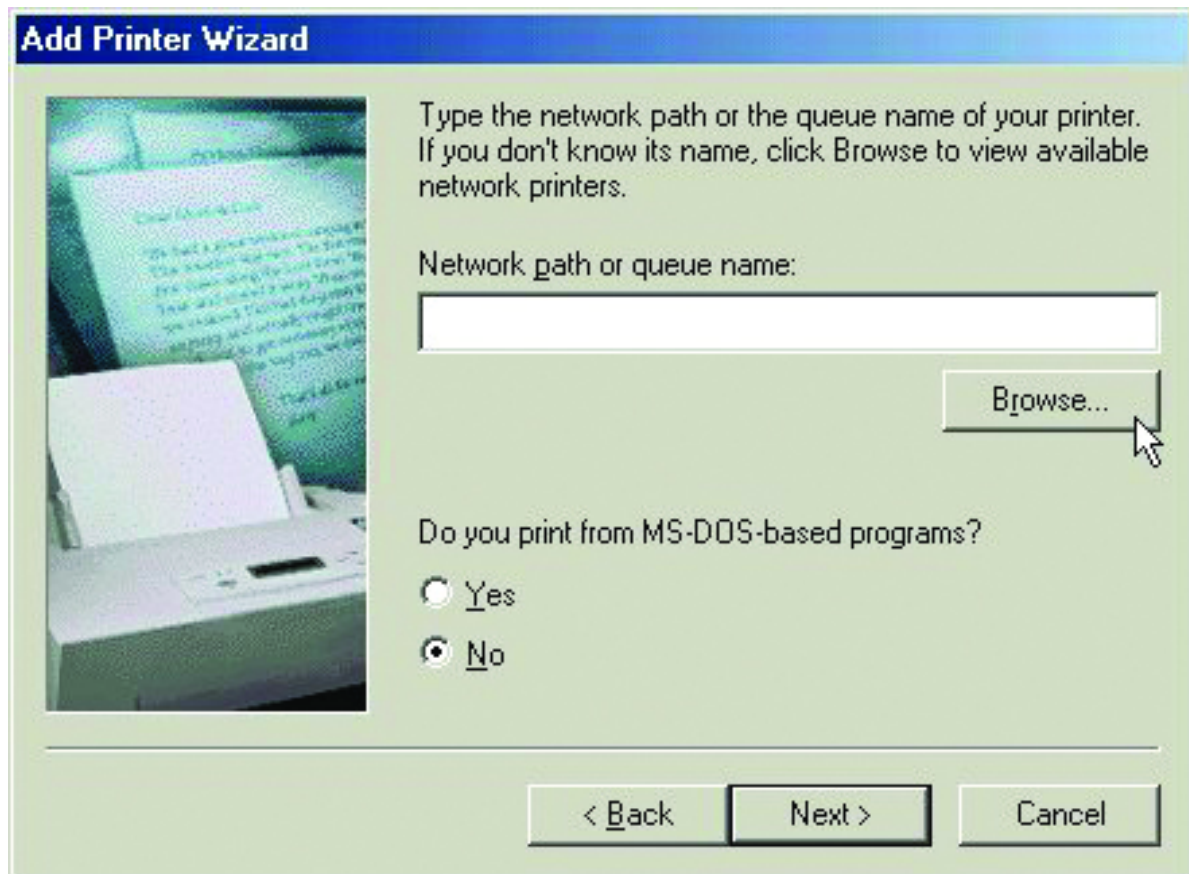
- G. Click **Share As** and provide a **Share Name** to identify the printer to other computers on the network. **Comment** and **Password** are optional. Then click **OK**.
For a computer to access a Network Printer, the device driver or software for that printer must be installed and pointed to the proper location of the printer. This is done much the same way you installed the printer on the computer it is connected to.
- H. Go to a computer that does not have the printer connected to it. From the **Start** button on the Task Bar select **Settings** and then **Printers**.
- I. Double click the **Add Printer** icon.
- J. The **Add Printer Wizard** will appear. Click **Next**.
- K. Choose **Network printer** and click **Next**.

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Sharing Printers *(continued)*

L. Now you will identify the location of the Network Printer.

If you know the name of the computer and the share name of the printer, you can type it into the **Network path or queue name** box. However, it is easier to click the **Browse** button and navigate to the location of the printer. Click **OK** when you have selected the desired printer. Finish the installation by continuing the **Add Printer Wizard** normally.

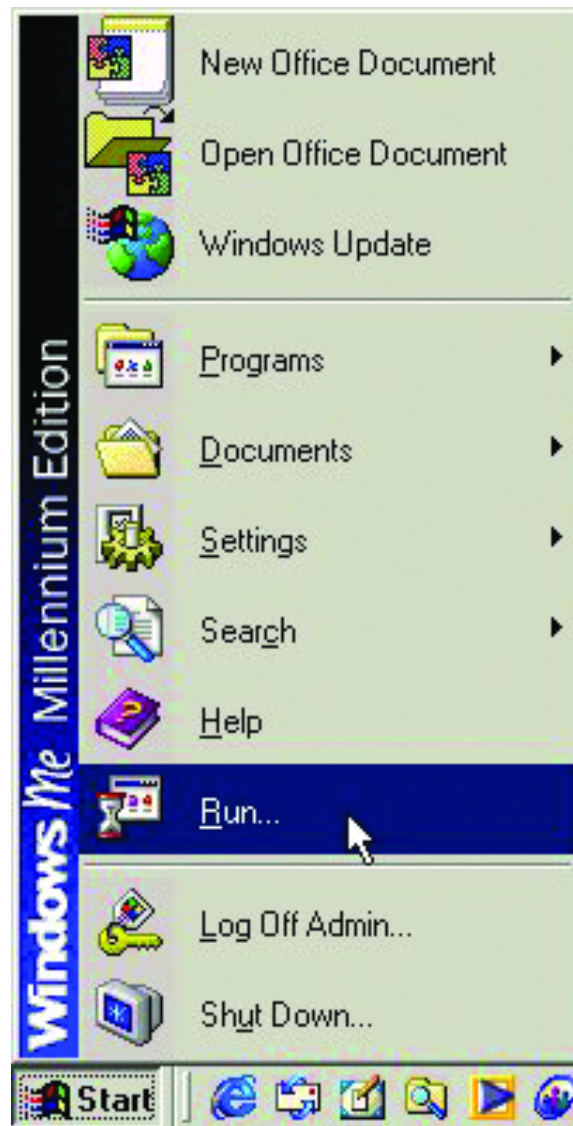


M. You may now use the Network Printer as if it was connected directly. Note: the computer that the printer is connected to must be **“on”** to use the printer. If you find this inconvenient, devices known as Network Print Servers are available from D-Link including the DP-301 and DP-101P+. A Network Print Server would allow you to directly connect your printer to your network without worrying about which computer is **“on.”**

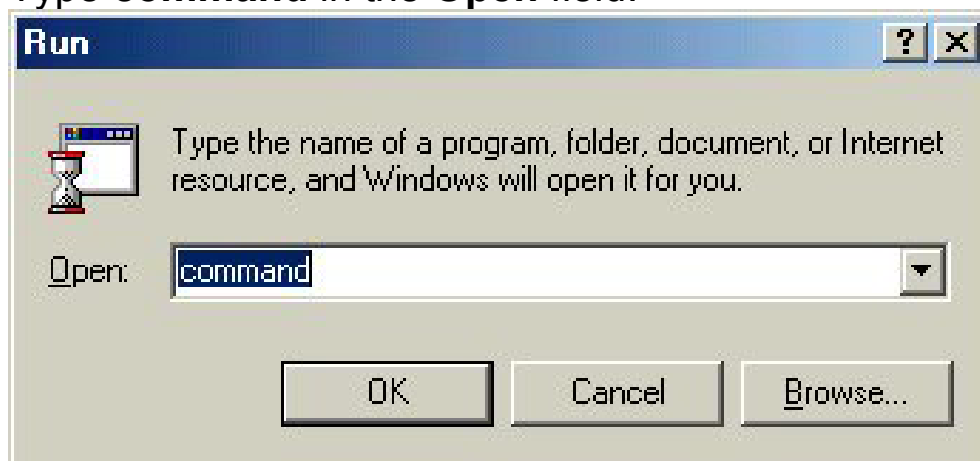
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Checking the Connection by Pinging

Go to **START > RUN**



Type **command** in the **Open** field.

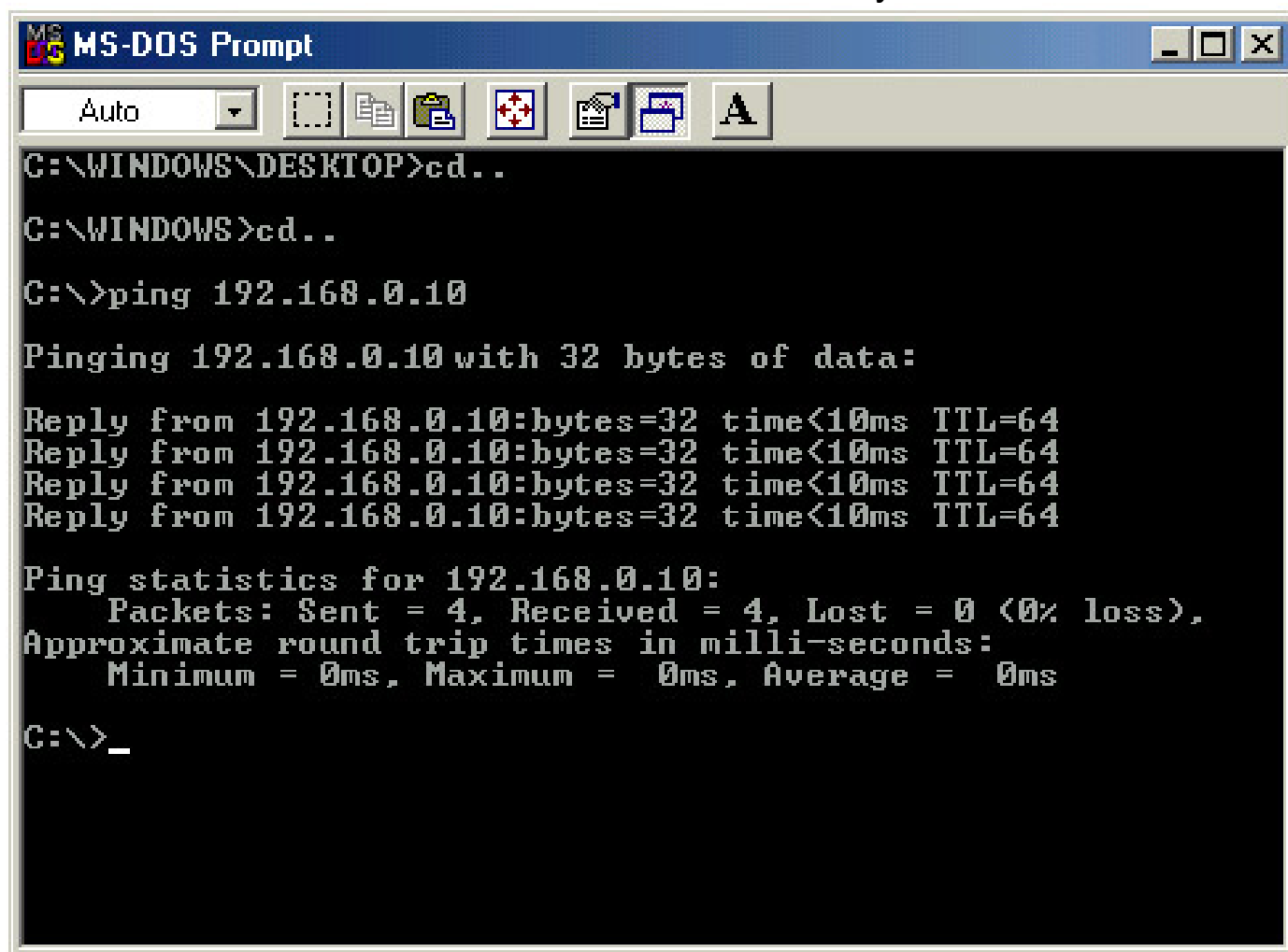


Click **OK** to get to a DOS prompt.

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Checking the Connection by Pinging *(continued)*

For example, you can type "**ping 192.168.0.10**," if that is the IP address of the DWL-900AP in this case, and hit the "**Enter**" key.

A screenshot of an MS-DOS Prompt window. The title bar reads "MS-DOS Prompt". The command line shows the user navigating from C:\WINDOWS\DESKTOP to C:\WINDOWS and then to C:\. The user enters the command "ping 192.168.0.10". The output shows four successful replies from 192.168.0.10, each with 32 bytes of data, a time less than 10ms, and a TTL of 64. Ping statistics are also displayed, showing 4 packets sent and received with 0% loss. The prompt ends with "C:\>_".

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MS-DOS Prompt
Auto
C:\WINDOWS\DESKTOP>cd..
C:\WINDOWS>cd..
C:\>ping 192.168.0.10

Pinging 192.168.0.10 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.0.10:bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.10:bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.10:bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.10:bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 192.168.0.10:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

C:\>_
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A successful ping will show four replies. The IP Address shown is only an example, your IP Address may be different.

Type **Exit** at the prompt to close the screen.

Technical Specifications

Standards

- IEEE 802.11b
- IEEE 802.3 10Base-T Ethernet

Ports

- (1) RJ-45, 10Base-T Ethernet port
- (1) USB 1.1, Type B

Network Protocols:

- TCP/IP
- IPX/SPX
- NetBEUI
- ARP
- SNMP
- DHCP
- NDIS3
- NDIS4

Data Security:

- 64-bit, 128-bit WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) Encryption

Data Rate and Modulation

- 11Mbps - CCK
- 5.5Mbps - CCK
- 2Mbps - DQPSK
- 1Mbps – DBSK

Power Input

- DC 5V, 1A ~ 2A
- Use External Power Supply

Antenna:

- One External 2.5dB gain antenna w/ reverse SMA connector

Transmit Power

- +12.5dBm typical
- Up to 900ft outdoors or 300ft indoors

Reception Sensitivity

Nominal Temp Range

- 1Mbps 10-5 BER @ -89 dBm, Minimum
- 5.5Mbps 10-5 BER @ -83 dBm, Minimum
- 11Mbps 10-5 BER @ -79 dBm, Minimum

Frequency Range:

- 2.4 – 2.497 GHz ISM band
- 11 Channels

Modulation:

- Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)

Operating Modes

- Access Point
- Wireless Bridge
 - Point to Point
 - Point to Multipoint
- Client AP

Roaming

- Among Access Points on the same subnet

Management

- SNMP Manager to manage wireless LAN, network connection and client access control
- USB Configuration
- TFTP Client for firmware upgrade
- Set IP Session (ARP/ping)
- DHCP client

Diagnostic LEDs:

- Power (Green): Power Indicator
- Link (Green): Ethernet Link Indicator
- WLAN (Green): Wireless Link Indicator

Temperature:

- Operating Temperature: 32°F to 131°F
- Storing Temperature: -4°F to 140°F

Humidity:

- Max. 95%, non-condensing

Emissions:

- FCC
- CE

Safety:

- UL
- TUV

Warranty:

- One-Year Limited Warranty

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U.S. customers can contact D-Link technical support through our web site, by e-mail, or by phone.

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Thank you for purchasing this product.

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Product Type Warranty Period

- Product (excluding power supplies and fans) One (1) Year from the date purchased. (For service or repair – proof of purchase will be required.)
- Power Supplies and Fans One (1) Year.
- Spare parts and spare kits Ninety (90) days.

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