

# **D-LINK *Air* DWL-120**

**2.4GHz Wireless USB Adapter**

## **Manual**

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# Package Contents



## Contents of Package:

- **D-Link Air DWL-120**  
2.4 GHz Wireless USB Adapter
- Manual, Warranty and Drivers on CD
- Quick Installation Guide

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

## System Requirements:

- A computer with an available USB port
- Windows XP, Windows 2000, Windows Me, or Windows 98SE
- At least 32 MB of memory and a 300 MHz processor
- An 802.11b Access Point or Router (e.g., DWL-900AP for **Infrastructure Mode**) or another 802.11b wireless adapter (e.g., DWL-650 for **Ad-Hoc mode**.)

# Introduction

The D-Link *Air* DWL-120 2.4GHz Wireless USB Adapter is an ideal way to extend the reach and number of computers connected to your wireless network. After completing the steps outlined in the Quick Installation Guide (included in your package) 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 or play!

This DWL-120 comes with software drivers for the most popular Microsoft Windows operating systems and can be integrated into a larger network, running Windows XP, Windows 2000, Windows ME, or Windows 98SE in either Ad Hoc mode (without an Access Point) or Infrastructure mode (with an Access Point.) The IEEE 802.11b standards compliance means this adapter gives you the flexibility to connect it to any 802.11b network. The IEEE 802.11b Ethernet standard allows you to connect computers and devices at speeds up to 11Mbps\*, dependent upon the distance between wireless adapters, the configuration of your working environment, or the capabilities or limitations of your computer systems.

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. You should also give yourself some time to become familiar with your new wireless network.

\*Maximum wireless signal rate based on IEEE Standard 802.11b specifications. Actual data throughput will vary. Network conditions and environmental factors, including volume of network traffic, building materials and construction, and network overhead lower actual data throughput rate.”

## Features and Benefits

- Provides high-speed wireless connection at up to 11Mbps\*
- Operates in the 2.4 to 2.4835 GHz Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum
- Supports wireless data encryption with 64-bit WEP and 128-bit WEP for more secure networking
- Supports infrastructure networks via an Access Point and peer-to-peer communication in ad-hoc mode
- User-friendly configuration and diagnostic utilities
- Cost-effective wireless solution
- IEEE 802.11b and Wi-Fi Certified
- Connects at up to 328 feet indoors\*
- WHQL Certification for Windows XP
- Easy installation
- One year warranty

*\* Environmental factors may adversely affect range*

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# Features

**Antenna**  
Used to wirelessly connect to 802.11b networks

**Link/Activity LED**  
**Link** - Indicates that the DWL-120 is properly installed in the computer.  
**Activity** - Blinks when data is being transmitted through the wireless connection.

**Mini-USB port**  
Used to connect the DWL-120 to your computer



# Wireless Basics

D-Link wireless products are based on industry standards to provide easy-to-use and compatible high-speed wireless connectivity within your home, business or public access wireless networks. Strictly adhering to the IEEE standard, the D-Link wireless family of products will allow you to securely access the data you want, when and where you want it. You will be able to enjoy the freedom that wireless networking delivers.

A wireless local area network (WLAN) is a cellular computer network that transmits and receives data with radio signals instead of wires. Wireless LANs are used increasingly in both home and office environments, and public areas such as airports, coffee shops and universities. 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 have proven to be beneficial for many users.

Wireless users can use the same applications they use on a wired network. Wireless adapter cards used on laptop and desktop systems support the same protocols as Ethernet adapter cards.

Under many circumstances, it may be desirable for mobile network devices to link to a conventional Ethernet LAN in order to use servers, printers or an Internet connection supplied through the wired LAN. A Wireless Router is a device used to provide this link.

## Wireless Basics (*continued*)

*People use wireless LAN technology for many different purposes:*

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

**Low Implementation Costs** – WLANs (Wireless Local Area Networks) 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.

**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.

**Network Expansion** - Wireless technology allows the network to go where wires cannot.

**Scalability** – Wireless Local Area Networks (WLANs) can be configured in a variety of topologies to meet the needs of specific applications or existing infrastructures. Configurations are easily changed and range from peer-to-peer networks suitable for a small number of users to larger infrastructure networks to accommodate hundreds or thousands of users, depending on the number of wireless devices deployed.

## Wireless Basics *(continued)*

*The DWL-120 is compatible with the D-Link Air 802.11b family of products which include:*

- ◆ 2.4GHz Wireless Cardbus Adapters used with laptop computers (DWL-650)
- ◆ 2.4GHz Wireless PCI cards used with desktop computers (DWL-520)
- ◆ Wireless Access Points (DWL-900AP)

## Standards-Based Technology

Based on the IEEE **802.11b** standard, the DWL-120 is interoperable with existing compatible 2.4GHz wireless technology with data transfer speeds of up to 11Mbps.\*

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## Wireless Basics (*continued*)

### Installation Considerations

The D-Link *Air* DWL-120 lets you access your network, using a wireless connection, from virtually anywhere. Keep in mind, however, that the number, thickness and location of walls, ceilings, or other objects that the wireless signals must pass through, may limit the range. Typical ranges vary depending on the types of materials and background RF (radio frequency) noise in your home or business. The key to maximizing wireless range is to follow these basic guidelines:

1. Keep the antenna of the DWL-120 in an upright position.
2. Keep the number of walls and ceilings between the DWL-120 and other network devices to a minimum - each wall or ceiling can reduce your D-Link *Air* Wireless product's range from 3-90 feet (1-30 meters.) Position your receiving devices so that the number of walls or ceilings is minimized.
3. Be aware of the direct line between network devices. A wall that is 1.5 feet thick (.5 meters), at a 45-degree angle appears to be almost 3 feet (1 meter) thick. At a 2-degree angle it looks over 42 feet (14 meters) thick! Try to make sure that devices are positioned so that the signal will travel straight through a wall or ceiling for better reception.
4. Building Materials make a difference - a solid metal door or aluminum studs may have a negative effect on range. Try to position wireless devices and computers with wireless adapters so that the signal passes through drywall or open doorways and not other materials.
5. Keep your product away (at least 3-6 feet or 1-2 meters) from electrical devices or appliances that generate RF noise.

# Getting Started

**With its default settings, the DWL-120 will connect with other D-Link *Air* products, right out of the box.**

There are basically two modes of networking:

**Infrastructure** – using an Access Point, such as the DWL-900AP+.

**Ad-Hoc** – directly connecting to another computer, for peer-to-peer communication, using wireless network adapters on each computer, such as two or more DWL-120 wireless network USB adapters.

On the following pages we will show you an example of an **Infrastructure Network** and an **Ad-Hoc Network**.

An **Infrastructure** network contains an Access Point or Router. The **Infrastructure Network** example shown on the following page contains the following D-Link network devices (your existing network may be comprised of other devices):

A wireless Router - **D-Link *AirPro* DI-764**

A laptop computer with a wireless adapter -  
**D-Link *AirPlus* DWL-650+**

A desktop computer with another **D-Link *Air* DWL-120**

A Cable modem - **D-Link DCM-200**

## Getting Started

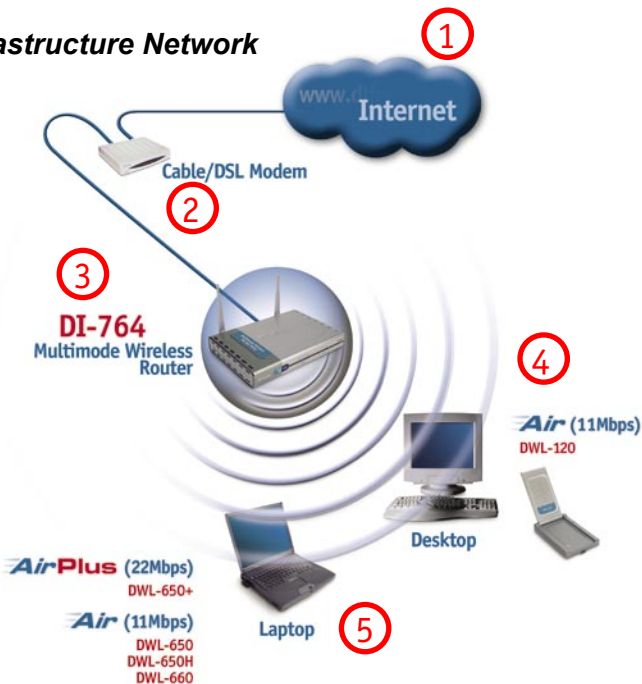
### Setting up a Wireless Infrastructure Network

Please refer to the following sections of this manual for additional information about setting up a network:

**Networking Basics** - learn how to check and assign your IP Address; share printers and files.

**Using the Configuration Menu** - learn the settings for the DWL-120, using the web-based interface.

**Troubleshooting** - learn how to check for common installation issues and other tips for troubleshooting.



Please remember that **D-Link Air** wireless devices are pre-configured to connect together, right out of the box, with their default settings.

**For a typical wireless setup at home (as shown above), please do the following:**

- 1** You will need broadband Internet access (a Cable or DSL-subscriber line into your home or office)
- 2** Consult with your Cable or DSL provider for proper installation of the modem
- 3** Connect the Cable or DSL modem to your broadband router (see the *Quick Installation Guide* included with your router.)
- 4** Install the D-Link Air DWL-120 wireless USB adapter into an available USB port on your desktop computer. (See the *Quick Installation Guide* included with the DWL-120.)
- 5** If you are connecting a laptop computer to your network, install the drivers for the wireless cardbus adapter (e.g., **DWL-650+** or the **DWL-650**) into a laptop computer. (See the *Quick Installation Guide* included with the DWL-A650, DWL-650+, or DWL-650.)

## Getting Started

### Setting up a Wireless Ad Hoc Network



- 1** Install the **D-Link Air DWL-120** Wireless USB adapter into the desktop computer. See the **Quick Installation Guide** included with the product for installation instructions.
- 2** Install a wireless network adapter into the laptop computer. In the example above the **DWL-650+ or DWL-650** may be installed into a laptop computer. See the **Quick Installation Guide** included with the product.
- 3** Set the wireless configuration for the adapters to Ad-Hoc mode, set the adapters to the same channel, and assign an IP Address to each computer on the Ad-Hoc network. (See Box below)

### IP Address

When assigning IP Addresses to the computers on the network, please remember that the **IP Address for each computer must be in the same IP Address range as all the computers in the network**, and the subnet mask must be exactly the same for all the computers in the network.


For example: If the first computer is assigned an IP Address of 192.168.0.2 with a Subnet Mask of 255.255.255.0, then the second computer can be assigned an IP Address of 192.168.0.3 with a Subnet Mask of 255.255.255.0, etc.

**IMPORTANT:** If computers or other devices are assigned the same IP Address, one or more of the devices may not be visible on the network.

# Using the Configuration Utility

With its default settings, the DWL-120 will connect with other D-Link Air products, right out of the box.

**D-Link Air DWL-120** uses the **Configuration Utility** as the management software. The utility provides the user an easy interface to change any settings related to the wireless adapter. When the computer is started, the **Configuration Utility** starts automatically and the system tray icon is loaded in the toolbar (see illustration below.) Clicking on the utility icon will start the **Configuration Utility**. Another way to start the **Configuration Utility** is to click on **Start>Programs>D-Link DWL-120**.

A new icon -  will appear in your Icon tray. **Double-click** on the icon shown above. The screen below will be displayed with the following default settings:

## Associated SSID:

The Service Set Identifier is the name assigned to the wireless network. The factory SSID setting is set to default.

## MAC Address:

Displays the MAC Address of the Access Point that is associated with the DWL-120.

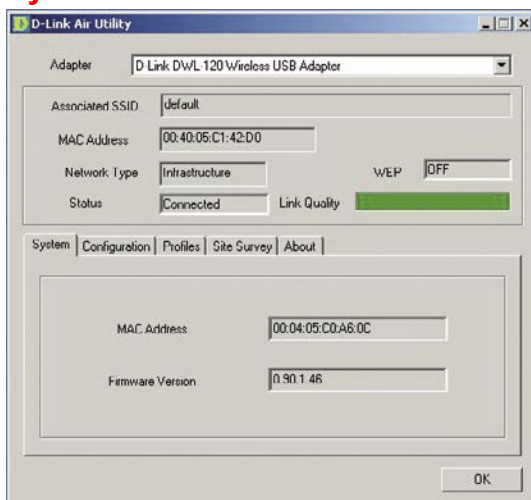
## Network Type:

The default setting is Infrastructure. Ad-Hoc mode is used for peer-to-peer networking.

## Status:

Displays the current connection state of the DWL-120.

## System



## WEP:

(Wireless Encryption Protocol)

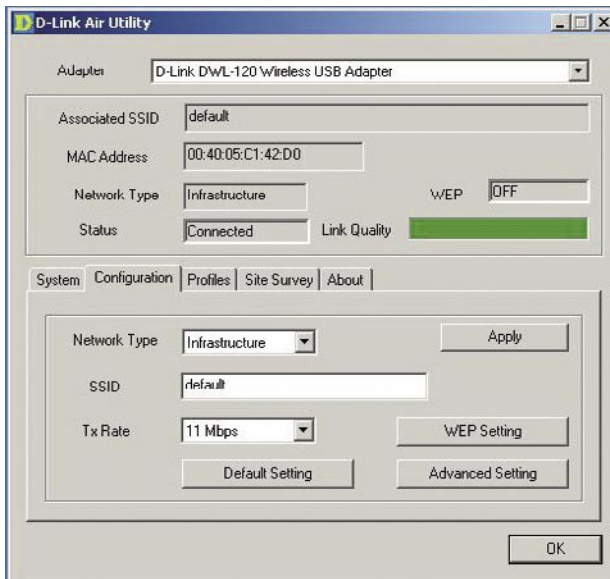
Displays encryption status.

## Link Quality:

Displays the wireless signal strength for the DWL-120 wireless connection to the access point.

# Using the Configuration Utility

## Configuration



### Network Type:

**Infrastructure** is the factory default setting. Ad-Hoc mode is used for peer to peer networking. See the *Getting Started* section in this manual for examples of these network types.

### SSID:

The Service Set Identifier is the name assigned to the wireless network. The factory SSID setting is set to **default**. Make changes here to match the SSID on existing Wireless Router or Access Point.

### Tx Rate:

You can adjust the transmission rate to get the best signal possible depending on your usage and your environment.

### Default Setting:

Reverts the DWL-120 back to its factory default settings

### WEP Setting:

Will allow you to configure the Encryption for your DWL-120. By default WEP is **disabled**.

### Advanced Setting:

To configure advanced settings for Power, RTS and Fragmentation Threshold.

# Using the Configuration Utility

## Configuration>WEP Setting

WEP Configuration

WEP type: 128 bit

Default Key ID: 1

Please input keys in hex-format. ( 0-9, A-F, a-f )

Key 1: [ ]

Key 2: [ ]

Key 3: [ ]

Key 4: [ ]

Buttons: OK, Cancel

 If you enable **WEP encryption** make sure to match the WEP encryption on the router or access point.

**WEP** stands for **Wired Equivalent Privacy**. It is a security protocol for **Wireless Local Area Networks**

**Hexadecimal format** consists of numbers 0-9 and letters a-f.

### WEP type:

Select **128 bit** WEP or **64 bit** WEP encryption

### Default Key ID:

1 is the default key, or you may select a key from 1-4

### Input WEP keys:

Input up to 4 WEP keys in hexadecimal format

Click **OK** if you have made any changes

## Configuration>Advanced Setting

Advanced Configuration

Power Save:  Enable  Disable

RTS Threshold: 2432 ( 0 - 3000 )

Fragmentation Threshold: 2346 ( 256 - 2346 )

Buttons: Cancel, OK

### Power Save:

Select Enable or Disable; **Disable** is the default setting

### RTS Threshold:

**Request to Send** threshold measures the value in bytes. Any packet size exceeding 2432 will trigger the DWL-120 to use RTS/CTS mechanism for transmission.

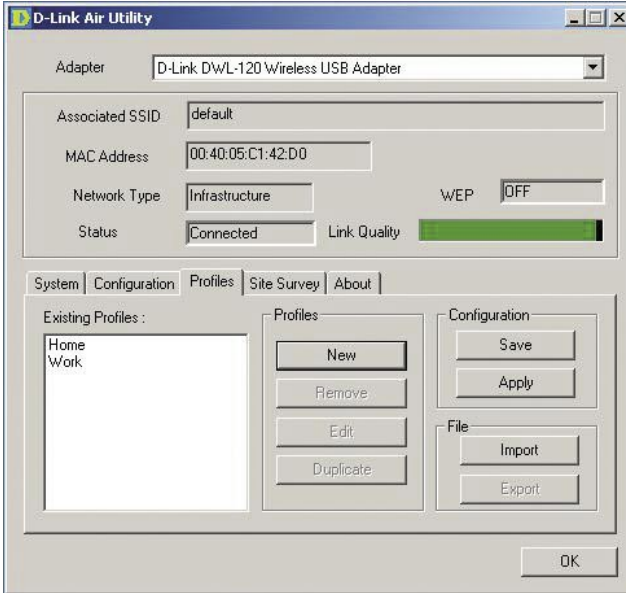
### Fragmentation Threshold:

The fragmentation threshold, which is specified in bytes, determines whether packets will be fragmented. Packets exceeding the 2346 byte setting will be fragmented before transmission.

Click **OK** if you have made any changes

# Using the Configuration Utility

## Profiles



### **New:**

Click **New** to create a new profile; a pop-up window will appear allowing you to configure the new profile. (See the example on the next page.)

### **Remove:**

Highlight the profile you wish to remove; click **Remove**

### **Edit:**

Highlight the profile you wish to edit; click **Edit**; a pop-up window will appear allowing you to edit the profile. (See the example on the next page.)

### **Duplicate:**

Highlight the profile you wish to duplicate; click **Duplicate**

### **Configuration >Save:**

Click **Save** to save the new profile

### **Configuration >Apply:**

Click **Apply** to use a selected profile for your network configuration

### **File >Import:**

Click on **Import** to select an existing profile on your hard drive

### **File >Export:**

Click on **Export** to save a selected profile to your hard drive

**Click OK** if you have made any changes



# Using the Configuration Utility

## Network Type:

Select Infrastructure or Ad-Hoc

## SSID:

All devices on the network must share the same SSID to be able to communicate

## TxRate:

Choose the data rate speed

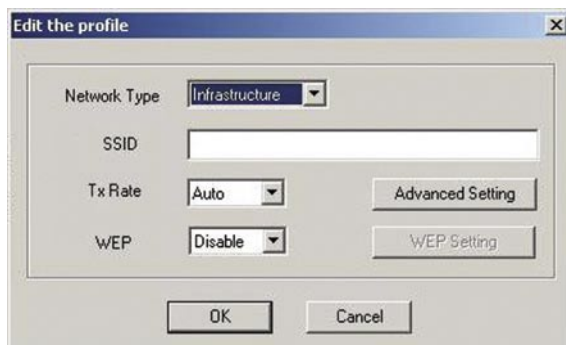
## WEP:

Choose Enable or Disable. Disable is the default setting. If you enable WEP, you must Enable WEP on all devices on the network, in order to communicate.

## Advanced Setting:

Click to access Advanced configuration

## Edit/Create new profile

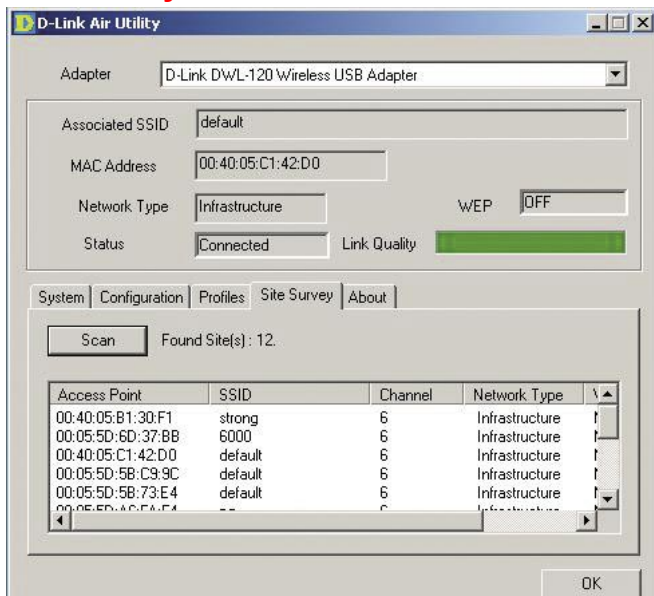


## WEP Setting:

Click to configure the WEP setting

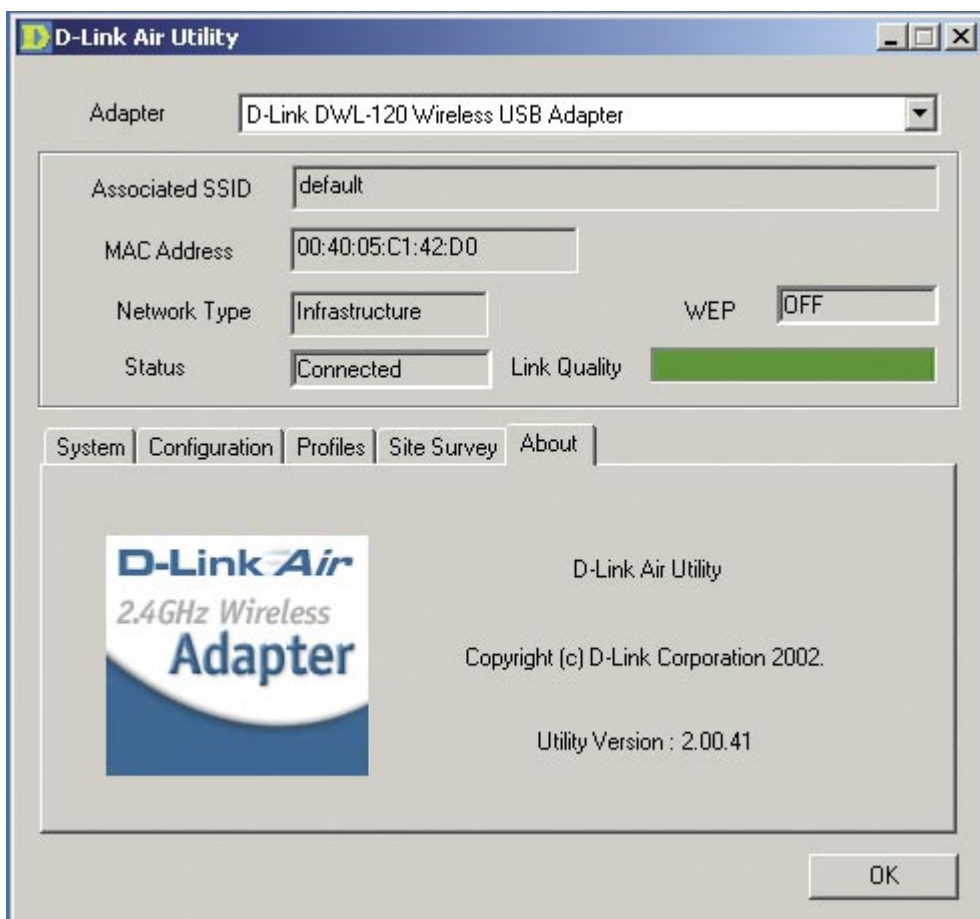
Click **OK** if you have made any changes

## Site Survey



View all the devices in the network from the **Site Survey** tab.

## Using the Configuration Utility



The **About** tab displays the utility (firmware) version.

# Networking Basics

## Using the Network Setup Wizard in Windows XP

In this section you will learn how to establish a network at home or work, using **Microsoft Windows XP**.

*Note: Please refer to websites such as <http://www.homenethelp.com> and <http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000> for information about networking computers using Windows 2000, ME or 98SE.*

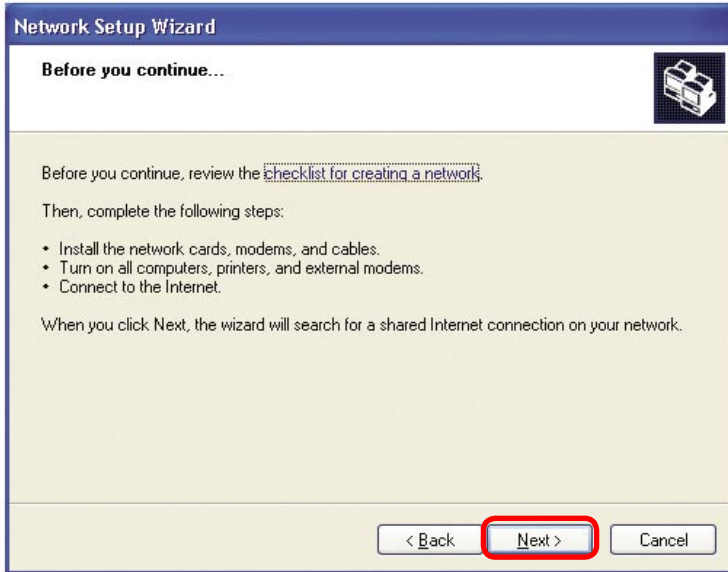
Go to **Start>Control Panel>Network Connections**  
Select **Set up a home or small office network**



When this screen appears, **Click Next.**

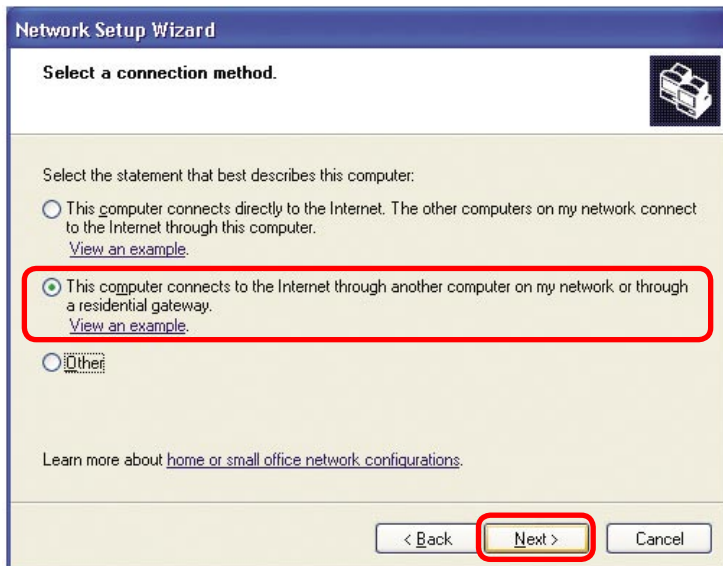
## Networking Basics

Please follow all the instructions in this window:



Click **Next**

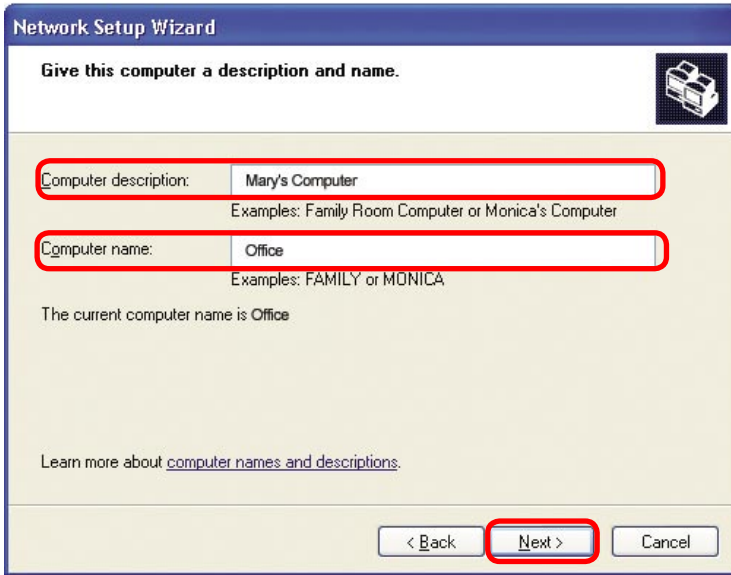
In the following window, select the best description of your computer. If your computer connects to the internet through a gateway/router, select the second option as shown.



Click **Next**

## Networking Basics

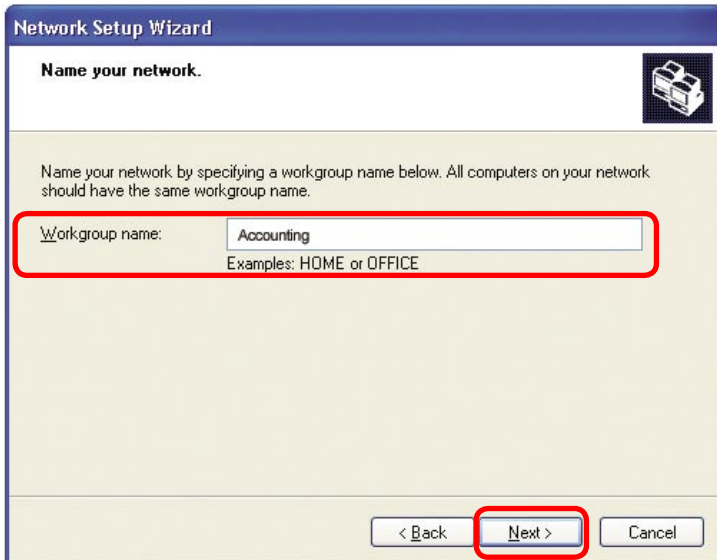
Enter a **Computer description** and a **Computer name** (optional.)



The screenshot shows the 'Network Setup Wizard' dialog box. The title bar reads 'Network Setup Wizard'. The main heading is 'Give this computer a description and name.' with a computer icon to the right. Below the heading, there are two text input fields. The first is labeled 'Computer description:' and contains the text 'Mary's Computer'. Below it, there are examples: 'Examples: Family Room Computer or Monica's Computer'. The second field is labeled 'Computer name:' and contains the text 'Office'. Below it, there are examples: 'Examples: FAMILY or MONICA'. A line of text below the fields states 'The current computer name is Office'. At the bottom left, there is a link: 'Learn more about [computer names and descriptions](#).' At the bottom right, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'. The 'Next >' button is highlighted with a red rectangle.

Click **Next**

Enter a **Workgroup** name. All computers on your network should have the same **Workgroup name**.

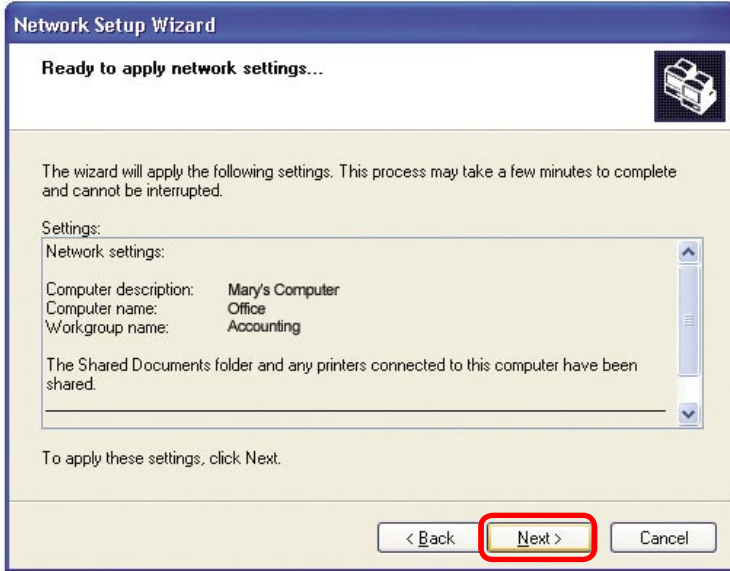


The screenshot shows the 'Network Setup Wizard' dialog box. The title bar reads 'Network Setup Wizard'. The main heading is 'Name your network.' with a computer icon to the right. Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: 'Name your network by specifying a workgroup name below. All computers on your network should have the same workgroup name.' Below this text is a text input field labeled 'Workgroup name:' containing the text 'Accounting'. Below the field, there are examples: 'Examples: HOME or OFFICE'. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'. The 'Next >' button is highlighted with a red rectangle.

Click **Next**

# Networking Basics

Please wait while the **Network Setup Wizard** applies the changes.



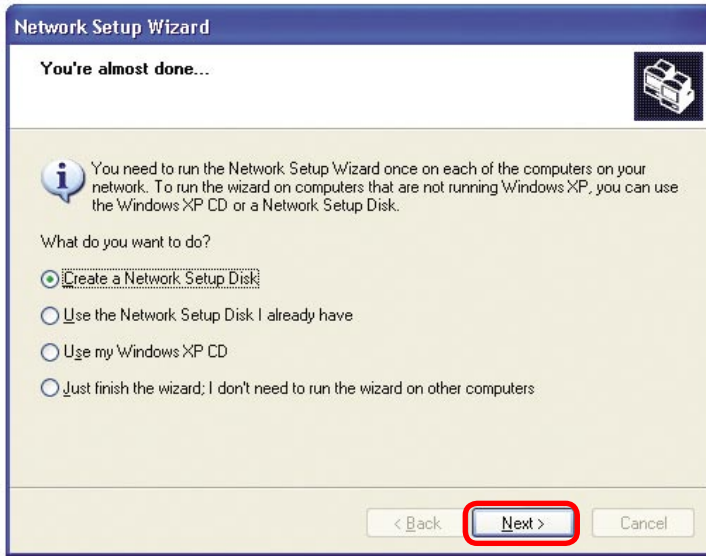
When the changes are complete, click **Next**.

Please wait while the **Network Setup Wizard** configures the computer. This may take a few minutes.



## Networking Basics

In the window below, select the option that fits your needs. In this example, **Create a Network Setup Disk** has been selected. You will run this disk on each of the computers on your network. Click **Next**.



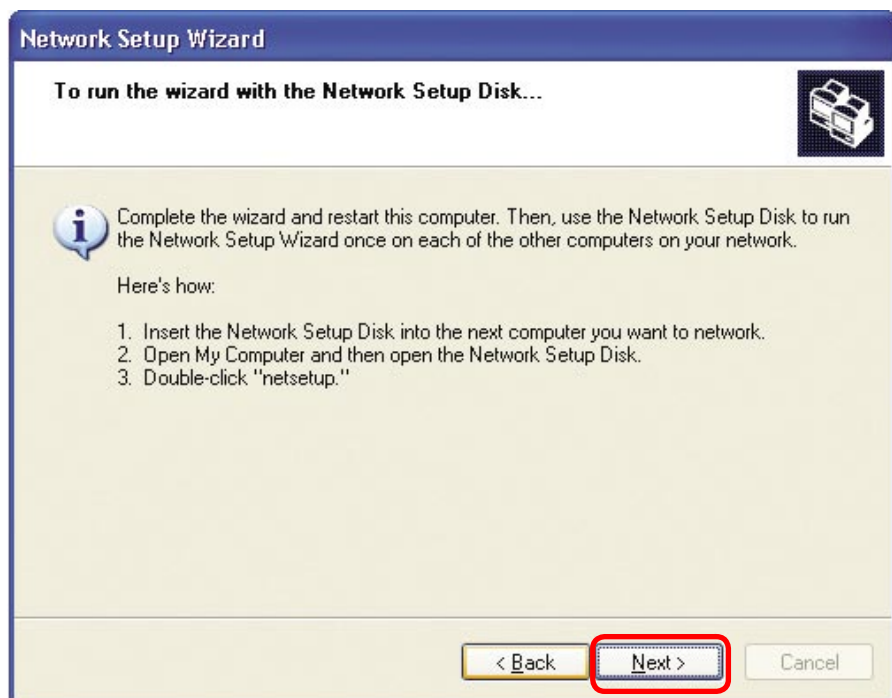
Insert a disk into the Floppy Disk Drive, in this case drive **A**.



## Networking Basics



Please read the information under **Here's how** in the screen below. After you complete the **Network Setup Wizard** you will use the **Network Setup Disk** to run the **Network Setup Wizard** once on each of the computers on your network. To continue click **Next**.



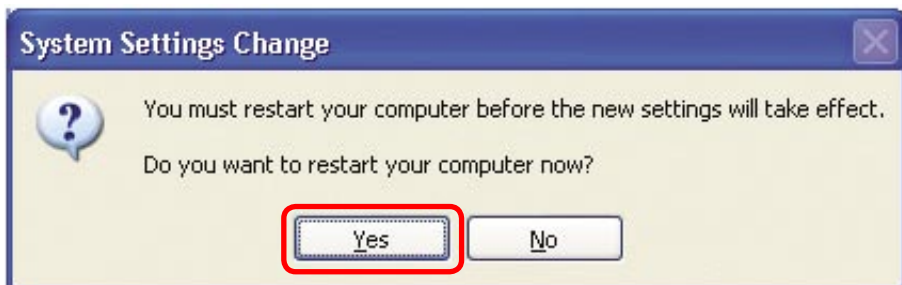


## Networking Basics

Please read the information on this screen, then click **Finish** to complete the **Network Setup Wizard**.



The new settings will take effect when you restart the computer. Click **Yes** to restart the computer.



You have completed configuring this computer. Next, you will need to run the **Network Setup Disk** on all the other computers on your network. After running the **Network Setup Disk** on all your computers, your new wireless network will be ready to use.

# Networking Basics

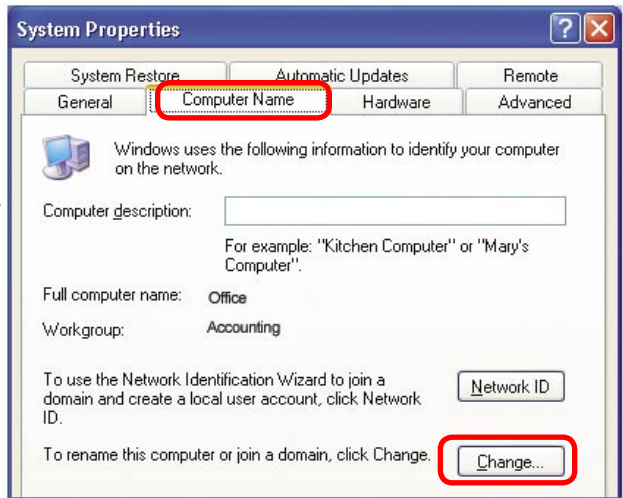
## Naming your Computer

To name your computer, please follow these directions: In **Windows XP**:

- Click **Start** (in the lower left corner of the screen)
- **Right-click on My Computer**
- Select **Properties** and click



- Select the **Computer Name Tab** in the System Properties window.



- You may enter a **Computer Description** if you wish; this field is optional.

- To rename the computer and join a domain, Click **Change**.

## Networking Basics

### Naming your Computer

- In this window, enter the **Computer name**
- Select **Workgroup** and enter the name of the **Workgroup**
- All computers on your network must have the same **Workgroup** name.
- Click **OK**



### Checking the IP Address in Windows XP

The wireless adapter-equipped computers in your network must be in the same IP Address range (see Getting Started in this manual for a definition of IP Address Range.) To check on the IP Address of the adapter, please do the following:

- Right-click on the **Local Area Connection icon** in the task bar
- Click on **Status**



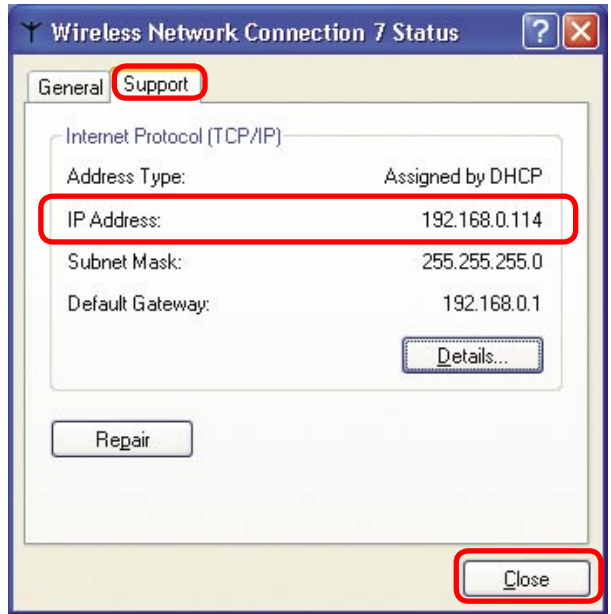
## Networking Basics

### Checking the IP Address in Windows XP

This window will appear.

- Click the **Support** tab

- Click **Close**



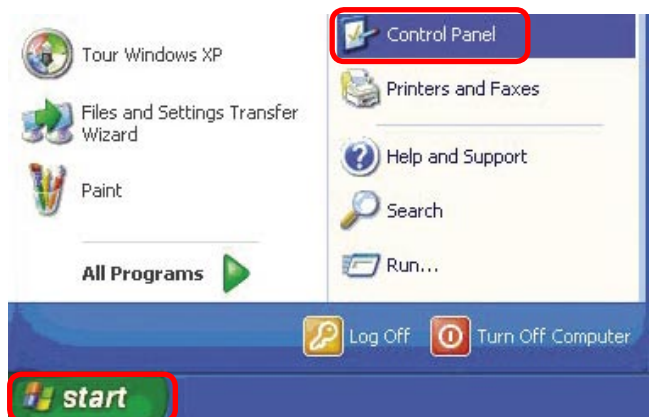
### Assigning a Static IP Address in Windows XP/2000

**Note:** Residential Gateways/Broadband Routers will automatically assign IP Addresses to the computers on the network, using DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) technology. If you are using a DHCP-capable Gateway/Router you will not need to assign Static IP Addresses.

If you are not using a DHCP capable Gateway/Router, or you need to assign a Static IP Address, please follow these instructions:

- Go to **Start**

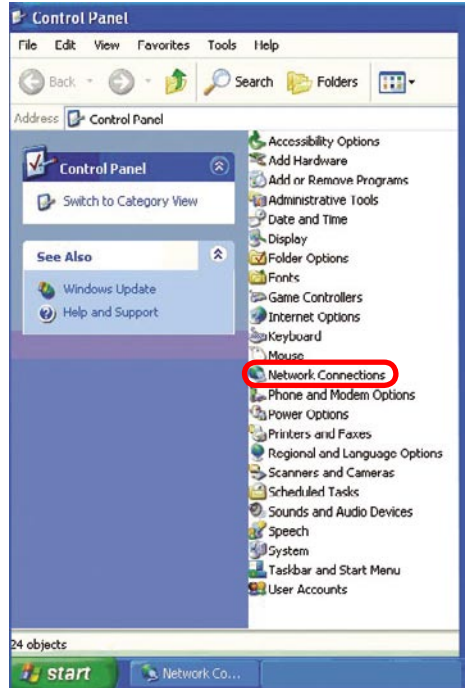
- Double-click on **Control Panel**



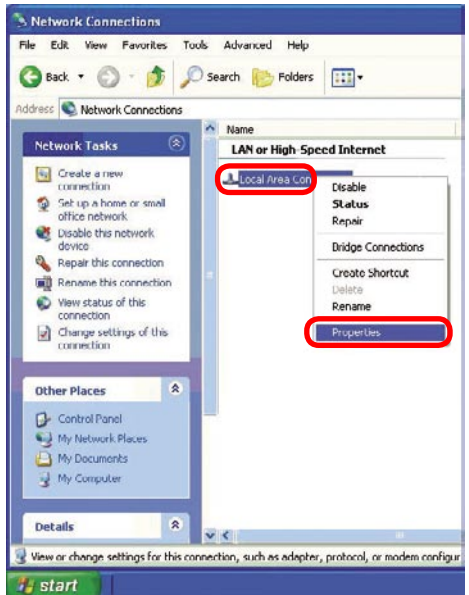
# Networking Basics

## Assigning a Static IP Address in Windows XP/2000

- Double-click on **Network Connections**



- Right-click on **Local Area Connections**



- Double-click on **Properties**

# Networking Basics

## Assigning a Static IP Address in Windows XP/2000

- Click on **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)**
- Click **Properties**
- Input your **IP address and subnet mask.** (The IP Addresses on your network must be within the same range. For example, if one computer has an IP Address of 192.168.0.2, the other computers should have IP Addresses that are sequential, like 192.168.0.3 and 192.168.0.4. The subnet mask must be the same for all the computers on the network.)

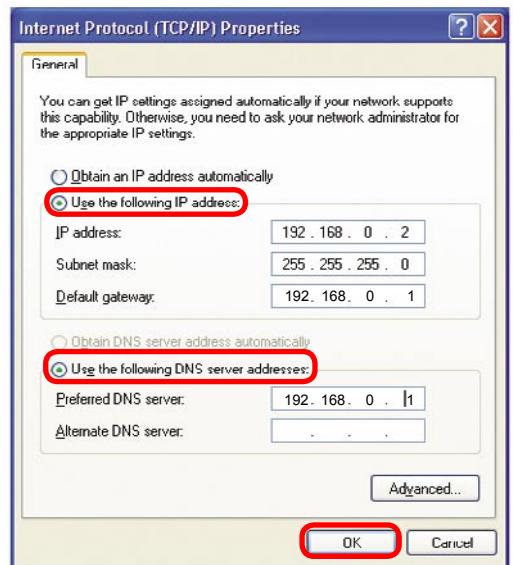
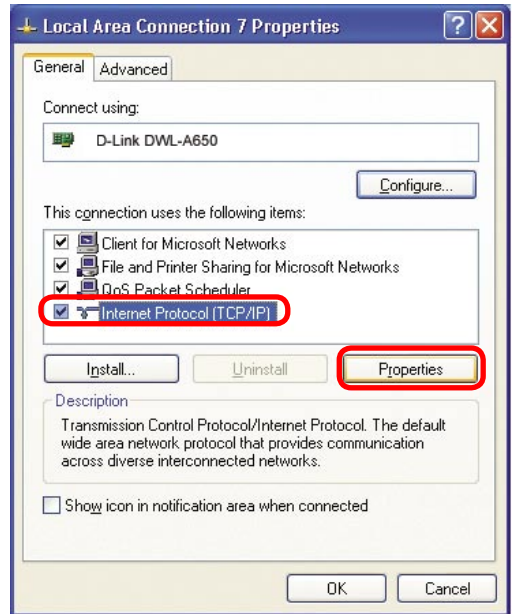
**IP address:** e.g., 192.168.0.2

**Subnet Mask:**

255.255.255.0

**Default Gateway:** Enter the LAN IP address of the Wireless Router. (D-Link wireless routers have a LAN IP address of 192.168.0.1)

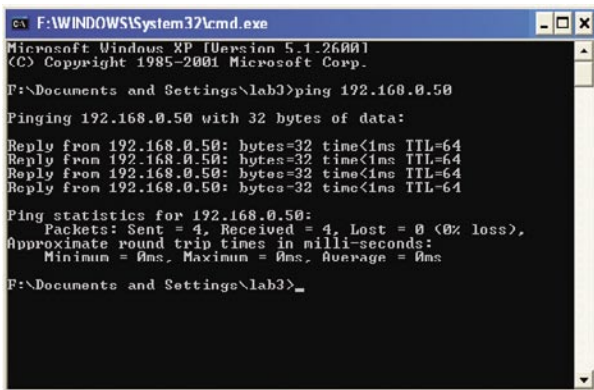
- Select **Use the following DNS server address.** Enter the LAN IP address of the Wireless Router. (D-Link wireless routers have a LAN IP address of 192.168.0.1)
- Click **OK**



## Networking Basics

### Checking the Wireless Connection by *Pinging in Windows XP and 2000*

- Go to **Start > Run >** type **cmd**. A window similar to this one will appear. Type **ping xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx**, where **xxx** is the **IP Address** of the Wireless Router or Access Point. A good wireless connection will show four replies from the Wireless Router or Access Point, as shown.



```
F:\WINDOWS\System32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
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F:\Documents and Settings\lab3>ping 192.168.0.50

Pinging 192.168.0.50 with 32 bytes of data:

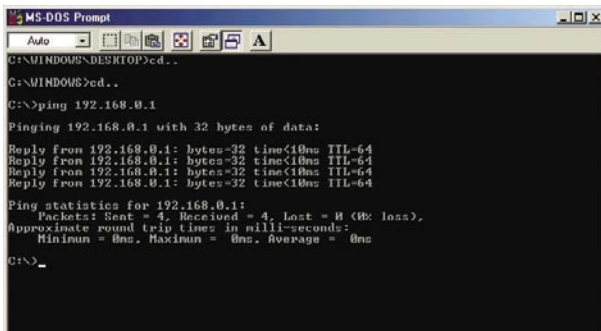
Reply from 192.168.0.50: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
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Ping statistics for 192.168.0.50:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

F:\Documents and Settings\lab3>_
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### Checking the Wireless Connection by *Pinging in Windows Me and 98*

- Go to **Start > Run >** type **command**. A window similar to this will appear. Type **ping xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx** where **xxx** is the **IP Address** of the Wireless Router or Access Point. A good wireless connection will show four replies from the wireless router or access point, as shown.



```
MS-DOS Prompt
Auto
C:\WINDOWS\DESKTOP>cd..
C:\WINDOWS>cd..
C:\>ping 192.168.0.1

Pinging 192.168.0.1 with 32 bytes of data:

Reply from 192.168.0.1: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.1: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.1: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64
Reply from 192.168.0.1: bytes=32 time<10ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 192.168.0.1:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms

C:\>_
```

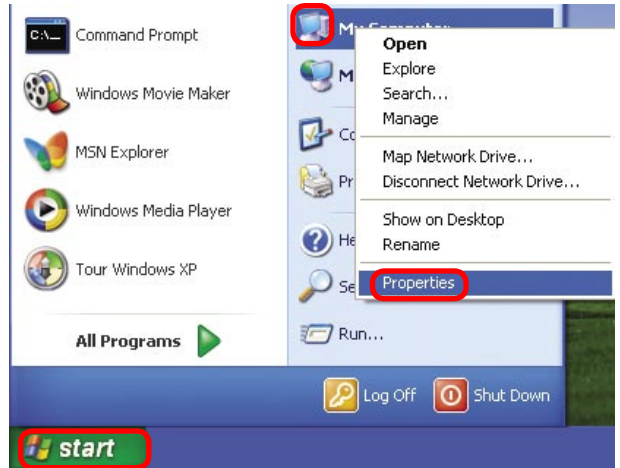


# Troubleshooting

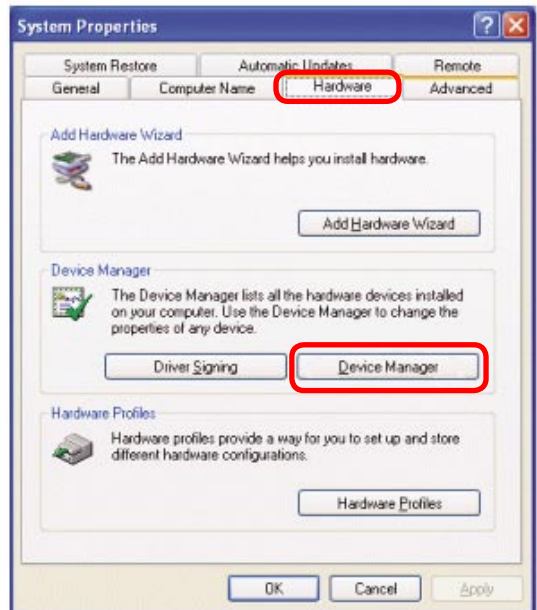
This chapter provides solutions to problems that can occur during the installation and operation of the DWL-120. Read the following descriptions if you are having problems. (The examples below are illustrated in Windows XP. If you have another operating system, these solutions will still apply although the appearance on your computer screen may differ.)

## 1. Check that the drivers for the DWL-120 are installed properly.

- **Go to Start > My Computer > Properties**



- **Select the Hardware Tab**

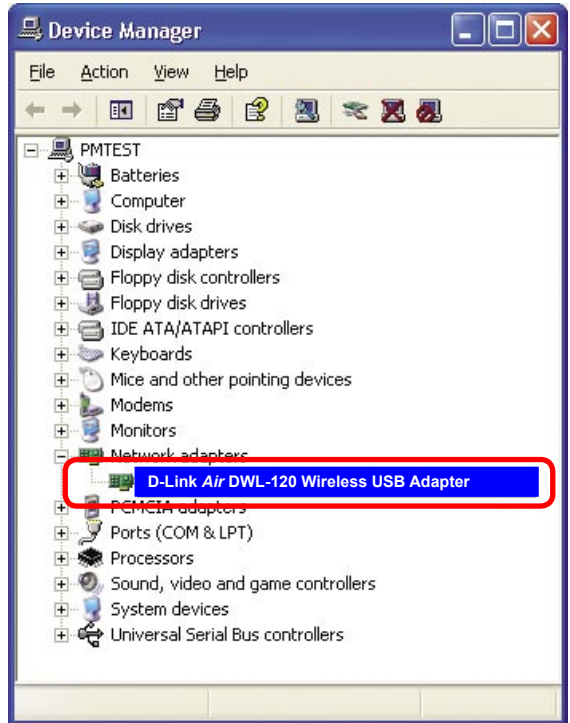


- **Click Device Manager**

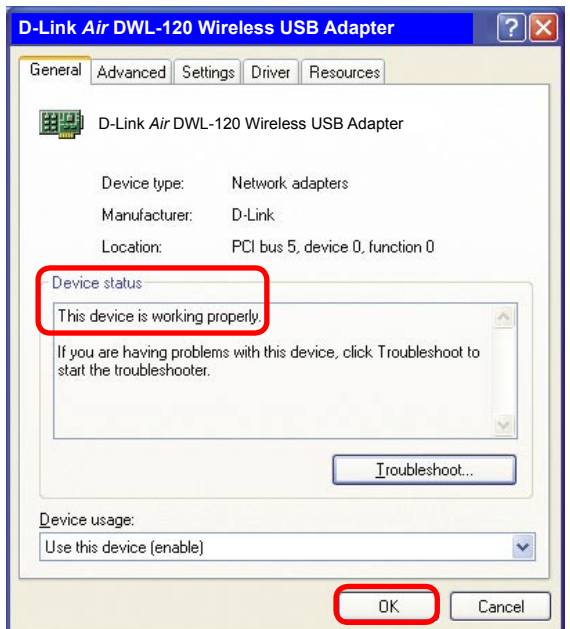


## Troubleshooting

- Double-click on **Network Adapters**
- Right-click on **D-Link Air DWL-120 Wireless USB Adapter**
- Select **Properties** to check that the drivers are installed properly



- Look under **Device Status** to check that the device is working properly



- Click **OK**

## Troubleshooting

### 2. What variables may cause my wireless products to lose reception?

D-Link products let you access your network from virtually anywhere you want. However, the positioning of the products within your environment will affect the wireless range. Please refer to **Installation Considerations** in the **Wireless Basics** section of this manual for further information about the most advantageous placement of your D-Link wireless products.

### 3. Why does my wireless connection keep dropping?

- Antenna Orientation- Try different antenna orientations for the DWL-120. Try to keep the antenna at least 6 inches away from the wall or other objects.
- If you are using 2.4GHz cordless phones, X-10 equipment or other home security systems, ceiling fans, and lights, your wireless connection will degrade dramatically or drop altogether. Try changing the Channel on your Router, Access Point and Wireless adapter to a different Channel to avoid interference.
- Keep your product away (at least 3-6 feet) from electrical devices that generate RF noise, like microwaves, Monitors, electric motors, etc.

### 4. Why can't I get a wireless connection?

If you have enabled Encryption on the DWL-120, you must also enable encryption on all wireless devices in the network in order to establish a wireless connection.

- The Encryption settings are: 64 or 128 bit. Make sure that the encryption bit level is the same on the Router and the DWL-120.
- Make sure that the SSID on the Router (if you have one in your network) and the DWL-120 are exactly the same. If they are not, wireless connection will not be established. The default SSID is **default**.

# Technical Specifications

## Standard

- IEEE 802.11b
- WIFI Certified
- WHQL Certified

## Diagnostic LED

- Power
- Link Status

## Temperature

- Operating: 0°C to 55°C (32°F to 131°F)
- Storing: -20°C to 75°C (-4°F to 167°F)

## Humidity:

- 95%, non-condensing

## Antenna Type:

- Integrated

## Modulation Technique:

- DSSS

## Physical Dimensions:

- L = 3.3 inches
- W = 2.1 inches
- H = 0.2 inches

## Data Rates:\*

- 1,2,5.5,11 Mbps (with Automatic Fallback)

## Interface:

- USB 1.1

## Available Channels:

- Eleven channels for North America

## Media Access Protocol:

- CSMA/CA with ACK

\*\*Maximum wireless signal rate based on IEEE Standard 802.11b specifications. Actual data throughput will vary. Network conditions and environmental factors, including volume of network traffic, building materials and construction, and network overhead lower actual data throughput rate.

# Contacting Technical Support

You can find the most recent software and user documentation on the D-Link website.

D-Link provides free technical support for customers within the United States for the duration of the warranty period on this product.

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## **D-Link Technical Support over the Telephone:**

(877) 453-5465

24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## **D-Link Technical Support over the Internet:**

<http://support.dlink.com>

*When contacting technical support, please provide the following information:*

- Serial number of the unit
- Model number or product name
- Software type and version number

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- Power Supplies and Fans One (1) Year
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- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver
- Connect the equipment 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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