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About This Manual

The *NETGEAR® RangeMax™ 240 Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter WN121T User Manual* describes how to install, configure and troubleshoot the NETGEAR Next 300 Mbps Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter WN121T. The information in this manual is intended for readers with intermediate computer and Internet skills.

Conventions, Formats and Scope

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- **Typographical Conventions.** This manual uses the following typographical conventions:

Italics	Emphasis, books, CDs, URL names
Bold	User input
`Fixed`	Screen text, file and server names, extensions, commands, IP addresses

- **Formats.** This manual uses the following formats to highlight special messages:

	Note: This format is used to highlight information of importance or special interest.
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Chapter 1
Basic Setup

The NETGEAR Next 300 Mbps Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter WN121T lets you connect a PC computer to wireless networks. It is designed for PC computers running Microsoft Windows. For information about product features and compatible NETGEAR products, please see the NETGEAR website at *http://www.netgear.com*.

This chapter describes how to install your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter and set up basic wireless connectivity on your Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN). Advanced wireless network set up is covered in Chapter 2, "Network Connections and Wireless Security".

A Road Map for "How to Get There From Here"

Wireless technology has removed one of the barriers to networking—running wires. Wireless technology also adds issues such as range, interference, signal quality, and security to the picture.

The table below shows how to complete common tasks with a network: connecting to a wireless network, using security, connecting to the Internet, exchanging files with other computers, and using printers in the combined wireless and wired network.

Table 1-1. A Road Map for How to Get There From Here ...

If I Want to... ?	What Do I Do?	What Is Needed?	How Do I?
Connect to a wireless network	1. Get the wireless network name (SSID) and, if used, the wireless security settings. 2. Set up the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter with the settings from Step 1.	1. A wireless network 2. A computer within the operating range of the wireless network.	For set up, see "Installation Instructions" on page 1-6 and follow the instructions. For wireless network range, see "Observe Wireless Location and Range Guidelines" on page 1-5. For wireless networking, see the Web link to "Wireless Communications:" in Appendix B.

Table 1-1. A Road Map for How to Get There From Here ...

If I Want to... ?	What Do I Do?	What Is Needed?	How Do I?
Protect my wireless connection from snooping, hacking, or information theft.	1. Enable wireless security for the wireless network. 2. Set up wireless security for your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter to match the network. 3. Use Windows security features.	1. A wireless network with authentication and WEP, WPA-PSK, or WPA2-PSK encryption enabled. 2. Wireless networking equipment such as the WN121T that supports these security features.	To use wireless security features, see "Internet Networking and TCP/IP Addressing:" in Appendix B and set up your WN121T accordingly.
Note: Secure Internet sites such as banks and online merchants use encryption security built into Web browsers. Wireless security features that you implement are in addition to those on secure Internet sites.			
Connect to the Internet over my wireless network.	1. Activate my wireless link and verify my network connection. 2. Open an Internet browser such as Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator.	1. An Internet service such as cable modem or DSL. 2. A network with a wireless router or access point connected to the cable/ DSL modem. 3. TCP/IP Internet networking software installed and configured on your PC based on the requirements of the Internet service provider 4. An Internet browser.	To use your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter in Infrastructure Mode, see "Installation Instructions" on page 1-6. To set up a Profile, see. "Profiles" on page 2-3. For TCP/IP See the Web link to "Internet Networking and TCP/IP Addressing:" in Appendix B.

Table 1-1. A Road Map for How to Get There From Here ...

If I Want to... ?	What Do I Do?	What Is Needed?	How Do I?
Exchange files between a wirelessly connected computer and other computers in a combined wireless and wired network.	1. Use the Windows Network Neighborhood feature to browse for computers in the combined wireless and wired network. 2. Browse the hard drive of a computer in the network to locate the directory or files you want to work with. 3. Use the Windows Explorer functions to exchange files between the computers.	1. The computer that connects to the wireless network must be configured with: • Windows Client and File and Print Sharing • The same Windows Workgroup or Domain settings as the other Windows computers in the combined wireless and wired network. 2. When Windows prompts for security access rights such as login user name/ password, you must enter them. 3. If Windows 'peer' Workgroup networking is used, the drive, file system directory, or file need to be enabled for sharing.	Windows Domain settings are usually managed by corporate computer support groups. Windows Workgroup settings are commonly managed by individuals who set up small networks in their homes, or small offices. For TCP/IP see the Web link to "Internet Networking and TCP/IP Addressing:" in Appendix B. For assistance with setting up Windows networking, refer to the PC Networking Tutorial on the *NETGEAR CD* and the Help information provided in the Windows system you are using.

Table 1-1. A Road Map for How to Get There From Here ...

If I Want to... ?	What Do I Do?	What Is Needed?	How Do I?
Use printers in a combined wireless and wired network.	1. Use the Windows Printers and Fax features to locate available printers in the combined wireless and wired network. 2. Use the Windows Add a Printer wizard to add access to a network printer from the PC you are using to wirelessly connect to the network. 3. From the File menu of an application such as Microsoft Word, use the Print Setup feature to direct your print output to the printer in the network.	1. The computer that you are using to connect to the wireless network needs to be configured with: • Windows Client and File and Print Sharing • The same Windows Workgroup or Domain settings as the other Windows computers in the combined wireless and wired network. 2. Any Windows networking security access rights such as login user name/ password that have been assigned in the Windows network must be provided when Windows prompts for such information. 3. If so-called Windows 'peer' networking is being used, the printer needs to be enabled for sharing.	Windows Domain settings are usually managed by corporate computer support groups. Windows Workgroup settings are commonly managed by individuals who want to set up small networks in their homes, or small offices. For assistance with setting up Windows networking, refer to the PC Networking Tutorial on the *NETGEAR CD* and the Help information provided in the Windows system you are using. For help with setting up printers in Windows, refer to the Help and Support information that comes with the version of the Windows operating systems you are using.

What You Need Before You Begin

You need to verify that your computer meets the minimum system requirements and identify the wireless network settings of the wireless network where you will connect before you can set up your wireless USB adapter and connect.

Verify System Requirements

Before installing the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter, please make sure that these minimum requirements have been met. You must have a computer with:

- A Pentium 300 MHz or higher compatible processor with an available USB 2.0 or 1.1 port.

	Note: If you do not have a USB 2.0 port on your computer, the throughput of the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter is limited to the 14 Mbps of the USB 1.1 standard.

- A CD drive.
- 5 MB of free hard disk space.
- Windows 2000 SP4, Windows XP SP1 with KB822603 hot fix, Windows XP SP2.

	Note: Windows XP users must have SP2 installed or the KB822603 Hot fix for SP1, which fixes the USB 2.0 Host controller driver. Go to the following link to install the Hot fix: *http://www.microsoft.com*

Observe Wireless Location and Range Guidelines

Computers can connect over wireless networks indoors at a range which vary significantly based on the location of the computer with the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter. For best results, avoid potential sources of interference, such as:

- Large metal surfaces
- Microwave ovens
- 2.4 GHz Cordless phones

In general, wireless devices can communicate through walls. However, if the walls are constructed with concrete, or have metal, or metal mesh, the effective range will decrease if such materials are between the devices.

What's in the Box?

The product package should contain the following items:

- NETGEAR Next 300 Mbps Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter WN121T
- *Installation Guide*
- *NETGEAR CD*, including:
  - Driver and Configuration Utility Software
  - NETGEAR Next 300 Mbps Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter WN121T User Manual
- Warranty and Support information card

If any of the parts are incorrect, missing, or damaged, contact your NETGEAR dealer. Keep the carton, including the original packing materials, in case you need to return the product.

Default Wireless Settings

If this is a new wireless network installation, use the factory default settings to set up the network and verify wireless connectivity. If this is an addition to an existing wireless network, you need the wireless network and wireless security settings that are already defined.

Your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter factory default basic settings are:

- Network Name Service Set Identification (SSID): **Any** (First available network)

	Note: In order for the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter to communicate with a wireless access point or wireless adapter, all devices must be set up to use the same wireless network name (SSID).

- Network Mode (Infrastructure or Ad-hoc): **Infrastructure**
- Data security WEP, WPA2-PSK, or WPA-PSK encryption: **Disabled**

The section below provides instructions for setting up the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter for basic wireless connectivity to an access point.

Installation Instructions

The instructions in this chapter are for an Access Point (Infrastructure) installation. Wireless security, advanced settings, and Computer-to-Computer (Ad Hoc) instructions are covered in Chapter 2, "Network Connections and Wireless Security".

Follow the instructions below to install the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter.

1. First, install the software.

a. Insert the *NETGEAR CD* in your computer's CD drive. If the CD main page does not appear, double-click autorun.exe on the CD.

b. Click the Install Software link and the Smart Wizard starts.

c. Follow the Wizard steps, and click Next to continue.

d. When the Installation Complete message appears, click Next.

Figure 1-1

2. Now, connect the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter.

a. Locate an available USB port on your computer.

b. Insert the end of the cable on the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter into the USB port.

Figure 1-2

3. For Windows XP users, choose the wizard.

If you use Windows 2000, skip to Step 4, below.

a. Choose the NETGEAR Smart Wizard (recommended) or the Windows XP Configuration utility.

If you choose the Windows XP option, then you must read the Windows XP documentation for instructions.

b. Click Next to accept the NETGEAR Smart Wizard.

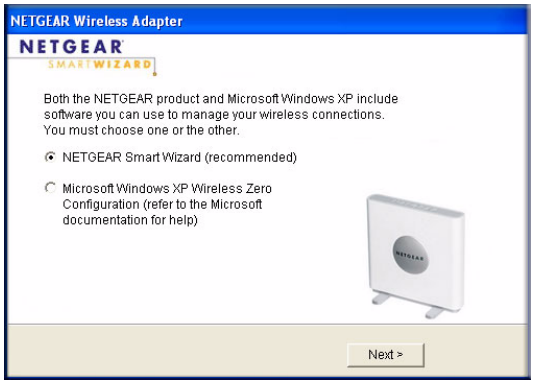


Figure 1-3

4. Use the Smart Wizard to set up your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter

a. When prompted, click Next to let the wizard help you connect to a network (recommended).

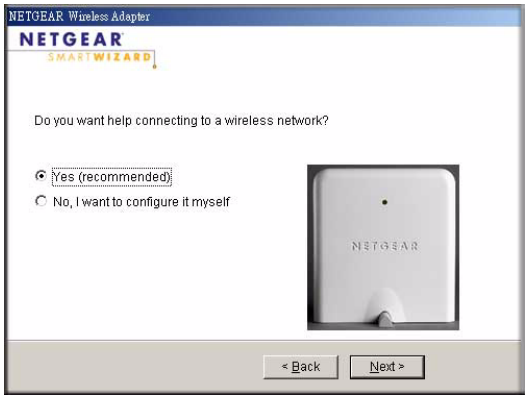


Figure 1-4

b. Select the wireless network from the drop-down list, and the wizard records your choice.

Note: Hidden networks do not broadcast the Network Name (SSID). These networks are included in the drop-down list, but the Network Name (SSID) is blank.

If the network uses security, then the Smart Wizard detects it.

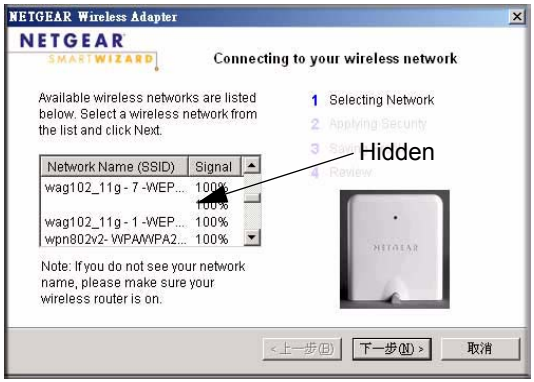


Figure 1-5

c. Follow the Wizard steps for Security (if used) and for saving a Profile.

d. After you have reviewed the settings, click Finish.

The icon appears in the System Tray and on the desktop. The wizard initiates your wireless connection. It could take up to a minute for your wireless connection to be established.

The Smart Wizard Settings page opens.

Figure 1-6

5. Use the status bar to verify your wireless connectivity. For more information about connecting, see "Connecting to Wireless Networks and the Internet" on page 1-10.

Connecting to Wireless Networks and the Internet

	Note: The maximum speed of a USB 2.0 port is 480 Mbps. If your computer has a USB 1.1 port, the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter is limited to that port's maximum speed, which is 14 Mbps.

The Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter has indicators that show the status of your connection to a wireless network and to the Internet:

- **Icon:** After you install the software, this icon appears on the desktop and in the lower right of the Windows task bar. It is color coded to show the status of the connection. See "The Smart Wizard Status Bar" on page 1-10.
- **Smart Wizard Status Bar:** Clicking on the system tray icon opens the Smart Wizard. The status bar at the bottom of the page shows details about your wireless and Internet connection.

The Smart Wizard Status Bar

Click the icon to open the Smart Wizard so you can view the status bar. The Smart Wizard Settings page opens. The status bar is at the bottom of the page.

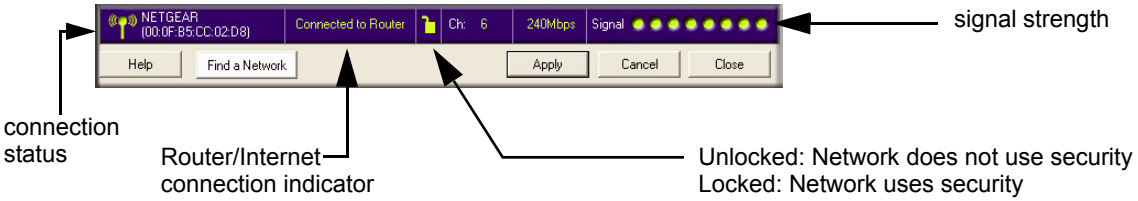


Figure 1-7

Connection Status: The color shows the connection status.

Signal Strength: Shows the signal strength of the wireless network. If the signal is poor, then try moving closer to the wireless access point.

Lock icon: Shows if security is used on the network.

Router/Internet Connection Indicator: This shows the progress of your connection. By default, this feature is on.

Figure 1-8

This connection indicator is useful in isolating a problem. For example, if you are connected to a router, but not to the Internet, then check the router's Internet connection.

Connection Indicator	Description
Connected to Internet or IP Address	Wireless Internet connection OK.
Connected to Router	Wireless connection to router OK but no Internet connection at router.
___.___.___.___ or 169.254..x.x	Wireless connection to a router OK but problem with the router. See Chapter 3, "Troubleshooting".

If you right-click in the System Tray icon, you can disable the Internet notification feature by clearing check mark on this line. If you do so, then only the IP address is shown.

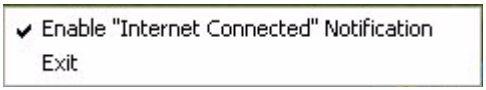


Figure 1-9

Icon Colors

The icon is on the desktop and in the Windows System Tray. The System Tray resides on one end of the taskbar in the Microsoft Windows desktop.

Color	Condition	Description
Red	The wireless USB adapter has no connection to any other wireless node.	The Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter can not link to any other wireless node or the link is lost. Check your configuration or try moving to a location where the wireless signal quality is better.
Yellow	The wireless USB adapter has a connection with another wireless node.	The wireless link is weak. You may need to move to a better spot, such as closer to the wireless access point. Also, look for possible interference such as a 2.4 GHz cordless phone or large metal surface.
Green	The wireless USB adapter has a connection with another wireless node.	The wireless USB adapter has established good communication with an access point and the signal quality is strong.

Removing the Software

You can remove the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter software in these two ways:

- Navigate the Windows Start menu to the Next 300 Mbps WN121T Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter program group, select the uninstall option, and follow the screen prompts.
- Navigate the Windows Start menu to the Control Panel Add or Remove Program item, select the Next 300 Mbps WN121T Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter option, and follow the screen prompts.

Upgrading the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter Software

Upgrades may be available at the NETGEAR website. To install an upgrade, follow these steps.

1. Go to *http://kbserver.netgear.com/products/wpnt121.asp*
2. Click the latest version of upgrade.
3. Examine the Release Note. Make sure to read any warnings and Known Problems.
4. Download the upgrade using the link in the Release Note.
5. Follow the Release Note installation instructions.

Chapter 2
Network Connections and Wireless Security

This chapter explains how to use your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter to connect to your Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) and how to set up wireless security for the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter so that it matches the wireless security settings for your network.

Understanding the Smart Wizard

	Note: These instructions explain how to use the NETGEAR Smart Wizard to change the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter wireless settings. If you use Windows XP, and chose the Windows XP configuration utility during installation, then you must disable it now. Open the network connections from the System Tray icon, click the Properties button, click the Wireless Networks tab and then clear the “Use Windows to configure my wireless network settings” check box.

When you have installed the software from the *NETGEAR CD*, the icon appears on your desktop and in the Windows System Tray. The Windows System Tray is located on the Windows taskbar. You can either double-click this icon on the desktop, or click it in the System Tray at any time, to use the Smart Wizard. This software automatically restarts when you reboot your computer.

The Smart Wizard provides a complete and easy to use set of tools to:

- Choose the network that you want to use.
- Configure wireless settings for your wireless USB adapter.
- Monitor wireless network connections.
- Save your settings in profiles.
- Remove or reinstall the wireless adapter software.

The following sections in this chapter explain how to use the Smart Wizard.

Finding a Network

During the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter software installation, the Smart Wizard lists the available networks. After installation you can use the Find a Network button on the Network tab at any time to view the available networks and select the one that you want to use.

	Note: Make sure that you know the security settings for the network that you want to use. For example, if WEP is used then you need to know the WEP key. If you use secure networks frequently, set up profiles for each network with the wireless network and security settings.

Follow the steps below to Find a Network.

1. Use the icon to open the Smart Wizard.

   The Settings tab page opens.
2. Click Find a Network.
3. Select a network from the drop-down list. If you select a hidden network then you must enter the SSID. Click Next.
4. Follow the steps of the wizard to specify the wireless security if used, and to create a profile.
5. Review you settings, and click Finish.

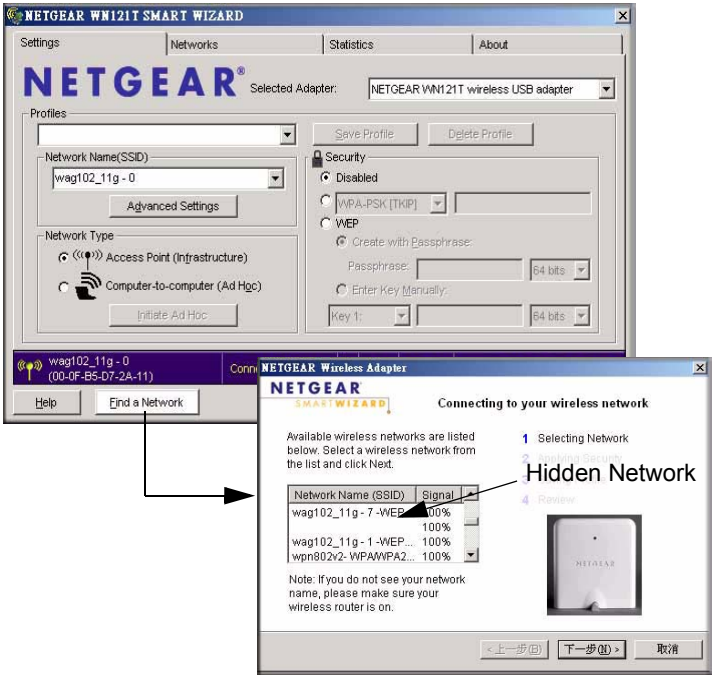


Figure 2-1

The Smart Wizard initiates your wireless connection. You can use the Status Bar to verify your network connection. For more information, see "The Smart Wizard Status Bar" in Chapter 1.

Profiles

The WN121T Smart Wizard uses profiles to store all the settings for a particular wireless network. There are two special profile names: Default and Profile.

Default: The Profile named Default automatically scans for any available network. You cannot change this profile name.

Profile: If you do not enter a name in the Profile Name box, then the name Profile is used to save your settings. If you do this more than once then you will be asked if you want to replace the previous settings stored in Profile.

Adding Profiles

You can store multiple profiles and recall the one which matches the network you want to join.

If you use your computer to connect to different wireless networks, you can create a profile for each wireless network. Then, you can easily load the profile that has all the settings that you need to join the network you are using at the time.

There are two types of wireless network profiles that you can set up:

- **Access Point (Infrastructure) —** connect to an access point or router with the 802.11 infrastructure mode. For example, this mode is used when computers in a house connect to an access point that is attached to a router, which lets multiple computers share a single cable or DSL broadband Internet connection.
- **Computer-to-Computer (Ad Hoc) —** connect directly to another computer with the 802.11 ad hoc mode. For example, Ad Hoc mode is used when two Windows computers are configured with file and print sharing enabled and you want to exchange files directly between them.

For more information on 802.11 wireless network modes, see the wireless reference document at:

http://documentation.netgear.com/reference/enu/wireless/index.htm.

Setting up a Profile to Connect to an Access Point or Router

Follow these instructions to set up the Next 300 Mbps WN121T Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter to connect to a wireless access point or router.

1. Use the icon to open the Smart Wizard. The Settings page opens.

Figure 2-2

2. Enter the network settings.
   a. In the Network Type section, be sure that Access Point (Infrastructure) is selected.
   b. In the Profile box, type the name of the profile.
   c. In the Network Name (SSID) field select a network or enter the SSID.

	Note: You will not get a wireless network connection unless the network SSID matches exactly the SSID used by the access point.

4. Save your settings in a Profile.
   a. Click Save Profile.

      All the configuration settings are saved in this profile.
   b. Click **Apply**.
   c. Click Close to exit the wizard, or Cancel to return to the previous settings.
4. Verify wireless connectivity to your network.

   Verify connectivity by using a browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer to connect to the Internet, or check for file and printer access on your network.

You can check the status bar in the Smart Wizard for the current connection status.

	Note: If you cannot connect, see Chapter Chapter 3, "Troubleshooting. Also, for problems with accessing network resources, the Windows Client and File and Print Sharing software might not be installed and configured properly on your computers. Please refer to "Internet Networking and TCP/IP Addressing:" in Appendix B.

Setting up a Computer-to-Computer (Ad Hoc) Profile

The Computer-to-Computer setting uses Ad Hoc mode. Ad Hoc mode is an 802.11 networking framework in which devices or computers communicate directly with each other, without the use of an access point. For example, this mode is used when two Windows computers are configured with file and print sharing enabled and you want to exchange files directly between them.

	Note: Ad Hoc mode will not work using DHCP settings. Ad Hoc mode requires either static IP addresses (such as `192.168.0.1`) or the IPX protocol. For instructions on setting up static IP addresses on a Windows PC, refer to the PC Networking Tutorial included on the *NETGEAR CD*.

Follow the instructions below to create an Ad Hoc mode profile.

1. Use the icon to open the Smart Wizard. The Settings page opens.

2. Enter the network settings.

   a. Select Computer-to-Computer (Ad Hoc) for the Network Type.

   b. Select or enter the Network Name (SSID) for the Ad Hoc network.

   c. In the Profile box, type the name of the profile.

   d. Click **Apply**.

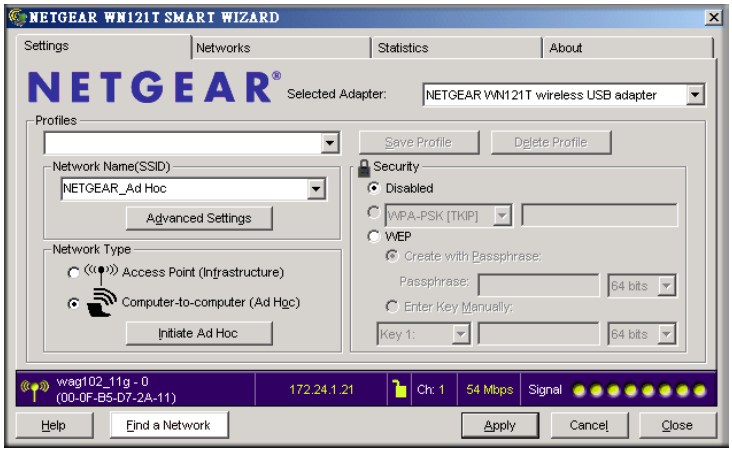


Figure 2-3

5. Save your settings in a Profile.

   a. Click Save Profile.

      All the configuration settings are saved in this profile.

   b. Click **Apply**.

   c. Click Close to exit the Smart Wizard, or Cancel to return to the previous settings.

4. Configure the PC network settings.

   a. Configure each PC with either a static IP address or with the IPX protocol.

   b. Restart the PCs.

3. Verify wireless connectivity between your peer devices.

You can use the ping utility to verify your wireless connection:

a. On the Windows taskbar click Start, and then click Run.

b. Assuming the target PC is configured with 192.168.0.1 as its IP address, type **`ping -t 192.168.0.1`** and then click OK.

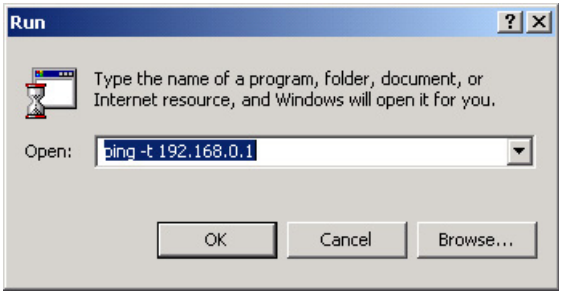


Figure 2-4

c. This sends a continuous ping to the device with the 192.168.0.1 static IP address. The ping response should change to "reply."

```
Request timed out.
Request timed out.
Reply from 192.168.0.1: bytes=32 time=40ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.0.1: bytes=32 time=41ms TTL=127
Reply from 192.168.0.1: bytes=32 time=30ms TTL=127
```

Figure 2-5

At this point the connection is established. For more information about using ping, see *http://kbserver.netgear.com/kb_web_files/N101453.asp*.

	Note: If you cannot connect, see "Removing the Software" in Chapter 1. Also, for problems with accessing network resources, the Windows Client and File and Print Sharing software might not be installed and configured properly on your computers. Please see the link to "Internet Networking and TCP/IP Addressing:" in Appendix B.

Starting a Computer-to-Computer (Ad Hoc) Network Connection

1. On the Settings tab page of the Smart Wizard, select or type the Network Name (SSID).
2. Select the Computer-to-Computer (Ad Hoc) network type.

3. Click Initiate Ad Hoc. The Ad Hoc Setting dialog box opens:

Figure 2-6

4. In the Start Ad Hoc field, choose the wireless standard (802.11a, 802.11b, or 802.11g) for your Ad Hoc computer-to-computer network.
5. In the Channel field, Automatic should work.

	Note: If there is interference from another nearby wireless device, use the Networks tab page to see which channels are in use in your area. Then use a different channel. For example, if your neighbors use channel 6 and the signal strength is strong, then channels 4-8 would probably be poor choices for you.

6. Click OK.

   The Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter automatically selects the highest connection speed.

Wireless Security

Many networks use wireless security to encrypt wireless data communications. If you try to connect to a network with wireless security the Smart Wizard detects it. Before you can use that network you must set up the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter with the same SSID, wireless security, and security settings as that network. If you do not know what these are, contact the person who set up the network.

The Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter supports the following types of wireless security:

- Wi-Fi Protected Access 2 Pre-Shared Key (WPA2-PSK)
- Wi-Fi Protected Access Pre-Shared Key (WPA-PSK)
- Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP)

For more information about wireless security, see the Web link to “Wireless Communications:” in Appendix B, or the wireless reference document at:

http://documentation.netgear.com/reference/enu/wireless/index.htm

In addition to the wireless security features, networks should use LAN network security features such as requiring a user name and password to access the shared resources in the network.

The procedures below explain how to configure the wireless encryption settings of your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter.

Know Your Wireless Network Settings

You will need to know the settings for your wireless network. The form on the next page is set up so that you can record this information. You can use either of these two methods to keep track of these settings:

- Print the form on the next page and fill it out. If you are uncomfortable writing out secure information, put a “hint” to yourself instead of the actual information. Put the form someplace where it will be very easy for you to remember, or save two copies and put them in different places.
- Save the information in a document on your computer. Later you can search for words such as SSID to locate the information.

Wireless Network Name (SSID) and Security Settings

Print this form, fill in the configuration parameters and put it in a safe place for possible future reference. For an existing wireless network, the person who set up the network will have this information.

- ***Network Name (SSID):*** The Service Set Identification (SSID) identifies the wireless local area network. **Any (First available network)** is the default WN121T wireless network name (SSID). You may customize it using up to 32 alphanumeric characters. Write your customized wireless network name (SSID) on the line below.

	Note: The SSID in the wireless access point is the SSID you configure in the wireless USB adapter. For the access point and wireless nodes to communicate with each other, all must be configured with the same SSID.

  Wireless network name (SSID): _____

- **If WEP Authentication is Used.**
  - **WEP Encryption key size**. Identify one: **64-bit** or **128-bit**. The encryption key size must the wireless network settings.
  - **Data Encryption (WEP) Keys**. There are two methods for creating WEP data encryption keys. Whichever method you use, record the key values in the spaces below.
    - **Passphrase method**. _____ These characters *are* case sensitive. Enter a word or group of printable characters and click the Generate Keys button. Not all wireless devices support the passphrase method.
    - **Manual method**. These values *are not* case sensitive. For 64-bit WEP, enter 10 hex digits (any combination of 0-9 or a-f). For 128-bit WEP, enter 26 hex digits.

    Key 1: _____ Key 2: _____

    Key 3: _____ Key 4: _____

- **If WPA2-PSK or WPA-PSK Authentication is Used.**
  - **Passphrase**: _____ These characters *are* case sensitive. Enter a word or group of printable characters. When you use WPA-PSK, the other devices in the network will not connect unless they are set to WPA-PSK as well and are configured with the correct Passphrase.

Use the procedures below to set up basic security settings in the WN121T.

Setting up WEP Encryption Security

Follow the steps below to configure WEP Encryption Security.

1. Run the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter Smart Wizard.
   a. Make sure the software is installed and the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter is connected to the USB port in your computer.
   b. Use the icon to open the Smart Wizard. The Settings tab page opens.

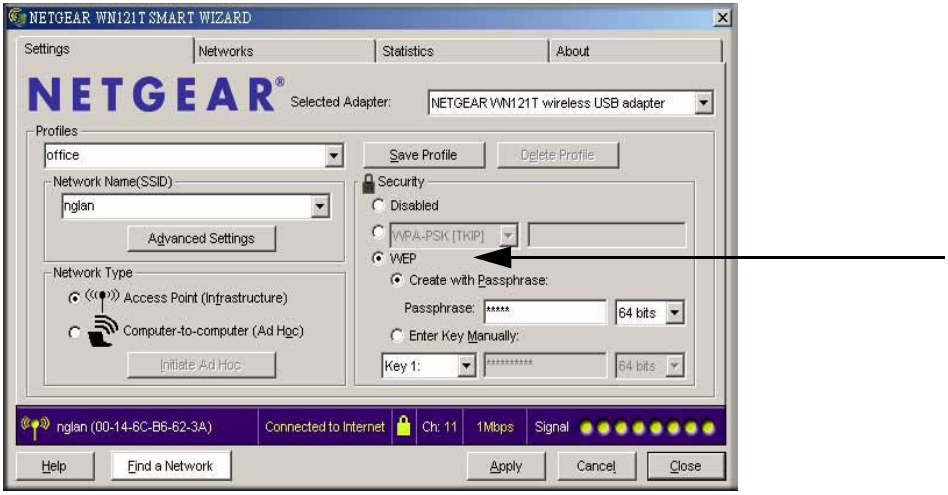


Figure 2-7

3. Configure the Security settings.
   a. In the Profile box, select the profile or type in a profile name.
   b. In the Network Name (SSID) field select the network, or enter the SSID.

	Note: You will not get a wireless network connection unless the network SSID matches exactly what is configured in the access point.

   c. In the Security section, select WEP.

4. Select the WEP encryption strength you will use.

   The choices are:

   - 64-bit WEP data encryption
   - 128-bit WEP data encryption

	Note: The 128-bit encryption keys require more processing, and slow performance slightly.

5. Select Create with Passphrase and enter the passphrase. The configuration utility will automatically generate the WEP keys.

	Note: The characters are case sensitive. Be sure to use the same passphrase for all the wireless devices in the network.

   If the passphrase method is not available in the other devices, you must manually enter the keys to match exactly what is in the access point and other 802.11b wireless devices.

6. Save your settings in a Profile.

   a. Click Save Profile. All the configuration settings are saved in this profile.

   b. Click **Apply**.

   c. Click Close to exit the configuration utility.

Setting up WPA2-PSK Security

Follow the steps below to configure WPA2-PSK Security.

1. Run the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter Smart Wizard.

   a. Make sure the software is installed and the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter is fully inserted in a USB port in your computer.

b. Use the icon to open the Smart Wizard. The Settings tab page opens.

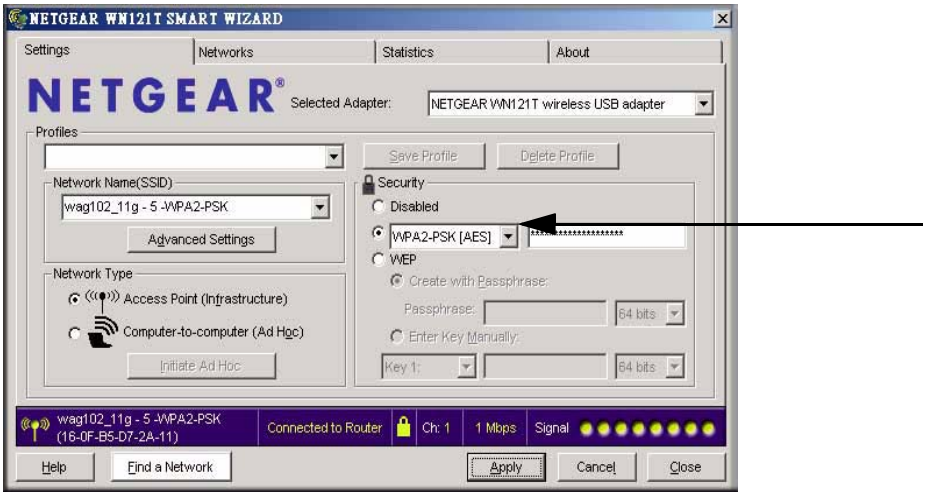


Figure 2-8

3. Configure the Security settings.

   a. In the Profile box, select the profile or type in a profile name.

   b. In the Network Name (SSID) field select the network, or enter the SSID.

	Note: You will not get a wireless network connection unless the network SSID matches exactly what is configured in the access point.

   c. In the Security section, select WPA2-PSK [AES].

   For more information about WPA2-PSK security, see the Web link to "Wireless Communications:" in Appendix B.

4. Save your settings in a Profile.

   a. Click the Save Profile button. All the configuration settings are saved in this profile.

   b. Click **Apply**.

   c. Click Close to exit the Smart Wizard.

Setting up WPA-PSK Security

Follow the steps below to configure WPA-PSK Security.

1. Run the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter Smart Wizard.
   a. Make sure the software is installed and the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter is fully inserted in a USB port in your computer.
   b. Use the icon to open the Smart Wizard. The Settings tab page opens.

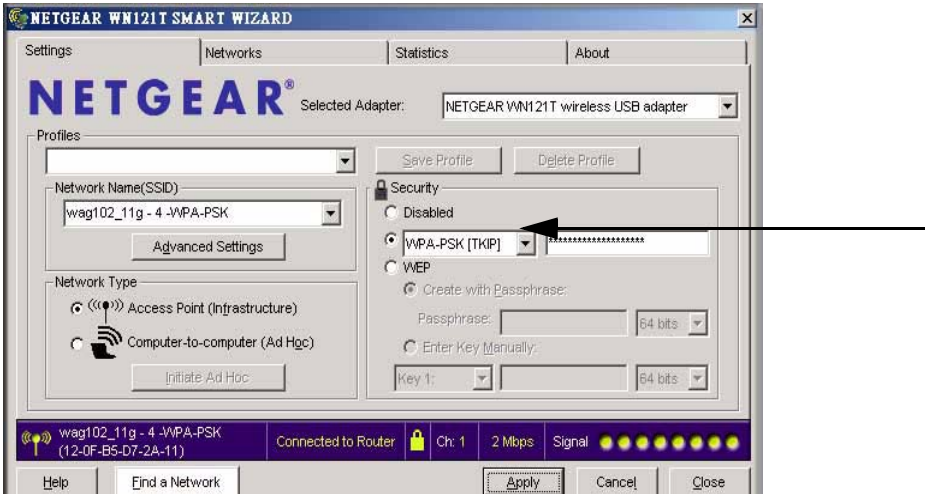


Figure 2-9

3. Configure the Security settings.
   a. In the Profile box, select the profile or type in a profile name.
   b. In the Network Name (SSID) field select the network, or enter the SSID.

	Note: You will not get a wireless network connection unless the network SSID matches exactly what is configured in the access point.

   c. In the Security section, select WPA-PSK [TKIP].

   For more information on WPA security, see the Web link to "Wireless Communications:" in Appendix B.

4. Save your settings in a Profile.
   a. Click Save Profile. All the configuration settings are saved in this profile.
   b. Click **Apply**.
   c. Click Close to exit the Smart Wizard.

Advanced Settings

Most people do not need to change the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter Advanced Settings. If you cannot connect without making changes, or if your Internet Service Provider (ISP) or network administrator recommend changes, then some of these will be important to you.

On the Settings tab click Advanced Settings to display the dialog box shown below:

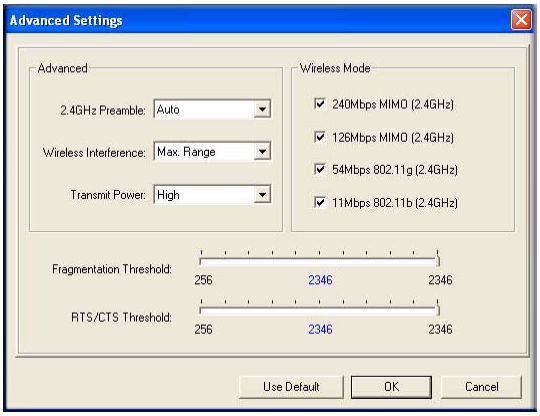


Figure 2-10

Networks Page

The Networks Page scans and displays all available wireless networks in your area.

1. Use the icon to open the Smart Wizard. The Settings tab page opens.
2. Click the Networks tab.

The following buttons are at the bottom of the Networks tab:

- **Help:** Display online help.
- **Find a Network:** Use the wizard to help you connect to a network. See "Finding a Network" on page 2-2.
- **Connect:** Connect to the network that you selected.
- **Scan:** Check for wireless networks.
- **Close:** Close the window of the Wizard.

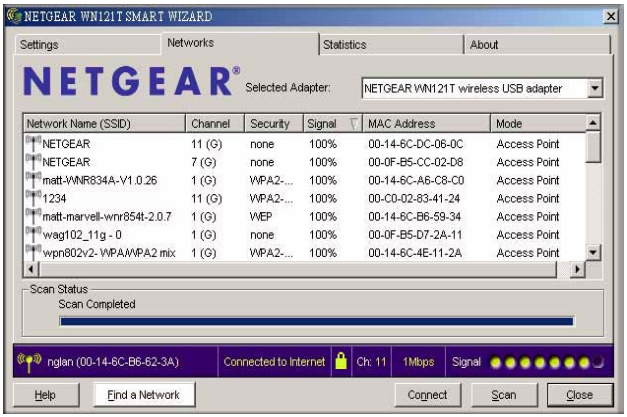


Figure 2-11

The screen also shows the following information for each network scanned:

- **Network Name (SSID):** The name assigned to a wireless network. This is the same as the SSID or ESSID configuration parameter. Note that as a security measure, some wireless access points do not broadcast their SSID. In such cases, the SSID field will be blank even though the rest of the information will still be displayed.
- **Channel:** The channel determines which operating frequency will be used.
- **Security:** Identifies whether the wireless network uses WEP or WPA-PSK security settings.
- **Signal:** Identifies the signal strength of the communications.
- **MAC Address:** Identifies the hardware address (MAC Address) of the wireless device broadcasting this information.
- **Mode:** Identifies the type of wireless network — Access Point (Infrastructure) or Computer-to-Computer (Ad Hoc).

Note: You can click Scan to see which networks are broadcasting in your area. This refreshes the page.

Statistics Page

The Statistics page provides real time and historical trend information on the data traffic and performance of your wireless adapter.

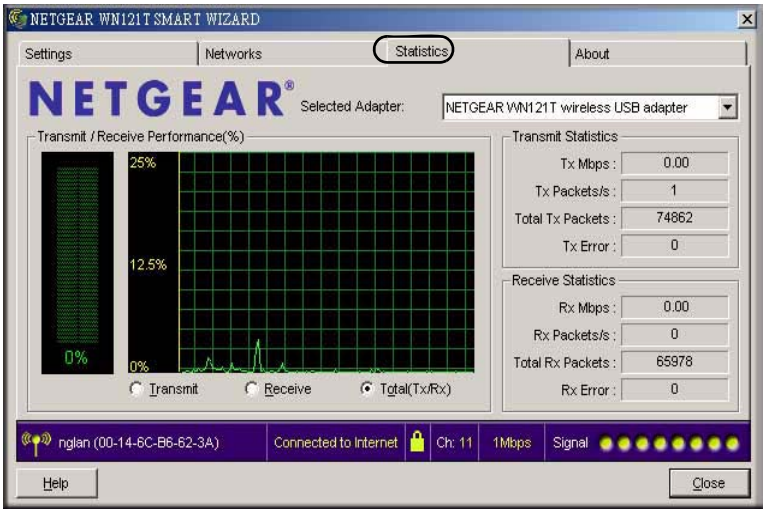
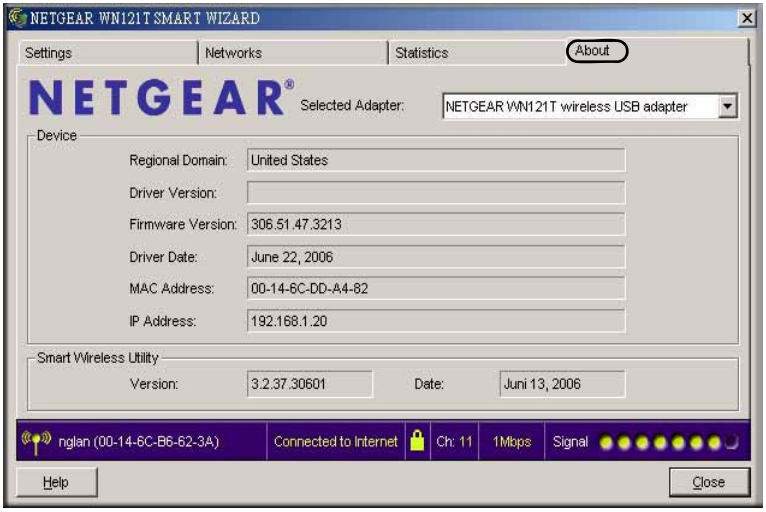


Figure 2-12

- **Transmit/Receive Performance (%):** A real time graph identifying the total, receive, and transmit utilization as a percentage the total possible.
- **Transmit, Receive, and Total (TxRx):** Radio buttons let you select whether to display the transmit performance, the receive performance, or both in the same graph.
- **Transmit Statistics:** Identifies transmit megabits per second (Mbps), transmit packets per second (Tx Packets/s), total transmitted packets, and transmit errors.
- **Receive Statistics:** Identifies receive megabits per second (Mbps), receive packets per second (Rx Packets/s), total received packets, and reception errors.

About Page

The About page displays the current software version information.



The following information is displayed in the About page:

- **Regional Domain:** This is the region setting for the wireless adapter. The approved channels for the region are automatically scanned. Governments regulate the channels used for wireless transmission. Operating the wireless adapter in a different region may violate local laws.

No ! Country Code

Country Code selection feature to be disabled for products marketed to the US/CANADA

- **Driver Version:** The wireless adapter driver version.
- **Driver Date:** The wireless adapter driver date.
- **MAC Address:** The MAC address of the adapter. The Media Access Control address is a unique 48-bit hardware address assigned to every network interface card. Some wireless networks will restrict access based on a list of known MAC addresses. If you are communicating with such a network, you would have to provide the address shown here to the network administrator before you would be allowed to connect. Restricting access by MAC address adds an obstacle against unwanted access to your network. However, if the only wireless security that your network uses is MAC addressing, your data is easy for hackers to read.
- **IP Address:** The IP address assigned to this adapter.
- **Smart Wireless Utility:** The version and date of the Smart Wizard.

Chapter 3
Troubleshooting

This chapter provides information about troubleshooting your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter. After each problem description, instructions are given to help you diagnose and solve the problem. For information about connecting to wireless networks and the Internet, see "Connecting to Wireless Networks and the Internet" in Chapter 1.

Also, for problems with accessing network resources, the Windows software might not be installed and configured properly on your computers. Please refer to the link to "Internet Networking and TCP/IP Addressing:" in Appendix B.

Troubleshooting Tips

Symptom	Cause	Solution
I can connect to an access point, but I cannot connect to other computers on the network or the Internet.	This could be a physical layer problem or a network configuration problem.	Check to make sure that the access point is physically connected to the Ethernet network. Make sure that the IP addresses and the Windows networking parameters are all configured correctly. Restart the cable or DSL modem, router, access point, and notebook PC. Refer to "A Road Map for 'How to Get There From Here'" on page 2-2 for additional suggestions.

Frequently Asked Questions

Use the information below to solve common problems you may encounter. Also, please refer to the knowledge base on the NETGEAR website at *http://kbserver.netgear.com/products/wn121t.asp*. Unless you can solve a problem right away, go online and upgrade to the latest firmware for your adapter, using the link above.

The Smart Wizard keeps asking me to save my settings

This is because you have made changes to the settings and the Smart Wizard is offering you the chance to save the changes. If you want to avoid these Profile setting prompts, simply click **Apply** before you close the Smart Wizard.

Ad Hoc mode is not working correctly

You need to click the Initiate Ad Hoc button before you click **Apply**. Here is how you start an Ad Hoc network:

1. Fill in the Network Name (SSID).
2. Select the Computer-to-Computer (Ad Hoc) Network Type.
3. Click Initiate Ad Hoc.
4. Accept the default settings or make your changes and click OK
5. Click **Apply**.

	Note: Be sure all computers in your Ad Hoc network are configured with static IP addresses in the same subnet.

How to use the wireless configuration utility that comes with Windows XP

During the software installation the wizard prompts you to choose either the NETGEAR Smart Wizard or the Windows configuration utility. Be sure the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter is connected to the USB port in the computer and follow these instructions to change your selection.

1. Go to Control Panel and select Network Connections.
2. Right click on the connection and select Properties.
3. Click the Wireless Networks tab.
4. Select or clear the WN121T “Use Windows to configure my wireless network settings” check box.

Did the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter receive a valid IP address from the Wireless Router/AP?

The easiest way is to click the System Tray icon to open the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter Smart Wizard. Then check the IP address in the About page.

I cannot connect to the AP that I want from the Networks browser list.

The access point is available and there is good signal strength. There are a few possibilities:

- If the access point (AP) is WPA-PSK protected, you need the correct WPA-PSK passphrase. Otherwise, the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter will still be connected to the previous access point and you will not be able to change to the WPA-PSK access point.
- If the access point is WEP protected (either 64-bit or 128-bit encryption), you will be prompted to enter the WEP encryption security information.

The Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter is not getting an IP address

You probably upgraded your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter software and did not reboot your system.

To get an IP address assigned, you can either restart your computer or choose another access point to connect to. If there are no additional access points for you to choose from, restart your system and connect to your desired access point again.

Note: It does not usually help to shut down the Smart Wizard or disable/enable the adapter.

Why do I see no more than 54 Mbps on the status bar?

The Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter can operate at 240 Mbps. You are probably connecting to a standard 802.11g network. If you use the NETGEAR WPNT834 RangeMax™ 240 Wireless Router you will see network speeds up to 240 Mbps.

If you are connecting to an 802.11b network, the maximum 802.11b speed is 11 Mbps.

The maximum speed of a USB 2.0 port is 480 Mbps. If your computer has a USB 1.1 port, the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter is limited to that port's maximum speed, which is 14 Mbps. PC computers can be upgraded with optional add-on USB 2.0 adapters that provide one or more USB 2.0 ports.

If you are already using a USB 2.0 controller, make sure that you are using the correct driver for USB 2.0.For Windows XP, you need to upgrade your system to Service Pack 1 in order to utilize the USB 2.0 port. For Windows 2000, you need to upgrade your system to Service Pack 4 in order to utilize the USB 2.0 port.

Why do I see two Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter icons in the System Tray?

If you see two icons in the System Tray at the bottom right corner of the screen, you have an older software version installed on your system and it needs to be removed. See “Removing the Software” in Chapter 1 or “Upgrading the Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter Software” in Chapter 1.

Appendix A
Default Configuration Settings and Technical Specifications

Default Configuration Settings

The following table lists the default settings of your Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter.

Feature		Description
Smart Wizard		Enabled
Wireless		
	Wireless Communication	Enabled
	Wireless Network Name (SSID)	Any (will connect to first wireless network that responds)
	Security	Disabled
	Network Type	Infrastructure
	Transmission Speed	Auto*
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	Operating Mode	g and b
	Data Rate	Up to 300 Mbps

*. Maximum wireless signal rate (IEEE Standard 802.11). Actual 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.

Technical Specifications

This table below describes technical specifications for the NETGEAR Next 300 Mbps Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter WN121T.

Antennas	2 separate PCB internal antennas
Standards	802.11n Draft, 802.11g, 802.11b
Radio Data Rate	• 802.11n Draft: 6, 6.5, 13, 13.5, 19.5, 26, 27, 39, 40.5, 53, 54, 58.5, 65, 78, 81, 104, 108, 117, 121.5, 130, 135, 162, 216, 243, 270, 300 Mbps • 802.11b/g: 1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18, 24, 36, 40, 48, 54, 72, 80, 84, 96, 108, 120, 144, 160, 168, 192, 216, and 240 Mbps
Frequency	2.4GHz to 2.5GHz CCK and OFDM Modulation
Power	5V bus powered
Emissions	FCC Part 15 Class B, CE
Bus interface	USB 5V
Provided drivers	Microsoft Windows XP SP1, Windows XP SP2 and Windows 2000 SP4
Operating Environment	Operating temperature: 0 to 45 degree C
Encryption	40-bit (also called 64-bit) and 128-bit WEP data encryption, WPA2-PSK, and WPA-PSK
Warranty	Limited 1-year warranty

Appendix B
Related Documents

This appendix provides links to reference documents you can use to gain a more complete understanding of the technologies used in your NETGEAR product.

Document	Link
Internet Networking and TCP/IP Addressing:	*http://documentation.netgear.com/reference/enu/tcpip/index.htm*
Wireless Communications:	*http://documentation.netgear.com/reference/enu/wireless/index.htm*
Preparing a Computer for Network Access:	*http://documentation.netgear.com/reference/enu/wsdhcp/index.htm*
Virtual Private Networking (VPN):	*http://documentation.netgear.com/reference/enu/vpn/index.htm*
Glossary:	*http://documentation.netgear.com/reference/enu/glossary/index.htm*