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WMC6300

Wireless Modem Card

User's Guide

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the **WMC6300** Wireless Modem Card. Please install the mea Application Software and Drivers before inserting the Wireless Modem Card in your system. To get started proceed to the *Installing the Software* section of this document.

mea is a wireless communication system capable of supporting high data rate mobile communication at vehicular speeds. The mea system is designed to allow standard client hosts with a PCMCIA interface to have a mobile broadband Ethernet connection. The mea system works transparently to the client host in a manner similar to an Ethernet connection. mea provides Internet Protocol based data and location services. Its geo-location accuracy and availability is better than ± 10 meters within 1 second. It is capable of supporting subscribers traveling up to 100 miles per hour.



Figure 1. MeshLAN WMC6300 Wireless Modem Card

The mea system provides a secure and reliable transport for the client host. The client host may still require configuration and authentication before it will be allowed to access services on the core network. Access to the core network is controlled by the network administrator according to current operating practice. This document provides detailed installation and configuration instructions for use when installing the mea WMC6300 Wireless Modem Card and its Software.

System Requirements

General System Requirements

For best results, ensure the computers meet the following minimum requirements:

- Intel based Laptop or Notebook PC running the Microsoft Windows 2000 operating systems
- 5 MB of available hard disk storage
- Keyboard
- Mouse
- CD-ROM drive or DVD drive
- Available Type II PCMCIA card slot in the Host device

What's in the Box

Each **mea** WMC6300 Wireless Modem Card is a full-featured wireless networking interface. The following is a list of the items provided with each WMC6300 card:

- **mea** WMC6300 Wireless Modem Card
- 2.4 GHz Antenna with a 12 inch cable and MMCX connector
- Antenna Clip with adhesive backing
- **mea** WMC6300 Software and Documentation CD



Figure 2. What's in the Box

The **mea** CD contains an on-line version of the **mea** WMC6300 User's Guide in Adobe PDF format. If required, the CD also contains an installation executable to load the Adobe Acrobat Reader software.

Note: For best results, the **mea** WMC6300 software should be installed before you insert the **mea** WMC6300 card into the device.

Installing the Software

Installing mea Software (Windows 2000 Clients Only)

Note: Install the mea Software before installing the WMC6300 in your system.

Complete the following procedure to install the mea Software:

1. Insert the mea Software Installation CD into the computers' CDROM drive.
2. The mea Setup program will be displayed as shown in Figure 3.

Note: If the installation program does not start automatically, open the Windows **Start** menu, click on **Run**, and then type **d:\setup.exe** (where **d** is the letter of the CD-ROM drive) and click the **"OK"** button.

3. Click the **"Next"** button to continue the installation process.

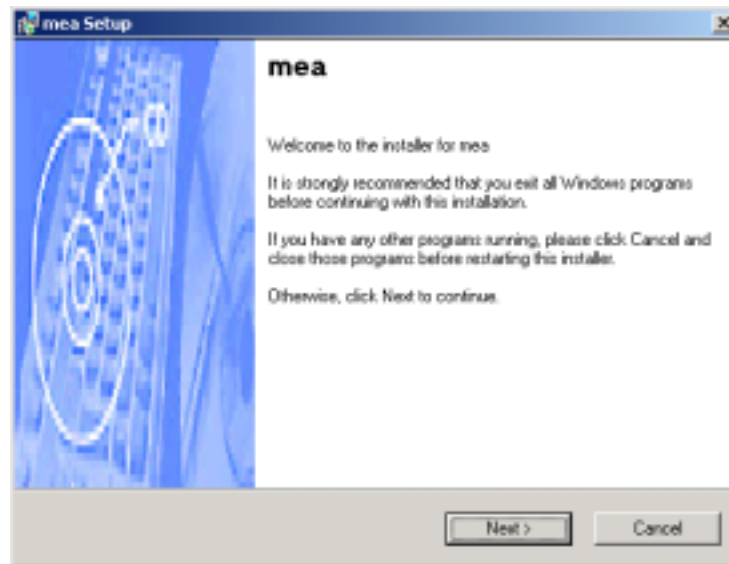


Figure 3. mea Installation Welcome Window

4. The “License Agreement” window will be displayed. Please review the End User License Agreement. Use the scroll bar located at the right side of the window to display the complete text message.
Note: If you do not agree with the terms of the license agreement, click on “**Cancel**” and the installation will be terminated.
5. To continue with the installation process, click on the “**YES**” button as shown in Figure 4 and then click on “**Next**” to continue the installation.



Figure 4. Agree with License Agreement Window

6. The “Ready to Install” window will be displayed as shown in Figure 5. The user can modify the default installation configuration by checking or un-checking the boxes on this installation window. Click on “**Next**” to continue the installation process.

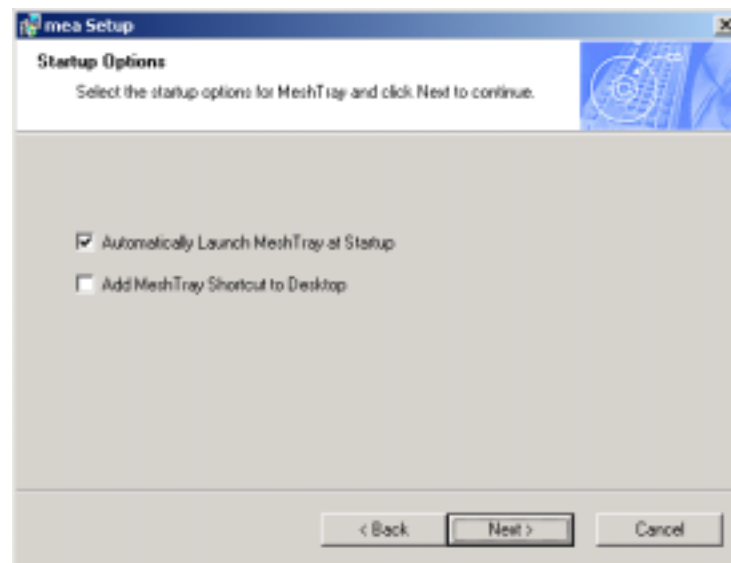


Figure 5. Ready to Install Window

7. The mea setup program allows the user to change the default installation folder as shown in Figure 6. Click on **"Next"** to accept the location to install the software to and continue the installation process.

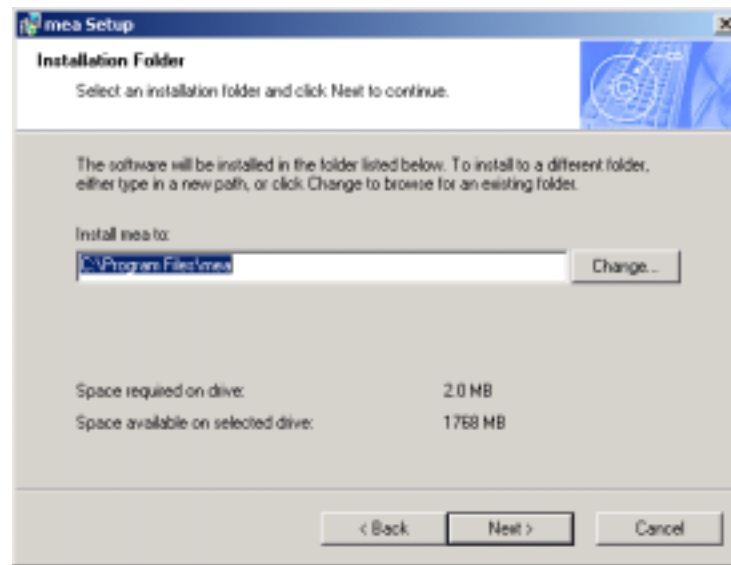


Figure 6. Installation Folder Location

8. The mea setup program allows the user to change the default name (mea) of the Shortcut folder as shown in Figure 7. Click on **"Next"** to accept the name and continue the installation process.

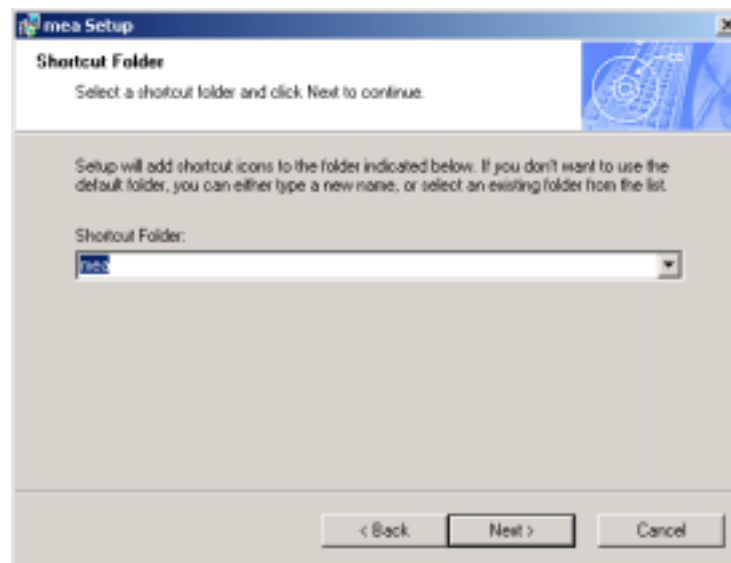


Figure 7. Shortcut Name Selection

9. The “Ready to Install **mea** Window” will be displayed as shown in Figure 8. This window displays the Install Folder location and the Shortcut Folder name that will be used to install the **mea** software. Click on “**Next**” to proceed with the installation process.

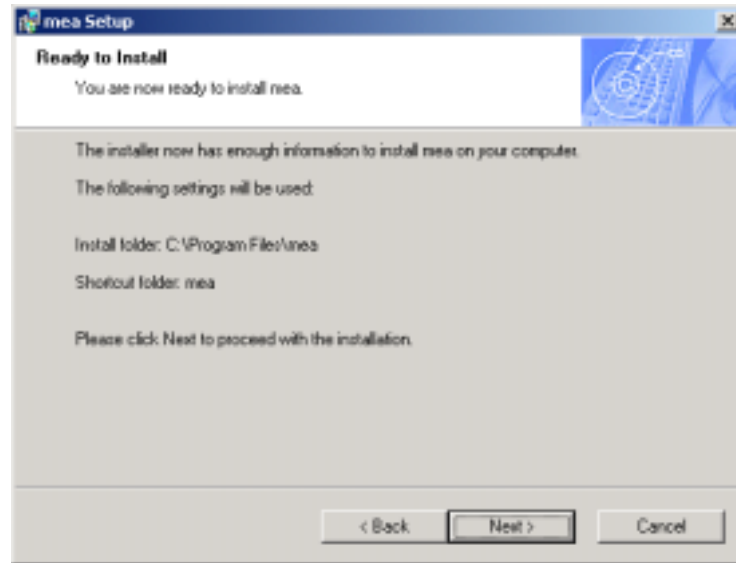


Figure 8. Ready to Install **mea Window**

10. During the installation process, the “Performing Setup Actions” window displays a status bar that indicates the progress of the installation. When the file transfer is complete, a window will be displayed as shown in Figure 9 that allows the user to view the “ReadMe” file for late breaking release information. It also allows the user to immediately run MeshTray. Click on “**Next**” to proceed with the installation process.

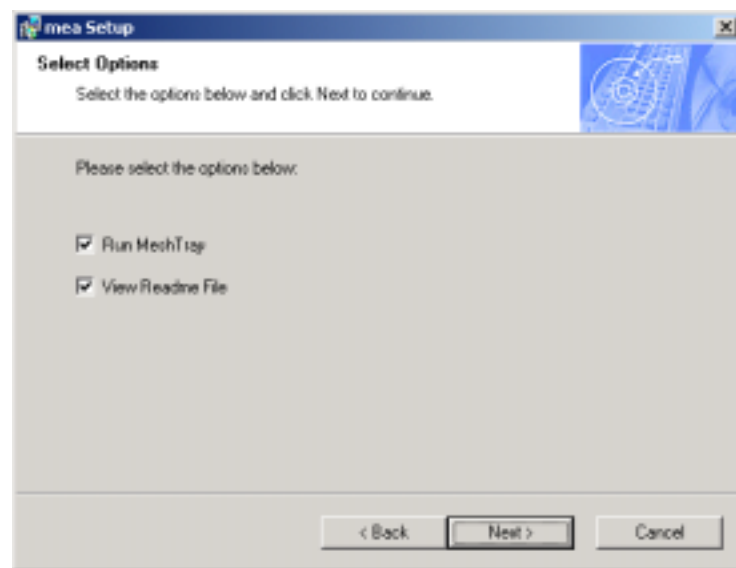


Figure 9. Select Options Window

11. If selected, the "ReadMe" file will be displayed. Review the contents of the file and then close the dialog window by clicking on the "X" located in the upper-right corner of the window.
12. The "mea Installed Successfully" dialog window will appear as shown in Figure 10. Click on "**Finish**" to complete the installation process.

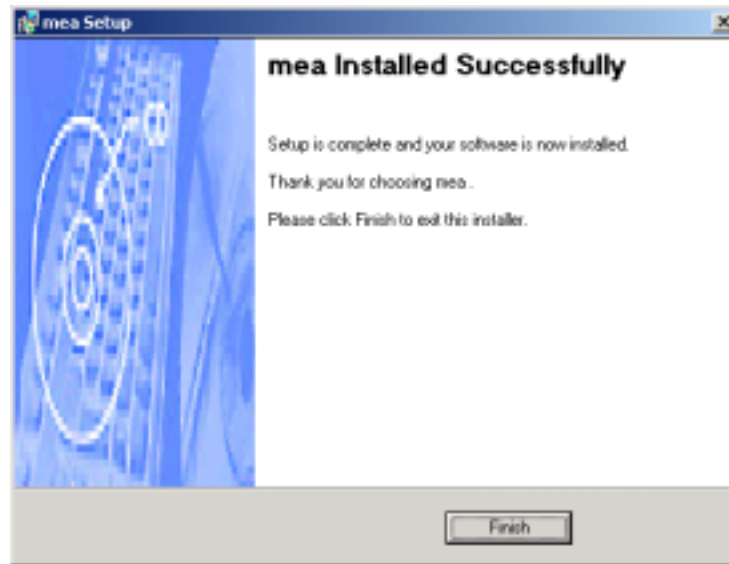


Figure 10. Finished Popup Window

Configuring the DNS Address

The Network Operator must supply the DNS IP address for an Internet connection. This address must be manually configured in order for web URLs such as www.meshnetworks.com to be resolved. Complete the following procedure to configure the address:

1. Click on Start/Settings/Network and Dial-up Connections/Local Area Connection
(choose the Local Area Connection Corresponding to the Wireless Modem Card)
2. Click on the "Properties" button.
3. Highlight "Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)" in the Components window.
4. Click on the "Properties" button.
5. Click on the "Advanced" button.
6. Click on the "DNS" tab
7. Click on the DNS "Add" button.
8. Enter the "DNS Server IP Address" provided by the network administrator and then click the "Add" button.
9. Click the "OK" button to close the Advanced TCP/IP Settings windows.
10. Click the "OK" button to close the Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties windows.
11. Click the "OK" button to close the Local Area Connection Properties windows.
12. Click the "Close" button to close the Local Area Connection Status window.

This configuration should remain in the Windows 2000 host.

Installing the Antenna Assembly on a Laptop Computer

Complete the following procedure to mount the Antenna Assembly on a standard laptop computer.

Warning

This unit is not FCC certified for use in a PDA.

Always eject card when not in use.

1. Locate the Antenna and insert the connector into the WMC6300 antenna port as shown in Figure 11.

Note: The connector will “snap” into place when fully inserted.

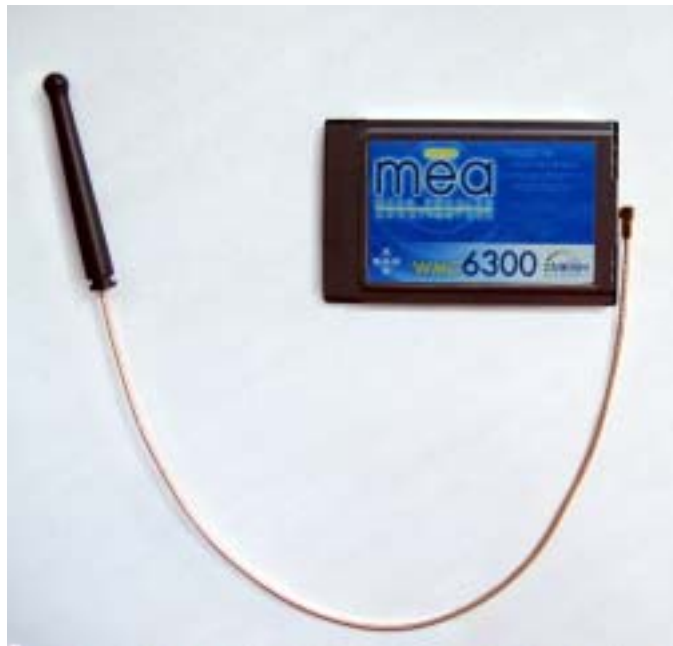


Figure 11. Attach Antenna to the WMC6300

2. Locate the Antenna Clip shown in Figure 12 and remove paper that protects the adhesive backing.



Figure 12. Antenna Clip

3. Attach the Antenna Clip to the back of the laptop computer display approximately 1 inch from the top corner of the display as shown in Figure 13. Ensure that the location selected for the Antenna Clip will reach the WMC6300 with the provided cable length.

Note: The antenna operational position must be greater than 8 inches or 20 cm from the bottom of the case and such that the Antenna is vertically orientated when the laptop is in use.

Warning

Use only the MeshNetworks supplied antenna.

Use of another antenna is prohibited and violates FCC regulations.



Figure 13. Mounting the Antenna Clip

4. Insert the Antenna into the Antenna Clip as shown in Figure 14.

Warning

Never use the WMC6300 with the Antenna removed from the Clip.

Never use the WMC6300 with the Antenna disconnected from the Card.

Never use the WMC6300 with the display in the closed position.

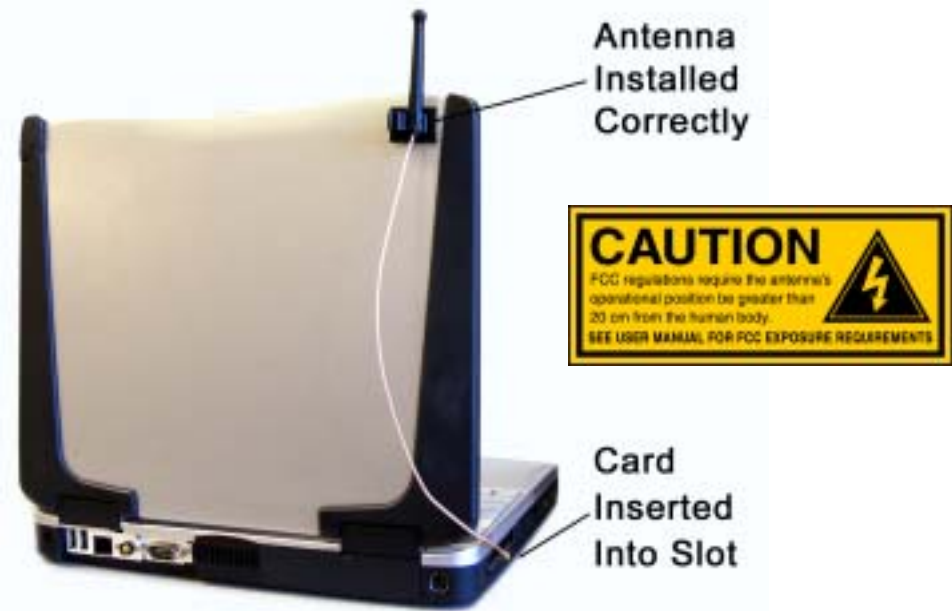


Figure 14. Insert the Antenna into the Clip

Installing the Magnetic Antenna Assembly (Optional)

Complete the following procedure to mount the Magnetic Mount Antenna with a 12-foot cable assembly to the rooftop of an automobile.

1. Locate the Magnetic Antenna and route the 12-foot cable as required from the location of the Host Computer to the rooftop of the automobile. Ensure that the Antenna will reach the Host Computer with the provided cable length.
2. The base of the antenna contains a powerful magnet that will adequately secure the antenna to the rooftop. Attach the base of the Magnetic Mount Antenna to the rooftop of the automobile so that the antenna is in a vertical orientation.

Warning

FCC regulations require that the antenna's operational position must be greater than 20 cm from the human body.

Never use the WMC6300 with the Antenna removed from the rooftop.

Never use the WMC6300 with the Antenna disconnected from the Card.

3. Insert the Antenna's Cable Connector into the WMC6300 antenna port as shown in Figure 15. **Note:** The connector will "snap" into place when fully inserted.



Figure 15. Attach Magnetic Mount Antenna to the WMC6300

Installing the WMC6300 Wireless Modem Card

Complete the following procedure to install the WMC6300 Wireless Modem Card in the computer.

1. Locate an available Type II PCMCIA card slot in the computer. If necessary, remove the slot dust cover from the slot.
2. To ensure the correct orientation of the card is observed, insert the WMC6300 Wireless Modem Card into the computer's PCMCIA card slot with the label side up as shown in Figure 16.

CAUTION - Never force the card into the slot.



Figure 16. Installing the WMC6300 Wireless Modem Card

Warning

This unit is not FCC certified for use in a PDA.

3. The New Hardware Found Popup Window is displayed as shown in Figure 17 to indicate that the hardware is installed and ready for use.

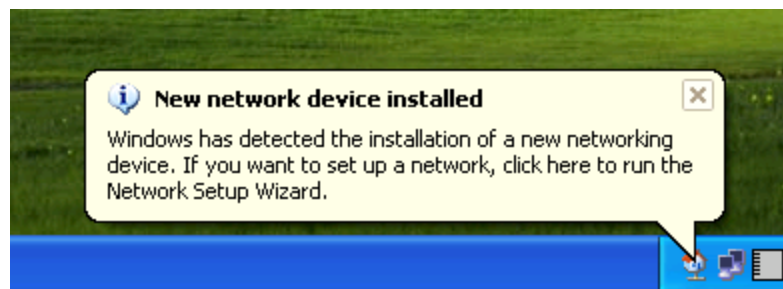


Figure 17. Found New hardware Popup

Removing the WMC6300 Wireless Modem Card

The WMC6300 should be ejected using the following procedure to ensure that power to the card is disabled prior to removal.

Warning

Always eject card when not in use.

1. Click on the Unplug or Eject Hardware icon in the system task bar
2. Select "Stop MeshNetworks PC Card Parent"
3. Click on the Eject button
4. Wait for a message which indicates that the device may be safely removed from the system
5. Remove the WMC6300 from the PCMCIA slot as shown in Figure 18.



Figure 18. Removing the WMC6300 from the PCMCIA slot

Uninstalling Application Software (Windows 2000 Clients Only)

Complete the following procedure to “Uninstall” the MEA Ad Hoc Routing Software:

1. From the Start menu, select **Program Files**→**MEA**→**Uninstall MEA**.
Note: The MEA software can also be uninstalled using “Add/Remove Programs” located in the Control Panel.
2. The Uninstall program will ask, “Are you sure you want to remove MeshNetworks Software...” as shown in Figure 19. Click on “**Yes**” to continue.

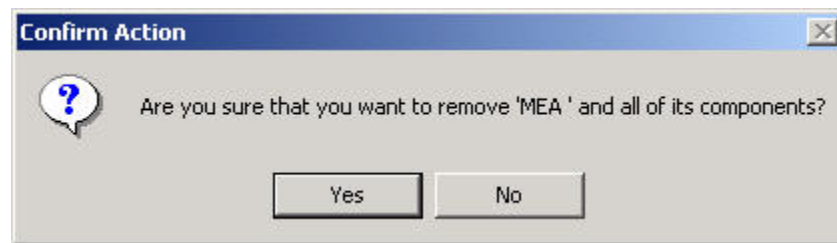


Figure 19. Confirm Uninstall

3. The “Removing Programs From Your Computer” window will be displayed while the MEA software is uninstalled as shown in Figure 20. When the Uninstalling Software Process is complete, click on the “**Close**” button.

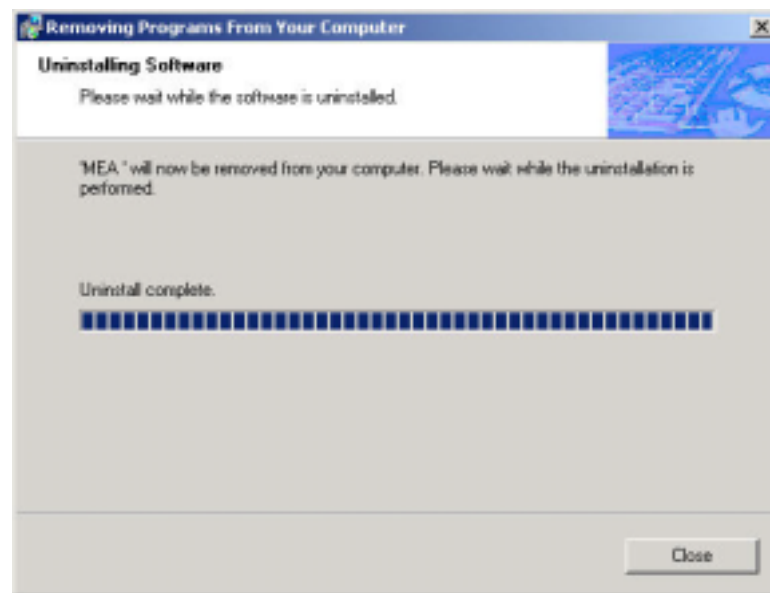


Figure 20. Removing Programs From Your Computer Window

Overview of MeshNetworks' MeshTray

MeshTray™

MeshTray is a status application that reports vital and statistical information about the mēa card. Because MeshTray is a “tray” application, it stays in the system status tray area when minimized as shown in Figure 21 and Figure 22.



Inactive MeshTray Icon

Figure 21. Inactive MeshTray Icon

As shown in Figure 22, the MeshTray icon displays the Link Strength to the associated IAP as color-coded bars. (More bars indicate greater Link Quality.)



MeshTray Icon

Figure 22. MeshTray Link Strength Indicator

By clicking on the MeshTray icon, the application is restored to a property sheet interface as shown in Figure 23.

MeshTray Status

When the utility is launched, MeshTray displays useful system information such as a description of the device, the MAC address of the node, the IP address of the currently associated IAP, and the type of device (i.e., Subscriber Device, Wireless Router or IAP). The Driver and Firmware version and the IAP Address are also displayed.



Figure 23. MeshTray Status Page

Starting MeshTray

During the software installation process, a MeshTray shortcut icon is installed on the users' desktop. To start the MeshTray application, double-click on the MeshTray icon.

Terminating MeshTray

If desired, the MeshTray application may be terminated by positioning the cursor over the MeshTray icon that is located in the Toolbar. Then, right-click on the MeshTray icon and select "Exit" as shown in Figure 24. The task is terminated and the icon is removed until the application is started again from the Start menu.

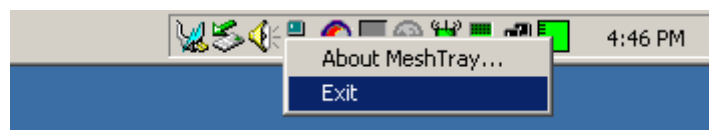


Figure 24. Exit MeshTray

Customer Service Information

For information about solving difficulties in setting up your mea WMC6300, please see the Frequently Asked Questions in the support page at <http://www.meshnetworks.com/>.

If you have read this document, reviewed the FAQ, and made every effort to resolve installation or operation issues yourself and still require help, please contact your mea WMC6300 supplier for assistance.

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FCC Information

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Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Statement:

This Equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a commercial installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the WMC6300 and radio or television receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the supplier of the WMC6300 or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

FCC RF Radiation Exposure Statement

1. **CAUTION:** This equipment complies with FCC RF radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 20 cm between the antenna and your body.
2. This Transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Safety Information for the mēa WMC6300

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with its action in ET Docket 96-8 has adopted a safety standard for human exposure to radio frequency (RF) electromagnetic energy emitted by FCC certified equipment. MeshNetworks' mēa products meet the uncontrolled environmental limits found in OET-65 and ANSI C95.1, 1991. Proper operation of this radio according to the instructions found in this manual and the hardware and software guides on the mēa CD will result in user exposure that is substantially below the FCC recommended limits.

- Do not touch or move the antenna(s) while the unit is transmitting or receiving.
- Do not hold any component containing a radio such that the antenna is very close to or touching any exposed parts of the body, especially the face or eyes, while transmitting.
- Do not operate a portable transmitter near unshielded blasting caps or in an explosive environment unless it is a type especially qualified for such use.
- Do not operate the radio or attempt to transmit data unless the antenna is connected; otherwise, the radio may be damaged.
- Antenna use:
 - In order to comply with FCC RF exposure limits, dipole antennas should be located at a minimum distance of 7.9 inches (20 cm) or more from the body of all persons.

WARNING

Use the antenna supplied by MeshNetworks.

Use of other antennas is prohibited may violate FCC regulations.

NOTE: The manufacturer is not responsible for any unauthorized modifications to this equipment. Such modifications could void the user's authority.