



User Manual

Wireless MiniPCI Card

Model Name:
AIR-MPI350

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Chapter 1 About the U58H004 MiniPCI Card

The IEEE 802.11 U58H004 MiniPCI Card is compatible with any standard, notebook computer Type III MiniPCI slot. As a Plug-and-Play device, Windows 95/98/2000 will automatically recognize the U58H004 MiniPCI Card and initiate the installation process. Upon successful installation, the U58H004 MiniPCI card will communicate seamlessly with other U58H004 wireless home and office networking products.

1-1 FEATURES

1. Supports up to 11 Mbps data rate: T-1 line alternative/replacement that dramatically cuts costs.
2. Working range up to 800 ft. in an open environment enhances mobility.
3. Supports point-to-point and point-to-multipoint access provides increased flexibility.
4. Seamless connectivity to wired Ethernet and PC network LAN's offers quick, trouble-free integration with existing networks.
5. Robust Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) technology provides secure, interference-resistant wireless connection.
6. Wireless connections eliminate the hassle and cost of cabling.
7. Supports a wide range of LAN (Local Area Network) Network Operating Systems (NOS) including Windows ® 98 and Windows ® 2000
8. Easy Plug and Play installation(U58H004.00).
9. Omni - directional antenna included
10. Greater flexibility to locate or move networked PC's

1-2 APPLICATIONS

U58H004 products offer a fast, reliable, cost-effective solution for wireless client access to the network the following applications and environments:

- Remote access to corporate network information
- E-mail, file transfer and terminal emulation
- Difficult-to-wire environments
- Historic or older buildings
- Buildings with asbestos insulation
- Open areas where wiring is difficult to employ
- Frequently changing environments
- Retailers, manufacturers or other organizations that frequently rearrange the workplace or relocate
- Temporary LANs for special projects or peak time usage
- Trade shows, exhibitions and construction sites that employ temporary networks.



Retailers, airline and shipping companies that need additional workstations for a peak period and Auditors that require workgroups at customer sites.

- Access to database for mobile workers
- Medical, Technical and Retail specialists that require roaming access to a database or other network resources.
- SOHO (Small Office and Home Office) users
- Perfect for users that need a small, easy-to-install network that deploys rapidly.
- Inter-building connection
- Wireless building-to-building networks are quickly and easily installed, require no monthly lease fees, and provide the flexibility to reconfigure easily.

1-3 PRODUCT KIT

The U58H004 product kit includes the following items. Ensure that the items in the following list have been included. If any of the listed items are missing, please contact your local dealer.

- 1 X Type III U58H004 MiniPCI Adapter
- 1 X Driver
- 1 X User Manual & Utility

Chapter 2 Network Configuring and Planning

The U58H004 supports legacy Ethernet LAN network configuration options as defined by the IEEE 802.11 standards committee.

The U58H004 can be configured as:

- . Ad-Hoc for departmental or SOHO LANs.
- . Infrastructure for enterprise LANs.
- . LAN-Interconnection for to point-to-point link as a campus backbone.

2-1 Network Topology

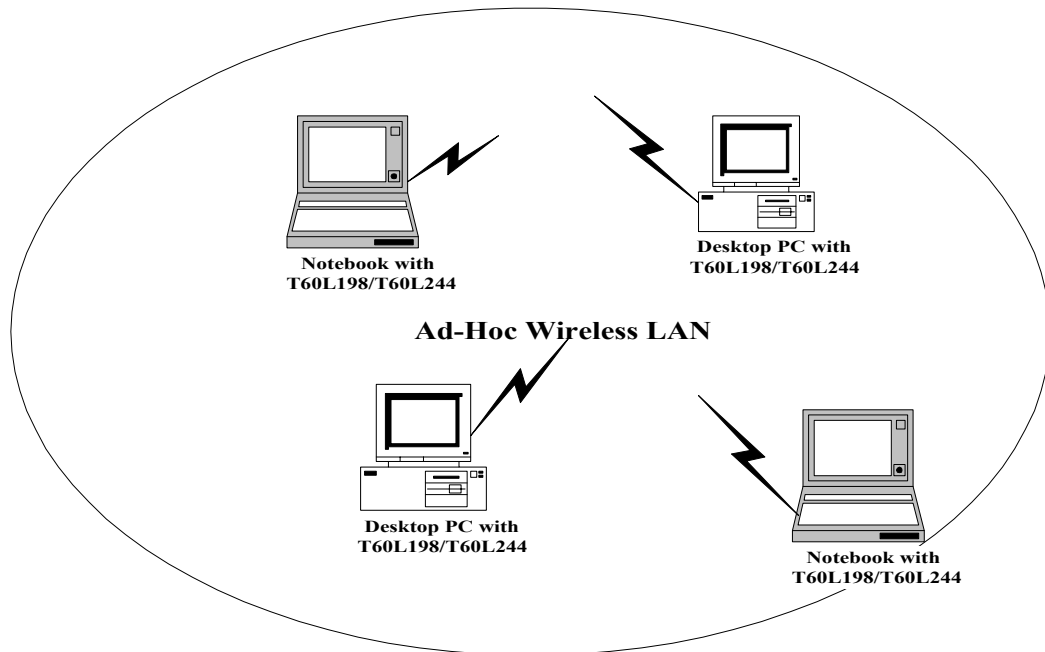


Fig.1 Ad-Hoc Wireless LAN

An Ad-Hoc wireless LAN is a group of computers. Each equipped with on U58H004 adapter, connected as an independent wireless LAN. Computers in a specific Ad-Hoc wireless LAN must be configured to share the same radio channel.

Ad-Hoc wireless LAN configurations are appropriate for branch level departments or SOHO operations.

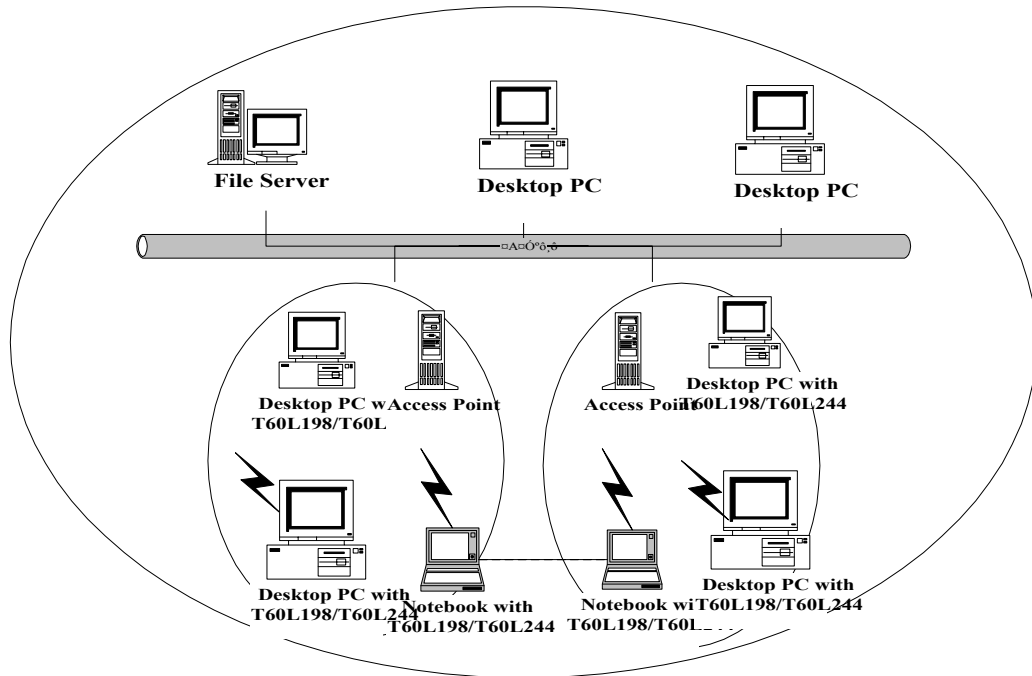


Fig.2 Infrastructure Wireless LAN Configuration

The U58H004 provides access to a wired LAN for wireless workstations. An integrated wireless and wired LAN is called an Infrastructure configuration. A group of U58H004 PC users and an Access Point compose a Basic Service Set (BSS). Each U58H004 can talk to any computer in the wired LAN infrastructure via the Access Point.

An Infrastructure configuration extends the accessibility of a U58H004 equipped PC to a wired LAN and doubles the effective wireless transmission range for 2 U58H004 PCs. Since the Access Point is able to forward data within its BSS, the effective transmission range in an infrastructure LAN is doubled.

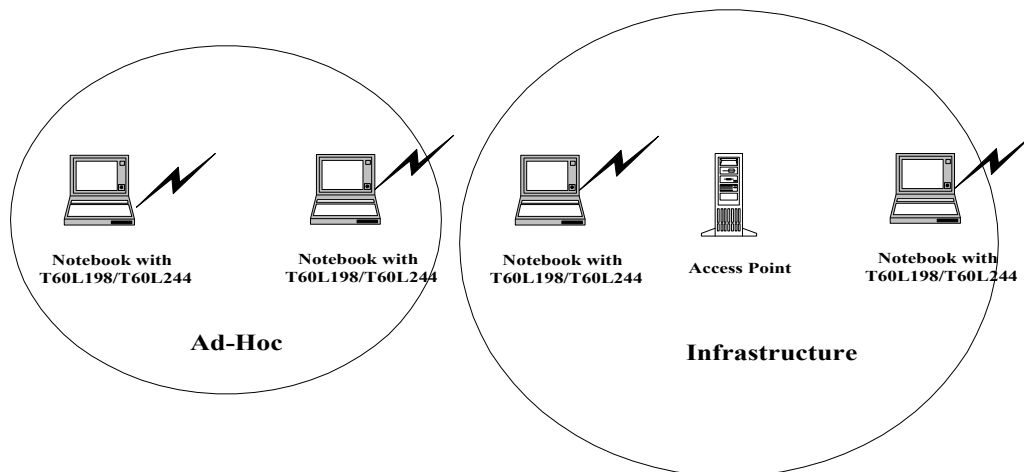


Fig 3 The effective transmission ranges

2-2 Roaming

Infrastructure mode also supports roaming capabilities for mobile users. More than one BSS can be configured as an Extended Service Set (ESS). The continuous network allows users to roam freely within an ESS. All U58H004 PCs and Access Point within one ESS must be configured with the same ESSID and use the same radio channel.

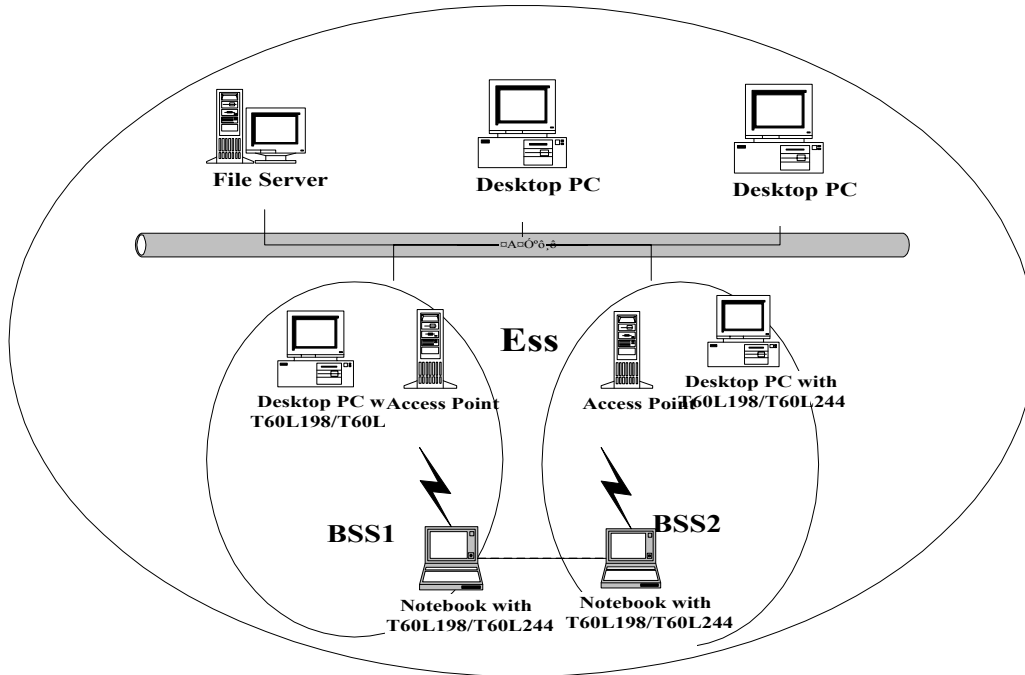


Fig.4 Roaming in an Extended Service Set (ESS)

Before enabling an ESS with roaming capability, choosing a feasible radio channel and optimum Access Point position is recommended. Proper Access Point positioning combined with a clear radio signal will greatly enhance performance.

Chapter 3 Adapter Installation and Configuration – Windows[®] 98 / 2000

3-1 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

In order to install and use the U58H004 MiniPCI WLAN card your PC system must meet the following requirements:

- A MiniPCI Type III slot
- MiniPCI revision 1.0 compliant card
- Windows 98 (with the Floppy, for use during installation)
- 500 Kbytes free disk space for utility and driver installation

3-2 INSERTING THE ADAPTER

To insert the U58H004 Network Adapter into a notebook computer, do the following:

1. Locate an available Type III MiniPCI slot.
2. With the MiniPCI Adapter's 124-pin golden finger facing the MiniPCI Slot and the "U58H004 MiniPCI" label facing up slide the MiniPCI adapter completely into the MiniPCI slot.

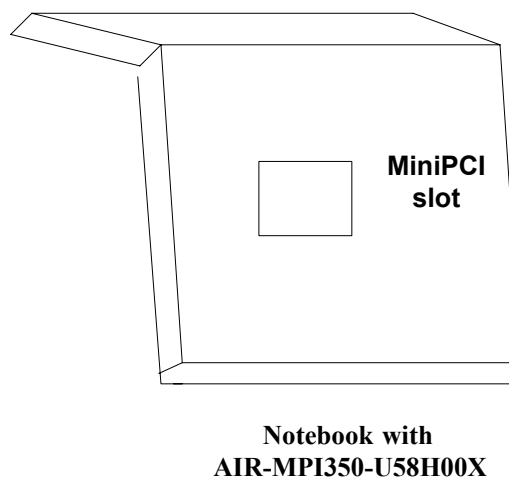
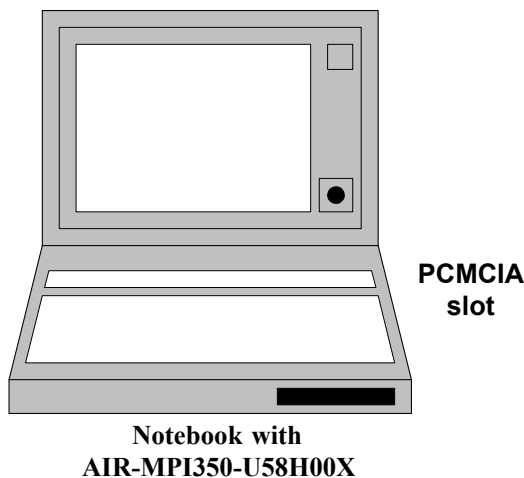


Fig. 5.1 Insert the MiniPCI Adapter into Notebook

Fig. 5.2 Insert the MiniPCI Adapter into Notebook

After properly inserting the Network Adapter into your notebook, continue with the U58H004 driver and Lan-Express Configuration Utility installation.

NOTE: Windows 98 requires that the Network card and socket services must be compliant with the PCMCIA revision 2.10 specification. Please check the documentation of the PCMCIA/MiniPCI driver before installing the T60L198 PCMCIA/U58H004 MiniPCI adapter.

3-3.1 U58H004 DRIVER INSTALLATION -WINDOWS 98

Note: Before proceeding, have the Windows 98 Floppy ready, as it will be required during the software installation process.

1. Insert the U58H004 MiniPCI adapter into a standard Type III MiniPCI card slot, as described in the preceding section.
2. Windows 98 will automatically detect the U58H004 and prompt you to install the necessary driver. Click "Next" to begin the installation.



(MiniPCI Adapter is button side)

3. Check "Search for the best driver..." click "Next".



4. Check "floppy disk drivers" , click "Next" . Windows ®98 will automatically find the file.



5. Windows ®98 will then acknowledge that it has found the appropriate driver, click "Next".



6. Click "Finish" to complete the installation.



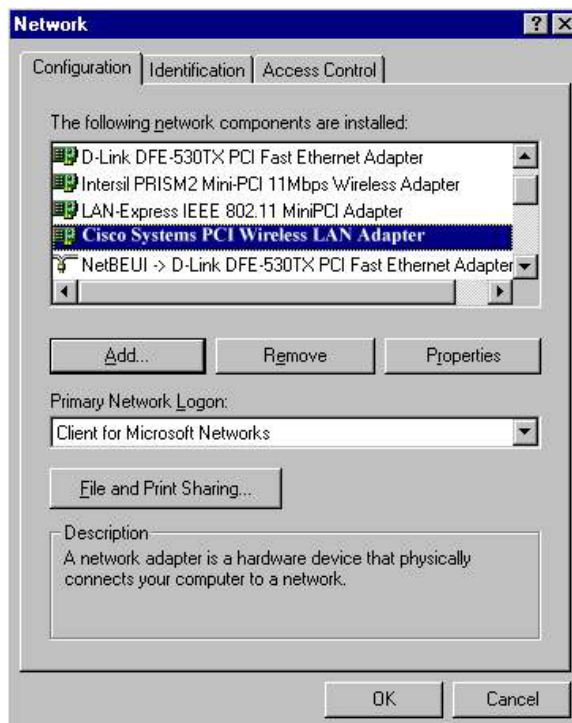
3-3.2 ADAPTER CONFIGURATION – WINDOWS 98

After successful installation of the U58H004 and its driver, continue the installation process by configuring the U58H004 adapter properties. To configure the U58H004 Adapter complete the following steps :

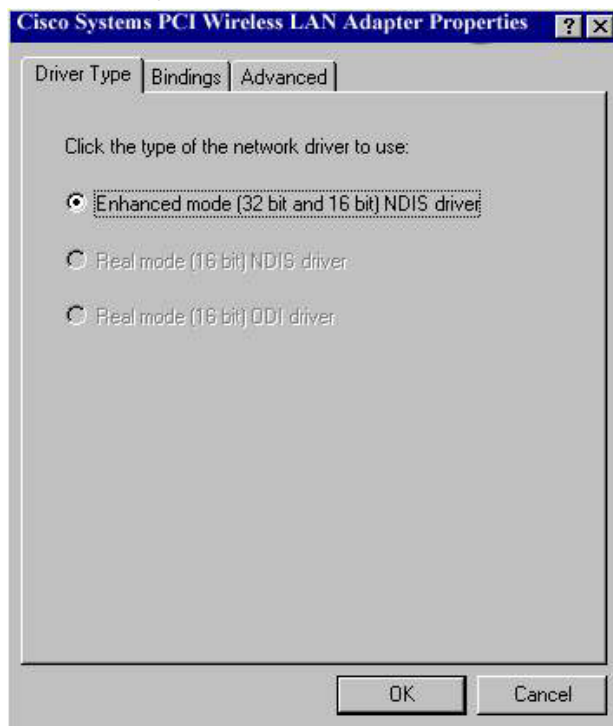
1. From the Control Panel, double-click the "Network" icon.



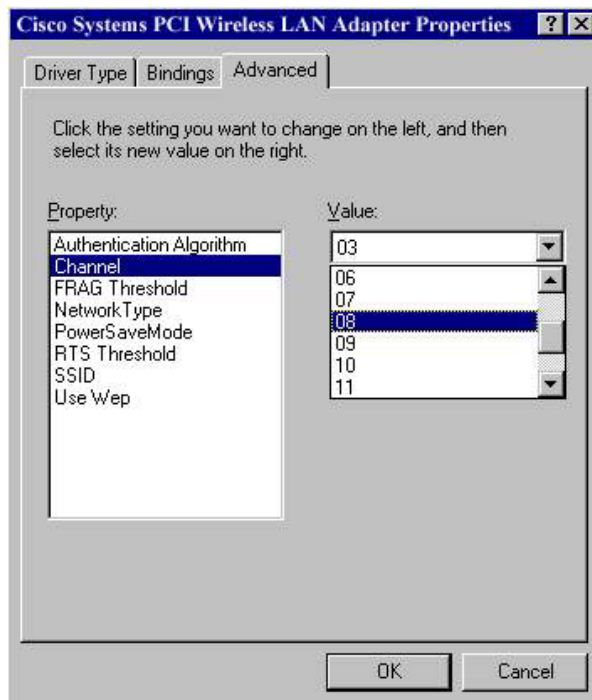
2. Select "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 PC Card Adapter" or "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 MiniPCI Adapter" from the list and press the "Properties" button.



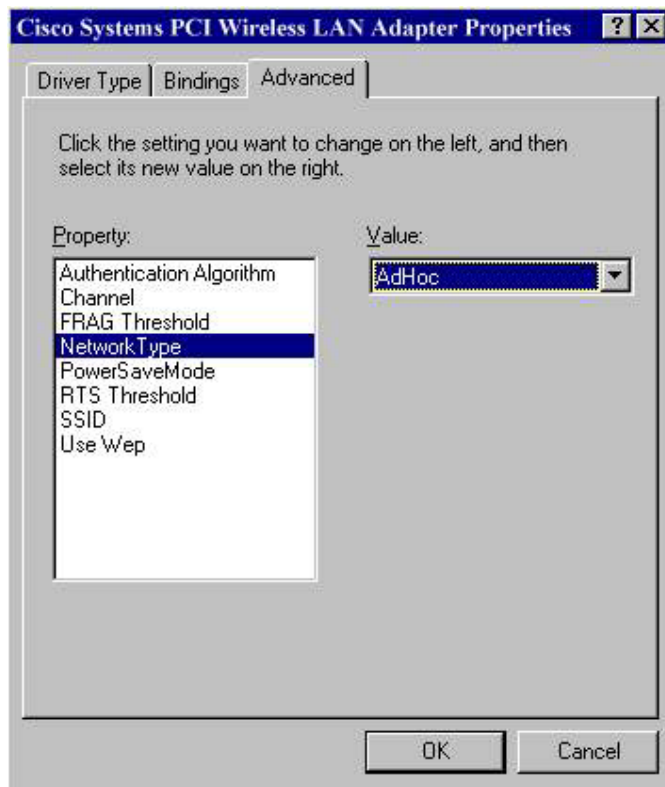
3. From the "Properties" menu select the "Advanced" tab.



4. Select "Channel" from the list, and choose a "Value" from the drop down list. FCC regulations require a "Value" between 1 and 11.

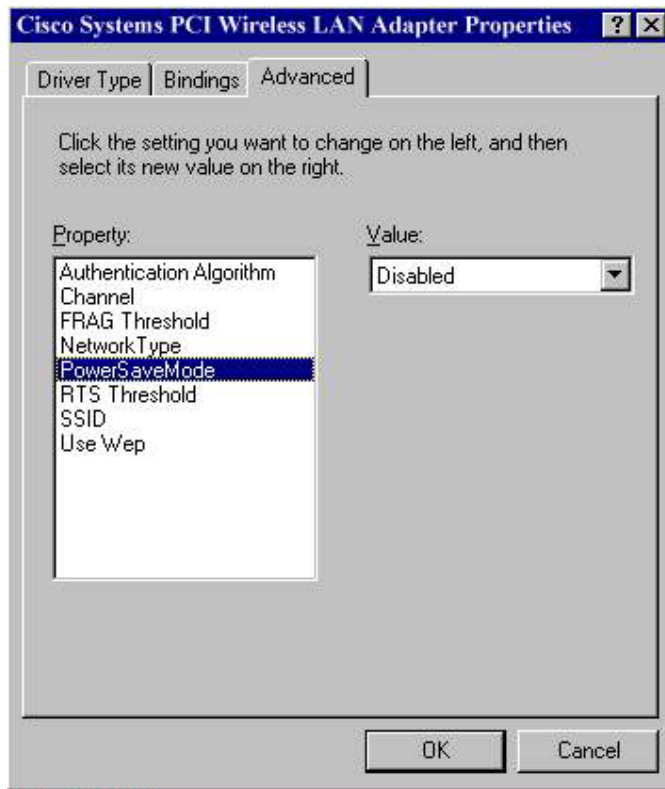


5. Select "Network Type", and choose "Infrastructure" or "Ad-Hoc" as the "Value".



Note: "Infrastructure" mode allows a wireless adapter to communicate with a wired network, While "Ad-Hoc" mode allows wireless-to-wireless communication. Consult your System Administrator for information about your network communication type. For more information About Infrastructure and Ad-Hoc networks, see Chapter 2 of this manual

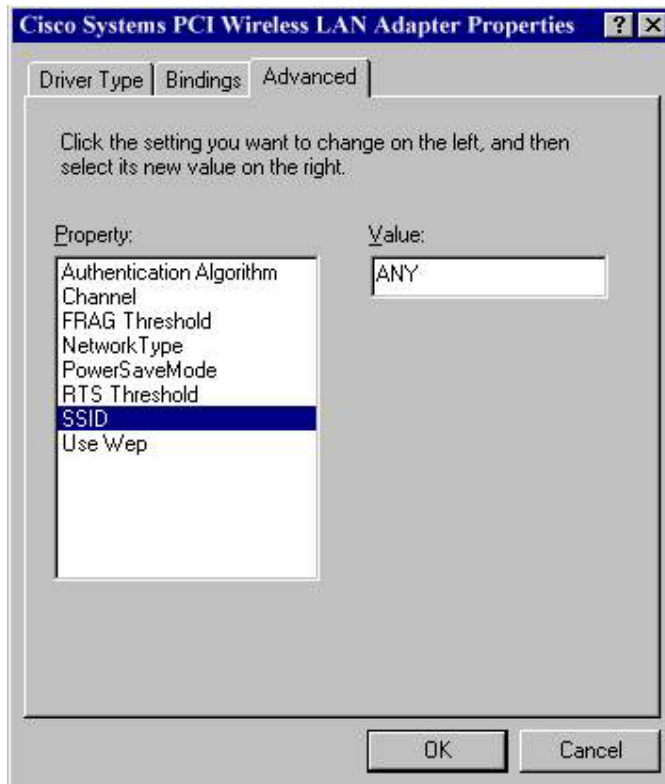
6. Select "Power Save Mode" and choose a "Value".



NOTE: To allow uninterrupted data communication, choose "Disabled" as the "Value".

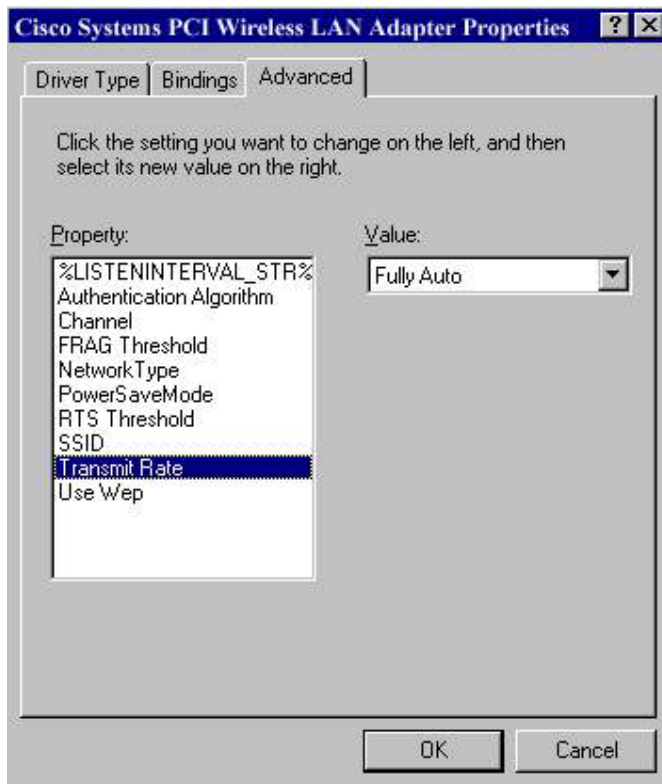
Choosing "Enabled" allows your notebook to enter "sleep" mode, however, this will interrupt data communication. Consult your System Administrator to find out the best setting for your network type. For more information about Power Save Mode, see the chapter entitled "LAN-Express Configuration Utility" in this manual.

8. Select "SSID"; enter a "Value" of "ANY".



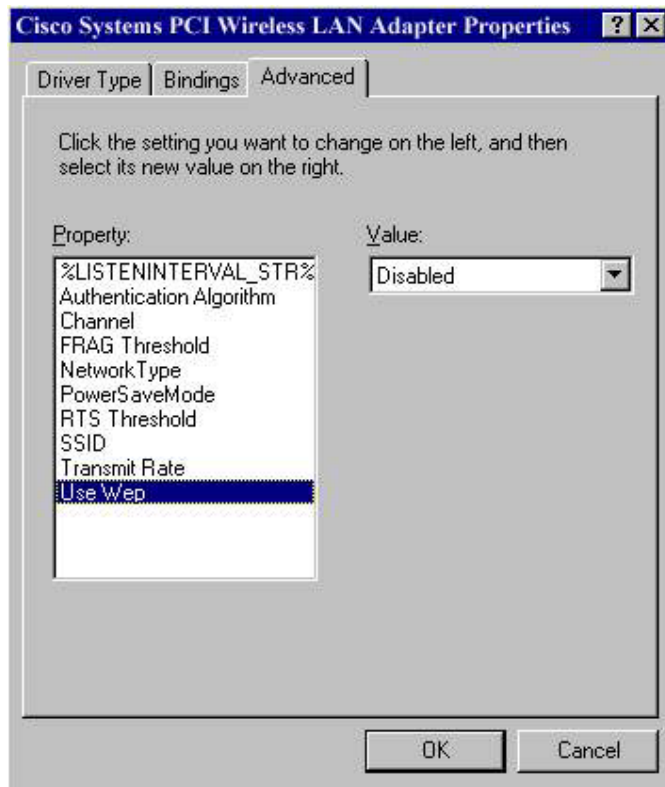
NOTE: The SSID can have any value, but should have the same value as the Access Point (AP). In Ad-Hoc mode, all clients should share the same SSID

9. Select "Transmit Rate", and choose a "Value".



NOTE: Fixed 11 Mb/s is the preferred "Value" for environments where the client has line of sight access and is a short distance away from the AP. Fully Auto is the recommended setting for clients that are farther away from the AP and where there may be interference between the client and the AP.

10. Select "Use Wep", and choose a "Value".



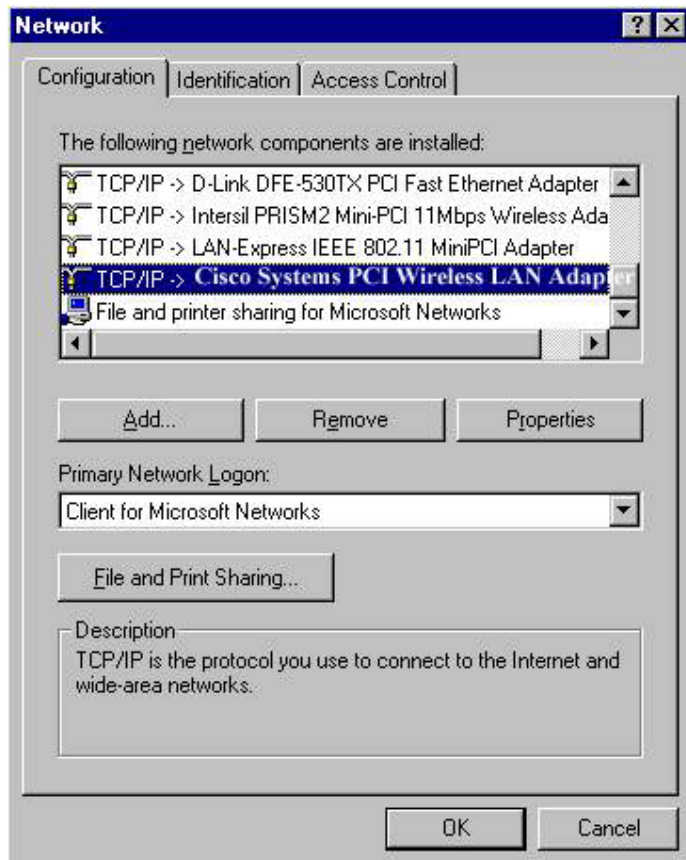
NOTE: Wired Equivalent Privacy (Wep) is an encryption scheme used to protect wireless data communication. Selecting "Disabled" will prevent you from sharing data with other computers if your network uses Wep. If your network is Wep enabled, you must choose "64bit" or "128bit". Consult your System Administrator for more information about your network type. For more information about Wep, see the chapter entitled "PRISM Configuration Utility" in this manual.

11. After the configuring the "Properties", click "OK" and continue with the Protocol Installation, described in the following section.

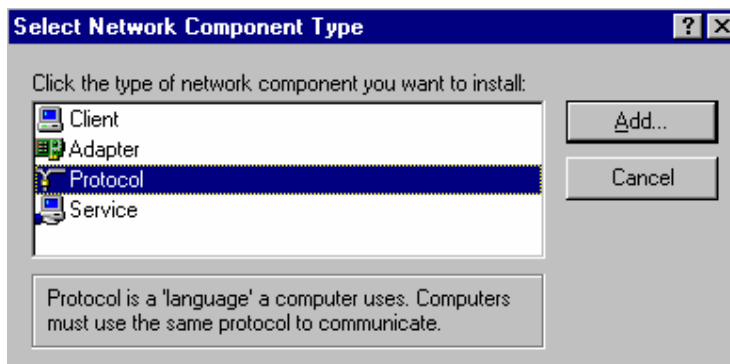
3-3.3 PROTOCOL INSTALLATION – WINDOWS 98

Before continuing with the Protocol installation consult your System Administrator for details about your specific network. To install network protocols complete the following steps.

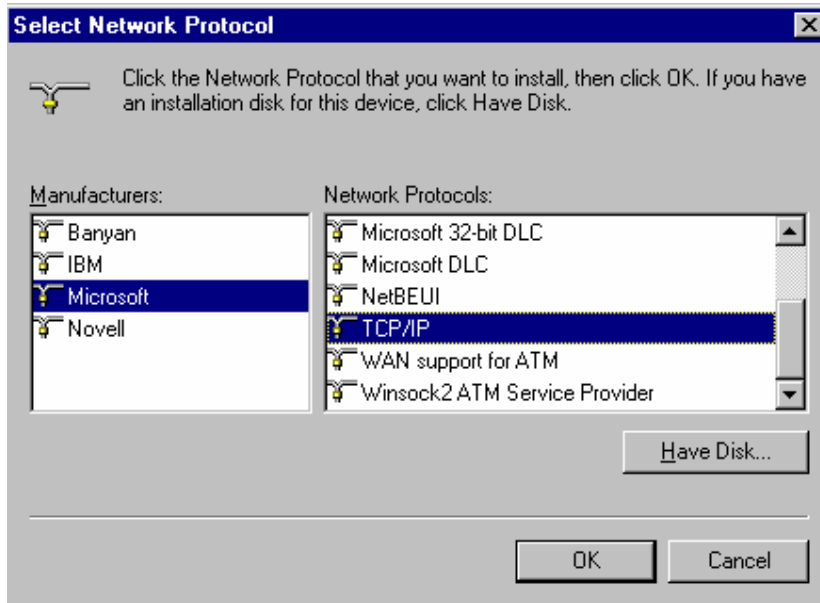
1. From the "Control Panel" double-click the "Network" icon.
2. Select "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 PC Card Adapter" or "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 MiniPCI Adapter" and click "Add".



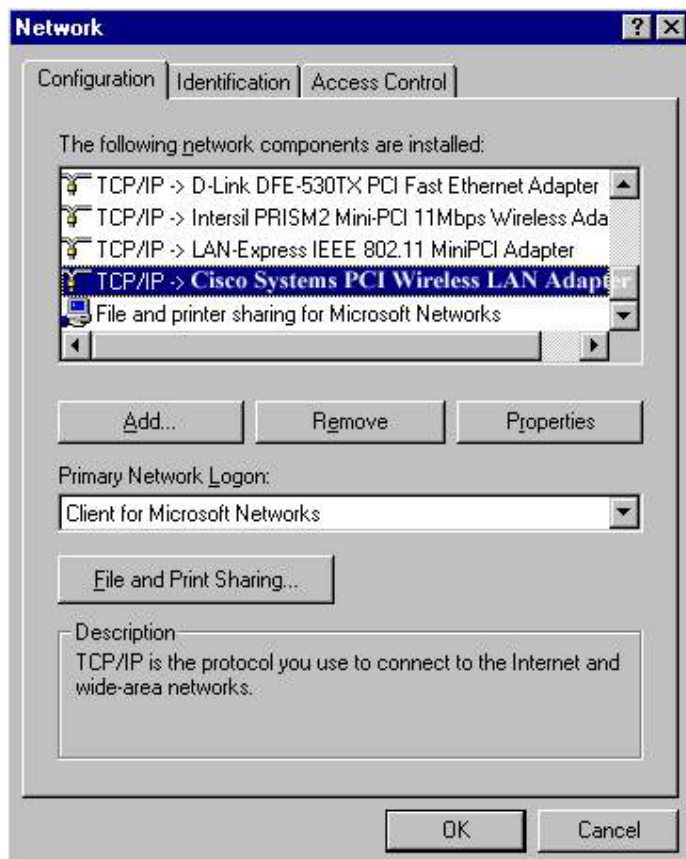
3. Highlight "Protocol" and click "Add".



4. Select "Microsoft" from the list of "Manufacturers" and "TCP-IP" from the list of "Network Protocols", click "OK"



5. Select "TCP/IP " and click "Properties".

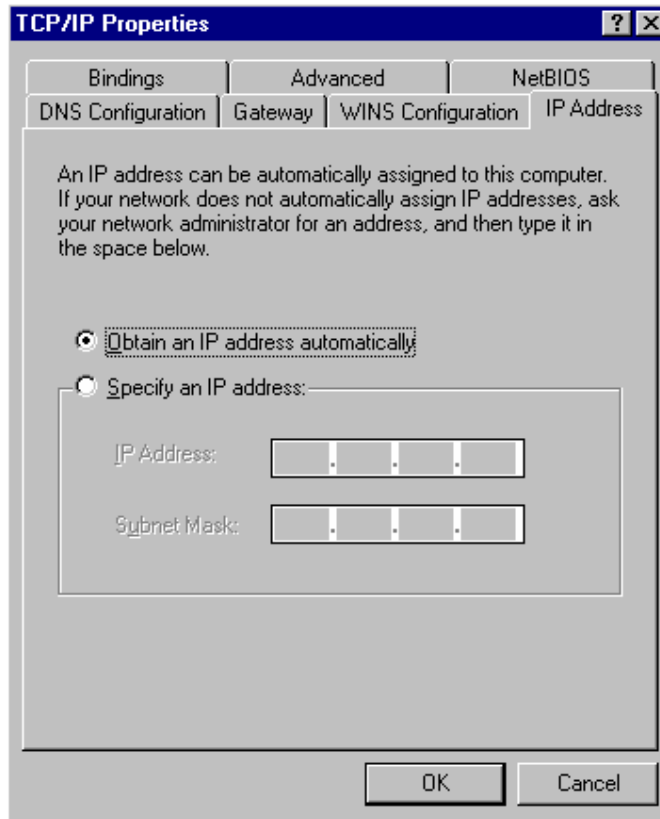


Repeat step 2 – 5 to install other protocols such as NetBeui or IPX/SPX.

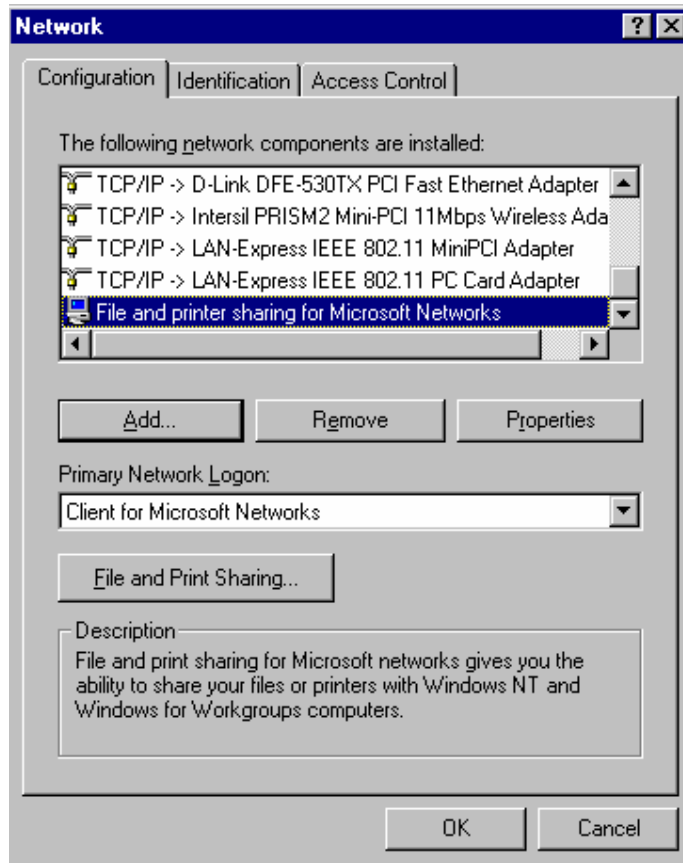
NOTE: The following steps apply to DHCP servers. Consult your system administrator for

specific information regarding your server type, and for help in specifying an IP address if you do not use a DHCP server and must manually enter the IP address and DNS number.

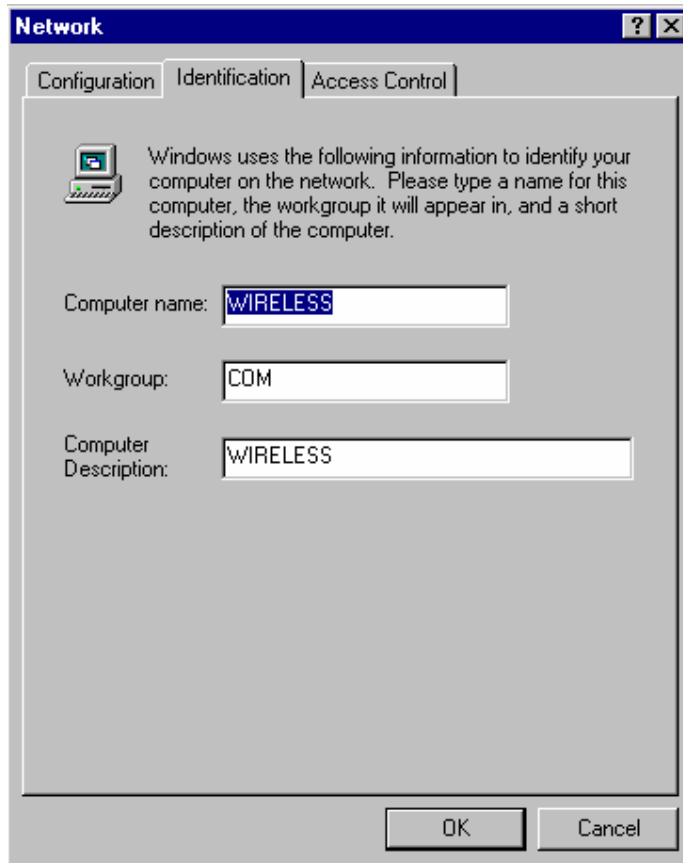
6. Check "Obtain an IP address..." and click "OK". If you are using a DHCP server the IP address will be entered automatically.



7. From the Network menu highlight "Client from Microsoft Networks", and click "File and Print Sharing".



8. Check both boxes and click "OK".
9. Enter a "Computer name", "Workgroup" and "Computer Description", click "OK"



11. You will be prompted to restart your computer, click "Yes" to complete the installation.

Note: Please see the trouble shooting if you encounter some problem while installing the PC-Card or your PC-Card is non-functional.

3-5 U58H004 SETUP FOR WINDOWS ® 2000

1. Insert the U58H004 MiniPCI adapter into a standard Type III MiniPCI card slot, as described in the preceding section.
2. Windows ® 2000 will automatically detect the U58H004 and prompt you to install the necessary driver. Click "Next" to begin the installation.



3. Check "search for the best driver..." click "Next".



4. Check "floppy disk drivers", click "Next". Windows ©2000 will automatically find the file.



5. Windows ©2000 will then acknowledge that it has found the appropriate driver, click "Next".



6. Click "Yes" to continue the installation.



7. Click "Finish" to complete the installation.



Appendix A Troubleshooting

Problem Solving

My computer does not recognize the U58H004.

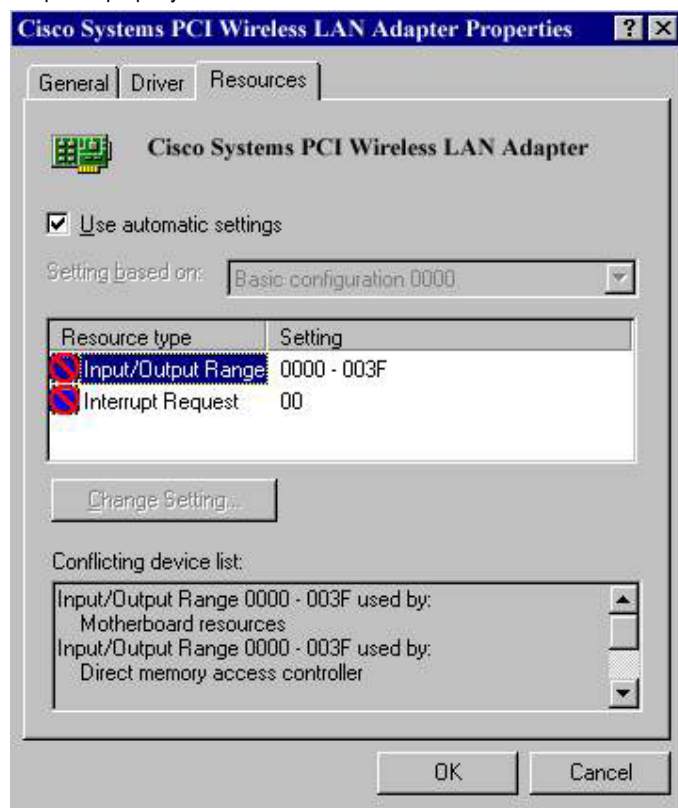
Probable Solution:

- The U58H004 is not properly inserted into the PCMCIA/MiniPCI slot.
- Ensure that the U58H004 has been inserted into an available PCMCIA/MiniPCI slot.

The U58H004 does not work properly.

Probable Solution:

- Insert the PCMCIA/MiniPCI adapter into Notebook's slot again. A beep should be heard if the adapter is properly inserted.

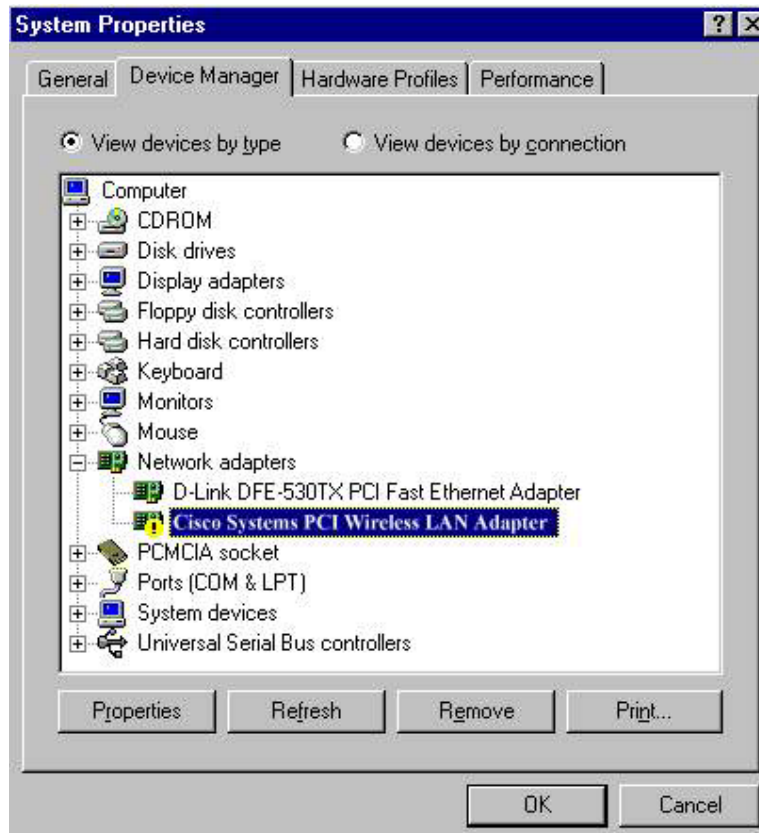


- Check the I/O cable that connects the RF module and the PCMCIA/MiniPCI adapter. The power LED(T60L198) indicator will be active if the cable is properly connected.
- For non-Windows 95/98 environments, ensure that a PCMCIA/MiniPCI card service driver is installed in your computer.
- 1) Click on the Control Panel and then on PC-Card/MiniPCI. Check whether it has PCMCIA/MiniPCI card in one of the sockets or not. If you find "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 PC-Card Adapter" or "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 MiniPCI Adapter" in one of the sockets, it means the card is detected properly. If you see the yellow sign of question-mark(?), the resources are conflicting.

- 2) Right click on "My Computer" and then select Properties. Select the device Manager and click on the Network Adapter. You will find "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 PC-Card Adapter" or "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 MiniPCI Adapter" if it is installed successfully. If you see the Yellow sign the resources are conflicting. Click on PCMCIA/MiniPCI card and then on PCMCIA/MiniPCI Card service, you can see the status of PCMCIA/MiniPCI card. If there are yellow sign either on adapter or PCMCIA/MiniPCI card, please check followings.

- 2-1) Check if your Notebook supports 3.3V card.
- 2-2) Check if your Notebook has a free IRQ
- 2-3) Check that you have inserted the right card and have installed the proper driver.

If the U58H004 does not function after attempting the above steps, remove the PCMCIA adapter, and do the following:



- From the run window enter, c:\windows\system, locate and delete the Express.sys file
- Open the "Control Panel" double-click "System" and delete "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 PC-card Adapter" or "LAN-Express IEEE 802.11 MiniPCI Adapter".
- Restart the PC and repeat the hardware and software installation steps outlined in Chapters 3 and 4.

The U58H004 station cannot communicate with other computers linked via Ethernet in the Infrastructure configuration.

Probable Solution:

- Ensure that the U58H004 with which the station is associated is powered on.
- Confirm the station is configured with the same operating radio channel as the U58H004. If the IDs are different, change the U58H004 and all the stations within the BSS to another radio channel.
- Ensure that the station is configured with the same security options as the U58H004, and can be turned off and on with the same security key.
- Confirm that the BSS ID is the same as the U58H004 for a roaming disabled station. Alternately confirm that the ESS ID is the same as the U58H004 for a roaming enabled Station

Appendix B Glossary

Access Point - An internetworking device that seamlessly connects wired and wireless networks together.

Ad-Hoc - An Ad-Hoc wireless LAN is a group of computers each with wireless adapters, connected as an independent wireless LAN.

Backbone - The core infrastructure of a network, the portion of the network that transports information from one central location to another central location. The information is then off-loaded onto a local system.

Base Station - In mobile telecommunication, a base station is the central radio transmitter/ receiver that maintains communication with the mobile radio telephone sets within range. In cellular and personal communications applications, each cell or microcell has its own base station; each base station in turn is interconnected with other cells' base.

BSS - Stands for "Basic Service Set." An Access Point associated with several wireless stations.

ESS - Stands for "Extended Service Set." More than one BSS can be configured as an Extended Service Set. An ESS is basically a roaming domain.

Ethernet - A popular local area data communications network, originally developed by Xerox Corp., which accepts transmission from computers and terminals. Ethernet operates on 10 Mbps baseband transmission over shielded coaxial cable or over shielded twisted pair telephone wire.

Infrastructure - An integrated wireless and wired LAN is called an Infrastructure configuration.

PCMCIA - Personal Computer Memory Card International Association, which develops standards for PC cards, formerly known as PCMCIA cards, are available in three "types" which are about the same length and width as credit cards, but range in thickness from 3.3 mm (Type I) to 5.0 mm (Type II) to 10.5 mm (Type III). These cards can be used for many functions, including memory storage, as landline modems and as wireless LAN.

Roaming - A function that allows one to travel with a mobile end system (wireless LAN mobile station, for example) through the territory of a domain (an ESS, for example) while continuously connecting to the infrastructure.

RTS Threshold - Transmitters contending for the medium may not hear each other. RTS/CTS mechanism can solve this "Hidden Node Problem".



Appendix C Wireless Notices

U.S. Regulatory Wireless Notice

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. This product emits radio frequency energy, but the radiated output power of this device is far below the FCC radio frequency exposure limits. Nevertheless, the device should be used in such a manner that the potential for human contact with the antenna during normal operation is minimized.

This device is intended only for OEM integrators under the following conditions:

- 1) The antenna must be installed such that 20 cm is maintained between the antenna and users. For laptop installations, the antenna must be installed to ensure that the proper spacing is maintained in the event the users place the device in their lap during use (i.e. positioning of antennas must be placed in the upper portion of the LCD panel only to ensure 20 cm will be maintained if the user places the device in their lap for use) and
- 2) The transmitter module may not be co-located with any other transmitter or antenna.

End Product Labeling

This transmitter module is authorized only for use in devices where the antenna may be installed such that 20 cm may be maintained between the antenna and users (for example access points, routers, wireless ASDL modems, certain laptop configurations, and similar equipment).

The final end product must be labeled in a visible area with the following: " FCC ID: MPI350-U58H004"

Additional Information That Must be Provided to OEM Integrators

The end user should NOT be provided any instructions on how to remove or install the device.

USA Radio Frequency Interference Requirements

FCC Regulations Part 15 Declaration of Conformity (DoC)

Ambit Microsystems Corporation declares that the equipment described in this document is within the requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations listed below:

Title 47 Part 15, Subpart B, Class B for a digital device.

This declaration is based upon the compliance of the Wireless LAN Mini PCI Adapters to the above standards. Ambit has determined that the models listed have been shown to comply with the applicable technical standards if no unauthorized change is made in the equipment and if the equipment is properly maintained and operated.

These units are identical to the units tested and found acceptable with the applicable standards. Records maintained by Ambit continue to reflect that units being produced under this Declaration of Conformity, within the variation that can be expected due to quantity production and tested on a statistical basis, continue to comply with the applicable technical standards.



Product Specifications for U58H004 :

Radio: Complies with IEEE 802.11

**Frequency Band: 2400 ~ 2483.5MHz (for US, Canada, and ETSI
2400 ~ 2497MHz (for Japan)**

Modulation TYPE: CCK,BPSK,QPSK

Operating Channels: IEEE 802.11 compliant

11 channels (US, Canada)

13 channels (ETSI)

14 channels (Japan)

Radio Technology: Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum

Data Rate: 1 / 2 / 5.5 / 11 Mbps

Output Power: > +13dBm

**Receive sensitivity: Min. -76dBm for 11Mbps; Min. -80dBm for
5.5/2/1**

Mbps ;(@BER 10E-5)

**Antenna Type: De-attached PCB patch diversity antenna or
MMCX**

connector for external antenna

Current

**Consumption : 3.3 V/5 V , Tx mode 350 m A (Max.) ; Rx mode 230
m A (Max.);**

Package : PCMCIA Type II/MiniPCI Type III

Certification: FCC Part 15

ETSI 300.328

ARIB STD33 & T66

Driver : Windows 95/98/2000/ME