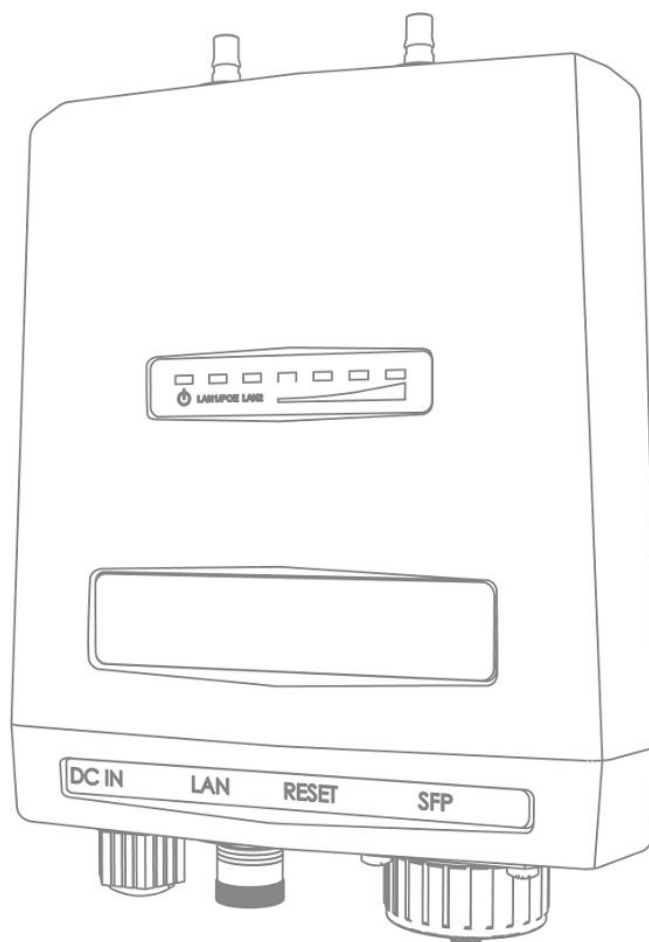




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1. HAZARDOUS CONDITION WARNINGS

All Fluidmesh products are designed with safety in mind. However, improper use of electronic and/or RF-emitting devices and/or their control software has potential to cause serious injury and/or property damage. To avoid such injury and damage, install, configure and operate Fluidmesh products only if you are properly qualified to do so.

If any Fluidmesh hardware unit breaks down or malfunctions, emits smoke or an unusual smell, if water or other foreign matter enters the unit enclosure, or if the unit is dropped onto a hard surface or damaged in any way, power off the unit immediately and contact an authorized Fluidmesh Networks dealer for assistance.

If you are adjusting and/or controlling a Fluidmesh device using control software such as the RACER™ interface or the device's local Configurator interface, do not make configuration changes unless you know with certainty that your changes will not negatively impact people or animals in the vicinity of the device and its antennas.

1.1. Water ingress hazard



CAUTION

In all circumstances where the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER will be installed in an outdoor location, it is compulsory to mount the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER inside an FM-SHIELD auxiliary mounting kit.

The FM-SHIELD auxiliary mounting kit is a proprietary Fluidmesh solution, and is designed specifically to assure the long-term durability and reliability of compatible radio transceivers that have been installed in outdoor environments.

If you need further information regarding the recommended usage of FM-SHIELD, contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative.

Relevant technical specifications for FM-SHIELD can be found in the *Fluidmesh FM-SHIELD installation manual*.

1.2. Radio-frequency transmission hazard



WARNING

Non-ionizing radio frequency (RF) transmissions can be hazardous to human and animal health.

In sufficient quantity, RF radiation is capable of causing radiation burns, tissue damage and other injuries. Keep a safe distance from all RF-radiating devices such as antennas, when such devices are powered ON. Never stand in line with a powered RF-radiating device.

Before activating any device capable of transmitting RF signals, make sure that all persons and animals are protected from possible RF exposure.

Make sure that all RF feeds are securely connected to an appropriate antenna. Never activate any RF-capable device that is not connected to an antenna.

1.3. Optical radiation hazard



WARNING

If any Fluidmesh hardware device is equipped with one or more fiber-optic transceiver modules, it is classified as a Class 1 laser product. It may use laser-emitting components and/or very high-intensity light sources.

Do not look directly at the input/output end of the unit's **SFP** connector, or at the input/output end of any fiber-optic cable. Fiber-optic systems frequently use high-intensity light from laser or LED sources that may cause temporary or permanent blindness.

For additional guidance regarding the safe use of laser-based and LED-based fiber-optic technology, refer to *ANSI Z136.2 (Safe Use of Optical Fiber Communication Systems Utilizing Laser Diode and LED Sources)*.



IMPORTANT

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is not shipped from the factory with fiber-optic transceivers installed unless the fiber-optic transceivers were specified as part of the purchase order.

To gain fiber-optic capability, the unit must be equipped with a separate fiber-optic transceiver module.

1.4. Hot surfaces hazard



WARNING

The outer surfaces of transceiver and gateway unit enclosures may become hot during normal operation. During normal operation, do not touch or handle the unit enclosure without personal protective equipment.

2. REPORTING MISTAKES AND RECOMMENDING IMPROVEMENTS

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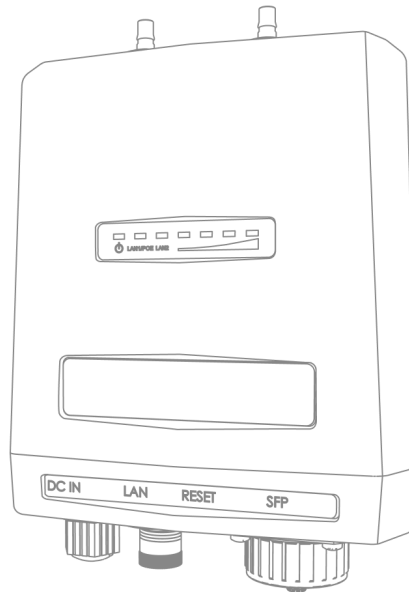
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3. GETTING STARTED

3.1. Introduction

3.1.1. Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER radio transceiver



Introduction

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is designed to operate in the sub-6 GHz range as a static-mount wireless data link. In non-technical terms, this means it is designed to function as an intermediate radio link between a core wired and/or fiber-optic data network, and a sub-network. The unit is specifically designed for enhanced survivability in harsh environments such as seaside ports, railways and mines. It provides reliable service in high-speed applications (for example, servicing extremely fast-moving trains) and must be connected to one or more external antennas. The unit is designed primarily for mobility applications based on Fluidity technology, in which specialized antennas need to be deployed (for example, train-to-ground, automated mining vehicles, industrial automation and similar applications).

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is configured as a multiple input/multiple output (MIMO) 2x2 radio transceiver. In a 2x2 scenario, two separate spatial streams are transmitted by one transceiver unit, and are available to be re-combined by the radio chipset of a second transceiver unit.

**IMPORTANT**

XCO-standard transceiver modules and XCO-type duplex fiber-optic connectors can easily be sourced as off-the-shelf parts.

If you experience difficulty in sourcing or ordering fiber-optic parts or accessories, please contact your local Fluidmesh Networks representative for assistance.

Unit function and throughput speed

The unit is designed to handle mission-critical video, voice, and data with extremely high reliability. It can be fitted with a single XCO-type SFP fiber-optic transceiver module to create fiber-optic connected point-to-point, point-to-multipoint or mesh network links, with real throughput of up to 100 Mbps under optimal wireless link conditions.

Data throttling

The unit's FluidThrottle functionality allows you to specify the maximum amount of data throughput the unit will be required to handle at any time. The unit's throughput capacity can be upgraded to different levels using software plug-ins.

MPLS protocol

Two different Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS)-based protocol versions can be chosen. If a newer network is being built or upgraded, the advanced Prodigy 2.0 protocol can be selected to boost performance. If an older network incorporating Fluidmesh components is being upgraded, the Prodigy 1.0 protocol with limited functionality can be selected to guarantee compatibility. Prodigy uses a traffic optimization algorithm that allows every Fluidmesh radio to assign a specific priority level to every forwarded data packet.

Unit configuration

The unit is compatible with Fluidmesh RACER™. This is a centralized, web-based interface that allows you to configure, monitor, and troubleshoot the unit (and in certain cases, the entire wireless network) in real time, without the need for any offline software. In cases where an initial connection cannot be made to the internet, the unit can be configured using a built-in offline Configurator interface.

Role adaptability

The unit is equipped with FluidMAX. This is a software technology that allows you to easily change the role of the unit, so that it is able to function as part of a Point-to-Point, Point-to-Multipoint, or Mesh network architecture without having to replace physical hardware. The unit can use

time-division multiple access (TDMA), or carrier sense multiple access (CSMA) protocols.

Environmental rating

The unit is certified for outdoor usage, equipped with vibration-proof connectors, and designed for fast installation and enhanced reliability in harsh environments.

Product specifications

For detailed product specifications, refer to the product data sheet for the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER.

Transceiver and gateway unit power consumption

In service, Fluidmesh transceiver units and gateway units consume electrical power at the rates given in the table below.



IMPORTANT

In service, transceiver and gateway units will consume power at various levels between the quoted lower limit and upper limit, depending on data traffic load, signal strength, environmental conditions such as line-of-sight and atmospheric moisture, and other factors.

Note that the power consumption of transceiver units tends to be affected in inverse proportion to the unit temperature (in other words, power consumption tends to rise when the temperature of the unit falls, and the other way around).

Table 1. Power consumption figures (transceiver units)

Unit series	Minimum power consumption	Nominal power consumption (typical conditions)	Maximum power consumption (realistic system-design assumption)
FM PONTE 50	4 Watts	6 to 7 Watts	10 Watts
FM 1200 VOLO	4 Watts	6 to 7 Watts	10 Watts
FM 1300 OTTO	8 Watts	10 to 12 Watts	15 Watts
FM 3200-series	4 Watts	6 to 7 Watts	10 Watts
FM 4200-series	4 Watts	6 to 7 Watts	10 Watts
FM 3500 ENDO	8 Watts	10 to 12 Watts	15 Watts

Unit series	Minimum power consumption	Nominal power consumption (typical conditions)	Maximum power consumption (realistic system-design assumption)
FM 4500-series	8 Watts	10 to 12 Watts	15 Watts
FM 4800	13 Watts	15 to 17 Watts	20 Watts

Table 2. Power consumption figures (gateway units)

Unit	Maximum power consumption (realistic system-design assumption)
FM 1000	60 Watts
FM 10000	275 Watts (redundant AC power supply) 250 Watts (non-redundant AC power supply)

3.2. Fluidmesh architecture

3.2.1. Overview

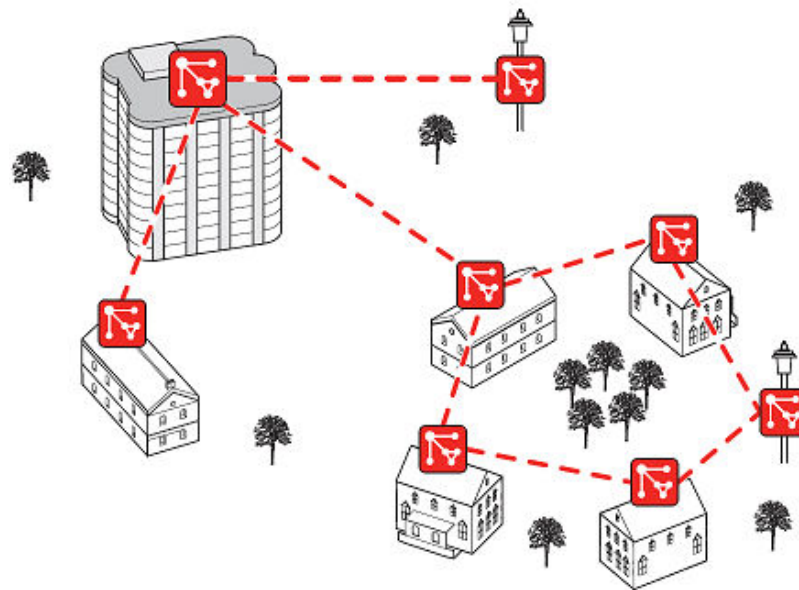
Wireless network architectures

Depending on the network design and the type of components used, the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER can be used to create wireless network architectures, including:

- Point-to-point (P2P) links.
- Point-to-multipoint (PTMP) sectors.
- Mesh networks.
- Mobility networks.
- Mixed networks that are capable of using any combination of types listed above.

The FluidMAX TDMA protocol

Individual radio transceivers can easily be assigned different roles within the same network, using Fluidmesh's patented FluidMAX™ technology. A typical example of a general network architecture that uses a combination of Fluidmesh components is shown below:

 MIXED

FluidMAX™ enables high-performance deployments of outstanding flexibility. The following section shows how to build point-to-point, point-to-multipoint and mesh networks using Fluidmesh products.

3.2.2. Fluidmesh technologies

Prodigy

Prodigy is Fluidmesh's proprietary implementation of the Multi-Protocol-Label-Switching (MPLS) standard.



IMPORTANT

A Fluidmesh device only features Prodigy selection if the installed Prodigy engine includes the selection feature.

Fluidmesh devices that are designed to operate exclusively in *Bridge Mode* (in other words, in point-to-point configuration) do not feature Prodigy.

Prodigy 2.0 offers greatly improved performance compared to Prodigy 1.0. New features include Fluidity (through software plug-ins), traffic engineering, and advanced Quality of Service (QoS).

Note that Prodigy 2.0 is only compatible with firmware versions 6.5 and higher.

**IMPORTANT**

Prodigy 1.0 and Prodigy 2.0 are **not** compatible with each other. Do not implement the two protocol versions within the same network.

If you are expanding an existing network using new Fluidmesh hardware components, make sure that all components are compatible with each other by:

1. Upgrading all network components within the same network to firmware version 6.5 or higher, and:
2. Configuring all network components within the same network to operate using *either* Prodigy 1.0 or Prodigy 2.0.

Use of Prodigy 1.0 is only recommended if the network contains older Fluidmesh devices that are not compatible with Prodigy 2.0.

Select the Prodigy version you need by using the *General Mode* page of the Configurator interface.

RACER

RACER™ is Fluidmesh's web-based configuration portal. It is the primary interface with which to configure Fluidmesh radio devices.

You can operate RACER using any internet-connected computer with a web browser.

**IMPORTANT**

For a detailed description of the differences between RACER and the local Configurator interface, refer to **“Device configuration using the configurator interface”** (page 50).

3.2.3. Point-to-point wireless bridge

A point-to-point wireless bridge allows two local networks to communicate with each other. A simplified example is shown in **Figure 1** (page 17).

In context of the overall network architecture, the two local networks are called *network segments*.

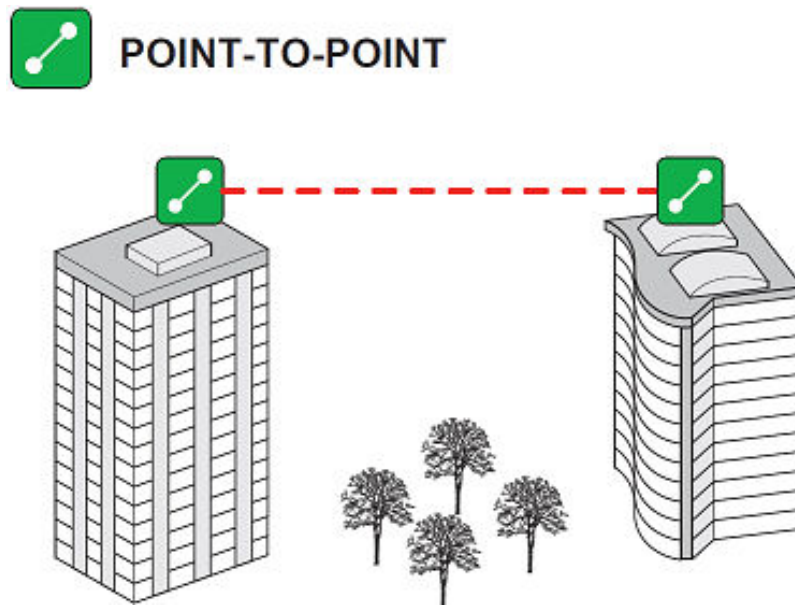


Figure 1. Point-to-point network architecture

All network activity that takes place on wireless bridges is 'transparent' to the network hosts. In other words, a wireless bridge forwards packets from one network segment to another according to a 'Forwarding table'. The forwarding table is built by learning the network topology from analysis of incoming traffic.

In this configuration, no explicit interaction takes place between the wireless bridge and the network hosts. The network segments on either side of the wireless bridge share the same IP subnet. Therefore, each network host must use a unique IP address within the subnet.

3.2.4. Mesh network architecture

Fluidmesh Networks offers wireless networking solutions that are based on the *mesh networking* architecture, but can also fill more traditional networking roles if needed. This allows substantial reliability and flexibility advantages when compared to traditional wireless solutions.

A simplified example of a wireless mesh network is shown in [Figure 2 \(page 18\)](#). In such a network, every Fluidmesh hardware component transmits the data packets that come from the components directly linked to it.

In a reliable mesh network with an acceptable amount of redundancy, every stream of data packets may reach the base station through any of a variety of paths. The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is designed to act as an 'intelligent router' that is able to forward packets coming from other Fluidmesh components in real time, based on an optimal, software-determined path. In addition, the absence of any single point of failure greatly increases reliability when compared to any other wireless or wired data-transmission technology.

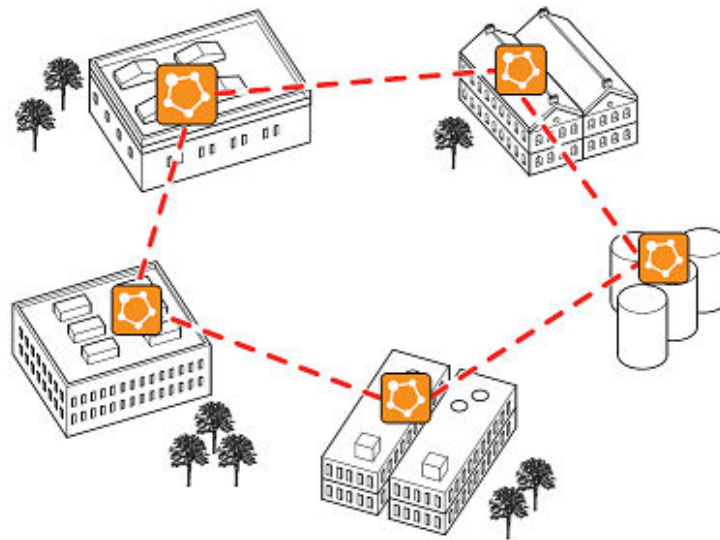


Figure 2. Fluidmesh Mesh Networking Architecture

3.2.5. Point-to-multipoint architecture with FluidMAX

FluidMAX™ is Fluidmesh's proprietary and patented communications co-ordination protocol for wireless mesh networks.

The FluidMAX protocol is based on the concept of point-to-multipoint network architecture (Figure 3 (page 19)) with improved features and capabilities that allow the technology to meet or exceed the needs of the security and industrial automation industries.

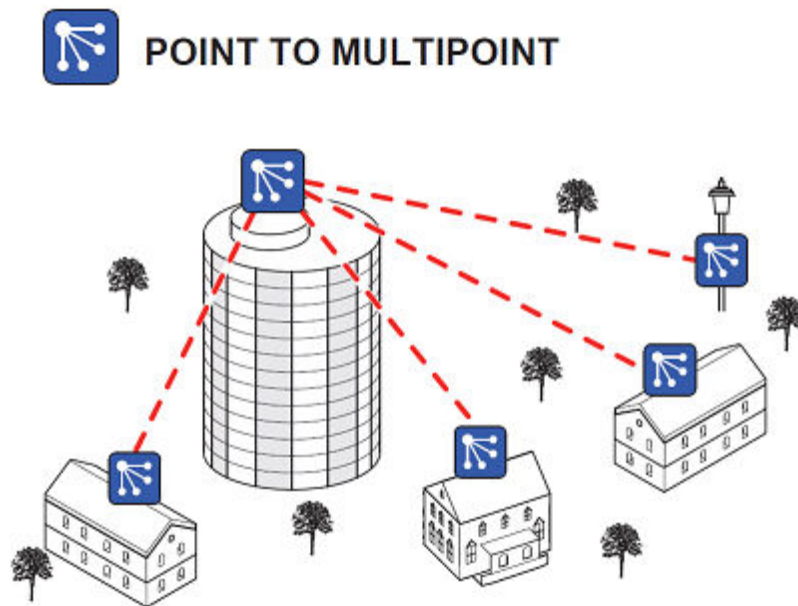


Figure 3. Typical point-to-multipoint networking architecture

FluidMAX is based on a centralized Media Access Control (MAC) protocol. It allows point-to-multipoint networks to be created by facilitating quick, reliable communications between Fluidmesh radio transceiver units that are part of the same network. Using FluidMAX technology, a Fluidmesh unit can be used as the center point of a star topology in a point-to-multipoint network arrangement using sector antennas, or using antenna splitters connected to more than one directional antenna. The Fluidmesh unit at the center of the star topology is assigned a Master role, co-ordinating communications to and from all other units (which are assigned Slave roles). Assuming a default communication channel width of 40 MHz, the MAC protocol used by FluidMAX is capable of supporting data throughput of up to 150 Mb/s.

Provided that the sum of the data throughput requirements of all slave units in the star topology is less than or equal to 150 Mb/s, FluidMAX technology allows an increased data throughput rate per slave unit. This allows the number of installed slave units to be reduced.

FluidMAX operates automatically and is fully integrated within the mesh network architecture. By continuously monitoring the network topology, installed Fluidmesh units are able to automatically use the FluidMAX MAC protocol, or remain in the initial mesh operating mode. No additional configuration is needed to enable the FluidMAX features, as the communication protocol is automatically chosen by FluidMAX, based on the detected network topology.

3.3. Fluidmesh Network Addressing

3.3.1. Bridge IP addressing

If needed, the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER can be operated in *Bridge mode*. This creates a single point-to-point connection between two network segments. A simplified example of a Bridge mode connection is shown in [Figure 4 \(page 20\)](#).

As shipped from the factory, the wired ethernet ports of all Fluidmesh hardware components are assigned the same default IP address of **192.168.0.10/24**.

No default IP address is associated with the wireless interface.



192.168.0.10 is the default IP address of all Fluidmesh Radios.
It is recommended to change the IP address of both units

Figure 4. Wireless network architecture (bridge configuration)

3.3.2. Unit identification and addressing

Mesh- and bridge-capable radio transceiver identification



CAUTION

This section contains theoretical explanations of the underlying concepts behind mesh network addressing, and is intended for use by qualified network engineers only.

- For specific instructions on Fluidmesh hardware installation, see [“Hardware installation” \(page 24\)](#).
- For specific instructions on how to configure a Fluidmesh radio transceiver unit using the configurator interface, see [“Device configuration using the configurator interface” \(page 50\)](#).

Regardless of its configuration and operating mode, every Fluidmesh radio transceiver is shipped from the factory with a unique unit identification (ID) number. This number always takes the following form:

5.a.b.c

The triplet a.b.c uniquely identifies the individual physical hardware unit, and cannot be changed.

The unit ID number is used to identify the physical hardware units within the configurator interface that is used for configuration of the unit.

A simplified diagram demonstrating the relationship between a wired LAN, and a linked mesh radio network containing a mesh end unit and mesh point units, is shown in [Figure 5 \(page 21\)](#).

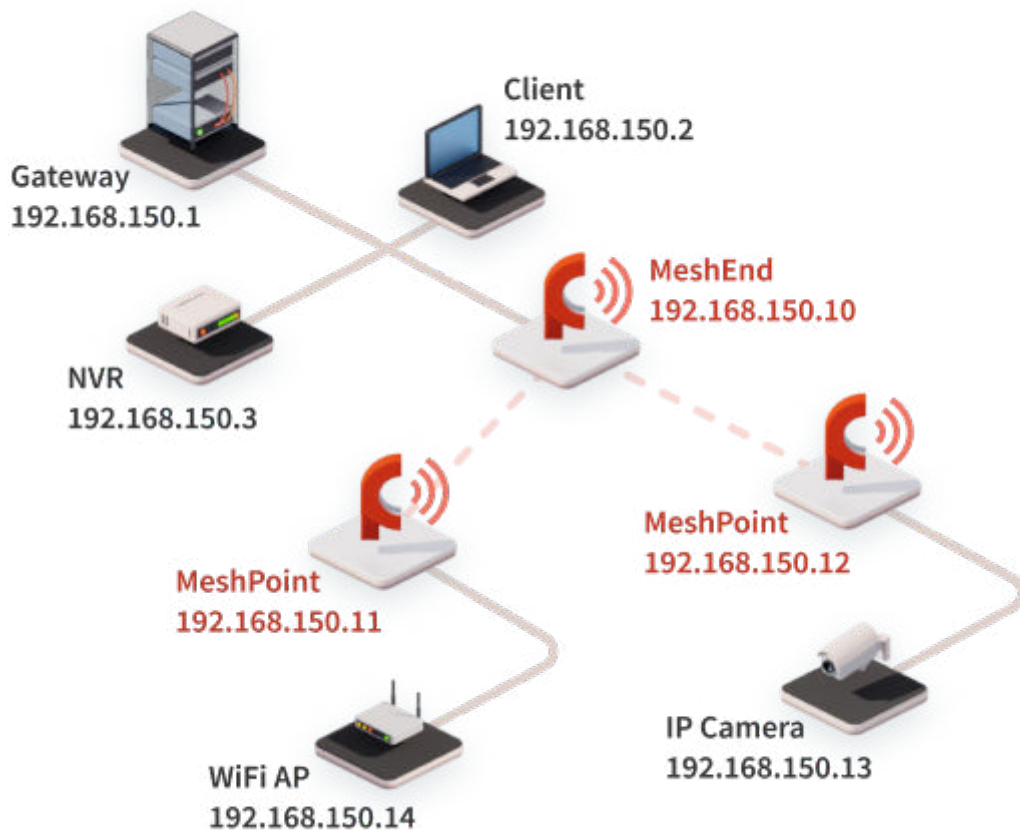


Figure 5. Fluidmesh Network Addressing

Operating the unit in Mesh Point mode or Mesh End mode

If the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER radio transceiver unit is installed as part of a mesh network architecture, it can be set to operate in either of two operating modes:

- **Mesh Point Mode:** This is the default operating mode. Each radio transceiver unit that is part of the network, but is **not** connected to the wired LAN backbone, must be set in **Mesh Point** mode.
- **Mesh End Mode:** Each radio transceiver unit that is part of the network and **is** connected to the wired LAN backbone must be set in **Mesh End** Mode. A Mesh End transceiver unit is always the junction point between the wireless network and any IP-based wired network.

Network addressing

Fluidmesh radio transceivers

Fluidmesh data link layer (layer 2) addressing allows you to configure each Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER transceiver unit, and each IP device connected to the unit, according to the IP address class used in the private LAN to which the **Mesh End** unit is connected.

Each Fluidmesh radio transceiver unit has a factory-set IP address of **192.168.0.10**, and a Netmask of **255.255.255.0**.



NOTE

Each individual Fluidmesh radio transceiver unit has a factory-set 5.a.b.c unit identification number. Each unit is shipped from the factory with the same IP address, but with a unique unit identification number.

When a Fluidmesh wireless network is connected to a wired LAN, the LAN is usually the private control room LAN. Therefore, Fluidmesh radio transceivers, and all other edge devices that connect the wireless network to the wired LAN, must be assigned individual LAN IP addresses that are part of the same subnet. The edge devices will be accessed using those IP addresses.

A typical network configuration (*Fluidmesh Network Addressing*) is shown in “[Operating the unit in Mesh Point mode or Mesh End mode](#)” (page 21). In this configuration, the private LAN IP address class is 192.168.150.0, with netmask 255.255.255.0. Note that each device has an IP address belonging to this subnet.



IMPORTANT

IP addresses must not be duplicated within a network. If addresses are duplicated, IP address conflicts will occur.

Multiple Fluidmesh radio transceiver units can be connected through a network switch, forming radio clusters. The proprietary routing protocol will run automatically on the wired part of the network. To activate the cluster feature, transceiver units that are capable of being set in **Mesh Point** mode must be set in that mode.

Connecting and configuring an Ethernet edge device

Ethernet edge devices such as IP cameras and Wi-Fi access points can be connected to the Ethernet ports of the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER. Such edge devices must be configured using the IP subnet scheme defined for the broadcast domain.

The default *IP subnet mask* for all Fluidmesh devices is *192.168.0.0 / 255.255.255.0*.

The default *IP address* for all Fluidmesh devices is *192.168.0.10 / 255.255.255.0*.

You can configure any Ethernet device manually or automatically, using a DHCP server that resides on the LAN network. The Fluidmesh network is totally transparent to DHCP, therefore, DHCP requests and responses can be forwarded transparently across the network.



IMPORTANT

If an Ethernet-based system using multiple peripheral components is connected to the wireless network, assign each peripheral component a fixed IP address. If dynamic IP addressing is used, the components may not be accessible to third-party software that relies on the components for data input.

A typical example is a video surveillance system equipped with multiple CCTV cameras. Each camera must be assigned a fixed IP address to be accessible to the video-recording software.

Fluidmesh radio transceivers

A wide variety of Ethernet edge devices, such as IP cameras and Wi-Fi access points, can be connected to the Ethernet ports of the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER. You can configure any Ethernet device manually or automatically by using a DHCP server that resides on the LAN network.

The Fluidmesh network is totally transparent to DHCP. Therefore, DHCP requests and responses can be forwarded transparently across the network.



IMPORTANT

If a video surveillance system is connected to the wireless network, assign each camera a fixed IP address. If dynamic IP addressing is used, the cameras may not be accessible to the video-recording software.

4. HARDWARE INSTALLATION

4.1. Fluidmesh Hardware Installation

4.1.1. Installing the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER

Environmental rating and unit roles

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER (part number FM4200F-HW) is a wireless radio transceiver unit.

The hardware is contained in an outdoor-rated metal enclosure that can be easily mounted on poles or walls.

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER can operate in any of the following networking roles:

- As a point-to-point wireless bridge (see “[Point-to-point wireless bridge](#)” (page 16) for details).
- As a single radio unit within a wireless mesh network (see “[Mesh network architecture](#)” (page 17) for details).
- As a *Master* radio unit or *Slave* radio unit within a point-to-multipoint wireless network (see ‘*Using the FluidMAX Management Setting*’ in “[Advanced radio settings](#)” (page 97) for details).

Installation hardware

Metal clamps are supplied as part of the installation package, to allow mounting of the unit on utility poles. Refer to the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER installation instructions for details.

4.1.2. Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER Status and link LEDs

Unit and link quality status

The front panel of the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER (as seen below) contains seven LEDs. The panel is used to check the unit status and wireless link quality status.

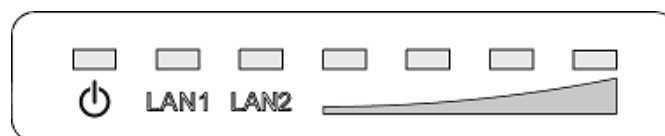


Figure 6. Status and link/boot LEDs

During normal operation, the seven LEDs indicate the following conditions:

- **Power:** The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is receiving power.
- **LAN1:** Network activity on Ethernet port 1.
- **LAN2:** Network activity on Ethernet port 2.
- **SIGNAL STRENGTH (red):** Signal strength very poor.
- **SIGNAL STRENGTH (yellow):** Signal strength inadequate.
- **SIGNAL STRENGTH (green):** Signal strength acceptable.
- **SIGNAL STRENGTH (green):** Signal strength excellent.

**TIP**

During normal operation, the readings from the four **SIGNAL STRENGTH** LEDs can be used to do radio antenna alignment (see “[Antenna-alignment tools and physical statistics](#)” (page 74) for more information).

Boot sequence

During the unit's boot sequence, the four **SIGNAL STRENGTH** LEDs light up in sequence. During the boot sequence, the LEDs indicate the following conditions:

1. **Red:** Core system boot in progress.
2. **Yellow:** Wireless system boot in progress.
3. **First green:** Routing engine boot in progress.
4. **Second green:** Unit configuration boot in progress.

If the boot sequence above stops at any LED, an error has been detected during that stage of the boot sequence.

4.1.3. Supplying power to the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER

**CAUTION**

When connecting the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER to a power supply, the instructions in this section must be strictly followed at all times.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in irreparable damage to the unit and/or other connected hardware, and will also invalidate the product warranty.

**IMPORTANT**

The radio transceiver package does *not* include a DC IN power source (devices capable of accepting DC IN power only), a PoE injector, or a powered Ethernet switch. A suitable power source must be ordered separately.

For technical data on which power sources are compatible with the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, refer to “**Electrical power requirements**” (page 165).

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER can be provided with power using the following methods:

- A standard **IEEE 802.3af** Power-over-Ethernet (PoE) connection (for example, from a compatible network switch).
- A compatible 48 Vdc passive PoE injector conforming to either **IEEE 802.3af** or **IEEE 802.3at**.
- A 48 Vdc power source equipped with an M12A connector.

When providing the power source for the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, remember the following important points:

- Install the power source as close to the unit as possible to minimize voltage drop. The maximum suggested distance is 165ft (50m).

Connecting power to the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER

**NOTE**

For detailed comparative information on which Fluidmesh hardware devices are capable of accepting power through IEEE 802.3at or IEEE 802.3af power sources, or through a DC IN power source, refer to “**Electrical power requirements**” (page 165).

DC IN, LAN and fiber-optic ports

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER radio transceiver unit has three connector ports (**Figure 7 (page 26)**):

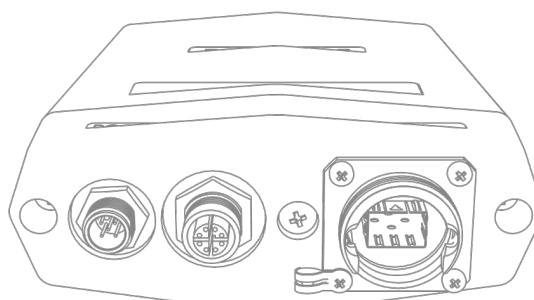


Figure 7. Device connector ports

- The **DC IN** connection is a 5-pin M12A port, exclusively designed to accept passive 48 Vdc power.
- The **LAN** connection is an 8-pin M12X port, designed to connect the unit to a local area network (LAN) switch and/or to an IEEE 802.3 48 Vdc power source.
- The **SFP** connection is a small form-factor pluggable (SFP) port, exclusively designed to connect the unit to a duplex fiber-optic data link.

**IMPORTANT**

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is shipped from the factory with no fiber-optic transceiver installed. For the unit to have fiber-optic capability, the SFP port must be equipped with a separate fiber-optic transceiver.

4.1.4. Rebooting the firmware and resetting the unit to factory defaults

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER hardware can be rebooted and reset to factory default condition using the procedures in this section.

**IMPORTANT**

The following procedure shows how to do a 'hard' (device firmware) reboot. To do a 'soft' (device software) reboot, refer to [“Resetting the unit to factory defaults” \(page 147\)](#).

To do a 'hard' (device firmware) reboot under emergency conditions (for example, if the unit malfunctions), do the steps in the following sub-section.

Device firmware reboot

1. Remove the Phillips-head screw labelled **RESET** at the bottom of the unit ([Figure 8 \(page 27\)](#)).

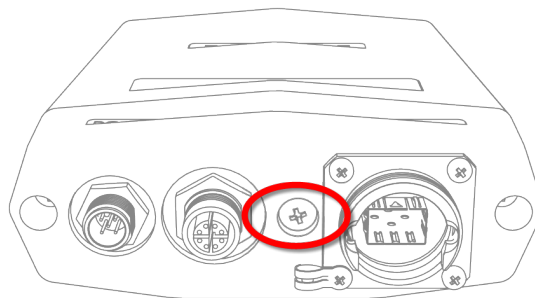


Figure 8. Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER (Hardware RESET protective screw)

2. Insert a long tool with a thin shaft, such as a screwdriver, into the **RESET** button port until the tool touches the bottom.
3. Press the **RESET** button for one second, then release the button immediately.
 - The unit will reboot.
4. Replace the Phillips-head screw at the bottom of the unit.

Resetting the unit to factory settings



CAUTION

Do not do a factory reset unless the unit needs to be reconfigured using its factory configuration as a starting point.

A factory reset will reset the unit's IP address and administrator password, and will disconnect the unit from the network.

The following methods are available to do a factory reset:

1. To do the reset using the configurator interface, refer to *“Resetting the unit to factory defaults”* (page 147).
2. To do the reset using RACER, refer to the *Fluidmesh Networks RACER User Manual*.
3. To do the reset by physically accessing the unit, follow the procedure below.

To reset the radio to its factory default settings, do the steps that follow:

1. Power ON the unit.
2. Wait approximately 40 seconds for the unit to boot up.
3. When the unit has completed its boot sequence, access the **RESET** button as shown above, and press the button for 7 seconds.
 - The LEDs will blink.
 - The unit will be restored to factory default settings (including its default IP address of **192.168.0.10** and subnet mask of **255.255.255.0**).
 - The unit will reboot.
 - The administrator user name and password will both be reset to **admin**.

4.1.5. Suitability for outdoor installation

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER was specifically designed for installation in harsh outdoor environments. Under operating conditions, the unit is completely sealed, and is capable of high-performance operation in

outdoor environments, and under severe conditions such as water spray, salt, and extreme fluctuations in cold and heat.

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER has successfully passed stringent environmental certification tests, including the European Committee for Standardization **EN 50155** (electronic equipment used on rolling stock for railway applications) and **EN 45545** (fire protection on railway vehicles) tests.

Examples of specific certification tests included:

- Verification of resistance to salt water intrusion and corrosion. This consisted of subjecting the unit to running, high-pressure salt water for 24 hours, followed by a 24-hour drying time. The unit was then carefully examined to verify that no corrosion or water ingress were found.
- Verification of resistance to fluctuating temperatures. This consisted of placing the unit in a climatic chamber and subjecting it to operating ranges between -40°C and 80°C, for four hours.

4.2. Connecting the Fluidmesh Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER to a network and antennas

4.2.1. Terminal assignments for power and data connectors



IMPORTANT

Always use outdoor-rated, RF-shielded Ethernet cables when connecting the Power and LAN ports of a transceiver unit to external hardware.

M12 A-coded

This section describes the terminal assignments for M12 A-coded connectors equipped with five pins (power only) and with eight pins (power and data).

M12 A-coded (five-pin)

The terminal assignments for female M12 A-coded five-pin connectors are as follows:



Terminal 1: V1+ (Brown wire)

Terminal 2: Not used

Terminal 3: V1- (Blue wire)

Terminal 4: Not used

Terminal 5: Ground / Earth (Gray wire)

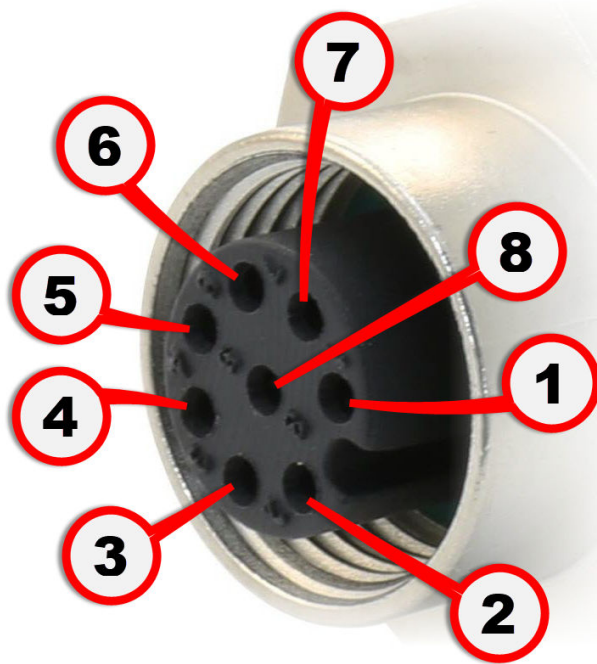


NOTE

The radio trasceiver does not make use of a dual-redundant power supply. Therefore, terminals 2 and 4 are not used.

M12 A-coded eight-pin (pre-September 2016 only)

Female M12 A-coded eight-pin connectors (below) are used only on Fluidmesh 4200-series and 4500-series units manufactured before September 2016.



When splicing a female M12 A-coded eight-pin connector to one end of an Ethernet cable, and a male RJ45 Ethernet connector to the other end of the Ethernet cable, the terminal assignments are as follows:

- **Terminal 1** of M12A (Blue wire with white tracer) to **terminal 5** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 2** of M12A (Brown wire with white tracer) to **terminal 7** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 3** of M12A (Brown wire) to **terminal 8** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 4** of M12A (Orange wire) to **terminal 2** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 5** of M12A (Green wire with white tracer) to **terminal 3** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 6** of M12A (Orange wire with white tracer) to **terminal 1** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 7** of M12A (Blue wire) to **terminal 4** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 8** of M12A (Green wire) to **terminal 6** of RJ45.

When splicing a female M12 A-coded eight-pin connector to one end of an Ethernet jumper cable, and a male M12 X-coded connector to the other end of the Ethernet jumper cable, the terminal assignments are as follows:

- **Terminal 1** of M12A (Blue wire with white tracer) to **terminal 7** of M12X.
- **Terminal 2** of M12A (Brown wire with white tracer) to **terminal 5** of M12X.
- **Terminal 3** of M12A (Brown wire) to **terminal 6** of M12X.

- **Terminal 4** of M12A (Orange wire) to **terminal 2** of M12X.
- **Terminal 5** of M12A (Green wire with white tracer) to **terminal 3** of M12X.
- **Terminal 6** of M12A (Orange wire with white tracer) to **terminal 1** of M12X.
- **Terminal 7** of M12A (Blue wire) to **terminal 8** of M12X.
- **Terminal 8** of M12A (Green wire) to **terminal 4** of M12X.

M12 X-coded

M12 X-coded connectors are used on all Fluidmesh 4200-series and 4500-series units manufactured after September 2016.

When splicing a male M12 X-coded connector to one end of an Ethernet cable, and a male RJ45 Ethernet connector to the other end of the Ethernet cable, the terminal assignments are as follows:



- **Terminal 1** of M12X (Orange wire with white tracer) to **terminal 1** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 2** of M12X (Orange wire) to **terminal 2** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 3** of M12X (Green wire with white tracer) to **terminal 3** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 4** of M12X (Green wire) to **terminal 6** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 5** of M12X (Brown wire with white tracer) to **terminal 7** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 6** of M12X (Brown wire) to **terminal 8** of RJ45.
- **Terminal 7** of M12X (Blue wire with white tracer) to **terminal 5** of RJ45.

- **Terminal 8** of M12X (Blue wire) to **terminal 4** of RJ45.

XCO / SFP



WARNING

If a Fluidmesh device is fitted with an XCO-type fiber-optic module, it is a Class 1 laser product. It makes use of fiber-optic technology, including laser-emitting components.

Do not look directly at the input/output end of any XCO / SFP connector, or at the input/output end of any fiber-optic cable. Fiber-optic systems frequently use high-intensity laser light that may cause temporary or permanent blindness.

For additional guidance regarding the safe use of laser-based and LED-based fiber-optic technology, refer to *ANSI Z136.2 (Safe Use of Optical Fiber Communication Systems Utilizing Laser Diode and LED Sources)*.



IMPORTANT

Fiber-optic-compatible Fluidmesh gateways and transceivers are shipped from the factory without fiber-optic modules installed.

For the relevant unit to have fiber-optic capability, it must be equipped with a separate XCO-type fiber-optic module.

XCO-standard transceiver modules and XCO-type duplex fiber-optic connectors can easily be sourced as off-the-shelf parts. If you experience difficulty in sourcing or ordering fiber-optic parts or accessories, please contact your local Fluidmesh Networks representative for assistance.

The terminal assignments for male SFP connectors are as follows:



Terminal 1: Tx (outgoing) line

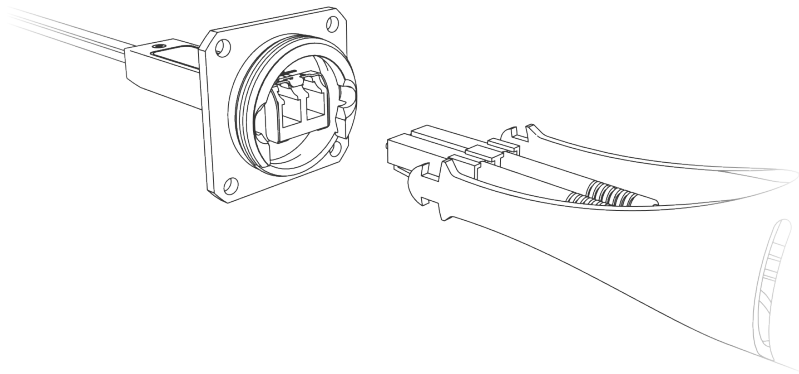
Terminal 2: Rx (incoming) line

Connecting fiber-optic connectors to SFP modules

Fiber-optic components are extremely sensitive to water, dirt and dust. In particular, the optical interfaces of these components must not be contaminated by foreign matter under any circumstances.

Ensure optimal performance of a fiber-optic network by connecting fiber-optic connectors to XCO-type SFP modules only as shown below:

1. Do not remove protective covers from any fiber-optic components until you are ready to connect and seal the components within a minimal period of time.
2. Remove the protective cap covering the connection ports of the SFP module.
3. Slide the round threaded tube that covers the SFP port connector back along the fiber-optic cable, until the port connector is fully exposed (below). Note the locking lugs on the metal port connector.

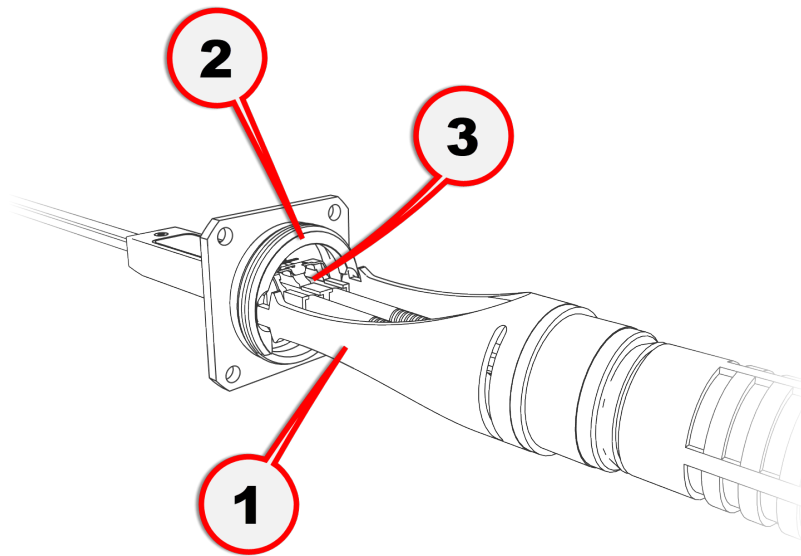


4. Remove the dust covers from the SFP module.
5. Move the metal port connector (1, below) fully forward until the locking lugs snap into the SFP port (2, below).

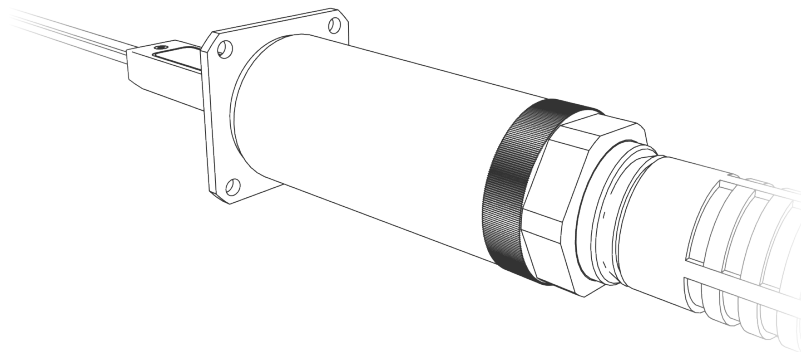


CAUTION

Do not attempt to connect the duplex fiber-optic cable connector to the SFP module until the metal port connector is fully engaged with the SFP port.



6. Slide the duplex fiber-optic cable connector (3, above) into the SFP module until you hear a positive *Click* sound.
7. Slide the round threaded tube forward along the fiber-optic cable. Screw the tube onto the port connector by hand (below).



4.2.2. Connecting a DC IN power source to the unit



NOTE

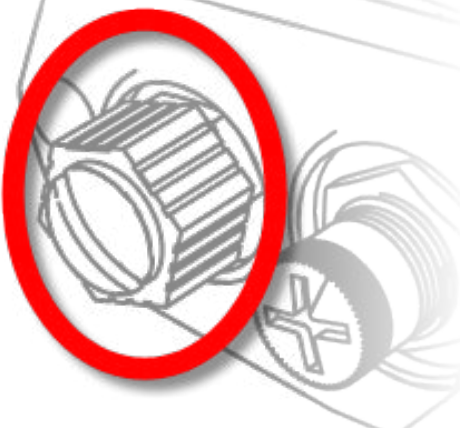
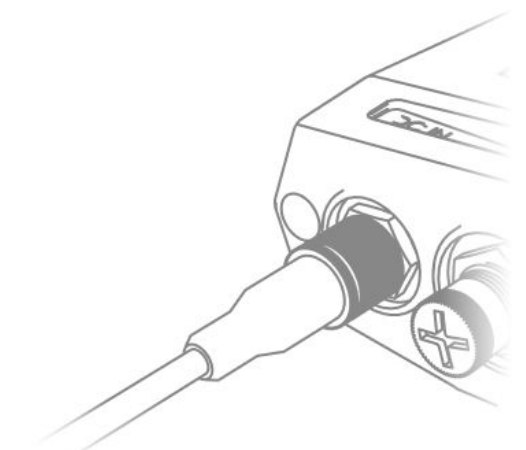
If the unit must be powered using an IEEE 802.3at-compliant network switch or PoE injector, disregard this section and proceed to [“Connecting LAN cables to the unit” \(page 36\)](#).

When the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is mounted in its final location, connect the unit to a 48V DC IN power supply by doing the following steps:

1. Only use a power cable that terminates in an M12A connector to connect the power source to the unit.

2. Make sure that the terminal pin assignments for the M12A plug comply with the accepted standard for M12A connectors.

Next, proceed to the steps in the following table:

	
3. Remove the protective plastic cover from the port labelled DC IN.	4. Wrap PTFE thread-sealing tape around the threads of the M12A connector on the unit. Use enough tape to ensure a watertight seal. 5. Insert the M12A connector leading from the power source into the port labelled DC IN. 6. Screw the threaded sleeve of the male connector onto the female connector. Tighten the connection by hand.

4.2.3. Connecting LAN cables to the unit

M12X LAN cable



IMPORTANT

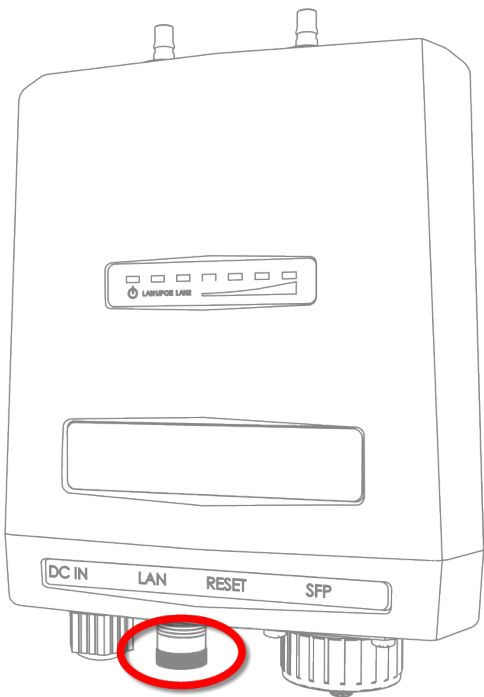
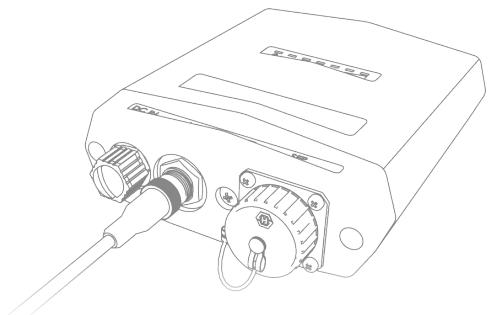
If a local area network (LAN) connection must be made to the unit *and* the unit must be powered using a compatible network switch or PoE injector, follow the instructions in this section.

If non-powered local area network (LAN) connections must be made to the unit through *both* LAN ports, follow the instructions for connecting the LAN cables as shown in this section. Then, connect a 48V DC IN power supply to the unit as shown in [“Connecting a DC IN power source to the unit” \(page 35\)](#).

When the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is mounted in its final location, connect the unit to LAN connection(s) and/or a PoE power supply by doing the following steps:

1. Only use a shielded CAT5/6 cable that terminates in an M12X connector to connect any LAN cable to the unit.
2. Make sure that the terminal pin assignments for the M12X plug(s) comply with the accepted standard for M12X LAN/PoE connectors.

Next, proceed to the steps in the following table:

	
3. Remove the protective plastic plug from the port labelled LAN.	4. Wrap PTFE thread-sealing tape around the threads of the M12X connector on the unit. Use enough tape to ensure a watertight seal. 5. Insert the M12X connector leading from the local LAN hardware into the port labelled LAN. 6. Screw the threaded sleeve of the female connector onto the male connector. Tighten the connection by hand.

4.2.4. Connecting an XCO-standard duplex fiber-optic cable to the unit



WARNING

If a Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER transceiver is fitted with an XCO / SFP fiber-optic module, it is a Class 1 laser product. It makes use of fiber-optic technology, including laser-emitting components. Do not look directly at the input/output end of the unit's SFP connector, or at the input/output end of any fiber-optic cable. Fiber-optic systems frequently use high-intensity laser light that may cause temporary or permanent blindness.

For additional guidance regarding the safe use of laser-based and LED-based fiber-optic technology, refer to *ANSI Z136.2 (Safe Use of Optical Fiber Communication Systems Utilizing Laser Diode and LED Sources)*.



IMPORTANT

XCO-standard transceiver modules and XCO-type duplex fiber-optic connectors can easily be sourced as off-the-shelf parts.

If you experience difficulty in sourcing or ordering fiber-optic parts or accessories, please contact your local Fluidmesh Networks representative for assistance.

Due to the large variety of XCO-type fiber-optic transceivers that are available, Fluidmesh Networks ships the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER from the factory without a fiber-optic transceiver installed.

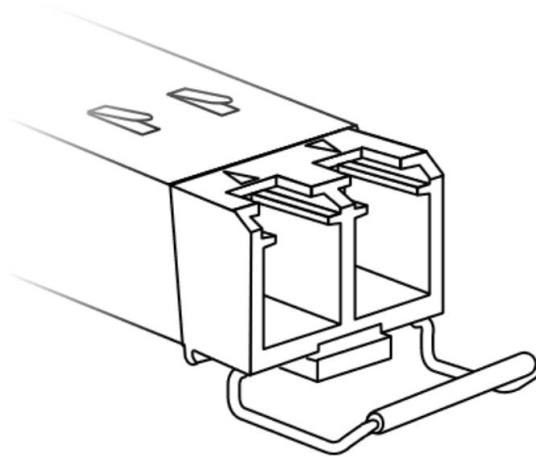
For the unit to have fiber-optic capability, the unit must be equipped with a separately available fiber-optic transceiver. Alternatively, you can choose not to connect the unit to fiber-optic infrastructure by leaving the SFP port unoccupied.

If the unit must be equipped with an XCO-type fiber-optic transceiver, the transceiver unit must conform to the following specifications:

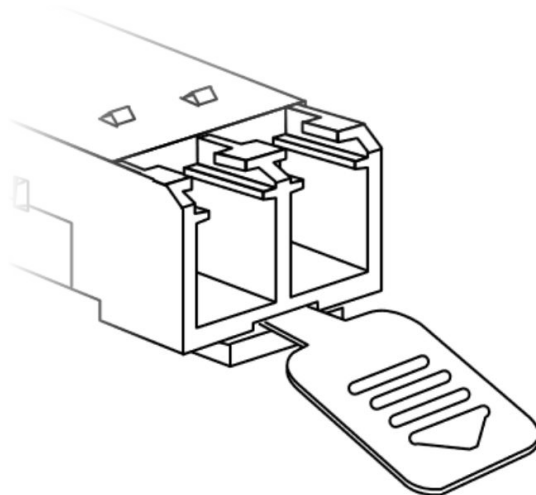
- Small Form Factor Pluggable (SFP) duplex LC receptacle.
- SFP MSA compliant.
- + 3.3V single power supply.

Before installing an SFP module, familiarize yourself with the different types that are in use. An SFP module may use any of four different latching methods to secure the module inside its module port:

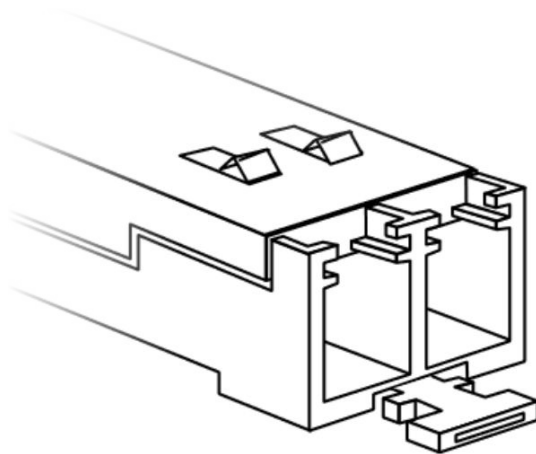
- The bale clasp-type module has a clasp that is used to remove and install the module (below).



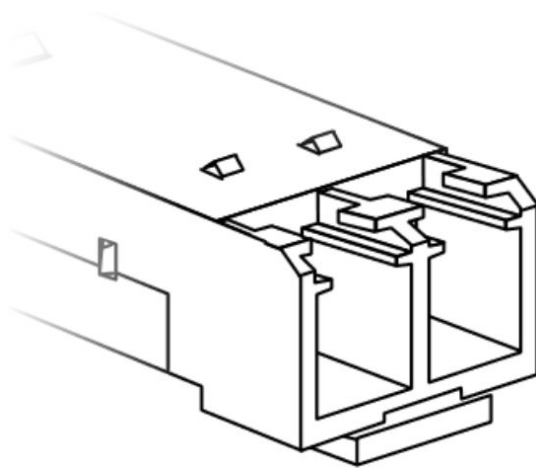
- The mylar tab-type module has a tab that is pulled to remove the module (below).



- The actuator button-type module has a button that is pushed to remove the module (below).



- The slide tab-type module has a sliding tab underneath its front end that is used to remove the module (below).

**CAUTION**

SFP modules are static-sensitive devices. Always use an ESD wrist strap or similar individual grounding device when handling an SFP module.

To install an XCO-type SFP module in the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, do the following steps:

1. Wear an ESD-preventive wrist or ankle strap, and follow its instructions for use.
2. Make sure that the SFP module is oriented correctly in relation to the module slot. Slide-tab modules have a hardware label that must face *up*.
3. If the module is a bale-clasp type, *close* the bale clasp before inserting the module.

4. Line up the module with the port.
5. Slide the module into the port. If the module is an actuator-button type, do not press the actuator button as you insert the module, as this might stop the module from seating correctly inside the port.
6. Push gently but firmly on the outer face of the module. If the module is correctly aligned, you will hear a click as the slide pin at the bottom of the module snaps into place.

To remove an XCO-type SFP module from the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, do the following steps:



CAUTION

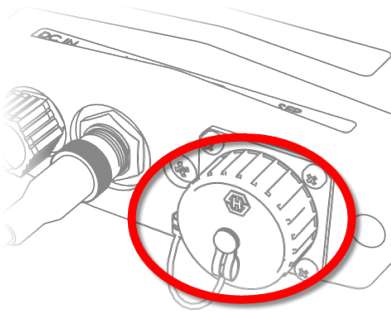
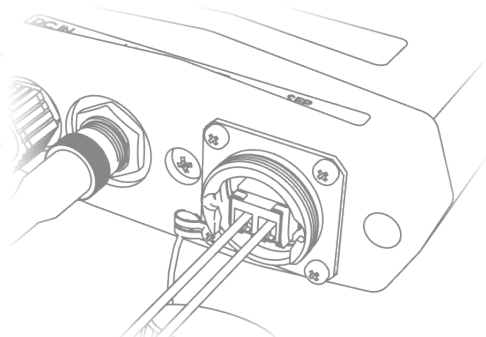
Do not remove or insert SFP modules any more often than absolutely necessary. Removing and inserting SFP modules can shorten their useful life.

Do not install or remove the SFP module if a fiber-optic cable is attached to it. This can damage the cable, the cable connector, and the optical interfaces in the SFP module.

1. Wear an ESD-preventive wrist or ankle strap, and follow its instructions for use.
2. Disconnect and remove the fiber-optic cable from the SFP module before removing or installing the module.
3. Insert a clean dust cover into the SFP module's interface port.
4. Remove the SFP module from its receptacle, using the correct method for each module type as shown below:
 - If the module is a bale-clasp type, open the bale clasp on the module in a *downward* direction using a small flat-blade screwdriver.
 - If the module is a mylar-tab type, pull the tab gently in a slightly *downward* direction until the module disengages from the port. Do not twist or jerk the tab, as this can cause the tab to disconnect from the module.
 - If the module is an actuator-button type, *gently* press the actuator button on the front of the module until the module is released from the port.
 - If the module is a slide-tab type, push the slide tab on the bottom front of the module *inward* to disengage the module from the port.
5. Grasp the SFP module between your thumb and index finger, and carefully remove the module from the port.
6. Immediately place the removed SFP module on an anti-static mat, or in a static shielding bag.

7. Screw the protective plastic SFP module cover securely over the SFP port.
8. Clean the optic surfaces of the fiber-optic cable before connecting the cable to the optical port of another SFP module.
9. Protect the interface ports of the SFP module against dust, dirt and water. The optics will not work correctly if they are obstructed or contaminated.
10. Only use a duplex fiber-optic cable with a connector conforming to the SFP standard.

Connect a fiber-optic cable to the transceiver unit's SFP module by doing the following steps:

	
1. Remove the protective plastic cover from the port labelled SFP.	2. If the SFP module is a bale-clasp type, close the bale clasp before inserting the cable connector into the module. 3. Insert the cable connector into the SFP module's interface port. 4. If applicable, press the bale clasp down to lock the cable connector into the interface port. 5. Waterproof the connection as directed by the manufacturer of the SFP module.

4.2.5. Connecting the antennas to the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER

QMA antenna connections

Radio antennas are connected to the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER using quick-disconnect sub-miniature version A (QMA) connectors.



WARNING

Before activating the unit, make sure that all RF feeds are securely connected to an appropriate antenna. Never activate any transceiver unit that is not connected to an antenna.

Fluidmesh uses copper-tin-zinc-plated female QMA connectors. These connectors are capable of corrosion resistance that exceeds the demands imposed by **ASTM B117** salt spray testing. The connectors are virtually immune to corrosion, provided that they do not remain in contact with standing salt water for long periods of time.

In the opinion of Fluidmesh engineers, certain brands of QMA plug have shown outstanding performance. We can confidently recommend the following brands:

- Amphenol
- Huber+Suhner
- Rosenberger
- Radiall



CAUTION

Do not remove the protective rubber sleeves from a female QMA plug (below) if an antenna will not be connected to the plug. Unprotected QMA plug contacts that are exposed to water will oxidize, causing degraded performance.

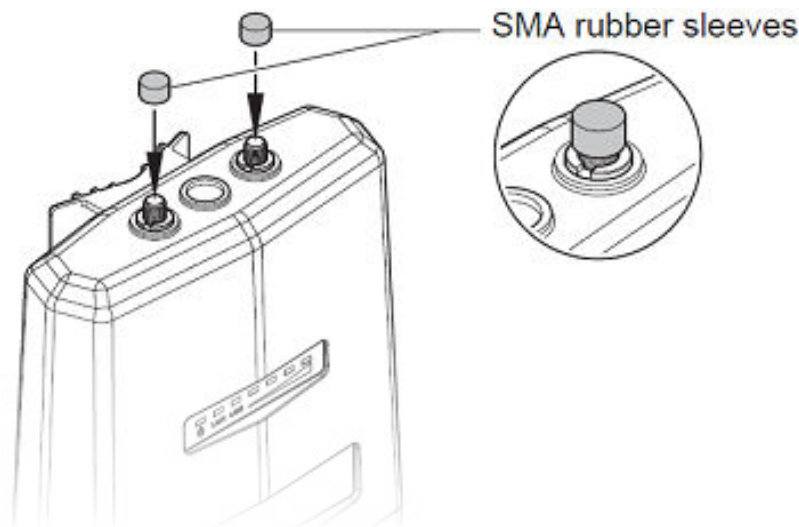
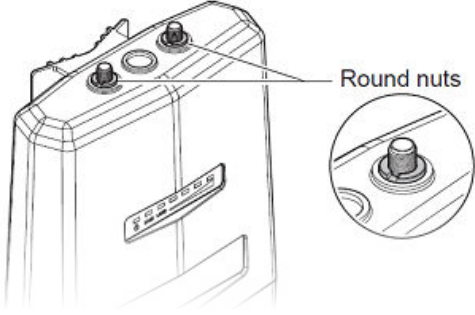
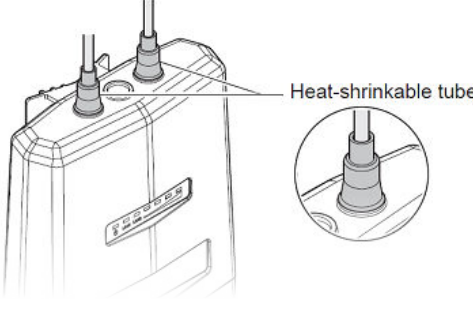


Figure 9. Protective rubber sleeves

Connect the antennas to the unit by doing the following steps:

1. The number and types of antennas to be connected to the unit will have been decided at the network design stage. Verify which antenna will be connected to each QMA plug.
2. Only remove the rubber sleeve from a QMA plug (above) if an antenna must be connected to the plug.

Next, proceed to the steps in the following table:

 Round nuts	 Heat-shrinkable tube
3. Check the round, knurled nuts of the QMA connectors for tightness (above). If any round nuts are loose, tighten them by hand.	4. Slide a section of Nylon heat-shrinkable tubing over each unconnected antenna cable (above). 5. Push the male QMA plug of the antenna cable into the female QMA plug of the unit. 6. Screw the threaded sleeve of the male plug onto the female plug. Tighten the connection by hand. 7. Slide the Nylon heat-shrinkable tube over the tightened QMA connectors. 8. Use a heat gun to shrink the tubing onto the connectors.

5. USING THE FLUIDMESH PARTNER PORTAL

The Fluidmesh Partner Portal is the main web-based portal through which the following activities are done:

1. Participating in Fluidmesh E-learning
2. Using and sharing plug-in license codes for Fluidmesh devices
3. Using the RACER™ radio configuration interface
4. Viewing the technical documentation for your Fluidmesh devices

5.1. Accessing the Partner Portal

Access to the Partners Portal is granted only to Fluidmesh's official partners and customers, and requires registration.

To access the Fluidmesh Partner Portal, do the following steps:

1. Make sure a current web browser is installed on your computer. For detailed information on which browsers are supported, refer to [Table 3 \(page 45\)](#) below. If needed, upgrade your browser version.
2. Click [this link](#).
 - The Fluidmesh Partner Portal **Sign In** dialog will be shown.
3. Register as a portal user by clicking the **Create Account** link and following the software prompts.

Table 3. Supported web browsers

	Version	Computer operating systems	Compatibility	Reason
Mozilla Firefox	32 to 38	Linux, Windows 7, 8 and 10, OS X Mavericks	Partial	Icons and fonts do not display correctly in position modality
	39	Linux, Windows 7, 8 and 10, OS X Mavericks	Full	-
	40 onward	Linux, Windows 7, 8 and 10, OS X Mavericks	Full	-
Google Chrome	36 onward	Linux, Windows 7, 8 and 10, OS X Mavericks	Partial	Vertical scrolling in unit/template detail does not work correctly
	56 onward	Linux, Windows 7, 8 and 10, OS X Mavericks	Full	-

	Version	Computer operating systems	Compatibility	Reason
Microsoft Internet Explorer	11 onward	Windows 7, 8 and 10	Full	-
Microsoft Edge	13 onward	Windows 7, 8 and 10	Full	-
Apple Safari	8 onward	OS X Yosemite or later	Full	-

5.2. Enabling Two-Factor Authentication for security

To enhance cyber-security on the Partner Portal, Fluidmesh uses two-factor authentication (2FA).

2FA works by providing an extra security layer that works independently of your Partner Portal login password. With 2FA activated, you will be asked to provide a secure one-time password (OTP) for each login.

To set up two-factor authentication, do the following steps:

1. Install an app capable of generating authentication codes on your mobile phone. Apps recommended for specific platforms are:
 - **Google Authenticator** or **Authy** (iPhone, Android)
 - **Microsoft Authenticator** (Windows Mobile)
2. Log into the **Fluidmesh Partner Portal** using your normal access password.
3. Hover the mouse cursor over the Profile icon in the upper right-hand corner of the web page (**Figure 10 (page 46)**). Click the **Account** option.

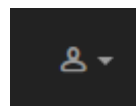


Figure 10. Partner Portal (Profile icon)

- Your portal account page will be shown.
4. Click the **Two Factor Auth.** link on the left-hand side of the web page (**Figure 11 (page 47)**).

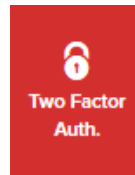


Figure 11. Partner Portal (Two Factor Auth. icon)

- The **Two Factor Authentication** page will be shown.
 - The current two-factor authentication status of your portal account will be shown near the top of the page.
5. Click the **Set Up Two Factor Authentication** button.
 - A two-factor authentication dialog will ask to confirm your identity. If the name and E-mail address shown in the dialog are yours, enter your current portal password and click the **Validate identity** button.
 6. An E-mail will be sent to your E-mail address with a verification code in the body of the mail. Enter the verification code in the **Verification code** field of the Two Factor Authentication web page.
 - The Two Factor Authentication web page will show a QR code.
 7. Use the authentication app on your mobile phone to scan the QR code on the web page. **Figure 12 (page 47)** is a typical example of the QR code you will be shown.



Figure 12. Two Factor Authentication (typical QR code)

- The authenticator app will generate an authentication code. Enter this code in the **Authentication code** field of the Two Factor Authentication web page, and click the **Enable Two Factor Authentication** button.
- A list of ten *recovery codes* will be shown on the Two Factor Authentication web page. It is recommended that you save these codes in case you lose your mobile phone. Download the recovery codes as a *.TXT file by clicking

the **Download** button, or print a hard copy of the codes by clicking the **Print** button.

5.3. Administering plug-in license codes

The Partner Portal Plug-ins page can be used to do the following tasks:

- Convert plug-in License codes to Activation codes
- Deactivate active plug-in License codes
- Reactivate deactivated plug-in License codes
- Export multiple Activation codes
- Share License codes with other Fluidmesh device users
- Accept shared License codes from other Fluidmesh device users

To do the tasks above, refer to “[Plug-In management](#)” (page 140).

5.4. Using the RACER™ radio configuration interface

RACER™ is Fluidmesh's web-based configuration portal. It is the primary interface with which to configure Fluidmesh radio devices.

You can operate RACER using any internet-connected computer with a web browser.

To access the RACER portal, do the following steps:

1. Log in to the Fluidmesh Partners Portal using your login credentials.
2. Click [this link](#).

For detailed instructions on how to use the RACER interface, refer to the *Fluidmesh Networks RACER™ User Manual*.



IMPORTANT

For a detailed description of the differences between RACER and the local Configurator interface, refer to “[Device configuration using the configurator interface](#)” (page 50).

5.5. Viewing the technical documentation for your Fluidmesh device

All documentation relating to your Fluidmesh device (such as product brochures, technical data sheets, installation instructions and user manuals) can be found in the Documentation section of the Partner Portal.

To find documentation relating to your Fluidmesh device, do the following steps:

1. Log in to the Fluidmesh Partners Portal using your login credentials.
2. Click [this link](#).
3. All documents are arranged by category. Browse the folders for the documentation you need.

6. DEVICE CONFIGURATION USING THE CONFIGURATOR INTERFACE

Fluidmesh radio devices that are capable of operating as part of a mesh network, including each Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, are shipped from the factory in **Mesh Point** mode.

All Fluidmesh radio transceiver devices are shipped with IP address **192.168.0.10**, and Netmask **255.255.255.0**.

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER can be configured by using:

- The RACER™ Radio Configuration interface, or
- The on-board Configurator interface.

The difference between these interfaces is as follows:

RACER is a centralized, internet-based configuration software platform that is accessed from the Fluidmesh Partner Portal.

- An internet connection must be made between the Fluidmesh device and the RACER Cloud Server (an internet-based radio management service).
- Devices can be configured on an *Online* basis only: configuration settings are applied to one or more devices without the need for a configuration (*.CONF) file, and manual configuration is disabled.
- If devices must be configured on an *Offline* basis (in other words, if the device is not connected to the internet, and therefore cannot access its configuration settings from the RACER Cloud Server), a separate configuration file can be uploaded to the device using the Configurator (described below).

The *Configurator* is a localized configuration software platform that resides on the Fluidmesh device.

- Local configuration is done by connecting a computer to the device through a direct hardware connection, or through the internet.
- Using the Configurator, devices can be configured on an *Offline* basis only. A configuration (*.CONF) file can be manually applied to set the device parameters, or each device parameter can be manually set by the device user.
- Offline configuration settings for more than one Fluidmesh device type can be integrated into a single configuration file. When the configuration file is uploaded to each device, the device automatically loads the correct configuration settings for its device type.

To configure the unit using *RACER*, refer to the **Fluidmesh Networks RACER User Manual**.

To configure the unit using the *Configurator*, refer to the following sub-sections.



IMPORTANT

The RACER Radio Configuration interface and command-line interface (CLI) contain device configuration parameters that are not available in the on-board Configurator interface.

Note that some configuration features may not be applicable to your specific Fluidmesh device.

Configuration parameters and control tabs that are exclusive to RACER and the CLI include:

- **Project name** (The device has been assigned to the Project listed in this field.)
- **Position** (Shows the current physical location of the unit.)
- **Invoice No.** (Shows the Fluidmesh sales invoice number for the unit.)
- **Shared With** (If responsibility for the unit is shared with other users, the details of the responsible users are shown in this field.)
- **Enable RTS Protection** (3500 ENDO and 4500-series transceivers only - shows the unit's current IEEE 802.11 request-to-send (RTS) setting.)
- **Promisc** (Shows the unit's current setting for backwardscompatibility with Fluidmesh units that are no longer in production.)
- **Noise floor Calibration** (Shows the unit's current noise floorcalibration setting.)
- **MAX Transmission MCS** (Used to choose the modulation and coding scheme by which the unit automatically chooses its maximum data transmission rate.)
- **TX Power** (Controls the effective isotropic radiated power output of the unit.)
- **Automatic link distance** (Lets the system choose the maximum effective distance between the relevant wireless links.)
- **Ethernet speed** (Selects the correct data exchange speed for each Ethernet port.)
- **FLUIDMESH WI-FI** tab (Allows you to set up a second, segregated Wi-Fi interface that allows technicians access to the unit for configuration and maintenance purposes.)
- **FLUIDITY ADVANCED** tab (Allows you to adjust the load-balancing, handoff and network optimization characteristics of a transceiver unit.)
- **FLUIDITY POLE BAN** tab (Allows you to greatly reduce sudden degradations in bandwidth that happen when a mobile unit approaches, then leaves behind, a static unit.)

- **FLUIDITY FREQUENCY SCAN** tab (Used where mobile Fluidity units are configured with different frequencies.)
- **SPANNING TREE** tab (Allows you to build a logical topology for Ethernet networks, including backup links to provide fault tolerance if an active link fails.)
- **QOS** tab (Contains controls for Quality of Service and Class of Service settings.)
- **MPLS** tab (Contains controls for adjustment of the unit's multiprotocol label switching settings.)
- **FAST FAILOVER (TITAN)** tab (Contains controls to enable fast fail-over capability on networks where backup units are installed.)
- **ARP** tab (Contains controls for Address Resolution Protocol settings used for discovering MAC addresses that are associated with IP addresses.)
- **INTRA-CAR** tab (Contains controls to create and maintain a wireless backbone network throughout physically large, compartmentalized vehicles.)

For a detailed description of the configuration options featured in the RACER interface, refer to the *Available configuration parameters* section of the *Fluidmesh Networks RACER User Manual*.

6.1. Software and hardware prerequisites

To access the Configurator graphical user interface (GUI) and use the Configurator to program the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, you need the following:

- A desktop, laptop or tablet computer equipped with:
 - Any current web browser. For a list of compatible web browsers, refer to the *Supported web browsers* table in [“Using the Fluidmesh Partner Portal” \(page 45\)](#).
 - Any Microsoft Windows, Mac OS or Linux operating system.
 - An integrated Ethernet port.
- A CAT5/6 Ethernet cable with an RJ45 connector at one end, and an M12X connector at the other end.

6.2. Accessing the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER for device configuration

Before the unit can be made part of a wireless network, it must be configured.

The on-board Configurator can be used to configure a Fluidmesh device in either of two ways:

- By connecting a control device directly to the Fluidmesh device using an Ethernet cable (Local access)
- By connecting a control device to the Fluidmesh device through an internet connection (Internet access)

6.2.1. Local access and login for initial configuration



NOTE

If your computer has a wireless WiFi card, you may have to disable the card to avoid routing issues between the computer's wired and wireless network interfaces.

To use the Configurator interface to access the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER directly, do the steps that follow:

1. Power ON the unit.
2. Wait approximately one minute for the boot sequence to complete.
3. Connect one end of a CAT5/6 Ethernet cable to the computer that will be used to configure the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER.
4. Connect the other end of the Ethernet cable to an unused LAN port on the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER.
5. Manually set the computer's IP address and Netmask to be recognizable by the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER. The correct settings are as follows:
 - **IP address:** 192.168.0.10 (or any other IP address belonging to subnet 192.168.0.0/255.255.255.0)
 - **Netmask:** 255.255.255.0
6. Launch the computer's web browser.
7. Enter the IP address of the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER in the browser's URL entry field.
 - If the Configurator interface is shown immediately, proceed to **Step 9** below.
 - Alternatively, you may see the following window:

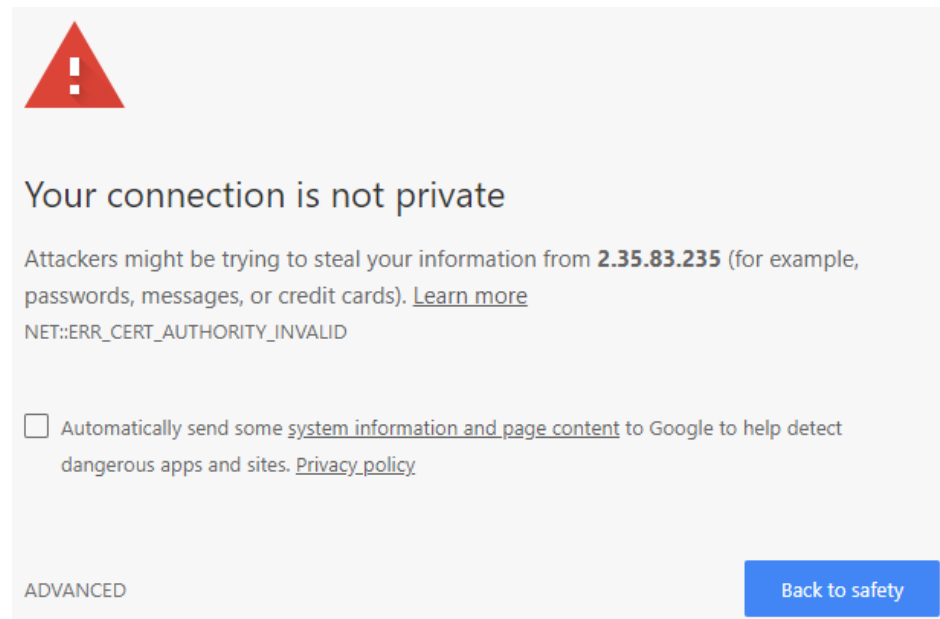


Figure 13. 'Connection Not Private' warning (Google Chrome)



IMPORTANT

Due to rising levels of cyber crime, most modern web browsers are built to alert you to possible threats, such as hacking, spoofing and identity theft.

Because the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is connected to the computer using an unsecured connection (in this case, a CAT5/6 cable), the web browser may show you security warnings like the one above.

This is normal and expected. During the configuration process, it is safe to ignore these warnings.

1. Click the **ADVANCED** link.
 - You will see the following window:

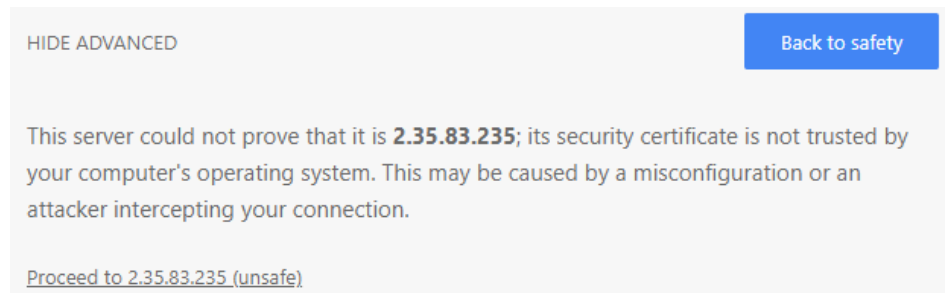


Figure 14. Security certificate warning (Google Chrome)

2. Click **Proceed to [the URL] (unsafe)**.
 - The device login window will be shown:

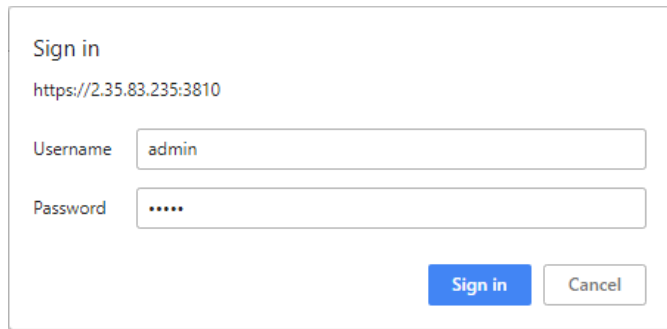
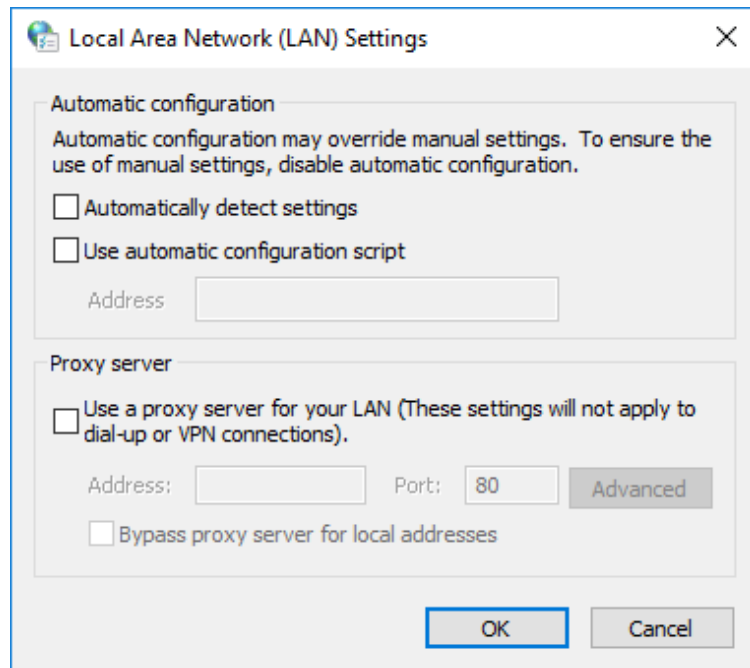


Figure 15. Fluidmesh device login window

8. The factory-set login details are as follows:
 - Username: **admin**
 - Password: **admin**
9. Enter the correct username and password. Press 'Enter'.

If your browser shows a time-out or similar message, the computer may be trying to access the Fluidmesh device through a proxy server. To resolve the issue, do the following steps:

 1. Go to **Control Panel > Internet Options > Connections > LAN Settings**.



2. Disable proxy connections by un-checking the check boxes for the following options:
 - **Automatically detect settings**
 - **Use automatic configuration script**
 - **Use a proxy server for your LAN**
3. Click the **OK** button.
4. Enter your user name and password in the device login window, and press 'Enter'.
10. To ensure system security, change the default password when the installation is completed. If the **Sign in** window does not appear, refer to [“Changing the Administrator username and password”](#) (page 136).

6.2.2. Initial configuration with the unit in Provisioning Mode

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER cannot be operated without entering some basic configuration settings. These settings allow the unit to connect to a local network and communicate with the network hardware.

If a new unit is being configured for use for the first time, or has been reset to factory default configuration for any reason, the unit will enter *Provisioning Mode*. This mode allows you to program the unit's initial configuration settings.

If the unit is in Provisioning Mode, it will try to connect to the internet using Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP):

- If the unit successfully connects to the internet, you can do a centralized configuration of the unit using the RACER interface, or do a local configuration using the Configurator interface.
- If the unit fails to connect to the internet, you must do a local configuration using the Configurator interface.



NOTE

By default, the local IP address of the unit is set as 192.168.0.10, and the subnet mask is set as 255.255.255.0 (as shown in the **Current IP Configuration** section).

In Provisioning Mode, the unit connects to the cloud server through a WebSocket connection with 4 096-bit asymmetric encryption and verified security certificates, protecting the communication from cyber-security threats.

- Check that the unit is in Provisioning Mode by looking at the colored icon to the right of the **RACER™** tag in the upper left-hand corner of the screen (Figure 16 (page 57)).

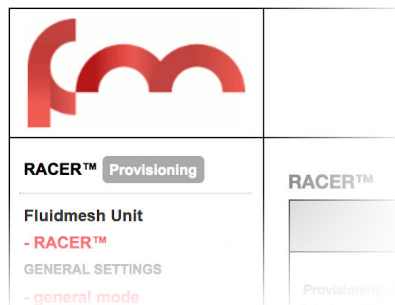


Figure 16. RACER status icon (Provisioning Mode)

- If the icon reads **Provisioning**, the unit is in Provisioning Mode. Configure the unit by doing the steps shown in this section.
- If the icon reads **Online** or **Offline**, the unit has been configured before. In this case, you must choose between two further options:
 - If you want to do a new configuration by reverting the unit to Provisioning Mode, reset the unit as shown in “**Resetting the unit to factory defaults**” (page 147).
 - If you want to change the connection settings, but keep the current configuration, change the settings as shown in “**General settings**” (page 65).

If the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is in Provisioning Mode:

- The **RACER™** dialog will be shown (Figure 17 (page 58)).

RACER™ Cloud connection info	
Status:	Disconnected
Current IP Configuration	
Current IP:	192.168.0.10 (fallback)
Current Netmask:	255.255.255.0

Configure DHCP to connect to RACER™	
Use this section to connect the radio to the Internet via DHCP to use RACER™ Cloud Management. Set fallback IP settings if DHCP is not available.	
DHCP fall-back configuration	
Local IP:	192.168.0.11
Local Netmask:	255.255.255.0
Default Gateway:	
Local Dns 1:	
Local Dns 2:	
Save fallback IP	

Figure 17. RACER dialog

- The unit's **Local IP** address will be set to **169.254.a.b**, where **a** and **b** are the last two parts of the unit's unique unit identification (ID) number. For example, if the unit ID number is **5.12.34.56**, the unit's IP address will be set as **169.254.34.56**.
- The unit can also be reached using the DHCP fallback IP address (192.168.0.10/24).
- The unit's Status and link/boot LEDs will blink continuously from left to right (*green-green-orange-red*), then from right to left (*red-orange-green-green*). The LEDs will repeat this cycle until the unit either enters a Fallback condition, or enters **Online** or **Offline** mode.
- The unit will attempt to connect to the internet using DHCP.



NOTE

DHCP is disabled when the unit leaves *Provisioning Mode*.

Make sure that the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is connected to a local network that supports DHCP. If the unit connects successfully to the internet *and* to the Partners Portal, the **RACER™ Cloud connection info** Status will be shown as **Connected** (Figure 18 (page 59)).

RACER™ Cloud connection info	
Status:	Connected
Current IP Configuration	
Current IP:	10.11.1.152 (dhcp)
Current Netmask:	255.255.0.0

Figure 18. RACER™ Cloud connection info status (Connected)

Configure the unit using either of the following methods:

- To do a centralized (online) configuration of the unit using the RACER interface, refer to the *Fluidmesh Networks RACER User Manual*.
- To do a local (offline) configuration using the Configurator interface, refer to [“Device configuration using the configurator interface”](#) (page 50).

If the unit is not able to connect to the internet:

- The unit will revert to a *Fallback* state.
- The unit's Status and link/boot LEDs will blink continuously from the outer red and green to the inner green and orange. The LEDs will repeat this cycle until the unit exits the Fallback state, or is set as either **Online** or **Offline**.
- The unit's IP address will automatically be set to **192.168.0.10/24**.

If the unit connects to the internet in Provisioning Mode, but cannot connect to the Partners Portal, the unit's IP address will automatically be set to 192.168.0.10/24. If the unit cannot connect to the Partners Portal, verify that the Partners Portal can be reached by doing the following steps:

1. Check that the Ethernet cable leading to the unit is properly connected.
2. Check that the local DNS server can resolve [this address](#).
3. Check that the local DNS server can resolve the IP address of the RACER Cloud server, and that the address can be reached.
4. Check the network firewall settings. Port 443 must be enabled.
5. Click [this link](#).
 - The Fluidmesh Partners Portal page should open in your browser.
6. If the Partners Portal cannot be accessed, contact the Fluidmesh support desk by sending an E-mail to support@fluidmesh.com.
7. If the Partners Portal does not come back online, do a local (offline) configuration using the Configurator interface. For further information, refer to [“Device configuration using the configurator interface”](#) (page 50).

If the unit cannot connect to the internet in Provisioning Mode, try to connect to the internet by doing the following steps:

1. Enter alternative **Local IP**, **Local Netmask**, **Default Gateway**, **Local Dns 1** and **Local Dns 2** values as needed, using the **RACER™** dialog.
2. Click the **Save fallback IP** button (Figure 17 (page 58)).
 - The web browser will show the unit reboot dialog (Figure 19 (page 60)).

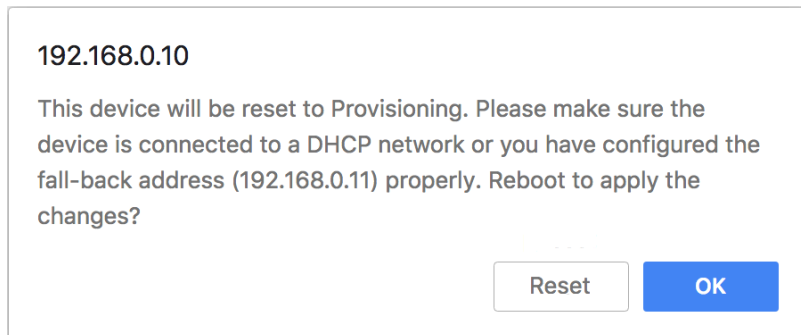


Figure 19. Unit reboot dialog (typical)

3. Click the **OK** button to proceed, or click the **Reset** button to go back to the **RACER™** dialog and adjust the settings.
 - If you click the **OK** button, the unit will reboot, but will remain in Provisioning Mode.
 - The unit will attempt to connect to the internet using the new connection values.

If the unit cannot connect to the internet using the **DHCP fall-back configuration** settings, the **RACER™ Cloud connection** info Status will be shown as **Disconnected** (Figure 20 (page 60)).

RACER™ Cloud connection info	
Status:	Disconnected 
Current IP Configuration	
Current IP:	10.11.1.152 (dhcp)
Current Netmask:	255.255.0.0

Figure 20. RACER™ Cloud connection info status (Disconnected)

Configure the unit by doing the following steps:

1. Click the **Reset to Provisioning** button at the bottom of the **DHCP fall-back configuration** section.

2. Do a local (offline) configuration using the Configurator interface. For further information, refer to “[Device configuration using the configurator interface](#)” (page 50).

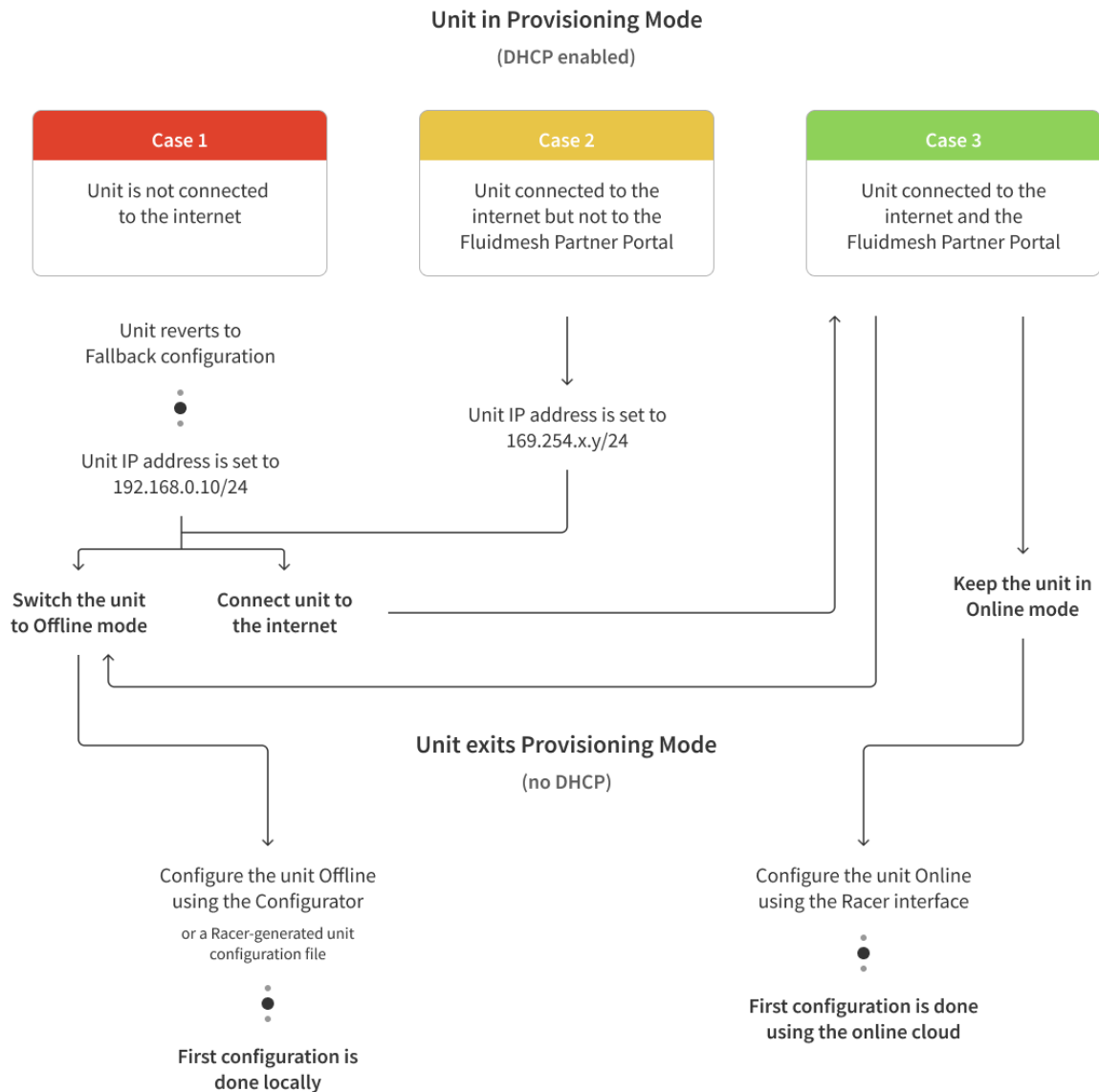
For a quick overview of the initial configuration process, refer to the flowchart below.



NOTE

Each individual Fluidmesh radio transceiver unit has a factory-set mesh identification number that takes the form **5.w.x.y**.

If the unit's IP address is set to **169.254.x.y/24** as in Case 2 below, the values **x** and **y** represent parts **x** and **y** of the unit's mesh identification number.



6.3. Switching between offline and online modes

The Configurator interface may not be in the needed mode when you log in. To switch between *Offline* and *Online* modes, do the steps that follow:

1. Log in to the Configurator interface as shown in “[Accessing the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER for device configuration](#)” (page 52).
 - The Configurator landing page will be shown ([Figure 21 \(page 63\)](#)).

	Fluidmesh Configurator 5.0.161.165 - MESH POINT MODE										
RACER™ Cloud-Managed Fluidmesh Device - RACER™ GENERAL SETTINGS - general mode - wireless radio - antenna alignment and stats NETWORK CONTROL - ping softdog - advanced tools ADVANCED SETTINGS - advanced radio settings - static routes - whitelist / blacklist - snmp - radius - ntp - I2tp configuration - vlan settings - Fluidity™ - misc settings MANAGEMENT SETTINGS - view mode settings - remote access - firmware upgrade - manage plug-ins - status - reboot - logout License Agreement	RACER™ RACER™ Configuration Mode Provisioning: initial radio configuration phase. The radio MUST be configured using the Centralized Web Interface (Fluidmesh Partners Portal) if connection is successful or manually if Offline configuration is selected. Offline Configuration: it supports local parameter changes through the radio Web UI / CLI or upload of a single file downloaded from RACER™ section in Fluidmesh Partners Portal. Online Cloud-Managed Configuration: the radio can be configured from the Centralized Web Interface (RACER™ section in Fluidmesh Partners Portal) if it is connected to the Internet and can access RACER™ Cloud Server. Radio Web UI and CLI are read-only. ☒ Online Cloud-Managed ☐ Offline <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #f2f2f2;"> <th align="center" colspan="2">RACER™ Cloud connection info</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td align="right">Status:</td> <td>Connected</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #f2f2f2;"> <th align="center" colspan="2">Current IP Configuration</th> </tr> <tr> <td align="right">Current IP:</td> <td>10.11.80.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="right">Current Netmask:</td> <td>255.255.0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	RACER™ Cloud connection info		Status:	Connected	Current IP Configuration		Current IP:	10.11.80.10	Current Netmask:	255.255.0.0
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Figure 21. Fluidmesh Configurator (landing page)

2. The lower section of the **RACER™ Configuration Mode** box has two radio buttons that show whether the unit is in **Online (Cloud-Managed)** mode, or **Offline** mode.
3. If the unit is not in the correct mode, click the **Online (Cloud-Managed)** or **Offline** radio button as needed.
 - A confirmation dialog will be shown, asking if you want to switch the unit to the chosen mode.
4. To switch the radio to the chosen mode, click the **Confirm** button.
 - A ten-second countdown will be shown.
 - The Configurator interface web page will reload.
 - The unit will be switched to the chosen configuration mode.

Uploading a device configuration file from RACER

A RACER device configuration template contains a set of pre-configured parameters that can be customized and applied to a single Fluidmesh device, or to a group of devices.

RACER configuration files use the *.FMCONF file extension.

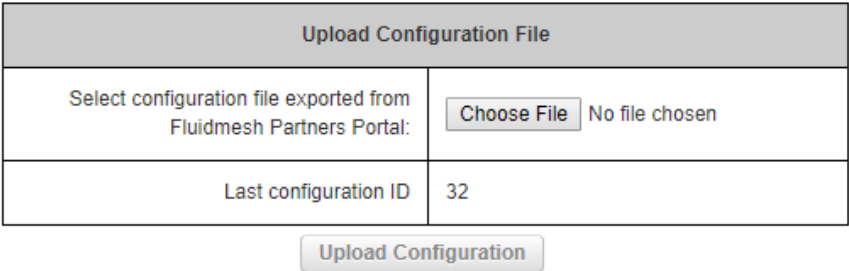
If the unit is not connected to the Internet, you can still use the RACER configuration interface to define a configuration file, then upload it to the unit. This can be done in either of two different ways:

- A range of ready-made configuration templates are available from the RACER interface. Each template caters to a particular configuration scenario, and can be copied and modified to your needs.
- Alternatively, you can create a new, custom configuration template.

For instructions on how to copy, modify or create a configuration template using the RACER interface, refer to the *Fluidmesh Networks RACER User Manual*.

A configuration file that has been created using the RACER interface must be uploaded to the unit. To upload a RACER configuration file, do the following steps:

1. Switch the unit to Offline mode as shown in “[Switching between offline and online modes](#)” (page 62).
2. Click the **-RACER™** link in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The Configurator landing page will be shown.
3. Click the **Choose File** button in the **Upload Configuration File** section ([Figure 22 \(page 64\)](#)).



Upload Configuration File	
Select configuration file exported from Fluidmesh Partners Portal:	Choose File No file chosen
Last configuration ID	32

Figure 22. Configurator interface (RACER configuration file upload dialog)

- Find and choose the correct configuration file by following the software prompts.
4. Click the **Upload Configuration** button.
 - The configuration file will be uploaded and applied to the unit.

6.4. General settings

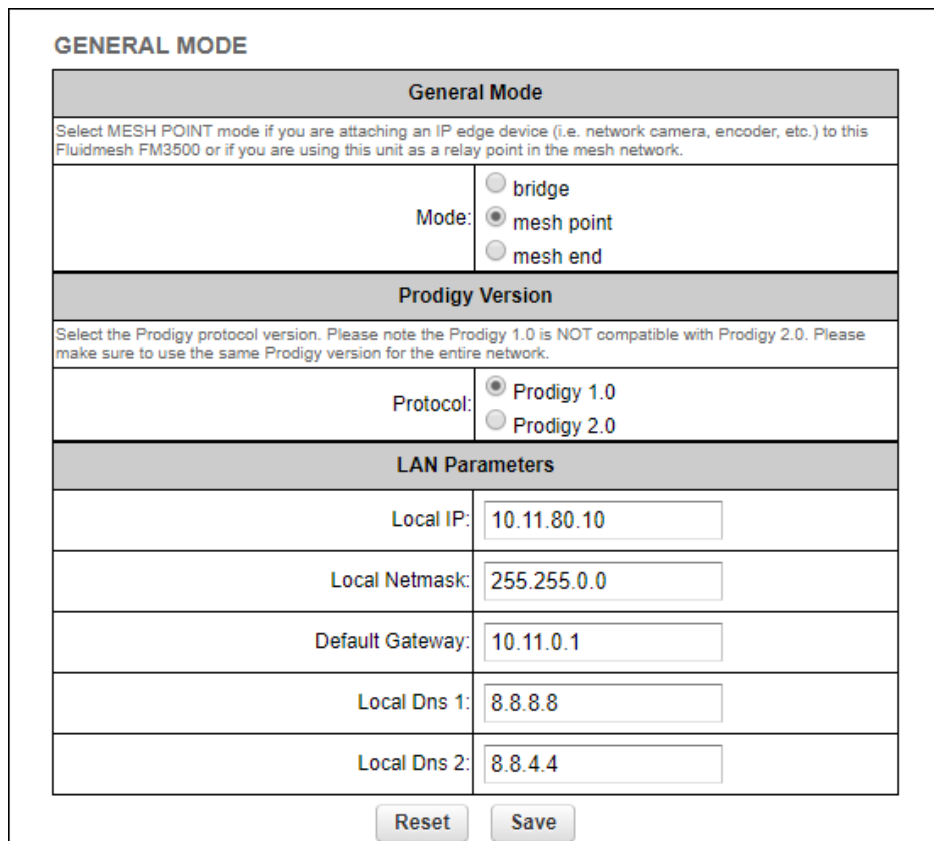
6.4.1. The General Mode window

The General Mode window contains controls to monitor and/or change the following settings:

- The unit's operational mode.
- The version of Prodigy currently being used by the unit.
- The unit's LAN parameters.
- If the local unit is in *Bridge Mode*, the Bridge ID of the remote unit to which the local unit must be linked.

To change the General Mode settings, do the following steps:

- Click the **-general mode** link under **GENERAL SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.



GENERAL MODE	
General Mode	
Select MESH POINT mode if you are attaching an IP edge device (i.e. network camera, encoder, etc.) to this Fluidmesh FM3500 or if you are using this unit as a relay point in the mesh network.	
Mode:	☐ bridge ☒ mesh point ☐ mesh end
Prodigy Version	
Select the Prodigy protocol version. Please note the Prodigy 1.0 is NOT compatible with Prodigy 2.0. Please make sure to use the same Prodigy version for the entire network.	
Protocol:	☒ Prodigy 1.0 ☐ Prodigy 2.0
LAN Parameters	
Local IP:	10.11.80.10
Local Netmask:	255.255.0.0
Default Gateway:	10.11.0.1
Local Dns 1:	8.8.8.8
Local Dns 2:	8.8.4.4
Reset Save	

Figure 23. Configurator GUI (General Mode)

- The **GENERAL MODE** dialog will be shown (Figure 23 (page 65)).

Changing the operational mode

Changing the operational mode on a mesh network-capable unit

The **General Mode** box (below) contains the operational mode controls.

General Mode	
Select MESH END mode if you are installing this Fluidmesh Unit at the head end and connecting this unit to a wired network (i.e. LAN).	
Mode:	☐ bridge ☐ mesh point ☒ mesh end

Fluidmesh radio transceiver units that are capable of operating within a mesh radio network are shipped from the factory in **Mesh End** mode.



IMPORTANT

When designing the required network layout, remember that the wireless network must always connect to the wired LAN through a unit configured to be a **Mesh End** unit.

This is necessary for correct wireless mesh network operation, even if the network consists only of two wireless units.

If needed, change the unit's operational mode by clicking one of the following **Mode:** radio buttons:

- **bridge** (This mode creates a layer 2 connection between the local unit and another Bridge unit.)
- **mesh point** (This mode allows you to use the unit as a relay point in the mesh network and/or attach an IP edge device, such as a CCTV camera or video encoder, to the unit.)
- **mesh end** (This mode allows you to install the unit as the junction point between the wireless network and a wired LAN.)



NOTE

If the **bridge** option is chosen, the Fluidmesh device ID number of the unit that forms the opposite side of the wireless bridge will be shown in the Configurator window heading block (Figure 24 (page 67)).

Fluidmesh Device - BRIDGE MODE LOCAL BRIDGE ID 5.0.157.185 ASSOCIATED WITH REMOTE BRIDGE ID 5.1.783.211
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Figure 24. Configurator window heading block

If the unit has been set to **Bridge Mode**, you must set the Bridge ID of the remote unit to which the local unit must be linked. Set the Bridge ID by doing the following steps:

1. Click the **Remote [Unit model] Bridge ID:** drop-down ([Figure 25 \(page 67\)](#)).

Local Dns 1:	8.8.8.8
Local Dns 2:	8.8.4.4
Remote Bridge Unit	
You can choose the Bridge ID (Identification) of the remote Fluidmesh Device to associate with.	
Remote Fluidmesh Device Bridge ID:	AUTO
Reset Save	

Figure 25. General Mode window (Remote Bridge Unit section)

2. Click one of the following options:
 - **AUTO:** The local unit will automatically establish a wireless bridge connection with the closest available Fluidmesh unit that is set to *Bridge Mode*.
 - Alternatively, choose the correct unit from the list of available units.
3. Save the operational mode settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

Changing the Prodigy version



IMPORTANT

Prodigy version selection is only available if the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is set to **Mesh Point** mode or **Mesh End** mode. If the unit is set to **Bridge** mode, the Prodigy Version selector will not be available.

The **Prodigy Version** box (below) contains the Prodigy version selector.

Prodigy Version	
Select the Prodigy protocol version. Please note the Prodigy 1.0 is NOT compatible with Prodigy 2.0. Please make sure to use the same Prodigy version for the entire network.	
Protocol:	☐ Prodigy 1.0 ☒ Prodigy 2.0

Remember that all Fluidmesh devices within a network *must* use the same Prodigy version.



IMPORTANT

Prodigy 2.0 is **not** compatible with Prodigy 1.0. Do not implement the two protocol versions within the same network.

If you are expanding an existing network using new Fluidmesh hardware components, make sure that all components are compatible with each other by:

1. Upgrading all network components within the same network to firmware version 6.5 or higher.
2. Configuring all network components within the same network to operate using either Prodigy 1.0 or Prodigy 2.0.

Option 2 is recommended if the network does not contain older Fluidmesh devices that are not compatible with Prodigy 2.0.

If needed, change the unit's Prodigy version by clicking the **Prodigy 1.0** radio button or **Prodigy 2.0** radio button.

Save the Prodigy version settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

Changing the LAN parameters

The LAN Parameters box (below) contains the entry controls for local-address setting.

LAN Parameters	
Local IP:	10.11.80.10 
Local Netmask:	255.255.0.0
Default Gateway:	10.11.0.1
Local Dns 1:	8.8.8.8
Local Dns 2:	

**NOTE**

When the **General Mode** window is opened for the first time, the **Local IP** and **Local Netmask** LAN parameters will be factory-set default values.

The information needed is self-explanatory. To enter a parameter, click the field and type the parameter.

If needed, enter the local primary DNS address in the **Dns 1** field, and enter the local secondary DNS address in the **Dns 2** field.

Save the LAN settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

6.4.2. Wireless settings

Modifying the wireless settings

**IMPORTANT**

If the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER was purchased in the USA or Canada, the Country selection is set to the country of purchase, and the **Country:** drop-down will be disabled.

The **WIRELESS RADIO** window contains controls to change the following settings:

- The shared network passphrase.
- The national territory in which the wireless network is installed.
- The operational radio frequency and bandwidth settings.

To change the Wireless Settings, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-wireless radio** link under **GENERAL SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **WIRELESS RADIO** dialog will be shown ([Figure 26 \(page 70\)](#)).

WIRELESS RADIO

Wireless Settings

"Shared Passphrase" is an alphanumeric string (e.g. "mysecurecamnet") that identifies your network. It MUST be the same for all the FMunits belonging to the same network.

Shared Passphrase:

Country:

In order to establish a wireless connection between FM units, they need to be operating on the same frequency.

Radio Settings:

Frequency (MHz):

Channel Width (MHz):

Figure 26. Configurator GUI (Wireless Radio dialog)

2. Enter a defined network passphrase in the Shared Passphrase field.



IMPORTANT

If a shared passphrase is defined, the same passphrase must be used for all Fluidmesh units in the same network.

The shared passphrase can be composed of any ASCII characters except the following: ""'\"\$=

3. Specify the country in which the unit is installed by selecting the correct option from the **Country** drop-down menu.



CAUTION

Different countries frequently have differing telecommunications regulations. If the Country listing is not set correctly, the unit may violate national telecommunications legislation.

4. Specify the unit's operating frequency by clicking the correct option in the **Frequency (MHz)** drop-down.



CAUTION

Make sure that the chosen country listing matches the country in which the unit is installed before changing the **Frequency (MHz)** value.

- You can change the frequency of each radio link in order to minimize interference with other wireless networks

operating in the same area. The frequencies shown on the **Frequency (MHz)** selector are the carrier frequencies.

- Operation in the 4.9 GHz band must be enabled using a Fluidmesh software plug-in. Refer to “**Plug-In management**” (page 140) for details. Note that the 4.9 GHz band is not available in Brazil and Canada.
5. If **Advanced** configuration mode was selected, choose the required channel bandwidth from the **Channel Width (MHz)** drop-down. Note that the radio units on both sides of a wireless link must be set to the same channel width value. A channel width mismatch will result in degraded communication between the units.



CAUTION

Before finalizing the settings on the **WIRELESS RADIO** window, refer to “**Important considerations for wireless settings**” (page 71) below. This section contains important information that may influence your choice of wireless settings.

Important considerations for wireless settings

The following sub-sections contain important technical and regulatory information that influences the settings on the **WIRELESS RADIO** window.

- For information on the effects of network topology on frequency selection, refer to “**Point-to-Point and Point-to-Multipoint considerations**” (page 71).
- For information on how to avoid network co-location interference, refer to “**Co-location considerations**” (page 72).
- For information on the effects of channel width on data rate and throughput, refer to “**Channel width considerations**” (page 72).
- For information on using dynamic frequency selection to avoid interference with terminal doppler weather radar, refer to “**Dynamic frequency selection considerations**” (page 73).

Point-to-Point and Point-to-Multipoint considerations

If a Fluidmesh radio transceiver unit's FluidMAX Autoscan setting is enabled, and the unit is assigned a *Slave* role within a point-to-multipoint network topology:

- The *Slave* unit will mimic the frequency setting of the *Master* unit that shares its cluster ID.
- The *Slave* unit's manual frequency selection setting will be disabled by default.

**NOTE**

If a unit is configured as a *Slave*, you can still enable manual frequency selection by disabling the *Autoscan* setting on the **ADVANCED RADIO SETTINGS** page. Refer to “**Advanced radio settings**” (page 97) for more information.

Co-location considerations

To avoid radio interference caused by unit co-location, set the frequencies of co-located transceivers as far apart as practically possible.

Before a network is deployed, frequency allocations for every unit-to-unit link must be planned in advance. A safe method is to use the narrowest channel width that can realistically support the needed amount of data throughput whilst separating the individual channels as much as possible.

Even if two radios are not transmitting on the same channel, their side lobes may still cause them to interfere with each other. It is good practice to space the radios as far apart as practically possible in the vertical plane, with a minimum of 3ft/1m and an ideal distance of 5ft/1.5m between them.

Mounting radio transceiver units back-to-back or side by side may cause co-location interference that will degrade performance across your network.

Channel width considerations

Whenever practically possible, setting the unit to operate at a narrower channel width can help reduce overall network interference by increasing the number of available channels.

**WARNING**

Before changing the channel width value, make sure that the overall frequency range you will be using is legal for your territory. Changing the operating channel width may violate the local telecommunication authority's regulations, lead to illegal wireless operation, and have other harmful consequences.

The following table correlates different channel widths with their theoretical maximum data rates and achievable throughput, assuming that the unit is being used as part of a point-to-point configuration.

**IMPORTANT**

The following table shows theoretical values under ideal conditions. Actual throughput may vary depending on environmental and other conditions.

Table 4. Available Radio Channel Widths

Channel width	Max.modulation speed	Max. throughput
5 MHz	37 Mb/s	8 Mb/s
10 MHz	75 Mb/s	16 Mb/s
20 MHz	150 Mb/s	90 Mb/s
40 MHz	300 Mb/s	150 Mb/s

Dynamic frequency selection considerations

To ensure that commercial and military flight operations proceed without interference to terminal doppler weather radar (TDWR), operation of the unit in the 5.250 GHz-to-5.350 GHz band (known as U-NII Mid or U-NII-2A) and the 5.470 GHz-to-5.725 GHz band (known as U-NII Worldwide or U-NII-2C / U-NII-2E) is discouraged.

Operation of the unit within these frequency ranges is disabled by default.

**WARNING**

If the unit is operated in the U-NII Mid or U-NII Worldwide frequency ranges, dynamic frequency selection (DFS) may be a legal requirement in your national territory.

For information on whether legislation requires that you use DFS, [click here](#).

**IMPORTANT**

The dynamic frequency selection feature must be enabled using a software plug-in (Fluidmesh part number *FM-UNII2*). Contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative for details.

If it is essential that the unit is operated in the U-NII Mid or U-NII Worldwide frequency ranges, do the following steps:

1. Make sure that local legislation permits operation of the unit in the U-NII Mid and/or U-NII Worldwide frequency ranges. Use of these frequency ranges may be prohibited in some territories.
2. Make a note of the exact physical locations of the unit antennas.
3. Consult your local Fluidmesh Networks representative. He or she will be able to determine whether the unit can be safely used in its current location.
4. If the unit can be safely operated in the U-NII Mid or U-NII Worldwide frequency ranges in its current location, your Fluidmesh Networks representative will forward you the Fluidmesh UNII2 plug-in (part number *FM-UNII2*) free of charge. This plug-in unlocks access to these frequency bands.

Every Fluidmesh unit uses a proprietary distributed-channel switching algorithm. If the UNII2 plug-in is installed, and a TDWR radar transmission is detected:

- The algorithm will attempt to switch communicating Fluidmesh units to the next radar-free channel, allowing uninterrupted communications with no radar interference.
- The number of detected radars is reported in the command-line interface (CLI).

The number of TDWR transmissions detected by the unit is shown in the command-line interface (CLI), and in [“The device status view” \(page 144\)](#).

To enable the use of U-NII-2A, U-NII-2C and U-NII-2E frequency bands on the unit, do the following steps:

1. Contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative to obtain the the DFS plug-in (part number *FM-UNII2*) free of charge.
2. Install the UNII2 plug-in as shown in [“Plug-in management procedures” \(page 155\)](#).
3. When you activate the UNII2 plug-in through the Fluidmesh Partner Portal, you will be prompted to point out the exact location where the unit will be installed.
 - The Partner Portal will verify that there are no TDWR radar installations within 40 miles (64 Km) of the Fluidmesh unit. If no TDWR radar installations are found, the plug-in will grant permission for the unit to be set to frequencies within the 5.250 GHz-to-5.350 GHz band, and the 5.470 GHz-to-5.725 GHz band.
 - If the unit is already set to an operating frequency that is within the above frequency bands, a banner will appear in the Configurator UI, recommending that you contact Fluidmesh Support to request the *FM-UNII2* plug-in, and verify the location of the unit.



IMPORTANT

Fluidmesh Networks Inc. will not, under any circumstances, be held liable for any incidental, consequential or special damages, whether based on tort, contract, or otherwise, arising out of or in connection with improper use or operation of the channel width functionality and/or UNII2 functionality.

6.4.3. Antenna-alignment tools and physical statistics

The **ANTENNA ALIGNMENT AND STATS** window contains controls to monitor current and average radio link status during operation of the unit, allowing you to easily adjust the alignment of the unit's antennas.

The window shows a list of wireless links to other Fluidmesh units that have been detected by the local unit, and the relative strength of each wireless link in decibel-milliwatts (dBm).

To do an accurate alignment of a local antenna for a specific wireless link, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-antenna alignment and stats** link under **GENERAL SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **ANTENNA ALIGNMENT AND STATS** window will be shown ([Figure 27 \(page 75\)](#)).

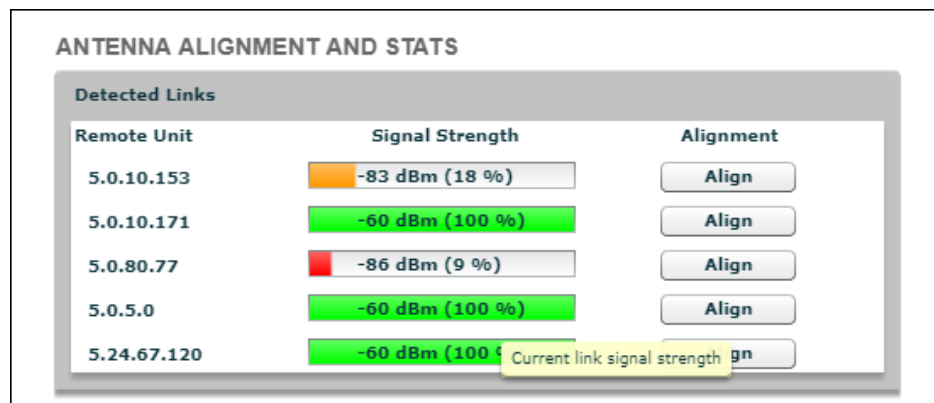


Figure 27. Configurator GUI (Antenna alignment and stats dialog)

2. More than one two-way wireless link may be shown in the **Detected Links** table. Find the two-way link for which the local antenna must be adjusted.
3. Click the **Align** button.
 - The **ANTENNA ALIGNMENT AND STATS** tool will be shown ([Figure 28 \(page 76\)](#)).



IMPORTANT

The Fluidmesh Transmission Power Control (TPC) algorithm will be disabled during the antenna alignment process. This eliminates the possibility of false radio-transmission power readings.

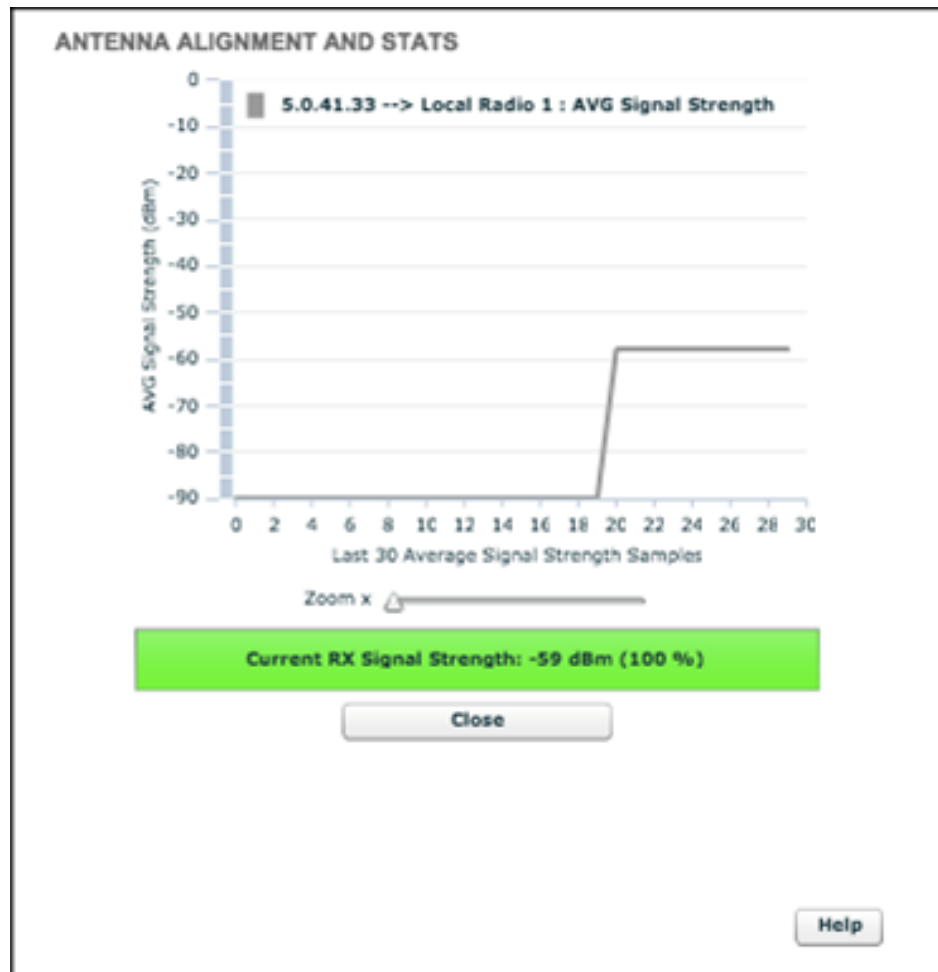


Figure 28. Antenna alignment and stats tool

4. The tool consists of:
 - A graph that reports average signal strength over the last 30 strength-sampling periods.
 - A bar that reports the quality of the signal currently being detected at the local unit receiver.
5. Do the physical antenna alignment by manually adjusting the location and direction of the relevant antenna. During the alignment, use the graph and bar readings to monitor variations in signal strength.
6. To increase the readability of the average signal strength graph, click-and-drag the **Zoom x** slider.
7. When the antenna alignment is complete, click the **Close** button.
 - The antenna alignment and stats tool will be closed.

6.4.4. Spectral analysis

The **Spectrum Graph** window contains a static graph readout and controls to detect radio-frequency interference that exists between local Fluidmesh units transmitting and receiving in a specified frequency band. The window can be used make the most efficient choice of center frequency and channel width for radio links between units.

To use the Spectrum Graph window, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-spectral analysis** link under **GENERAL SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **Spectrum Graph** window will open in a new web browser tab ([Figure 29 \(page 77\)](#)).

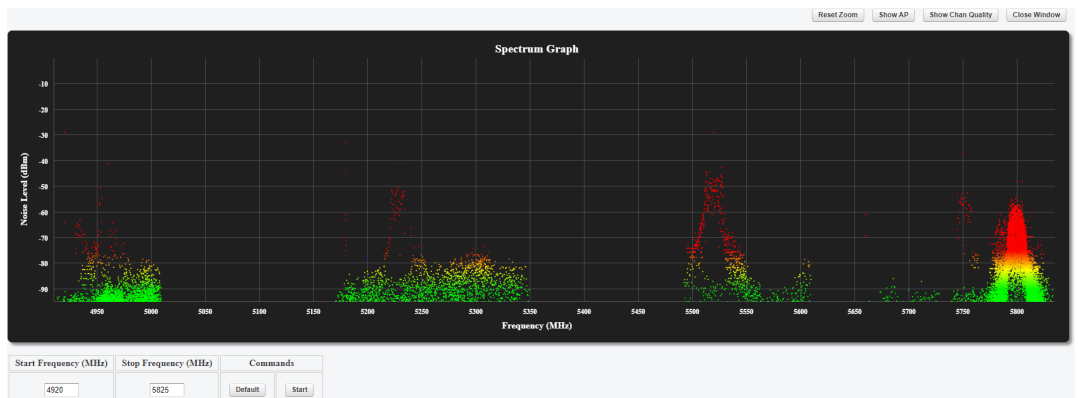


Figure 29. Spectrum Graph window (typical display)

- The Spectrum Graph readout will be empty.
2. Choose a range for the frequency band that must be scanned for interference or excessive radio noise by doing either of the following:
 - Set the start and stop frequency selection to the system defaults (4 950 MHz to 5 825 MHz) by clicking the **Default** button.
 - Enter custom start frequency and stop frequency values for the frequency band that must be scanned for interference, in the **Start Frequency (MHz)** and **Stop Frequency (MHz)** fields.
3. In the **Commands** table, click the **Start** button.
 - When the frequency scan is complete, the Spectrum Graph window will show the scan result.
 - Signal quality for each channel is shown as a function of signal noise quantity (in decibel-milliwatts) at each frequency. The higher the value shown on the graph, the poorer the signal quality. A green display indicates high

signal quality. Yellow indicates falling quality. If the signal display is red, there is excessive signal noise.



IMPORTANT

If you are scanning a network with overlapping communication channels, the number of *detected* Fluidmesh units may be larger than the *actual* number of deployed units.

4. To view a specific part of the graph, roll the mouse wheel forward to zoom into the window, then click-and-drag the window left or right.
5. To reset the window to default size, click the **Reset Zoom** button on the upper right-hand corner of the **Spectrum Graph** window.

To show all Fluidmesh wireless access points (APs) in the displayed radio spectrum, do the following steps:

1. Click the **Show AP** button on the upper right-hand corner of the **Spectrum Graph** window.
 - An icon representing each available access point will be shown on the **Spectrum Graph** window.
2. To see detailed information for an access point, hover the mouse cursor over the access point icon.
 - The SSID number, MAC address and signal strength will be shown for the chosen AP.

To see detailed information for the signal quality at each point in the displayed frequency spectrum, click the **Show Chan Quality** button on the upper right-hand corner of the **Spectrum Graph** window.

- A series of vertical bars will be shown for each occupied channel.
- Green bars indicate high signal quality. Yellow bars indicate falling quality. If a bar is red, there is excessive signal noise at that frequency.

To close the **Spectrum Graph** web page, click the **Close Window** button on the upper right-hand corner of the **Spectrum Graph** window.

6.5. Network control

6.5.1. Ping softdog

The **PING SOFTDOG** window contains controls to set up a constant series of pings to one or more IP addresses.

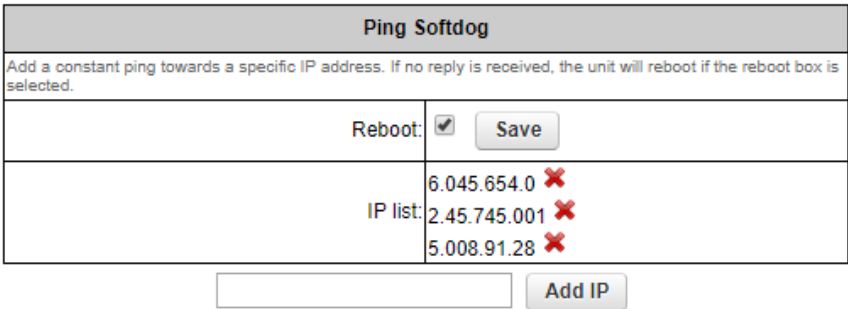
If connectivity is lost between the unit and any of the saved IP addresses, an option can also be set to automatically reboot the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER.

**TIP**

As well as being a fail-safe mechanism to monitor network connectivity, the constant ping can also be used as a 'keep-alive' message to devices that need uninterrupted connectivity, such as VoIP telephones.

To use the constant ping and automatic reboot functions, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-ping softdog** link under **NETWORK CONTROL** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **PING SOFTDOG** dialog will be shown (Figure 30 (page 79)).



Ping Softdog	
Add a constant ping towards a specific IP address. If no reply is received, the unit will reboot if the reboot box is selected.	
Reboot:	☒ Save
IP list:	6.045.654.0 ✗ 2.45.745.001 ✗ 5.008.91.28 ✗
Add IP	

Figure 30. Configurator GUI (Ping Softdog dialog)

2. To set up a constant ping to one or more IP addresses, do the following steps:
 1. Enter the IP address in the field to the left of the **Add IP** button.
 2. Click the **Add IP** button.
 - The IP Address will be added to the IP list.
 - There is no limit on the number of IP addresses that can be entered.
 3. To delete an IP address from the IP list, click the red cross to the right of the IP address listing.
3. To automatically reboot the unit if connectivity is lost between the unit and any IP address, do the following steps:
 1. Check the **Reboot:** check-box.
 2. Click the **Save** button.

6.5.2. FMQuadro

FMQuadro™ for mesh network-capable devices



IMPORTANT

The FMQuadro tool is only available if the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is set to **Mesh End** mode or **Bridge** mode. If the unit is set to **Mesh Point** mode, the **-FMQuadro** menu option will not be available.

The **FMQuadro** window contains controls to do the following functions:

- Plot all wireless links within a network.
- Show important information about each device and link.
- Diagnose problems with wireless links.
- Show the actual physical positions of all Fluidmesh components in a wireless network against the background of an aerial map.



CAUTION

Do not change the settings in the **VLAN Manager** table. Changing these settings may have a negative impact on VLAN configuration.

Plotting and interpreting the wireless links

To plot and interpret all wireless links shown by the window, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-FM Quadro** link under **NETWORK CONTROL** in the left-hand settings menu.



NOTE

The FM Quadro window needs Adobe Flash Player to function. If your browser does not have the Flash Player plug-in installed, you will be prompted to download and install the plug-in.

- A graphical view of the current network will be shown. A typical example is shown in ([Figure 31 \(page 81\)](#)).

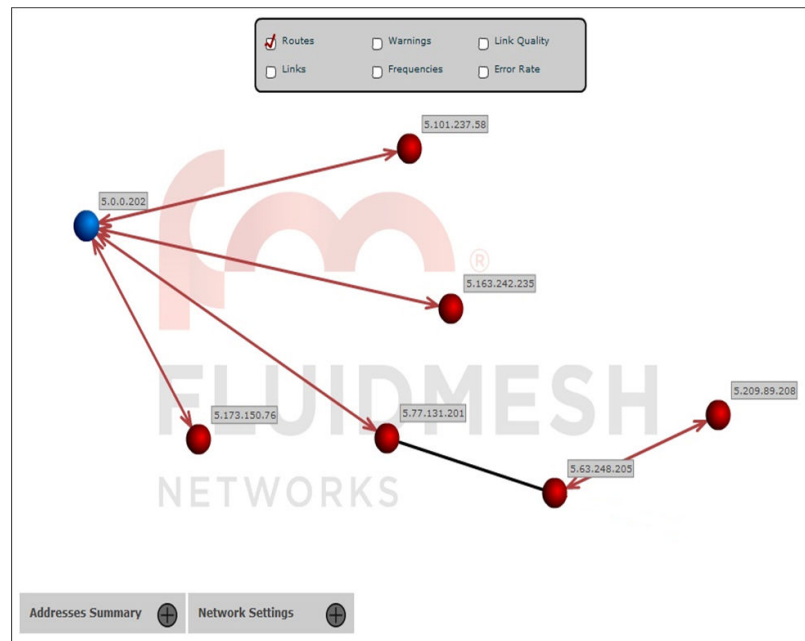


Figure 31. FMQuadro graphical view (Mesh End only)

- Fluidmesh radio transceiver devices are shown as dots. **Mesh End** devices are shown as *blue* dots, while **Mesh Point** devices are shown as *red* dots. If an abnormal condition is detected on any unit, its device icon changes to a *yellow* dot.
 - Wireless links are shown as lines. Primary wireless links are shown as double-pointed *solid red lines*. If the network includes mesh radio links, these are shown as double-pointed *dashed lines*. Wired LAN links are shown as *solid black lines*.
2. Each element shown in FMQuadro is interactive. To get additional real-time information on any Fluidmesh device or wireless link, click it. A typical device information panel is shown in [Figure 32 \(page 82\)](#).

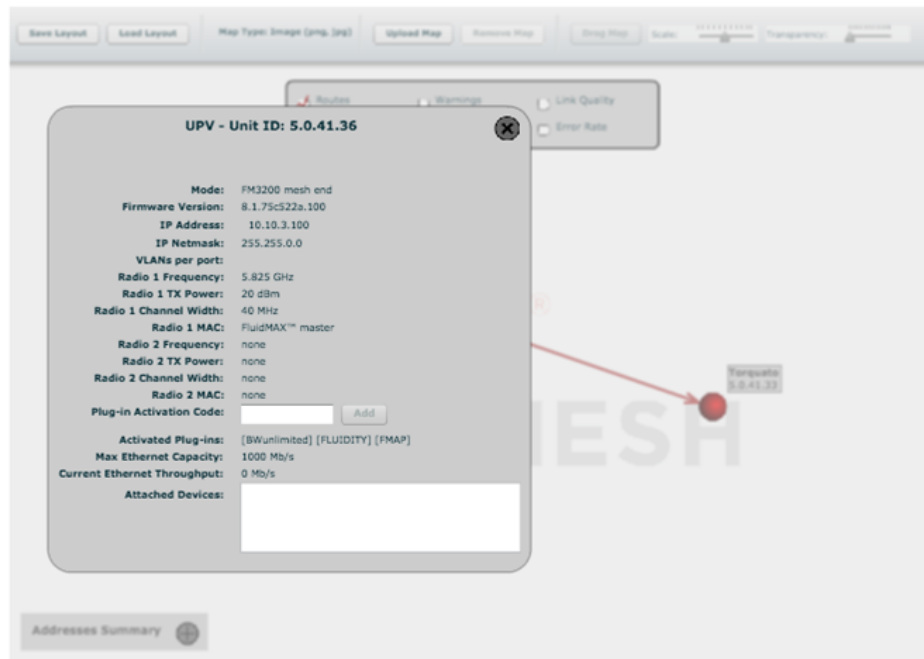


Figure 32. FMQuadro (unit information)

3. When an information panel is shown for a Fluidmesh device:
 - The list of plug-ins currently installed on the device is shown.
 - You can activate any Fluidmesh software plug-in on the device by entering the correct activation code in the **Plug-in Activation Code** field and clicking the **Add** button.
 - The device's maximum Ethernet capacity and current data throughput are shown. This allows you to monitor Ethernet utilization, and determine whether the Ethernet port is over-utilized (particularly if the Fluid Throttle plug-in is installed).
 - If a Fluidmesh device is not performing as expected, the dot representing the unit turns yellow. If the dot is clicked, the warning details will be shown.
4. Use the check-box panel at the top of the window to show and hide graphical elements as described below:
 - To show all wired and wireless links between Fluidmesh devices in the network, check the **Routes** check-box.
 - To show visual warnings for all devices and wireless links that are not currently performing as expected, check the **Warnings** check-box.
 - To show the radio signal quality of each wireless link, check the **Link Quality** check-box.

- To show all possible routes of transmission between wireless devices in a mesh network, check the **Links** check-box.
 - To show the current operating frequency of every wireless link, check the **Frequencies** check-box.
 - To show the current data error rate of every wireless link, check the **Error Rate** check-box.
5. All Fluidmesh devices represented by dots can be placed in any position on the map view. To move any dot, click-and-drag the dot to the needed position.
 6. To save the network layout currently seen on the map view, click the **Save Layout** button.
 7. If the positions of any device dots have been changed, and the **Save Layout** button has not been clicked, you can restore the visual network layout to its last saved configuration by clicking the **Load Layout** button.

Using and interpreting the wireless link information display

To show a detailed information display for any wireless link, do the following steps:

1. Identify the wireless link for which more information needs to be known. In the FMQuadro view, Primary wireless links are shown as double-pointed *solid red lines*. If the network includes mesh radio links, these are shown as double-pointed *dashed red lines*. To show all mesh radio links, check the **Links** check-box.
2. Click the wireless link line.
 - The basic wireless link information display will be shown ([Figure 33 \(page 84\)](#)).



Figure 33. FMQuadro (Basic wireless link information display)

3. Relevant statistical information will be shown as follows:
 - **Current TX Rate:** The current link transmission rate, in Mb/s.
 - **Packet Error Rate:** The percentage of packets dropped due to excessive transmission errors.
 - **Link Error Rate:** The percentage of packet re-transmissions due to transmission errors.
 - **Signal Strength:** The current signal level being received, in dBm.
 - **Link Utilization:** (In pie chart format): The percentage of current link utilization for data transmission.
4. To view stored information about the wireless link for the last specified period of time, click the relevant button on the basic wireless link information display.
 - The **History Stats** window for the wireless link will be shown. A typical example is shown in (Figure 34 (page 85)).



Figure 34. FMQuadro wireless link information display (History Stats window)

5. To view time-based information using the **History Stats** window, do the steps that follow:
 1. Set the time period for which statistics must be viewed by entering the number of days in the **Data record: (last days)** field.



NOTE

By default, statistics are recorded for the previous two days, at a sampling interval of five minutes. The statistical recording time can be set at a maximum of 24 days.

Note that if the statistical recording time is increased, the sample interval is lengthened in proportion.

2. Set the transmission direction that must be viewed by clicking the **Invert Direction** button.
 - The origin and destination of the data transmission will be indicated in the **Invert direction** section of the window.

3. Fine-tune the statistical displays by clicking-and-dragging the **Zoom period** sliders to adjust the period that must be viewed.
4. Check any or all of the information category check-boxes in the View: section of the window. Depending on the check-box selections, relevant statistical information will be shown as follows:
 - **TX Rate:** Current link transmission rate, in Mb/s.
 - **Throughput:** Rate of *successful* message delivery over the wireless link.
 - **Signal Strength:** Current received signal level, in dBm.
 - **Packet Error Rate:** Percentage of packets dropped due to excessive transmission errors.
 - **Link Error Rate:** Percentage of packet re-transmissions due to transmission errors.

Interpreting device warnings and wireless link warnings

If the **Warnings** check-box in the check-box panel at the top of the window is checked ([Figure 31 \(page 81\)](#)), all visual warnings for all devices and wireless links that are not currently performing as expected will be shown.

Visual warnings that may be shown for radio units are as follows:

- **Ethernet Capacity Overflow** (Plug-in capacity exceeded)
- **Hidden Terminal Detected** (A hidden terminal has been detected by the FluidMAX engine)

Visual warnings that may be shown for wireless links are as follows:

- **Low Signal Strength** (Link signal strength is less than 60%)
- **High Error Rate** (Packet error rate is more than 5%)
- **High Link Congestion** (Link utilization is more than 80%)

Using the address summary table

The **Address Summary** table is located at the lower left corner of the window ([Figure 35 \(page 87\)](#)). This table shows the following information for each radio transceiver unit in the network:

- **Name:** The user-assigned name of each unit.
- **Unit ID:** The unique 5.a.b.c Fluidmesh unit identification number.
- **IP Address:** The IP address of the unit within the network.

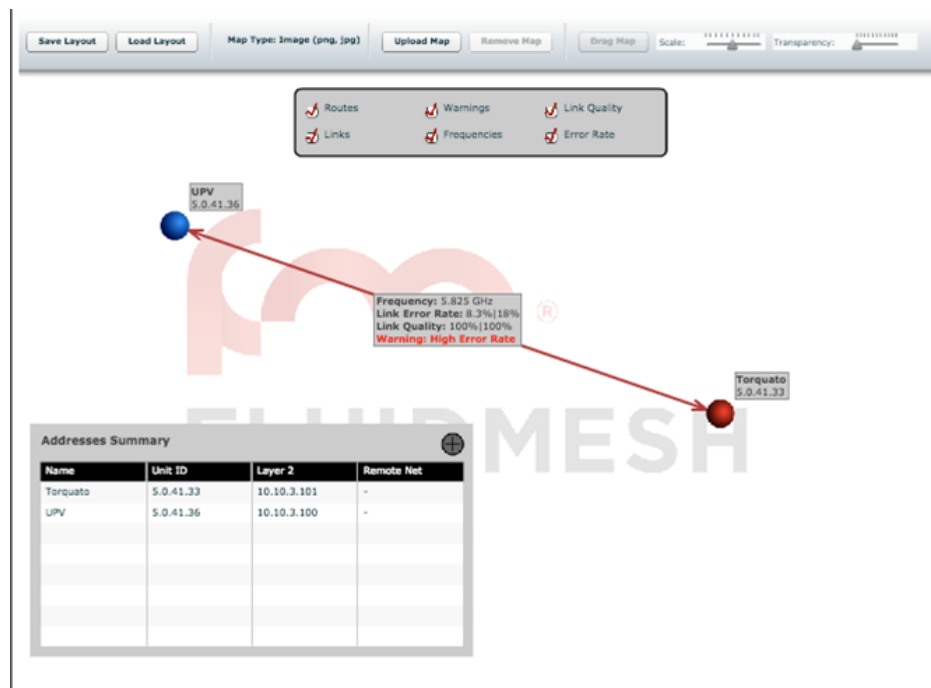


Figure 35. FMQuadro (Address summary table)

To use the address summary table, do the following steps:

1. Extend the table by clicking the **+** button at the upper right-hand corner of the table.
 - The Unit ID and IP Address details for all Fluidmesh units in the network will be shown.
2. Enter a unique reference name for each Fluidmesh unit by clicking the **Name** field for the unit and entering the text of the name.
3. Collapse the table by clicking the **+** button again.

Adding an aerial map to the FMQuadro view

You can add an aerial image to the FMQuadro view (Figure 36 (page 88)). This allows you to superimpose the network map over a map of the terrain on which the network has been installed. This allows you to more easily visualize component placement, line-of-sight between antennas, and other factors.

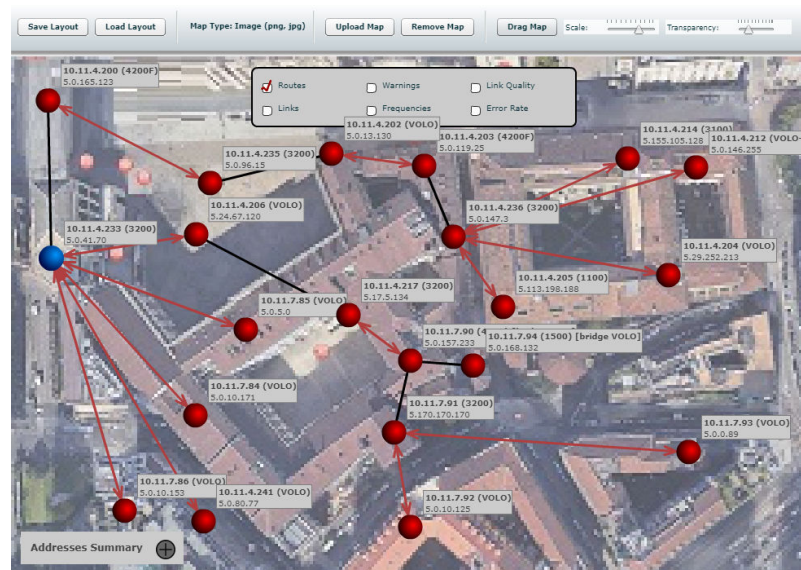


Figure 36. FMQuadro (Aerial map added)

To add an aerial terrain map to the FMQuadro view, do the following steps:

1. Get an aerial image of the area in which the wireless network and LAN are installed. The image must conform to the following requirements:
 - **Image format:** *.JPG or *.JPEG only.
 - **File size:** Less than or equal to 100 Kilobytes.



TIP

Suitable aerial images can be created and downloaded using [Google Earth](#). Basic instructions on how to use Google Earth are available [here](#).

- Images must be uploaded to FMQuadro using Google Chrome or Microsoft Internet Explorer only.
2. Click the **Upload Map** button on the upper toolbar ([Figure 37 \(page 88\)](#)). Use the upload dialog to upload the aerial image.



Figure 37. FMQuadro (Upper toolbar)

3. Click the **Drag Map** button.
 - The aerial image will be un-anchored.

4. Click-and-drag the aerial image to the needed position on the map view. Release the mouse button to drop the map.
5. Use the on-screen dialog to confirm the image placement, or to continue dragging.
6. Adjust the scale and transparency of the aerial image by using the **Scale:** and **Transparency:** sliders.
7. Click the **Save Layout** button to save the aerial image as part of the FMQuadro window.
8. Click-and-drag the network components to their correct relative positions on the map view, as shown in [Step 5](#) above.
9. To upload a new aerial image, repeat the process from [Step 2](#) above. Alternatively, delete the aerial image by clicking the **Remove Map** button.

6.5.3. Fluidity Quadro™

Fluidity Quadro is a real-time monitoring tool that gives enhanced situational awareness of Fluidity, the proprietary track-side and vehicle-to-ground data transfer protocol developed by Fluidmesh.

For detailed information on the operational concepts behind Fluidity, and instructions on how to configure the protocol, refer to the *Fluidmesh Networks Fluidity Configuration Manual*.



IMPORTANT

Software plug-ins that allow Fluidity-specific bandwidth upgrades for static and mobile devices are also available. For detailed information on available plug-in upgrades, refer to [“Available plug-ins” \(page 151\)](#), or contact your local Fluidmesh Networks representative.

Fluidity Quadro for mesh-end devices



IMPORTANT

The Fluidity Quadro tool is only available if the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is set to *Mesh End* mode. If the unit is set to *Mesh Point* mode or *Bridge Mode*, the **–Fluidity™ Quadro** menu option will not be available.

The Fluidity Quadro window contains controls to do the following functions:

- Plot all static wireless devices in a Fluidity network, in relation to the mobile wireless-equipped vehicles from which they receive relayed traffic.
- Show important information about each static device and mobile device.

- Show the exact physical positions of all static Fluidmesh components and approximate physical positions of all mobile Fluidmesh components, against the background of an aerial map.

Plotting and interpreting static and mobile device information

To plot and interpret information on all static and mobile wireless devices shown by the window, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-Fluidity Quadro** link under **NETWORK CONTROL** in the left-hand settings menu.



NOTE

The Fluidity Quadro window needs Adobe Flash Player to function. If your browser does not have the Flash Player plug-in installed, you will be prompted to download and install the plug-in.

- A graphical view of the current network will be shown. A typical example is shown in (Figure 38 (page 90)).

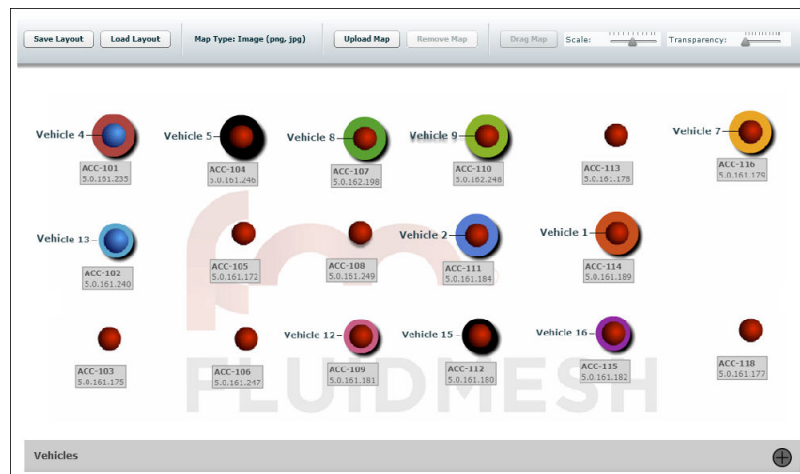


Figure 38. Fluidity Quadro graphical view

2. Within the Fluidity Quadro graphical view:
 - Static-mount Fluidmesh radio transceiver devices are shown as centralized dots. *Mesh End* devices are shown as *blue* dots, while *Mesh Point* devices are shown as *red* dots. If an abnormal condition is detected on any static unit, its device icon changes to a *yellow* dot.
 - If a mobile radio transceiver device is within range of a static device, and a data connection is established between the devices, the mobile device is shown as a *colored border* around the dot representing the static

device. A typical example of a data connection between a single mobile device and a static device is shown in [Figure 39 \(page 91\)](#).

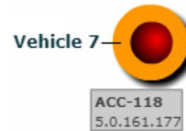


Figure 39. Fluidity Quadro (single mobile device linked to static device)

- If more than one mobile device is within range of a static device, and a data connection is established between the mobile devices and the static device, the connected mobile devices are shown as *colored border segments* around the dot representing the static device. A typical example of a link between a static device and multiple mobile devices is shown in [Figure 40 \(page 91\)](#).

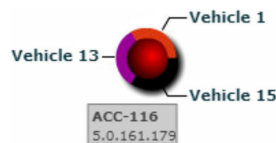


Figure 40. Fluidity Quadro (multiple mobile devices linked to static device)

- Each element shown in Fluidity Quadro is interactive. To get additional real-time information on any Fluidmesh device, click the device icon. A typical device information panel is shown in [Figure 41 \(page 91\)](#).

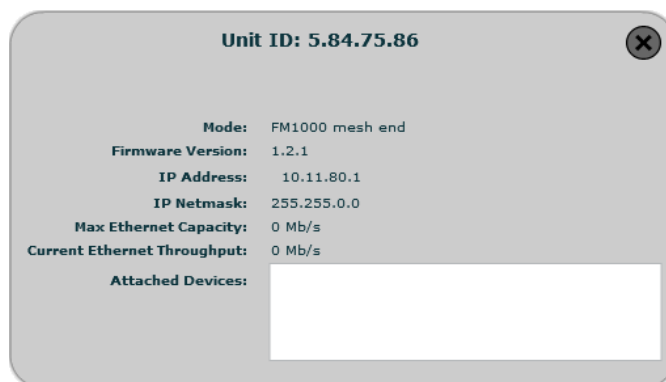


Figure 41. Fluidity Quadro (unit information)

3. When an information panel is shown for a Fluidmesh device:

- The device's maximum Ethernet capacity and current Ethernet throughput are shown. This allows you to monitor Ethernet utilization and determine whether the Ethernet port is overutilized (particularly if the Fluid Throttle plug-in is installed).
 - If a Fluidmesh device is not performing as expected, the dot representing the unit turns yellow. If a yellow dot is clicked, the warning details for the unit will be shown.
4. All static Fluidmesh devices represented by dots can be placed in any position on the map view. To move any dot, click-and-drag the dot to the needed position.
 5. To save the network layout currently seen on the map view, click the **Save Layout** button.
 6. If the positions of any device dots have been changed and the **Save Layout** button has not yet been clicked, you can restore the visual network layout to its last saved configuration by clicking the **Load Layout** button.

Using the Vehicles table

The Vehicles table is found at the lower edge of the window. A typical example is shown in (Figure 42 (page 92)).

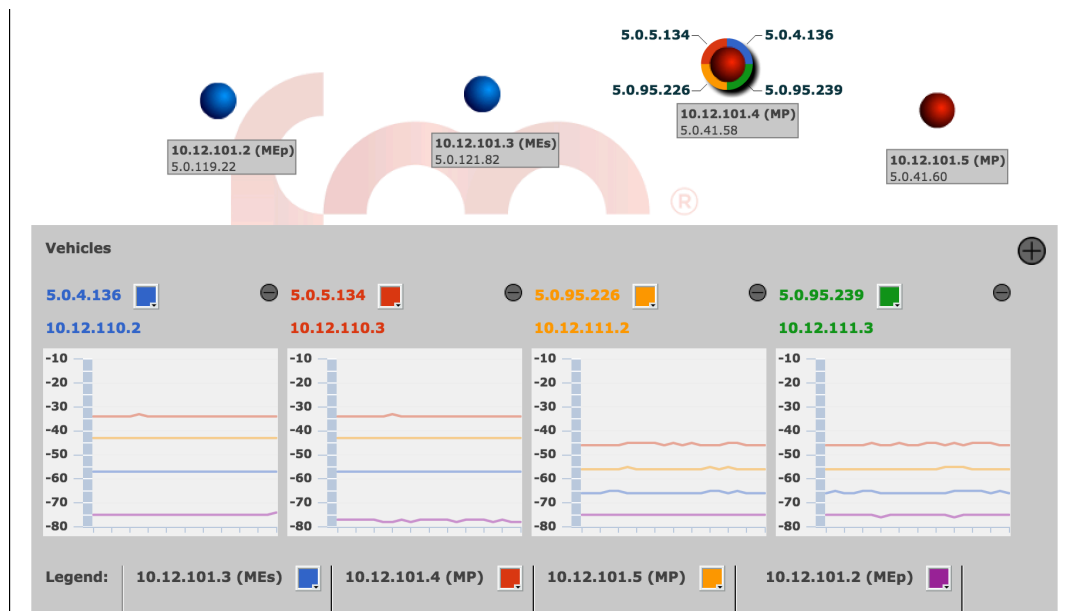


Figure 42. Fluidity Quadro (Vehicles table)

To use the **Vehicles** table, do the following steps:

1. Expand the table by clicking the + button at the upper right-hand corner of the table.

- The assigned Unit ID and IP Address details for all Fluidmesh units in the network will be shown.

**NOTE**

A user-assigned name can be given to each unit in the network. For instructions on how to re-name units, refer to “FMQuadro” (page 80).

2. Choose a unique color to represent each mobile Fluidmesh device by clicking the colored tile to the right of the device’s mesh ID number (**5.a.b.c**), and clicking the chosen color from the color palette.
3. If needed, collapse the table by clicking the **+** button again.

The **Vehicles** table shows the following information:

- Each *mobile* transceiver unit that currently has a connection to one or more static transceiver units is listed on the upper section of the table.
- Each listing on the table represents a mobile unit or static unit that can be seen on the Fluidity Quadro display.
- The following information is shown for each mobile unit listed in the table:
 1. Each mobile unit is represented by a chosen color on the Fluidity Quadro display. For example, the first unit in the table (**5.0.4.136**) has been assigned a *medium blue* color. On the graph, this unit can be seen connected to Mesh Point unit **5.0.41.58**.
 2. Collapse or expand the mobile unit listings as needed by clicking the '-' or '+' button at the upper right-hand corner of each listing.
 3. The Mesh identity number (**5.a.b.c**) and local IP address of each unit are shown in the color that has been assigned to the unit.
 4. Below each mobile unit listing is a graph showing signal strength (in dBm) over time.
 - Each colored line on the graph represents the strength of the signal received by the mobile unit, from a static unit that is part of the network. For example, the signal strength between mobile unit **5.0.4.136** and static unit **10.12.101.5** is -43 dBm.
 - To show additional information about the link represented by a colored line, hover the mouse cursor over the relevant colored line (Figure 43 (page 94)).

- In the additional-information display below:
 - a. Every graded point on the horizontal scale, from the left-hand side of the graph onwards, represents the passage of one additional second from the current point in time.
 - b. **-45** is a typical value representing the instantaneous signal strength in Decibel-milliwatts (dBm) at the specified point in time.
 - c. **11** is a typical value representing the link error rate percentage (in this case, 11%) at the specified point in time.

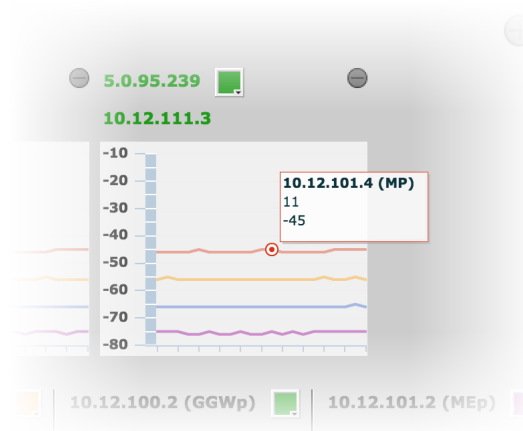


Figure 43. Signal strength / time graph (additional-information display)

- The **Legend** at the bottom of the graph lists the static units that are represented by the colored lines. For example, static unit **10.12.101.2** is represented on each graph as a purple line.
- Choose a unique color to represent each static Fluidmesh device by clicking the colored tile to the right of the device name, and clicking the chosen color from the color palette.

Adding an aerial map to the Fluidity Quadro view

If needed, you can add an aerial image to the Fluidity Quadro view. This allows you to superimpose the network map over a map of the terrain on which the mobile network has been installed, allowing you to more easily visualize component placement, the approximate current location of vehicles, and other factors.

The procedures for adding an aerial map to the Fluidity Quadro view, and manipulating the map, are the same as for the FMQuadro view. For instructions on how to add an aerial terrain map to the Fluidity Quadro

view, refer to the *Adding an aerial map to the FMQuadro view* section in “FMQuadro” (page 80)

6.5.4. Advanced tools

The Advanced Tools window contains tools to diagnose the condition of the wireless network.

- The Ping test tool sends pings to a user-specified IP address.
- The Bandwidth test tool tests the bandwidth capacity of the wireless link between the Fluidmesh unit and a user-specified IP address.
- The Path MTU tool tests the size of the maximum transmission unit.

To open the Advanced Tools dialog, click the **-advanced tools** link under **NETWORK CONTROL** in the left-hand settings menu.

Using the Ping test tool

The Ping test can be run while the network is under load (to test operational performance), or with the network unloaded (to test installed capacity). To use the Ping test tool, do the following steps:

1. Determine which wireless link is to be tested between the Fluidmesh unit and another unit in the wireless network. Get the IP address of the other unit.
2. Enter the IP address of the other unit in the **Ping (10 packets only)** field (**Figure 44 (page 95)**).

ADVANCED TOOLS

Advanced Tools		
Ping: You can ping any remote IP device from the local . Bandwidth Test: You can create a 4 Mbps stream of UDP packets with a specific destination IP. The bandwidth test works only between Fluidmesh devices. Path MTU Discovery: Find the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) size on the end-to-end network path from this node to the specified IP address (warning: it might take some time).		
Ping (10 packets only):	2.35.83.235	Run
Bandwidth test (4Mbit/s UDP):		Run
Path MTU discovery:		Run

```

64 bytes from 2.35.83.235: icmp_req=6 ttl=63 time=1.34 ms
64 bytes from 2.35.83.235: icmp_req=7 ttl=63 time=2.00 ms
64 bytes from 2.35.83.235: icmp_req=8 ttl=63 time=1.27 ms
64 bytes from 2.35.83.235: icmp_req=9 ttl=63 time=1.35 ms
64 bytes from 2.35.83.235: icmp_req=10 ttl=63 time=1.36 ms

--- 2.35.83.235 ping statistics ---
10 packets transmitted, 10 received, 0% packet loss, time 9089ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.894/1.440/2.007/0.300 ms
          
```

Figure 44. Advanced Tools window (Ping test tool)

3. Click the **Run** button to the right of the IP address field.
 - The ping test result will be shown below the test controls.

Using the Bandwidth Test tool

The Bandwidth test can be run with the network under load (to test operational performance), or with the network unloaded (to test installed capacity). The test tool generates a stream of packets at a rate of 4 Mb/s to test available network path throughput.



IMPORTANT

Bandwidth rate computation is CPU-intensive, and must be regarded as indicative only. Note that bandwidth testing tends to underestimate the actual link throughput.

To use the Bandwidth test tool, do the following steps:

1. Determine what wireless link is to be tested between the Fluidmesh unit and another unit in the wireless network. Get the IP address of the other unit.
2. Enter the IP address of the other unit in the **Bandwidth test (4Mbit/s UDP):** field ([Figure 45 \(page 96\)](#)).

ADVANCED TOOLS

Advanced Tools		
Ping: You can ping any remote IP device from the local . Bandwidth Test: You can create a 4 Mbps stream of UDP packets with a specific destination IP. The bandwidth test works only between Fluidmesh devices. Path MTU Discovery: Find the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) size on the end-to-end network path from this node to the specified IP address (warning: it might take some time).		
Ping (10 packets only):		Run
Bandwidth test (4Mbit/s UDP):	2.35.83.235	Run
Path MTU discovery:		Run

```
[ 4] 0.0-10.0 sec 48.0 GBytes 41.2 Gbits/sec
[ 4] Sent 3401 datagrams
```

Figure 45. Advanced Tools window (Bandwidth test tool)

3. Click the **Run** button to the right of the IP address field.

- The bandwidth test result will be shown below the test controls.

Using the Path MTU discovery tool

The Path MTU discovery tool tests the size of the maximum transmission unit (in other words, the largest protocol data unit that can be communicated in a single network layer transaction).

To use the Path MTU discovery tool, do the following steps:

1. Determine what wireless link is to be tested between the Fluidmesh unit and another unit in the wireless network. Get the IP address of the other unit.
2. Enter the IP address of the second unit in the **Path MTU discovery** field ([Figure 46 \(page 97\)](#)).

ADVANCED TOOLS

Advanced Tools		
Ping: You can ping any remote IP device from the local . Bandwidth Test: You can create a 4 Mbps stream of UDP packets with a specific destination IP. The bandwidth test works only between Fluidmesh devices. Path MTU Discovery: Find the Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) size on the end-to-end network path from this node to the specified IP address (warning: it might take some time).		
Ping (10 packets only):		Run
Bandwidth test (4Mbit/s UDP):		Run
Path MTU discovery:	2.35.83.235	Run
Path MTU (PMTU) autoscan range: 1432-1530 bytes. PMTU to 2.35.83.235 >= 1530 bytes (max ping size >= 1502)		

Cancel

Figure 46. Advanced Tools window (Path MTU test tool)

3. Click the **Run** button to the right of the IP address field.
 - The Path MTU test result will be shown below the test controls.

6.6. Advanced settings

6.6.1. Advanced radio settings

The advanced radio settings menu item is used to configure the following wireless parameters:

- The device's FluidMAX operating mode
- The FluidMAX cluster identification code
- The maximum radio transmission power level
- The AES data encryption setting
- The maximum distance over which the unit is capable of transmitting

To open the Advanced Radio Settings dialog, click the **-advanced radio settings** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu (below).

ADVANCED RADIO SETTINGS	
FluidMAX™ Management	
Force the FluidMAX™ operating mode of this unit. If the operating mode is Master/Slave a FluidMAX Cluster ID can be set. If the FluidMAX Autoscan is enabled, the Slave units will scan the frequencies to associate with the Master with the same Cluster ID. In this case, the frequency selection on the Slaves will be disabled.	
Radio Mode:	MASTER
FluidMAX Cluster ID:	p2mp2
Max TX Power	
Select the max power that the radio shall use to transmit. The Fluidmesh TPC (Transmit Power Control) will automatically select the optimum transmission power according to the channel condition while not exceeding the MAX TX Power parameter. Note: in Europe TPC is automatically enabled.	
Select TX Max Power:	AUTO
Select Antenna Gain:	1 dBm
Data Packet Encryption	
Enable AES to cypher all wireless traffic. This setting must be the same on all the Fluidmesh units.	
Enable AES:	Disabled
Maximum link length	
Insert the length of the longest link in the net, or let the system select an optimal value.	
Automatic:	☒
Distance:	
Unit:	☒ Km ☐ Miles
Cancel Save	

Figure 47. Configurator (Advanced Radio Settings)

Using the FluidMAX Management Setting

The **FluidMAX™ Management** controls are used to set the unit's FluidMAX™ operating mode.

Note that the **FluidMAX™ Management** controls are only available under the following conditions:

- If the unit's firmware is equipped with the FluidMAX engine.
- If the unit is currently being operated as part of a point-to-multipoint network topology.

To use the FluidMAX Management menu, do the following steps:

1. Click the **Radio Mode** drop-down menu.
2. Choose the correct FluidMAX operating mode from the following list of options:
 - **AUTO:** The FluidMAX engine is enabled, and the unit role is set automatically. Depending on various factors, the unit will automatically choose whether to transmit using the time-division multiple access (TDMA) protocol or the carrier-sense multiple access (CSMA) protocol.
 - **MASTER:** The unit will be set as the center unit within a mesh cluster featuring a 'star' topology. If the unit is set as a *Master*, it will dictate the operating frequency of the mesh cluster of which it is a Master unit.
 - **SLAVE:** The unit will be set as a subordinate unit within a mesh cluster featuring a 'star' topology. If the unit is set as a *Slave*, and its Autoscan feature is enabled, the unit will scan the spectrum of available frequencies for a Master unit that shares its Cluster ID, and its frequency selection feature will be disabled.
 - **OFF:** The FluidMAX engine will be disabled.
3. If the operating mode is set to *MASTER* or *SLAVE*, enter a unique cluster ID tag in the **FluidMAX Cluster ID** field.
4. If the operating mode is set to *SLAVE*, check the **FluidMAX Autoscan** check-box to allow the Master unit of the local mesh cluster to dictate the frequency on which the unit will transmit and receive.
5. If the **FluidMAX Autoscan** check-box is checked, the **Include 5-10 MHz Channels in Autoscan** check-box will become available. Check this check-box to increase the scan resolution from the default of 20, 40 or 80 MHz to 5-10 MHz.

**NOTE**

Under normal circumstances, leave the **Include 5-10 MHz Channels in Autoscan** check-box unchecked.

6. Click the **Save** button to save your settings. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Cancel** button.

Using the Max TX Power setting

This setting controls the effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP) output of the unit. By default, EIRP is automatically regulated using Fluidmesh's

Transmission Power Control (TPC) algorithm. The algorithm tries to obtain an optimal link signal strength of approximately -55 dBm on both sides of the radio link while not exceeding the user-defined maximum transmission power threshold.

**NOTE**

if **Max TX Power** is set to **AUTO**, the maximum transmission power may vary at any moment depending on the operating frequency of the unit, atmospheric conditions, and other factors.

If the unit's country selection is set to any country within Europe, TPC is automatically enabled.

To use the **Max TX Power** setting, do the following steps:

1. Click the **Select TX Max Power:** drop-down menu.
2. Choose the correct transmission power level from the following list of options:
 - Transmission power can be manually adjusted from -3 dBm to 24 dBm.
 - If you select the **AUTO** option, the unit will automatically choose the most efficient transmission power level according to prevailing conditions. However, the unit will not exceed the last manually selected **Max TX Power** parameter.
3. Click the **Save** button to save your settings. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Cancel** button.

Using the Select Antenna Gain setting

This setting controls the maximum antenna gain in dBm. By default, antenna gain is not pre-set at the factory.

To use the **Select Antenna Gain** setting, do the following steps:

1. Click the **Select Antenna Gain:** drop-down menu.
2. Choose the correct antenna gain level. Gain can be manually adjusted from 0 dBm to 36 dBm.
3. Click the **Save** button to save your settings. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Cancel** button.

Using the Data Packet Encryption setting

This setting controls whether Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) encryption is applied to outgoing data packets.

**IMPORTANT**

The Data Packet Encryption setting must be the same on all Fluidmesh units that are part of the same network.

In Fluidmesh devices, AES is applied using a proprietary encoding algorithm, enabling industry-grade network security.

**IMPORTANT**

The AES feature must be enabled using a software plug-in (Fluidmesh part number *FM-AES*). Contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative for details.

To use the **Data Packet Encryption** setting, do the following steps:

1. Click the **Data Packet Encryption** drop-down menu.
2. Choose the correct encryption activation setting from the list of drop-down options.

**NOTE**

If Fluidmesh plug-in FM-AES is not installed, the **ENABLED** drop-down option will not be available.

3. Click the **Save** button to save your settings. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Cancel** button.

Using the Maximum link length setting

This setting is used to set the maximum distance between the relevant wireless links. It is also used to set media access control (MAC) layer timeouts for transmitted packets.

To choose the **Maximum link length** setting manually, do the following steps:

1. Choose the unit of distance measurement (Kilometres or Miles) by clicking the correct radio button.
2. Enter a distance setting in the **Distance** field.

**IMPORTANT**

If too short a distance value is entered, unnecessary packet re-transmissions may occur, degrading overall link performance.

3. Click the **Save** button to save your settings. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Cancel** button.

To let the system choose the optimal **Maximum link length** setting and MAC layer timeouts automatically, check the **Automatic** check-box.

6.6.2. SFP settings



IMPORTANT

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is shipped from the factory with no fiber-optic transceiver installed.

For the unit to have fiber-optic capability, the SFP port must be equipped with a separately-available XCO-type fiber-optic transceiver.

XCO-standard transceiver modules and XCO-type duplex fiber-optic connectors can easily be sourced as off-the-shelf parts. If you experience difficulty in sourcing or ordering fiber-optic parts or accessories, please contact your local Fluidmesh Networks representative for assistance.

The **SFP/ETHERNET SETTINGS** window contains controls to change the data exchange speeds of the unit's duplex fibre-optic link and RJ45 Ethernet port.

To change the data exchange speed of the fibre-optic link and/or Ethernet link, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-ethernet settings** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **SFP/ETHERNET SETTINGS** dialog will be shown (Figure 48 (page 102)).

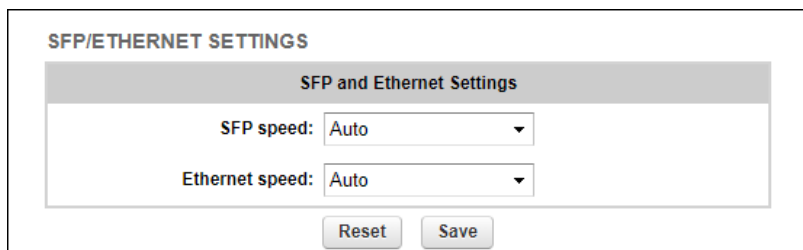


Figure 48. Configurator GUI (SFP/ETHERNET SETTINGS dialog)

2. Choose the correct fiber-optic data exchange speed by clicking the *SFP speed* drop-down and clicking the correct option.
3. Choose the correct Ethernet data exchange speed by clicking the *Ethernet speed* drop-down and clicking the correct option.

6.6.3. Static routes

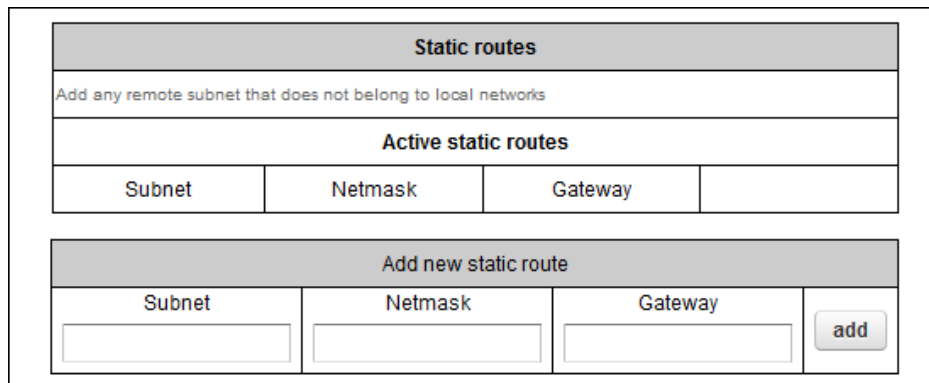
The Static routes window is used to set static routing rules (in other words, manually-configured routing entries, as opposed to routing instructions from a dynamic routing table) for a Fluidmesh unit.

Static routes are typically used if there is a need to do any of the following in context of the network:

- Access a remote subnet that does not belong to a local network
- Access other Fluidmesh radio units or client devices across the local network
- Reach gateways (such as Internet gateways)
- Create networks that include 'fixed' devices (such as CCTV cameras)

To change the Static Routes settings, click the **-static routes** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.

- The **Static Routes** dialog will be shown ([Figure 49 \(page 103\)](#)).



Static routes			
Add any remote subnet that does not belong to local networks			
Active static routes			
Subnet	Netmask	Gateway	
Add new static route			
Subnet	Netmask	Gateway	add

Figure 49. Configurator GUI (Static Routes window)

To enter a new static route, do the following steps:

1. Enter the **Subnet**, **Netmask** and **Gateway** designators in the correct fields of the **Add new static route** section.
2. Click the **add** button.
 - If the new static route is valid, it will be added to the **Active static routes** list.

6.6.4. Whitelists and Blacklists



IMPORTANT

The Whitelist/Blacklist feature is only available if the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is set to **Mesh Point** mode or **Mesh End** mode. If the unit is set to **Bridge** mode, the **-whitelist / blacklist** menu option will not be available.

The Whitelist/Blacklist function is a security feature that prevents fake IP addresses from intercepting or intruding on the network.

A Whitelist is a group of Fluidmesh transceivers, described as a list of linked pairs. Within the list, each transceiver unit is considered a valid hop in the routing table. If a Whitelist is created, all transceiver units that are not on the Whitelist are excluded from packet routing.

Conversely, a Blacklist is a group of Fluidmesh transceivers that are excluded by the routing table computation, and to which data packets must not be routed. If a Blacklist is created, all transceiver units that are on the Blacklist are excluded from packet routing.



IMPORTANT

The same Whitelist or Blacklist must be applied to all transceiver units that are part of a defined network.

Failure to use the same Whitelist or Blacklist may cause units to incorrectly receive, or be incorrectly excluded from, network traffic.

If a Whitelist or Blacklist is applied to a network, the list must be created as a *.CSV file before being uploaded to each unit in the network. This procedure is described below.

To create a Whitelist or Blacklist, do the following steps:

1. Create a *.CSV file. Open the file for editing.
2. Enter the Whitelist or Blacklist into the *.CSV file. Use the following syntax rules to create the list:
 - A Whitelist and Blacklist are mutually exclusive. Whitelists and Blacklists are always separate lists, and are never combined.
 - A Whitelist is always expressed in the form of *<source>,<destination>,<routing priority>*, where *<source>* is the unique unit ID number of the sending unit, *<destination>* is the unique unit ID number of the receiving unit, and *<routing priority>* is a natural number with a minimum value of 0 and a maximum value of 3.



IMPORTANT

Source and *destination* values are always unit ID numbers. Do not enter a unit's IP address as a source or destination value.

The unit ID number is printed on the identification label of each unit. This number always takes the following form: **5.a.b.c**

- The *smaller* the routing priority value, the *greater* the routing priority.
 - Blacklist syntax is the same as shown above, except for one additional rule: Blacklists do *not* include routing priority numbers.
 - Unit ID numbers and routing priority values are always separated with commas (,) and never with spaces.
 - To make sure that the packet flow is allowed or blocked in *both* directions, the unit ID numbers for each link in a Whitelist or Blacklist must be listed in forward order *and* in reverse order.
 - If a wireless link is not specified in a Whitelist, it will be assigned the lowest routing priority, but will not be completely excluded from routing.
3. **Example 1:** If you want to create a simple Whitelist that includes the link between unit ID numbers 5.2.22.136 and 5.29.252.213 ([Figure 50 \(page 105\)](#)), and give the link routing priority 0 (the highest possible priority):
- Cell A1 of the *.CSV file would contain the parameter 5.2.22.136,5.29.252.213,0
 - Cell A2 of the *.CSV file would contain the parameter 5.29.252.213, 5.2.22.136,0

	A	B
1	5.2.22.136,5.29.252.213,0	
2	5.29.252.213, 5.2.22.136,0	
3		

Figure 50. Sample Whitelist (Example 1)

4. **Example 2:** If you want to create a Whitelist that includes the links between unit ID numbers 5.2.22.136 and 5.29.252.213 (with routing priority 0), and between unit ID numbers 5.29.252.213 and 5.155.105.128 (with routing priority 1) ([Figure 51 \(page 106\)](#)):
- Cell A1 of the *.CSV file would contain the parameter 5.2.22.136,5.29.252.213,0

- Cell A2 of the *.CSV file would contain the parameter 5.29.252.213, 5.2.22.136,0
- Cell A3 of the *.CSV file would contain the parameter 5.29.252.213,5.155.105.128,1
- Cell A4 of the *.CSV file would contain the parameter 5.155.105.128,5.29.252.213,1

	A	B
1	5.2.22.136,5.29.252.213,0	
2	5.29.252.213, 5.2.22.136,0	
3	5.29.252.213,5.155.105.128,1	
4	5.155.105.128,5.29.252.213,1	
5		

Figure 51. Sample Whitelist (Example 2)

5. **Example 3:** If you want to create a simple Blacklist that includes the links between unit ID numbers 5.2.22.136 and 5.29.252.213 (Figure 52 (page 106)):

- Cell A1 of the *.CSV file would contain the parameter 5.2.22.136,5.29.252.213
- Cell A2 of the *.CSV file would contain the parameter 5.29.252.213, 5.2.22.136

	A	B
1	5.2.22.136,5.29.252.213	
2	5.29.252.213, 5.2.22.136	
3		

Figure 52. Sample Blacklist (Example 3)

6. Save and close the *.CSV file.

To upload a Whitelist or Blacklist using the Configurator interface, do the following steps:

1. Click the **–whitelist / blacklist** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.

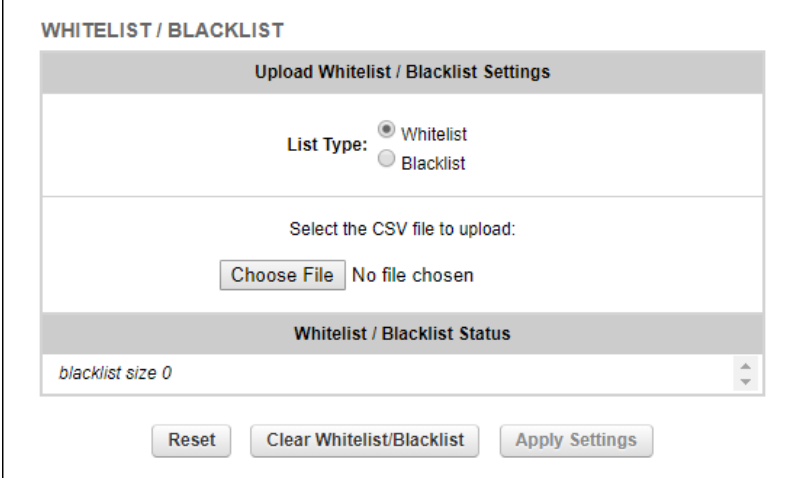


Figure 53. Configurator (WHITELIST / BLACKLIST dialog)

- The **WHITELIST / BLACKLIST** dialog will be shown (Figure 53 (page 107)).
- 2. Choose the type of list to be uploaded by clicking the correct **List Type:** radio button.
- 3. Click the **Choose File** button. Upload the saved *.CSV file using the upload dialog.
 - The contents of the uploaded *.CSV file will be shown in the **Whitelist / Blacklist Status** section.

To apply the list settings contained in the *.CSV file, click the **Apply Settings** button.

To clear the Whitelist or Blacklist settings without deleting the *.CSV file, click the **Clear Whitelist/Blacklist** button.

To delete the Whitelist or Blacklist *.CSV file, click the **Reset** button.

6.6.5. Multicast

Multicast management for mesh network-capable devices

Multicast is a group-communication method in which data transmissions are addressed simultaneously to more than one destination computer. Multicast transmissions can be point-to-multipoint, or multipoint-to-multipoint.

By default, if CCTV cameras and devices that operate in a similar fashion are linked to a Fluidmesh transceiver unit operating in **Mesh Point** mode, the unit forwards all multicast traffic generated by the cameras to the closest **Mesh End** unit in the wireless network.

However, depending on network configuration, it may be convenient to forward multicast traffic from one Mesh Point unit to another Mesh Point unit, to allow such tasks as remote recording of the video data flow.

By default, units operating in **Mesh End** mode do not forward multicast traffic to a wireless network. The only exceptions to this rule are universal plug and play (UPnP) and Internet Group Management Protocol (IGMP) traffic.

To redirect traffic flow to a **Mesh Point** unit, all multicast flow redirection information must be specified using the Multicast settings on a **Mesh End** unit.

**NOTE**

To change the unit's Multicast settings, make sure that the unit is in **Mesh End** mode as shown in “[Changing the operational mode](#)” (page 66). Multicast controls are not available if the unit is set to **Mesh Point** mode.

To set multicast rules on a **Mesh End** unit, do the following steps:

1. Find the **Mesh End** unit in the wireless network that is most suitable for forwarding multicast traffic.

**NOTE**

Multicast flow redirection information can only be specified from a **Mesh End** unit. The Mesh End unit will distribute the multicast data to all other Fluidmesh devices in the wireless network.

2. Connect to the Mesh End unit as shown in “[Accessing the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER for device configuration](#)” (page 52).
3. Click the **-multicast** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **MULTICAST** dialog will be shown ([Figure 54](#) (page 109)).

MULTICAST

Multicast routes

List of multicast routes already present. You can manually add multicast routes. Multicast network masks and wildcard addresses are ignored in Prodigy 1.0 mode.

Multicast Group	Destination Address	
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Add a new multicast route

Use these forms to add new static multicast routes.
In the Multicast Group field it is possible to specify multicast network masks such as 224.1.1.0/24.
The Destination Address field accepts the following special values:
- 5.255.255.255 is a wildcard address that indicates all units of the mesh network.
- 5.0.0.0 is special address that forces each unit to send multicast traffic to the primary mesh end. This is particularly useful when the mesh ends fast-failover is enabled.

Multicast Group	Destination Address	add

Figure 54. Multicast dialog (Mesh End mode)

4. Compile the needed multicast rule. Use the following syntax rules to create the rule:
 - A multicast rule consists of two parts: a multicast group designator and a destination address.
 - Define the multicast group designator. For example, the designator 224.1.1.0/24 indicates all multicast groups in the range 224.1.1.1 through 224.1.1.254.
 - The destination address consists of one or more Fluidmesh unit ID numbers, in the form **5.a.b.c**. These ID numbers belong to the physical Fluidmesh device or devices to which the multicast traffic must be forwarded.
 - Destination-address wildcards can also be used. For example, the destination address 5.255.255.255 represents all Fluidmesh units in the wireless network.
5. Enter the multicast group designator in the **Multicast Group** field.
6. Enter the destination address in the **Destination Address** field.
7. Click the **add** button.
 - The new multicast route will be shown in the **Multicast routes** section.

To enable or disable multicast forwarding on a **Bridge** unit, do the following steps:

1. Connect to the Bridge unit as shown in [“Accessing the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER for device configuration” \(page 52\)](#).
2. Click the **-multicast** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu ([Figure 55 \(page 110\)](#)).
 - The **Multicast** dialog will be shown.

Multicast	
Enable or Disable multicast packets forwarding from this unit to the other one. The multicast forwarding is enabled by default, disable it only if necessary. Note that UPnP and IGMP packets are always forwarded from this unit to the other one.	
Multicast Forwarding:	Enabled ▾
Cancel Save	

Figure 55. Multicast dialog (Bridge mode)

- The unit ID number of the local unit is shown as the **LOCAL BRIDGE ID** (Figure 56 (page 110)).
- The unit ID number of the Bridge unit to which the local unit is linked is shown to the right of '**ASSOCIATED WITH REMOTE BRIDGE ID**'.

Fluidmesh Device - BRIDGE MODE LOCAL BRIDGE ID 5.0.157.185 ASSOCIATED WITH REMOTE BRIDGE ID 5.1.783.211
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Figure 56. Configurator interface (Unit ID information)

3. Choose the Enabled or Disabled option from the **Multicast Forwarding**: drop-down menu.
4. Save the multicast settings by clicking the **Save** button.
Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

6.6.6. SNMP configuration

The SNMP window can be used to configure an SNMP v2c or SNMP v3 service to run on the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER.

Both walk-throughs (no agent-to-manager notifications) and traps (agent-to-manager notifications enabled) are supported. If SNMP traps are enabled, you can specify the server address to which monitoring information must be sent.



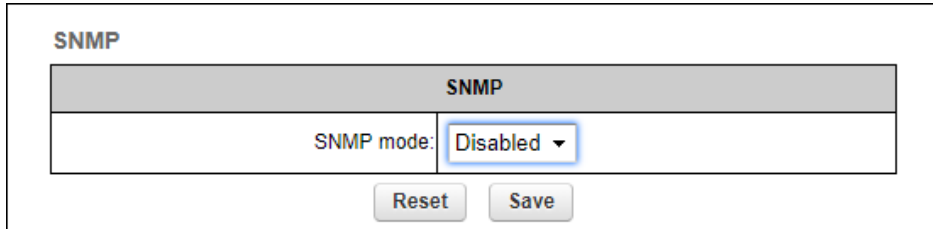
IMPORTANT

The same SNMP configuration must be set for all Fluidmesh units in the wireless network.

For detailed information on Fluidmesh unit SNMP configuration, refer to the *Fluidmesh SNMP FM-MIB OID Table* and MIB configuration files. These can be downloaded from the Fluidmesh Partner Portal (**Documentation** section > **User Manuals** > **Advanced Manuals**.)

To change the SNMP settings, do the following steps:

- Click the **-snmp** mode link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The default **SNMP** dialog will be shown (Figure 57 (page 111)).



The figure shows a web interface for the SNMP settings. At the top, there is a header "SNMP". Below it is a table with a single row containing the label "SNMP mode:" and a dropdown menu currently set to "Disabled". Below the table are two buttons: "Reset" and "Save".

Figure 57. SNMP dialog (SNMP disabled)



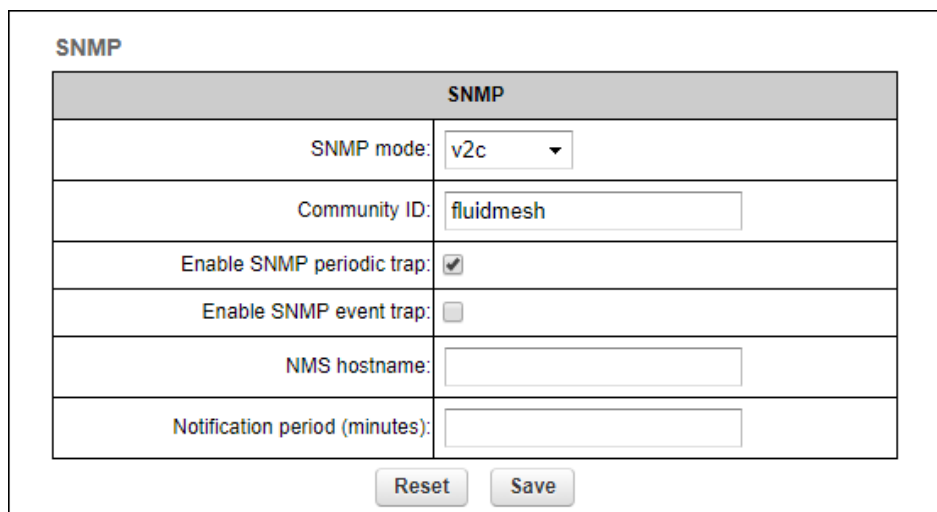
NOTE

By default, Fluidmesh units are shipped from the factory with SNMP disabled.

Using SNMP v2c

To change the unit's SNMP mode to **v2c** and configure the unit accordingly, do the following steps:

- Click the **SNMP mode** drop-down, and click the **v2c** option.
 - The **SNMP v2c** settings dialog will be shown (Figure 58 (page 111)).



The figure shows a web interface for the SNMP v2c settings. At the top, there is a header "SNMP". Below it is a table with the following rows:

SNMP	
SNMP mode:	v2c
Community ID:	fluidmesh
Enable SNMP periodic trap:	☒
Enable SNMP event trap:	☐
NMS hostname:	
Notification period (minutes):	

Below the table are two buttons: "Reset" and "Save".

Figure 58. SNMP dialog (v2c selected)

- Enter a community identity value in the **Community ID:** field.

**IMPORTANT**

The same community identity value must be set for all Fluidmesh units in the wireless network.

3. SNMP traps can be enabled for significant system-related events. If needed, enable SNMP event traps by checking the **Enable SNMP event trap**: check-box, and enter the name of the network management station (NMS) host in the **NMS hostname**: field.

**IMPORTANT**

The NMS host to which traps are sent must have an SNMP agent that is configured to collect SNMP v2c traps.

4. You can also configure the unit to send SNMP traps at defined periodic intervals. If needed, enable periodic SNMP traps by checking the **Enable SNMP periodic trap**: check-box, and enter the name of the network management station (NMS) host in the **NMS hostname**: field.
5. Save the SNMP settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

Using SNMP v3

To change the unit's SNMP mode to **v3** and configure the unit accordingly, do the following steps:

1. Click the **SNMP mode** drop-down, and click the **v3** option.
 - The **SNMP v3** settings dialog will be shown ([Figure 59 \(page 113\)](#)).

SNMP	
SNMP mode:	v3
SNMP v3 username:	fluidmesh
SNMP v3 password:	*****
Show SNMP v3 password:	☐
SNMP v3 authentication proto:	MD5
SNMP v3 encryption:	No Encryption
SNMP v3 encryption passphrase:	*****
Show SNMP v3 encryption passphrase:	☐
Enable SNMP periodic trap:	☐
Enable SNMP event trap:	☐
Engine ID:	0x80001f88804879aadd5b313a99
NMS hostname:	
Notification period (minutes):	

Figure 59. SNMP dialog (v3 selected)

- Enter an SNMP v3 user name in the **SNMP v3 username:** field.



IMPORTANT

The same SNMP v3 user name must be set for all Fluidmesh units in the wireless network.

- To change the current SNMP v3 password, enter a new password in the **SNMP v3 password:** field. The default password is **fluidmesh**. To show the password as it is being typed, check the **Show SNMP v3 password:** check-box.
- Choose the correct authentication protocol from the **SNMP v3 authentication proto:** drop-down. The available options are **MD5** and **SHA**.



IMPORTANT

The same SNMP authentication protocol must be set for all Fluidmesh units in the wireless network.

5. If needed, choose the correct encryption protocol from the **SNMP v3 encryption:** drop-down. The available options are **No Encryption**, **DES** (Data Encryption Standard) and **AES** (Advanced Encryption Standard).

**IMPORTANT**

The same encryption protocol must be set for all Fluidmesh units in the wireless network.

6. To change the current encryption passphrase, enter a new passphrase in the **SNMP v3 encryption passphrase:** field. The default encryption passphrase is **fluidmesh**. To show the passphrase as it is being typed, check the **Show SNMP v3 encryption passphrase:** check-box.
7. SNMP traps can be enabled for significant system-related events. If needed, enable SNMP event traps by checking the **Enable SNMP event trap:** check-box, and enter the name of the network management station (NMS) host in the **NMS hostname:** field.

**IMPORTANT**

The NMS host to which traps are sent must have an SNMP agent configured to collect v2c traps.

8. You can also configure the unit to send SNMP traps at defined periodic intervals. If needed, enable periodic SNMP traps by checking the **Enable SNMP periodic trap:** check-box, and enter the name of the network management station (NMS) host in the **NMS hostname:** field.
9. Save the SNMP settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

6.6.7. Wireless access point configuration

All 1200 VOLO, 3200-series and 4200-series radio transceivers equipped with firmware version 6.5 and above have a built-in wireless access point (AP).

This wireless AP is intended for use by the network's service and maintenance personnel. If the AP is enabled, you can easily connect to the transceiver unit from a short distance away using a laptop computer or any other Wi-Fi-enabled device.

Note that the radio unit can be configured as a wireless access point (AP) or as a wireless station (STA).

**IMPORTANT**

To minimize impact on overall system performance, wireless AP bandwidth is limited to 5 Mb/s. This is sufficient for maintenance purposes, but is not sufficient to support normal wireless carrier operations.

To enable the wireless AP feature on the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, do the following steps:

1. Make sure that the *FM-AP* software plug-in is installed on the radio unit. For instructions on how to install the FM-AP plug-in, refer to [“Plug-in management procedures” \(page 155\)](#).

**IMPORTANT**

If the FM-AP plug-in is not installed on the radio unit, the **–Fluidmesh WiFi** link will not appear in the left-hand settings menu.

2. Open the **FLUIDMESH 802.11 INTERFACE** dialog (below) by clicking the **–Fluidmesh WiFi** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.

FLUIDMESH 802.11 INTERFACE

Fluidmesh 802.11 Interface Setup	
WLAN MODE	OFF ▾
Reset Save	
Connected Devices: 0	

To configure the radio unit as a bridged or routed wireless access point (AP), do the following steps:

1. Configure the radio unit as a wireless access point by clicking the **WLAN MODE** drop-down menu and selecting the **AP** option.
 - The **FLUIDMESH 802.11 INTERFACE** dialog will show additional options (below):

FLUIDMESH 802.11 INTERFACE

Fluidmesh 802.11 Interface Setup	
WLAN MODE	AP ▼
Disable SSID Broadcasting	☐
Network Mode	bridged ▼
WLAN Security	wpa-psk ▼
WLAN SSID	fluidmesh-5.0.165.123
WLAN Passphrase	*****
Show Passphrase	☐

Connected Devices: 0

2. If you want to prevent the radio unit from broadcasting its access point SSID, check the **Disable SSID Broadcasting** check-box. If the box is not checked, the radio unit will broadcast the SSID shown in the **WLAN SSID** field.
3. Choose the network mode in which the radio unit will function as a wireless AP by clicking the **Network Mode** drop-down menu, and selecting the correct option:
 - If the wireless AP is set to **bridged** configuration, the AP will reside on the same subnet as the network of which the radio unit is a part. In this configuration, clients connecting to the radio unit through the AP can potentially connect to any Fluidmesh radio unit that is part of the same network.
 - If the wireless AP is set to **routed** configuration, the AP and the network of which the radio unit is a part are isolated from each other by location on different subnets.
4. If the wireless AP has been set to **routed** configuration and access to other Fluidmesh radio units that are part of the same network is needed, facilitate access by adding routes to the relevant radio units as described in [“Static routes” \(page 103\)](#).
5. Choose the encryption protocol that will be used to encrypt communication to and from connected clients by clicking the **WLAN Security** drop-down, and choosing a suitable security option.
6. The radio unit will broadcast the SSID shown in the **WLAN SSID** field. If needed, change the SSID manually.
7. When maintenance personnel connect to the unit using the AP, they will be prompted to enter a secret passphrase. Type a chosen passphrase in the **WLAN Passphrase** entry field.
8. To show the WLAN passphrase in plain text as it is being entered, check the **Show Passphrase** check-box.

If the **routed** Network Mode option was chosen, do the following additional steps:

1. Specify the IP address and netmask of the subnet the radio unit is part of by entering the correct addresses in the **WLAN IP address** and **WLAN netmask** fields.
2. To allow the radio unit to automatically assign any of a pre-defined range of IP addresses to wireless clients that connect to the radio unit, do the following steps:
 - a. Choose a continuous, unbroken range of IP addresses (for example, 100.0.0.100 to 100.0.0.254).
 - b. Specify the first DHCP IP address in the chosen range by entering the address in the **DHCP first IP address** entry field.
 - c. Specify the last DHCP IP address in the chosen range by entering the address in the **DHCP last IP address** entry field.



IMPORTANT

A different DHCP IP address class must be assigned to every 1200 VOLO, 3200-series and 4200-series radio in the network. This will help avoid IP conflicts between different access points.

To configure the radio unit as a DHCP or static-protocol wireless station (STA), do the following steps:

1. Configure the radio unit as a wireless station by clicking the **WLAN MODE** drop-down menu and selecting the **STA** option.
 - The **FLUIDMESH 802.11 INTERFACE** dialog will show additional options (below):

FLUIDMESH 802.11 INTERFACE

Fluidmesh 802.11 Interface Setup	
WLAN MODE	STA ▼
Network Address Translation	☐
WLAN Security	wpa-psk ▼
WLAN SSID	fluidmesh-5.0.165.123
WLAN Passphrase	
Show Passphrase	☐
Network Protocol	DHCP ▼

Connected Devices: 0

2. To enable network address translation, check the **Network Address Translation** check-box.
3. Choose the encryption protocol that will be used to encrypt communication to and from connected clients by clicking the **WLAN Security** drop-down, and choosing a suitable security option.
4. The radio unit will broadcast the SSID shown in the **WLAN SSID** field. If needed, change the SSID manually.
5. When maintenance personnel connect to the unit using the AP, they will be prompted to enter a secret passphrase. Type a chosen passphrase in the **WLAN Passphrase** entry field.
6. To show the WLAN passphrase in plain text as it is being entered, check the **Show Passphrase** check-box.
7. Click the **Network Protocol** drop-down menu.
 - If the wireless station must dynamically assign itself a wireless LAN IP address and netmask, select the **DHCP** option.
 - If a wireless LAN IP address and netmask must be manually assigned to the wireless station, select the **STATIC** option. If the **STATIC** option is chosen, additional options will become available. Refer to the steps below for more information.

If the **STATIC** Network Protocol option was chosen, do the following additional steps:

1. Specify the IP address and netmask of the subnet the radio unit is part of by entering the correct addresses in the **WLAN IP address** and **WLAN Netmask** fields.

2. Specify the default gateway and designated name server by entering the correct configuration data in the **WLAN Default Gateway** and **WLAN Name Server** fields.

To access a Fluidmesh radio transceiver through the transceiver's wireless access point, you will need a laptop computer, tablet computer or similar device equipped with the following:

- Wi-Fi capability.
- A current version of Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome.

To connect wirelessly to the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER for configuration and maintenance, do the following steps:

1. On your computer or other wireless interface device, use the Wi-Fi connection dialog to connect to the radio unit using the radio unit's WLAN SSID and WLAN passphrase.

**IMPORTANT**

If SSID broadcasting is disabled on the radio unit, you must create a connection to the radio unit by manually specifying the SSID and passphrase.

2. Use the web browser on your computer or other wireless interface device to access the offline Configurator interface.
3. Configure the radio unit as shown in this manual.

6.6.8. RADIUS configuration

The **RADIUS** window contains the controls to provide centralized authentication, authorization, and accounting management using the remote authentication dial-in user service (RADIUS) networking protocol.

**IMPORTANT**

The RADIUS feature is only available if the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is set to **Mesh Point** mode or **Mesh End** mode. If the unit is set to **Bridge** mode, the **-radius** menu option will not be available.

The RADIUS functionality will fail to operate if the network time protocol (NTP) feature is not enabled and configured.

**IMPORTANT**

Use of this window requires extensive familiarity with the RADIUS networking protocol. Do not change these settings unless there is a specific need to do so.

To change the RADIUS settings for the Fluidmesh unit, do the following steps:

1. Enable and configure network time protocol (NTP) as shown in [“NTP Configuration”](#) (page 122).
2. Click the **-radius** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **RADIUS** dialog will be shown ([Figure 60](#) (page 120)).

RADIUS

RADIUS	
RADIUS Mode:	Enabled ▼
IP address / hostname:	
Port:	1812 ▲▼
Secondary IP address / hostname:	
Secondary Port:	1812 ▲▼
Secret:	☐ show
Expiration (s):	28800 ▲▼
Authentication	
Authentication Method:	MSCHAPV2 ▼
Username:	
Password:	☐ show
Inner Authentication Method:	none ▼

Figure 60. Configurator GUI (RADIUS dialog)

3. Choose the RADIUS mode for the device by clicking the **RADIUS Mode** drop-down and selecting one of the following options:
 - **Disabled:** RADIUS functionality will be disabled.
 - **Enabled:** RADIUS functionality will be enabled, and the configuration options will be shown.
 - **Passthrough:** If the device is a trackside-mounted Fluidity device, this parameter can be used to simultaneously activate RADIUS device authentication, and enable RADIUS passthrough (communication between RADIUS-authenticated vehicle-mounted devices and non-authenticated trackside-mounted devices).
4. Enter the IP address or host name of the RADIUS server in the **IP address / hostname** field.

5. By default, the RADIUS port number is **1812**. Do not change the port number unless there is a specific need to do so.
6. Enter the RADIUS access password in the **Secret** field. To read the password as it is typed, check the **show** check-box.
7. By default, the RADIUS inactivity **Expiration (s)** period is 28 800 seconds (8 hours). Do not change the expiration period unless there is a specific need to do so.
8. Choose the data authentication method by clicking the **Authentication Method** drop-down and clicking the correct option. Available options are:
 - **MSCHAPV2** (Microsoft Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol V2)
 - **MD5** (Hash function producing a 128-bit hash value)
 - **GTC** (Generic Token Card)
 - **TTLS** (Tunneled Transport Layer Security)
 - **PEAP** (Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol)
9. Enter the personal username for access to the RADIUS server in the **Username** field.
10. Enter the personal password for access to the RADIUS server in the **Password** field. To read the password as it is typed, check the **show** check-box.
11. Available *Inner Authentication Methods* depend on which *Authentication Method* has been chosen. If applicable, choose an inner authentication method by clicking the **Inner Authentication Method** drop-down and clicking the correct option. Available options are shown in the following table:

Table 5. Available inner authentication methods (per authentication methods)

Authentication Method	Available Inner Authentication Methods
MSCHAPV2	None
MD5	None
GTC	None
TTLS	• PAP (Password Authentication Protocol) • CHAP (Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol) • MSCHAP (Microsoft Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol) • MSCHAPV2 • MD5 • GTC

Authentication Method	Available Inner Authentication Methods
PEAP	• MSCHAPV2 • MD5 • GTC

12. Save the RADIUS settings by clicking the **Save** button.
Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

6.6.9. NTP Configuration

All Fluidmesh radio transceiver units have a built-in clock.

No manual time-setting controls are provided. Instead, the unit has network time protocol (NTP) functionality that allows it to synchronize its time settings with a chosen internet time server. If the unit cannot synchronize with its primary time server, and the host name of a backup time server is entered, the unit defaults to synchronizing with the backup server.



CAUTION

The same NTP configuration must be set for all Fluidmesh units in the wireless network.

If the same NTP settings are not applied to all units, the network may encounter timestamp conflicts and/or equipment malfunctions.

To change the NTP settings, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-ntp** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **NTP** dialog will be shown ([Figure 61 \(page 122\)](#)).

NTP - Network Time Protocol

NTP	
Enable NTP:	☒
NTP server hostname:	time.windows.com
Secondary NTP server (optional):	time.nist.gov
Select Timezone:	Europe/Paris

Figure 61. Configurator GUI (NTP dialog)

2. Enable NTP synchronization by checking the **Enable NTP** checkbox.
3. Enter the host name of a chosen primary NTP server in the **NTP server hostname:** field.

**IMPORTANT**

The NTP server host names shown in [Figure 61 \(page 122\)](#) are for reference purposes only. Your company policy may dictate that you use one or more specific time servers.

4. If needed, enter the host name of a chosen secondary NTP server in the **Secondary NTP server (optional):** field.
5. Select the time zone in which the unit is installed by clicking the **Select Timezone:** drop-down menu and clicking the correct time zone option.
6. Save the NTP settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

6.6.10. L2TP configuration

**IMPORTANT**

The L2TP configuration option is only available if the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is set to **Mesh Point** mode or **Mesh End** mode. If the unit is set to **Bridge** mode, the **-l2tp configuration** menu option will not be available.

The L2TP feature must be enabled using a software plug-in (Fluidmesh part number *FM-L2TP*). Contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative for details.

Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol (L2TP) functionality allows Fluidmesh radio transceivers to support integration with virtual private networks (VPNs).

Fluidmesh hardware devices are shipped from the factory with L2TP functionality disabled. To change the unit's L2TP settings, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-l2tp configuration** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.

L2TP Configuration

Local Unit Configuration
WAN IP Address is local WAN IP address used for externally communicating with the remote tunnel peers. This address must be reachable from the external hosts, e.g. using port forwarding on the LAN gateway. WAN gateway is the local gateway used by the local unit to communicate with the outside world. Local UDP Port is the port used by remote peers to communicate with the local unit (0 means IP encapsulation).
☐ L2TP
Cancel Save

Figure 62. Configurator GUI (L2TP Configuration dialog)

- The **L2TP Configuration** dialog will be shown (Figure 62 (page 124)).
2. To enable L2TP functionality for the unit, check the **L2TP** checkbox.
 - The L2TP configuration settings window will be shown.
 3. When the L2TP configuration has been set, save the settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.



IMPORTANT

A detailed description of L2TP configuration methods is beyond the scope of this manual. For detailed instructions on how to set the L2TP configuration, refer to the *Fluidmesh Networks L2TPv3 Configuration Manual*.

6.6.11. VLAN settings

VLAN configuration

The **VLAN SETTINGS** window contains controls to connect the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER to one or more virtual local area networks (VLANs) that are part of the local wireless network.



IMPORTANT

The VLAN feature must be enabled using a software plug-in (Fluidmesh part number *FM-VLAN*). Contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative for details.

The Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER features smart self-management of integration with connected VLANs, with minimal configuration time and avoidance of potential configuration errors. This is done by A) relying on the data-processing configuration of a connected network switch, and B)

obeying predefined rules for management of incoming and outgoing data packets.



IMPORTANT

For detailed information on the predefined rules for smart VLAN packet management, refer to the “**Rules for packet management**” (page 126) table at the bottom of this section.

To connect the unit to a VLAN that is part of the local wireless network, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-vlan settings** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **VLAN SETTINGS** dialog will be shown (Figure 63 (page 125)).

VLAN SETTINGS

When the Native VLAN is enabled (VID != 0), untagged packets received on the trunk port will be assigned to the specified VLAN ID. When disabled (VID = 0), VLAN trunking will operate according to the IEEE 802.1Q standard, i.e. only tagged packets will be allowed on the port (including those of the management VLAN).

VLAN Settings	
Enable VLANs:	☐
Management VLAN ID:	1
Native VLAN ID:	1

Figure 63. Configurator GUI (VLAN SETTINGS dialog)

2. Connect the unit to a VLAN that is part of the local wireless network by checking the **Enable VLANs** check-box.
3. Check the **Enable VLANs** check-box.
4. Enter the management identification number of the VLAN (used to communicate with the device's operating system) in the **Management VLAN ID:** field.



NOTE

The same Management VLAN ID must be used on all Fluidmesh devices that are part of the same mesh network.

5. Enter the native identification number (the VLAN ID implicitly assigned to untagged packets received on trunk ports) in the **Native VLAN ID:** field.

6. Save the VLAN settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

Rules for packet management

Parameter	Default value
Default VLAN configuration	
The factory-set VLAN parameters for the unit are as follows:	
Management VLAN ID (MVID)	1
Native VLAN ID (NVID)	1
Native VLAN processing	Enabled
Port mode (all Ethernet ports)	Smart
Traffic classes	
The system classifies incoming data packets according to the following definitions:	
Signaling	Ethernet protocol type \$8847 or \$09xx
User	All other traffic
Packet tagged with MVID	Packet passed
Access port rules for incoming packets (Case and Action)	
Untagged packet from Fluidmesh device	Packet passed
Untagged packet, VID not configured	Packet passed
Untagged packet, VID configured	Packet tagged with specified VID
Tagged packet with valid VID	Packet dropped
Tagged packet with null (0) VID	Packet dropped
Access port rules for outgoing packets (Case and Action)	
Tagged packet with configured and allowed VID	Packet passed
Packet from Fluidmesh device	Packet passed
Tagged packet, port VID not configured	Packet passed
Tagged packet with valid but disallowed VID	Packet dropped
Tagged packet with null (0) VID	Packet dropped
Access port rules for incoming packets with unit in Smart Mode (Case and Action)	
Untagged packet	If native VLAN = ON: Packet passed (tagged with NVID) If native VLAN = OFF: Packet dropped
Tagged packet (any VID, no checks)	Packet passed with original tag
Access port rules for outgoing packets with unit in Smart Mode (Case and Action)	
Packets originating from Fluidmesh devices (for example: RACER interface)	Packet implicitly tagged with MVID, next rules apply
Signalling traffic	Packet implicitly tagged with MVID, next rules apply

Parameter	Default value
Tagged with valid VID (1 – 4095), not NVID	Packet passed (tagged)
Tagged with null VID (0) or NVID	Packet passed (untagged)
Access port rules for incoming packets with unit in Bridge Mode (Case and Action)	
The Native VLAN enable setting is used to control whether the <i>Management VLAN</i> should be tagged or not.	
Untagged packet, to remote devices	Pass packet to remote peer
Tagged packet (any VID), to remote devices	Pass packet to remote peer with original tag
Untagged packet, to local unit kernel	If native VLAN = ON: Packet passed to kernel, tagged with NVID If native VLAN = OFF: Packet not passed to kernel
Tagged packet (any VID), to local unit kernel	If native VLAN = ON: Packet not passed to kernel If native VLAN = OFF: Packet passed to kernel if VID = NVID
Access port rules for outgoing packets with unit in Bridge Mode (Case and Action)	
Tagged packet with valid VID from remote peer	Packet passed (tagged)
Tagged packet with null (0) VID from remote peer	Packet passed (untagged)
Packet from local unit kernel	If native VLAN not equal to MVID: Packet passed, tagged with MVID If native VLAN = MVID: Packet passed, untagged

6.6.12. Fluidity settings



IMPORTANT

The Fluidity tool is only available if the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is set to **Mesh Point** mode or **Mesh End** mode. If the unit is set to **Bridge** mode, the **-Fluidity™** menu option will not be available.

Fluidity™ is Fluidmesh's proprietary trackside and vehicle-to-ground data transfer protocol for video, voice and data communication.

The **FLUIDITY** window contains controls to change the unit's Fluidity settings. To change the settings, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-Fluidity™** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.

- The **FLUIDITY** dialog will be shown (Figure 64 (page 128)).

FLUIDITY

Fluidity Settings	
The unit can operate in 3 modes: Infrastructure, Infrastructure (wireless relay), Vehicle. The unit must be set as Infrastructure when it acts as the entry point of the infrastructure for the mobile vehicles and it is connected to a wired network (backbone) which possibly includes other Infrastructure nodes. The unit must be set as Infrastructure (wireless relay) ONLY when it is used as a wireless relay agent to other Infrastructure units. In this operating mode, the unit MUST NOT be connected to the wired network backbone as it will use the wireless connection to relay the data coming from the mobile units. The unit must be set as Vehicle when it is mobile. Vehicle ID must be set ONLY when the unit is configured as Vehicle. Specifically, Vehicle ID must be a unique among all the mobile units installed on the same vehicle. Unit installed on different vehicles must use different Vehicle IDs. The Network Type filed must be set according to the general network architecture. Choose Flat if the mesh and the infrastructure networks belong to a single layer-2 broadcast domain. Use Multiple Subnets if they are organized as different layer-3 routing domains.	
Fluidity	☐ Enable
Unit Role:	Infrastructure
Network Type:	Flat
The following advanced settings allow to fine-tune the performance of the system depending on the specific environment. Please do not alter this settings unless you have read the manual first and you know what you are doing. The Handoff Logic controls the algorithm used by a mobile radio to select the best infrastructure point to connect to. In Normal mode, the point providing the strongest signal is selected. In Load Balancing mode, the mobile radio prefers the point which provides the best balance between signal strength and amount of traffic carried. The Rate Adaptation selects the rate control algorithm which will be used by the radio to determine the optimal modulation coding and speed for packet transmission.	
Handoff Logic:	Standard
Rate Adaptation:	Standard

Reset
Save

Figure 64. Configurator GUI (FLUIDITY dialog for transceiver devices)

- Fluidmesh radio transceivers are shipped from the factory with Fluidity functionality disabled. Enable Fluidity functionality by checking the **Fluidity** check-box.
- Select the correct role for the unit by clicking the **Unit Role:** drop-down and clicking the correct option from the list below:
 - **Infrastructure:** Choose this setting if the unit is connected to a wired LAN and/or a network that includes other Infrastructure nodes, and the unit acts as the network infrastructure entry point for mobile vehicles.
 - **Infrastructure (wireless relay):** Only choose this setting if the unit is used as a wireless relay agent to other infrastructure units.

**IMPORTANT**

If a unit is set to **Infrastructure (wireless relay)** mode, do not connect the unit to the wired LAN.

- **Vehicle:** Choose this setting if the unit is installed on or in a moving vehicle.
4. If the **Unit Role** has been set as **Vehicle**, assign the unit a vehicle identity using either of the methods below:
- Allow the unit to automatically generate a unique vehicle identity by checking the **Enable** check-box to the right of the **Automatic Vehicle ID:** heading.
 - Assign a vehicle identity manually by un-checking the **Enable** check-box to the right of the **Automatic Vehicle ID:** heading, and manually entering an identification string in the **Vehicle ID:** field.

**IMPORTANT**

If vehicle identities have been manually assigned, the **Vehicle ID** string must be unique for every individual Fluidmesh unit operating on the same network, even if more than one Fluidmesh unit is installed on the same vehicle.

5. The network type must be set in accordance with the general network architecture. Select the correct network type designation for the unit by clicking the **Network Type:** drop-down and clicking the correct option from the list below:
- **Flat:** Choose this setting if the wireless mesh network and the infrastructure network both belong to a single layer-2 broadcast domain.
 - **Multiple Subnets:** Choose this setting if the wireless mesh network and the infrastructure network are organized as separate layer-3 routing domains.
6. Save the Fluidity settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

Handoff logic and rate adaptation settings



CAUTION

The following settings are intended for use by qualified network engineers. Do not change these settings unless there is a specific need to do so.

For detailed information on how to set Handoff logic and Rate adaptation, refer to the *Fluidmesh Networks Fluidity Configuration Manual*.

The Handoff Logic setting controls the unit's choice of infrastructure point with which to connect. Select the correct handoff logic setting for the unit by clicking the **Handoff Logic**: drop-down and clicking the correct option from the list below:

- **Standard:** The unit connects to the transceiver providing the strongest signal.
- **Load Balancing:** The unit connects to the transceiver that provides the most suitable balance between signal strength and the amount of traffic presently being carried.
- **Allow V2V:** in cases where a vehicle-mounted unit is not able to communicate directly with an infrastructure point, this setting allows data traffic to be routed from the source vehicle through a second vehicle to an infrastructure point.



IMPORTANT

If the Allow V2V setting is chosen, note the following points:

- *Ad hoc* communication (in other words, communication between vehicle radio units that bypasses infrastructure radio units) is not supported.
- A maximum of two hops are allowed (for example, vehicle-to-vehicle-to-infrastructure).

The Rate Adaptation setting controls the unit's choice of modulation coding and speed of packet transmission. Select the correct rate adaptation setting for the unit by clicking the **Rate Adaptation**: drop-down and clicking the correct option from the list below:

- **Standard:** This option applies a standard reactive rate selection as used by WiFi access points.
- **Advanced:** This option applies Fluidmesh's proprietary predictive rate selection algorithm.

Save the Fluidity settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

6.6.13. Miscellaneous settings



IMPORTANT

Support for FIPS, CANBUS, PROFINET and QNET are only available if the corresponding plug-ins are installed. If the corresponding plug-in is not installed, the check-box for the relevant option will not be available.

The following plug-ins are needed to activate these features:

- FIPS: *FM-FIPS*
- CANBUS: *FM-CANBUS*
- PROFINET: *FM-PROFINET*
- QNET: *FM-QNET*

Note that FIPS support is not available for the FM 1000 and FM 10000.

Contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative for details.

The **MISC SETTINGS** window contains controls to change the following settings:

- The device name, as used to identify the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER within the FMQuadro network map and to other Fluidmesh utilities.
- The operation of the physical Reset button on the unit.
- Device firmware upgrades by trivial file transfer protocol (TFTP).
- The unit's federal information processing standards (FIPS) 140-2 compliance settings (if applicable).
- The unit's controller area network (CANBUS) support settings (if applicable).
- The unit's process field net (PROFINET) support settings (if applicable).
- The unit's Neutrino Qnet (QNET) support settings (if applicable).

To change any of the miscellaneous settings, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-misc settings** link under **ADVANCED SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **MISC SETTINGS** dialog will be shown ([Figure 65 \(page 132\)](#)).

MISC SETTINGS	
Device	
Name:	In-pit-Camera-2-D1
Reset Button Settings	
Reset Button function:	Enabled
CANBUS Settings	
Enable CANBUS:	☒
Automatic TFTP Firmware Upgrade	
Enable Automatic Upgrade:	☐
TFTP Server:	
Check Period (hours):	1
Check Now	
Reset Save	

Figure 65. Configurator GUI (MISC SETTINGS dialog)

- Set the device name by typing it in the **Name:** field.



NOTE

It is not essential to specify the device name, but it is strongly recommended. Failure to specify the device name may make the unit difficult to recognize in situations where more than one unit is being dealt with at the same time (for example, when using utilities such as the FMQuadro network map).

- Set the functionality of the unit's hardware **Reset** button by clicking the **Reset Button function:** drop-down and clicking the needed option as described below:

- **Disabled:** The hardware **Reset** button will be disabled.



NOTE

If the **Disabled** option is chosen, you can still reboot or do a hard reset of the unit using the Configurator GUI. See [“Resetting the unit to factory defaults” \(page 147\)](#) for more information.

- **Enabled:** The hardware **Reset** button will be enabled.

- **Factory:** The hardware **Reset** button functionality will be set to its factory default configuration (enabled).
4. To enforce FIPS 140-2 compliance for data transmitted by the unit, make sure the FM-FIPS plug-in is installed, then check the **Enable FIPS:** check-box.
 5. To enable CANBUS support for the unit, make sure the FM-CANBUS plug-in is installed, then check the **Enable CANBUS:** check-box.
 6. To enable PROFINET support for the unit, make sure the FM-PROFINET plug-in is installed, then check the **Enable PROFINET:** check-box.
 7. To enable QNET support for the unit, make sure the FM-QNET plug-in is installed, then check the **Enable QNET:** check-box.
 8. To enable automatic device firmware updates using TFTP, do the steps that follow:
 - a. Check the **Enable Automatic Upgrade** check-box.
 - b. Enter the IP address of the authorized TFTP server containing the firmware-update source files in the **TFTP Server** field.
 - c. Enter the periodic interval at which the device checks for a newer firmware upgrade package in the **Check Period (hours)** field.
 - d. To do an immediate check for a newer firmware upgrade package, click the **Check Now** button.
 - If a newer firmware package than the existing package is found, the newer package will be installed immediately.
 9. Save the miscellaneous settings by clicking the **Save** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

6.7. Management settings

6.7.1. View Mode settings

The View Mode window allows the system administrator to grant and prohibit access to device configuration settings by category.

**IMPORTANT**

Changing the default password to a strong password is an extremely important step in preventing security breaches.

If you have logged into the configurator interface using default login credentials, you will see a notification banner at the bottom of the screen ([Figure 66 \(page 134\)](#)).

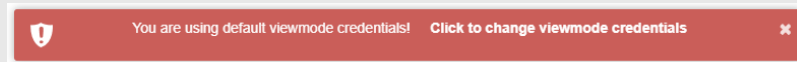


Figure 66. Default credentials notification banner

Click the banner to change the view mode credentials. You will be taken to the **VIEW MODE SETTINGS** section.

To gain editing privileges for the View Mode settings window requires the correct administrator user name and password. To change the administrator user name and password for the current user, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-view mode settings** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu. **VIEW MODE SETTINGS**
 - The **Viewmode Credentials** section will be shown ([Figure 67 \(page 134\)](#)).

Viewmode Credentials	
View Mode Username:	user
View Mode User Password:	••••••••
Show Password:	☐

Figure 67. VIEW MODE SETTINGS dialog (Viewmode Credentials section)

2. Enter the new user name in the **View Mode Username:** field.
3. The default password is *viewmode*. Enter the new password in the **View Mode User Password:** field.

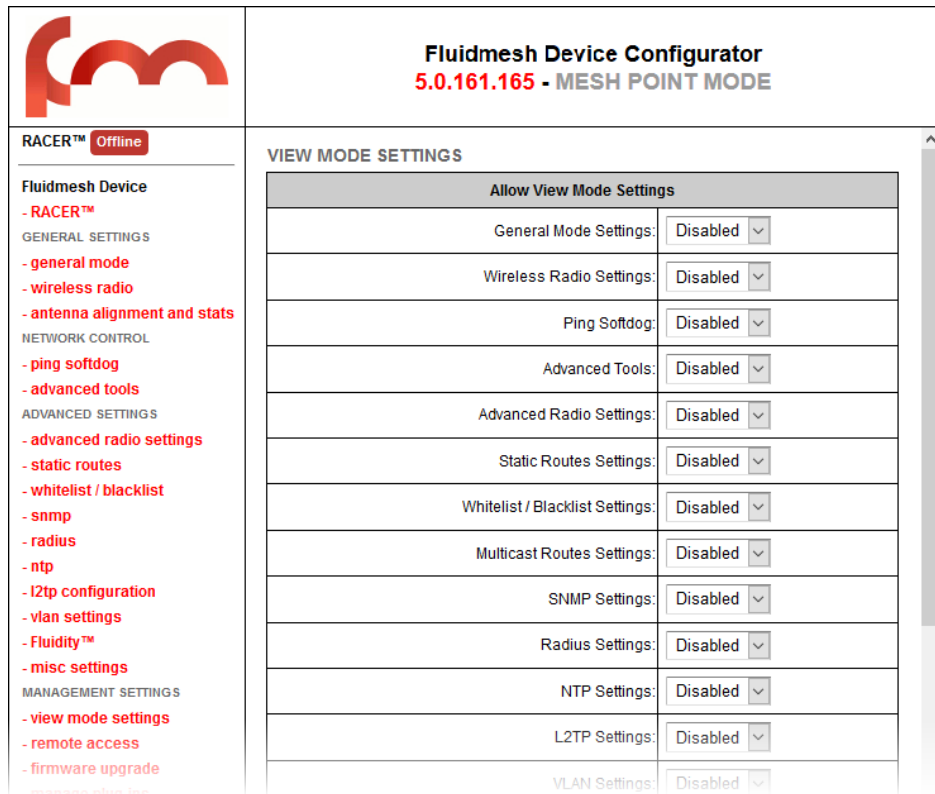
**NOTE**

The new password must be a minimum of eight characters, and include at least one capital letter and one number.

4. To show the password as it is being typed, check the **Show Password** check-box.
5. Save the Viewmode Credentials settings by clicking the **Change** button. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

To change the View Mode settings, do the following steps:

1. Log in to the unit's Configurator GUI with Administrator credentials. See [“Accessing the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER for device configuration” \(page 52\)](#) for more information.
2. Click the **-view mode settings** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu ([Figure 68 \(page 135\)](#)).



VIEW MODE SETTINGS	
Allow View Mode Settings	
General Mode Settings:	Disabled v
Wireless Radio Settings:	Disabled v
Ping Softdog:	Disabled v
Advanced Tools:	Disabled v
Advanced Radio Settings:	Disabled v
Static Routes Settings:	Disabled v
Whitelist / Blacklist Settings:	Disabled v
Multicast Routes Settings:	Disabled v
SNMP Settings:	Disabled v
Radius Settings:	Disabled v
NTP Settings:	Disabled v
L2TP Settings:	Disabled v
VLAN Settings:	Disabled v

Figure 68. Configurator GUI (VIEW MODE SETTINGS dialog)

- The **VIEW MODE SETTINGS** dialog will be shown.

3. To allow or prohibit access to any device-configuration settings, click the relevant drop-down, and click the **Disabled** or **Enabled** setting:
 - If the **Disabled** option is selected for a device-configuration setting, the setting for that category will be visible but not accessible to ordinary users.
 - If the **Enabled** option is selected for a device-configuration setting, the setting can be modified by ordinary users.

**IMPORTANT**

If you are logged in to the Configurator interface with Administrator credentials, you can enable or disable any device-configuration setting.

If you are logged in to the Configurator interface as an ordinary user, you will be able to view the device-configuration settings, but cannot change the settings.

4. Save the view mode settings by clicking the **Save** button in the **Allow View Mode Settings** section. Alternatively, clear the settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

6.7.2. Changing the Administrator username and password

The **CHANGE USERNAME AND PASSWORD** section contains controls to change the Administrator's user name and password for the Fluidmesh unit.

**IMPORTANT**

Changing the default password to a strong password is an extremely important step in preventing security breaches.

If you have logged into the configurator interface using default administrator's credentials, you will see a notification banner at the bottom of the screen ([Figure 69 \(page 136\)](#)).

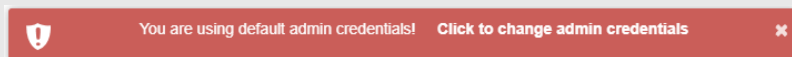
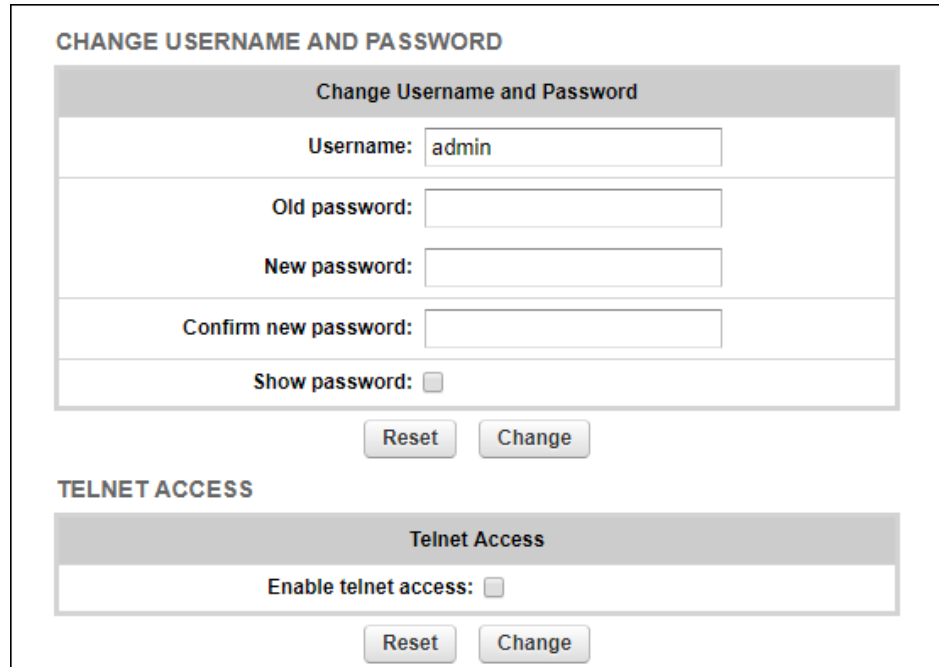


Figure 69. Default admin credentials notification banner

Click the banner to change the admin credentials. You will be taken to the **CHANGE USERNAME AND PASSWORD** section.

To change the Administrator's user name and password for the unit, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-remote access** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **CHANGE USERNAME AND PASSWORD** dialog will be shown ([Figure 70 \(page 137\)](#)).



The screenshot shows two sections of a management settings dialog. The top section is titled 'CHANGE USERNAME AND PASSWORD' and contains a form with the following fields: 'Username:' with the value 'admin', 'Old password:', 'New password:', and 'Confirm new password:'. Below these fields is a 'Show password:' checkbox. At the bottom of this section are 'Reset' and 'Change' buttons. The bottom section is titled 'TELNET ACCESS' and contains a single checkbox labeled 'Enable telnet access:'. Below this checkbox are also 'Reset' and 'Change' buttons.

Figure 70. Management Settings dialog (Change Username and Password)

2. Enter the new administrator user name in the **Username:** field.
3. Enter the current password in the **Old password:** field.
4. Enter the new password in the **New password:** field.
5. Confirm that the new password is correctly spelled by checking the **Show Password:** check-box to show the text of the password, then re-entering the password in the **Confirm New password:** field.
6. Save the changed password settings by clicking the **Change** button. Alternatively, revert to the old password settings by clicking the **Reset** button.



IMPORTANT

Keep the Administrator name and password in a safe place. If the Administrator name and password are lost, the only way to log in to the unit is to do a hard reset.

If you need to do a hard reset, refer to [“Resetting the unit to factory defaults” \(page 147\)](#) for more information.

Enabling remote access to the unit by Telnet

The **TELNET ACCESS** section contains controls to enable remote access to the unit using Telnet.



IMPORTANT

The Telnet protocol suffers from serious security weaknesses that limit its usefulness in environments where the network cannot be fully trusted.

Telnet is used at your own risk.

To enable Telnet access to the unit, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-remote access** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **TELNET ACCESS** dialog will be shown (see [Figure 70 \(page 137\)](#) in the previous section).
2. Enable Telnet access by checking the **Enable telnet access:** check-box.
3. Save the changed Telnet settings by clicking the **Change** button. Alternatively, revert to the old password settings by clicking the **Reset** button.

6.7.3. Overwriting and upgrading the unit firmware

The **FIRMWARE UPGRADE** window contains controls to overwrite the device firmware of the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, or upgrade the firmware to the latest available version.



CAUTION

Overwriting the firmware of any electronic device must be done with great care, and always contains an element of risk.

It is not advisable to overwrite the firmware on a functioning Fluidmesh unit unless a specific firmware-related issue needs to be resolved.



IMPORTANT

To access firmware image files, you need an approved Fluidmesh extranet account. To create an extranet account, register for free at the [Fluidmesh Partner Portal](#).

To download the needed firmware image file to your computer, do the following steps:

1. Navigate to [the Documentation section of the Fluidmesh Partner Portal](#).
2. Find and open the device sub-folder for your specific Fluidmesh device in the **FIRMWARE AND TOOLS** folder.
3. Download the firmware image (*.BIN) file to your computer.

**CAUTION**

Make sure that you download the specific *.BIN file for your device type. Uploading incorrect firmware for the device type will cause the firmware overwrite to fail, and may damage the unit.

The following procedure describes how to overwrite the existing firmware on a Fluidmesh device. This procedure assumes that the wireless network is currently active.

To overwrite the existing firmware on the Fluidmesh device, do the following steps:

1. Power OFF all Fluidmesh devices connected to the wireless network.
2. Disconnect all Ethernet cables from the Fluidmesh device.
3. With the Fluidmesh device disconnected from the wireless network, power ON the device.

**CAUTION**

Do not restart or power OFF the device while firmware overwriting is in progress.

Restarting or powering OFF the unit before overwriting is complete will permanently damage the unit.

4. Connect the computer containing the firmware image file directly to the Fluidmesh unit, using an Ethernet cable. For detailed information on direct connection, refer to [“Accessing the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER for device configuration” \(page 52\)](#).
5. As a precaution, save the unit's existing device configuration file to the computer. For detailed information on how to save the existing configuration file, refer to [“Saving and restoring the unit settings” \(page 146\)](#).
6. Click the **-firmware upgrade** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **FIRMWARE UPGRADE** dialog will be shown ([Figure 71 \(page 140\)](#)).

FIRMWARE UPGRADE

Firmware upgrade	
Upload and upgrade the firmware using a firmware upgrade file. Firmware upgrades are available to registered users at www.fluidmesh.com.	
WARNING: POWERING OFF OR UNPLUGGING A FLUIDMESH UNIT DURING A FIRMWARE UPGRADE PROCEDURE WILL PERMANENTLY DAMAGE THE UNIT	
Current version:	9.0.1
Select the firmware file to upload and start the upgrade: Choose File No file chosen	

Cancel

Upgrade

Figure 71. Configurator GUI (typical FIRMWARE UPGRADE dialog)

7. Upload the firmware image file to the unit by clicking the **Choose File** button and following the software prompts.
 - The **Upgrade** button will become available.
8. Click the **Upgrade** button. Follow the software prompts until the firmware overwrite is complete.
 - When the overwrite is complete, the unit will automatically reboot.

If the previous firmware was overwritten with a newer version of firmware, check that the firmware upgraded correctly by doing the following steps:

- When the overwrite is complete, make sure that the upgraded firmware has a greater version number than the firmware that was previously installed.
 - If the firmware version has not changed, the firmware upgrade has failed. Repeat the overwrite from step **Step 1** above.

6.7.4. Plug-In management



IMPORTANT

For a complete list of software plug-ins that are currently available for the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, refer to **“Available plug-ins”** (page 151).

The **MANAGE PLUG-INS** page shows which software plug-ins are currently active on the unit, and contains controls that allow you to do the following functions:

- Upload activation codes that allow the unit's accessory software plug-ins to function.
- Activate uploaded software plug-ins for use with the unit.

- Deactivate uploaded software plug-ins so they can be used on other Fluidmesh units.
- Activate a non-repeatable Demo mode that allows full 4.9 GHz, AES and unlimited plug-in functionality for an 8-hour trial period.

**IMPORTANT**

The 4.9 GHz band is not available in Brazil or Canada.

- Show and erase the log files for plug-in installation.

To open the **MANAGE PLUG-INS** dialog, do the following steps:

- Click the **-manage plug-ins** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **MANAGE PLUG-INS** dialog will be shown ([Figure 72 \(page 142\)](#)).

MANAGE PLUG-INS

Manage Plug-ins

Use the window below to activate new plug-ins. Please contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative for more information on the Plug-Ins available.

Plug-in List	
FM____-120: 120 Mb/s LICENSED	REMOVE
FM____-MOB-MOB-60: 60 Mb/s LICENSED	REMOVE
FM____-MOB-TRK-UN LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-AES LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-PROFINET LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-LF LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-VLAN LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-MOB LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-L2TP LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-FIPS LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-UNII2 LICENSED	
FM-QNET LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-WORLD LICENSED	

Plug-in Activation Code

Plug-in Activation Code:

Upload Plug-ins CSV

Select the CSV file to upload

No file selected.

Plug-in Deactivation Codes

List of de-activated plug-ins. If you have deactivated a plug-in, please use the deactivation code to get a new License Code.

Plug-in Type	Deactivation Code
FM-TITAN	66090979

Plugin Installation Logs:

Figure 72. Configurator GUI (typical MANAGE PLUG-INS dialog)

To activate Plug-in Demo mode, do the following steps:

1. Click the **Demo Mode** button at the bottom of the **MANAGE PLUG-INS** dialog.
 - The **Demo Mode** activation dialog will be shown ([Figure 73 \(page 143\)](#)). A countdown timer shows how much Demo time remains.

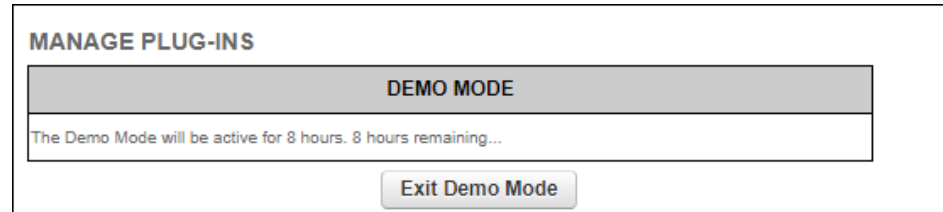


Figure 73. MANAGE PLUG-INS dialog (Demo Mode activated)

2. To leave Demo mode before expiry of the 8-hour trial period, click the **Exit Demo Mode** button.
 - Demo mode will be deactivated, and the unit will reboot.
3. If the 8-hour Demo mode limit is reached, the unit will reboot and Demo mode will not be accessible again.

To upload one or more plug-in activation codes, refer to [“Plug-in management procedures” \(page 155\)](#).

To assign a software plug-in on the Partner Portal to the unit, do the following steps:

1. Enter the activation code for the plug-in in the **Plug-in Activation Code:** field.
2. Click the **Add** button.
 - The plug-in will be activated, and the plug-in functionality can be used.
 - A **REMOVE** link will be shown in red to the right of the relevant plug-in description in the **Plug-in List**.

To deactivate an uploaded software plug-in for use with another Fluidmesh unit, refer to [“Plug-in management procedures” \(page 155\)](#).

To show and erase the plug-in installation log files, do the following steps:

1. Click the **Show Logs** button in the **Plug-in Installation Logs:** section.
 - The log files for plug-in installation will be shown in the **Plug-in Installation Logs:** section.

2. If needed, erase the log files for plug-in installation by clicking the **Clear Logs** button in the **Plug-in Installation Logs:** section.

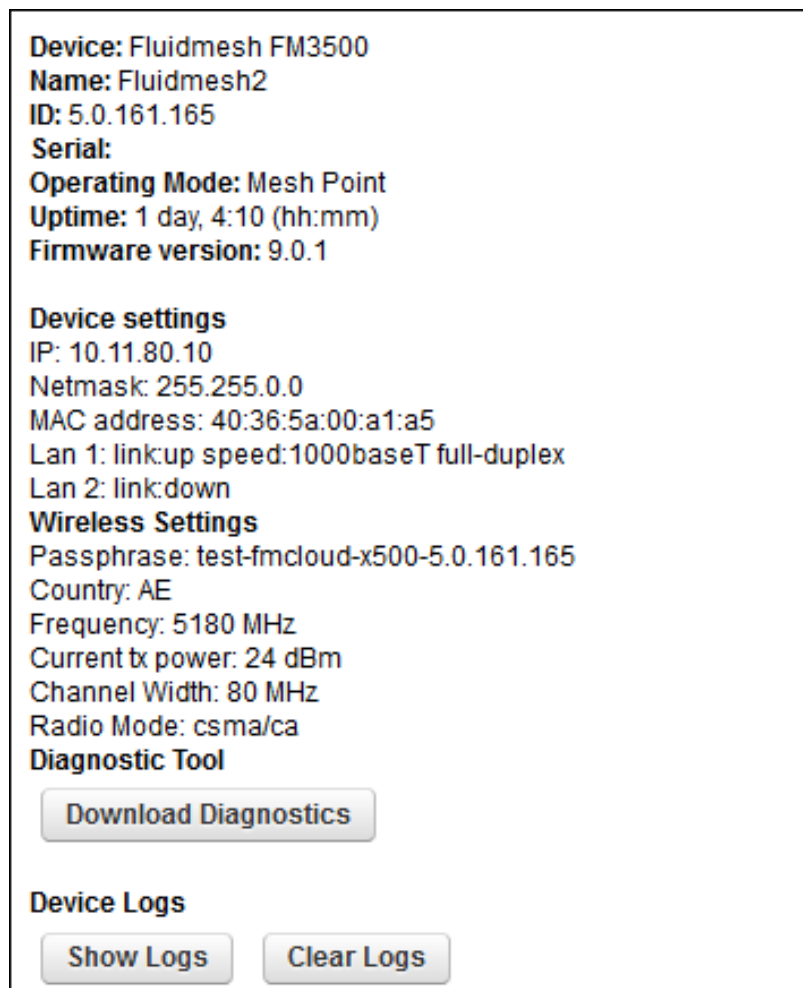
6.7.5. The device status view

The device status window

The device status window contains information on basic Fluidmesh device settings (including the unit's MAC address), and controls that allow you to download diagnostic data files and view device-event logs.

To use the status window, do the following steps:

- Click the **-status** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The status dialog will be shown (Figure 74 (page 144)).



Device: Fluidmesh FM3500
Name: Fluidmesh2
ID: 5.0.161.165
Serial:
Operating Mode: Mesh Point
Uptime: 1 day, 4:10 (hh:mm)
Firmware version: 9.0.1

Device settings
IP: 10.11.80.10
Netmask: 255.255.0.0
MAC address: 40:36:5a:00:a1:a5
Lan 1: link:up speed:1000baseT full-duplex
Lan 2: link:down

Wireless Settings
Passphrase: test-fmcloud-x500-5.0.161.165
Country: AE
Frequency: 5180 MHz
Current tx power: 24 dBm
Channel Width: 80 MHz
Radio Mode: csma/ca

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Device Logs

Figure 74. Configurator GUI (typical Status dialog)

- Status information on the unit's basic characteristics, device settings and wireless settings is shown in the upper part of the window.

To download and forward the current diagnostic file for the unit, do the following steps:

1. Click the **Download Diagnostics** button.
2. Follow the software prompts to download the *.FM diagnostic file to your computer.
3. Log a support call with the Fluidmesh Help desk. Ask for a reference number.
4. Attach the *.FM diagnostic file to an E-mail, and enter the support call reference number in the subject line of the E-mail. Send the mail to support@fluidmesh.com.



IMPORTANT

Do not forward diagnostic files unless the Fluidmesh Help desk requests them. If diagnostic files arrive when they have not been requested, they cannot be traced to specific problems.

To show the current device log for the unit, click the **Show Logs** button.

- The current device log will be shown in the Device Logs window above the **Show Logs** button.
- The status messages shown in the log relate to possible Ethernet port flapping, and will also alert you if duplicate IP addresses are present in the LAN. Refer to the text below for a description of the log messages.



NOTE

Ethernet port flapping is an issue in which the Ethernet port goes offline and comes back online at an excessively high rate within a given time period.

Some possible causes of this problem may be auto-negotiation issues, chipset incompatibility, or faulty CAT5/6 cabling.

Some status messages that may be shown in the log have the following meanings:

- *ethX phy:X is up/down*: Ethernet port X is currently online/offline.
- *chatter: VBR: duplicate IP A? MACX --> MAXY at <timestamp>*: Possible duplicate IP address 'A' has migrated from MAC address 'X' to MAC address 'Y', at the time shown.

6.7.6. Saving and restoring the unit settings



IMPORTANT

Note that transceiver software configuration (*.CONF) files are not interchangeable with RACER configuration setup (*.FMCONF) files.

The **LOAD OR RESTORE SETTINGS** window contains controls that allow you to:

- Save the unit's existing software configuration as a configuration (*.CONF) file.
- Upload and apply a saved configuration file to the current unit.



TIP

Saved configuration files can be copied and distributed for use on more than one Fluidmesh unit of the same type, simplifying the configuration of other deployed units.

Saved configuration files can also be used for configuration backup. This can greatly speed up re-deployment if a damaged unit must be replaced with a unit of the same type.

To download the unit's existing configuration settings to your computer, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-configuration settings** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **LOAD OR RESTORE SETTINGS** dialog will be shown (Figure 75 (page 146)).

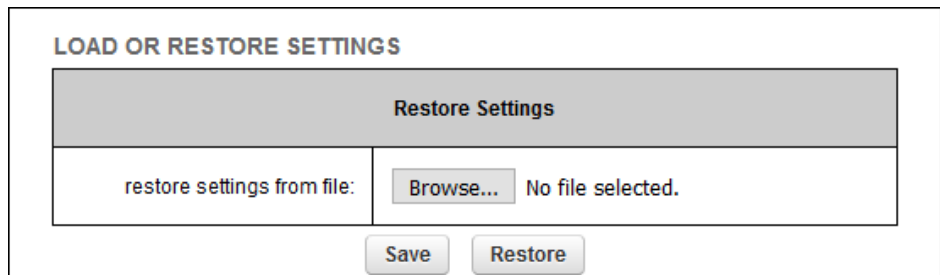


Figure 75. Configurator GUI (LOAD OR RESTORE SETTINGS dialog)

2. Download the unit's configuration (*.CONF) file to your computer by clicking the **Save** button and following the software prompts.

To upload a saved configuration file to the Fluidmesh unit, do the following steps:

1. Find the configuration (*.CONF) file that must be uploaded to the unit by clicking the **Browse...** button and following the software prompts.
 - The name of the configuration file to be uploaded will be shown to the right of the **Browse...** button.
2. Apply the configuration settings to the unit by clicking the **Restore** button.
 - The configuration will be applied, and the unit will reboot.

6.7.7. Resetting the unit to factory defaults

The **reset factory default** window contains controls that allow you to restore the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER to its default factory settings (in other words, to do a 'hard reset').



IMPORTANT

Doing a hard reset will revert all unit configuration settings, including the unit's IP address and administrator password, to factory defaults.

If you want to reboot the unit instead, refer to [“Rebooting the unit” \(page 148\)](#) below.

To reset the unit to its factory defaults, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-reset factory defaults** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The unit reset dialog will be shown ([Figure 76 \(page 147\)](#)).

Are you sure you want to reset to factory default settings?
YES - NO



CAUTION

Do not do a hard reset unless the unit needs to be reconfigured using its factory configuration as a starting point.

A hard reset will reset the unit's IP address and administrator password, and will disconnect the unit from the network.

Figure 76. Configurator GUI (unit reset dialog)

2. Reset the unit to its factory defaults by clicking the **YES** link. Alternatively, abort the factory reset by clicking the **NO** link.
 - If the **YES** link was clicked, the unit will do a factory reset, and will reboot.
3. If you have previously saved a device configuration file for the unit, you can restore the saved configuration settings to the unit as shown in “[Saving and restoring the unit settings](#)” (page 146).

Rebooting the unit

The **reboot** window contains controls that allow you to reboot the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER (in other words, to re-start the unit's operating system).

To reboot the unit, do the following steps:

1. Click the **-reboot** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The unit reboot dialog will be shown ([Figure 77 \(page 148\)](#)).

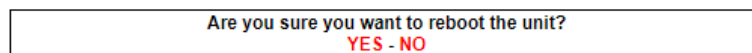


Figure 77. Configurator GUI (unit reboot dialog)

2. Reboot the unit by clicking the **YES** link. Alternatively, abort the reboot by clicking the **NO** link.
 - If the **YES** link was clicked, the unit will reboot.

6.7.8. Logging out

If clicked, the logout option logs the current user off the unit, and out of the Configurator interface.

- To log out, click the **-logout** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - You will be logged off the unit and out of the Configurator interface with no further prompting.
 - The web browser will show the **Authentication Required** dialog ([Figure 78 \(page 149\)](#)). If needed, use the dialog to log in again.

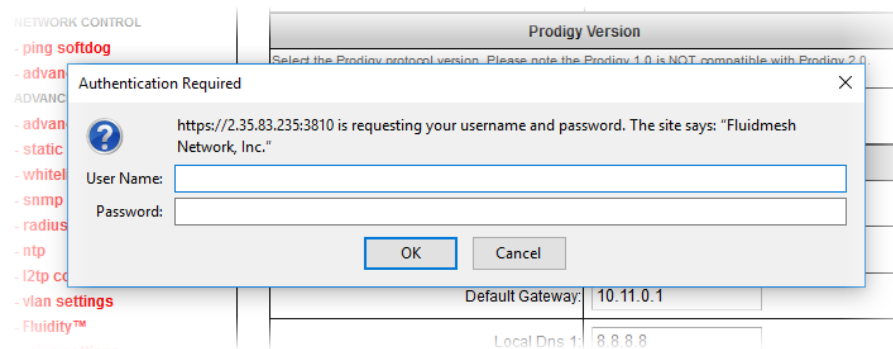


Figure 78. Web browser (Authentication Required dialog)

6.7.9. Viewing the end-user license agreement

The **License Agreement** window contains the Fluidmesh end-user license agreement for the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER, its firmware and control software.

To view the terms and conditions of the license agreement, click the **License Agreement** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.

- The license agreement dialog will be shown (Figure 79 (page 150)).

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Figure 79. Configurator GUI (End-user license agreement)

To read the end-user license agreement as an *.HTML web page in your browser, left-click the **Download the License Agreement** link.

- The end-user license agreement will be shown under a new tab in your web browser.

To download the end-user license agreement as a standard text (*.TXT) file, do the following steps:

1. Right-click the **Download the License Agreement** link.
2. Click the **Save Link as...** option and follow the software prompts to download the agreement as a text file.

7. SOFTWARE PLUG-INS

7.1. Available plug-ins

Like other Fluidmesh radio transceivers, the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is able to take advantage of plug-in software upgrades that add features and enhance the performance of the unit.

The following table lists all available software plug-ins for all Fluidmesh hardware devices, their specific functions, and their plug-in part numbers.

The tables that follow this table describe which plug-ins are compatible with specified Fluidmesh devices.

Table 6. Available Fluidmesh software plug-ins

Plug-in	Is the plug-in package removable and re-installable?	Function	Part number
Bandwidth	Yes	A range of plug-ins are available to enable increased traffic forwarding bandwidth, up to and including the amount of bandwidth specified in the part number (including unlimited bandwidth).	FM[model number]-[bandwidth limit]
Bandwidth upgrade	Yes	If an existing bandwidth plug-in is installed, this plug-in allows bandwidth to be upgraded to a higher, specified value. Note that if a bandwidth upgrade plug-in is removed, the unit's bandwidth capability is not restored to the level of the previous upgrade (if any). Rather, the bandwidth capability is restored to the factory default level.	FM[model number]-UPG-[existing bandwidth limit/new bandwidth limit]

Plug-in	Is the plug-in package removable and re-installable?	Function	Part number
Fluidity-Bandwidth (Mobile)	Yes	Enables Fluidity capability for mobile Fluidmesh devices. Allows traffic forwarding up to and including the amount of bandwidth specified in the part number.	FM[model number]-MOB-MOB-[bandwidth limit] (FMx200 models) FM[model number]-FLU-MOB-[bandwidth limit] (FMx500 models)
Fluidity-Bandwidth (Trackside)	Yes	Enables Fluidity capability for static-mount Fluidmesh devices. Allows traffic forwarding up to and including the amount of bandwidth specified in the part number.	FM[model number]-MOB-TRK-[bandwidth limit] (FMx200 models) FM[model number]-FLU-TRK-[bandwidth limit] (FMx500 models)
4.9 GHz band	Yes	Enables operation in the 4.9 GHz emergency band. Note that the 4.9 GHz band is not available in Brazil and Canada.	FM-49
Licensed Frequencies	Yes	Enables the use of any operating frequency, regardless of country selection.	FM-LF
World Frequencies	No	Unlocks the country drop-down selector on units sold in territories where the selector is locked.	FM-WORLD
AES	Yes	Enables data exchange according to the regular Advanced Encryption Standard.	FM-AES
Fluidmesh Access Points	Yes	Enables WiFi access-point capability.	FM-AP
VLAN	Yes	Enables virtual LAN capability.	FM-VLAN
Virtual Gigabit	Yes	Enables Fluidmesh Virtual Gigabit capability.	FM-VGBE
L2TP	Yes	Enables layer 2 transfer protocol capability.	FM-L2TP

Plug-in	Is the plug-in package removable and re-installable?	Function	Part number
PROFINET	Yes	Enables process field net capability.	FM-PROFINET
QNET	Yes	Enables Neutrino Qnet capability.	FM-QNET
FIPS	Yes	Enables Federal Information Processing Standards capability.	FM-FIPS
TITAN	Yes	Enables fast fail-over capability on networks where redundant (backup) units are installed.	FM-TITAN
UNII2	No	Enables use of frequencies in the Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) bands. Supported bands are U-NII-2A (5.250 to 5.350 GHz) and U-NII-2C / U-NII-2E (5.470 to 5.725 GHz).	FM-UNII2

The following tables describe which plug-ins are compatible with specified Fluidmesh devices.

Table 7. Device plug-in compatibility (FM 1000 to FM 1300 OTTO)

Plugin	FM 1000 Gateway FM 10000 Gateway	FM PONTE 50	FM 1200 VOLO	FM 1300 OTTO
Bandwidth	Available	Not available	Available	Available
Bandwidth upgrade	Available	Not available	Available	Available
Fluidity-Bandwidth (Mobile)	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Fluidity-Bandwidth (Trackside)	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Fluidity	Firmware embedded	Not available	Available	Not available
4.9 GHz band	Not available	Not available	Available	Not available
Licensed frequencies	Not available	Not available	Available	Not available

Plugin	FM 1000 Gateway FM 10000 Gateway	FM PONTE 50	FM 1200 VOLO	FM 1300 OTTO
World frequencies	Not available	Not available	Available	Not available
AES	Not available	Not available	Available	Available
Fluidmesh Access Points	Not available	Not available	Available	Not available
VLAN	<i>Firmware embedded</i>	Available	Available	Not available
Virtual Gigabit	Not available	Not available	Available	Not available
L2TP	<i>Firmware embedded</i>	Not available	Available	Not available
PROFINET	<i>Firmware embedded</i>	Not available	Available	Not available
QNET	<i>Firmware embedded</i>	Not available	Available	Not available
FIPS	Not available	Not available	Available	Not available
TITAN	Available	Not available	Available	Not available
UNII2	Not available	Not available	Available	Not available

Table 8. Device plug-in compatibility (FM 3200-series to FM 4800)

Plugin	FM 3200 BASE FM 3200 ENDO	FM 3500 ENDO	FM 4200 FIBER FM 4200 MOBI	FM 4500 FIBER FM 4500 MOBI	FM 4800
Bandwidth	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Bandwidth upgrade	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Fluidity-Bandwidth (Mobile)	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Fluidity-Bandwidth (Trackside)	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Fluidity	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
4.9 GHz band	Available	Available	Available	Available	Not available
Licensed frequencies	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
World frequencies	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
AES	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available

Plugin	FM 3200 BASE FM 3200 ENDO	FM 3500 ENDO	FM 4200 FIBER FM 4200 MOBI	FM 4500 FIBER FM 4500 MOBI	FM 4800
Fluidmesh Access Points	Available	Not available	Available	Not available	Not available
VLAN	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
Virtual Gigabit	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
L2TP	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
PROFINET	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
QNET	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
FIPS	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
TITAN	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
UNI2	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available

To purchase any of the software plug-ins, please contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative.

7.2. Plug-in management procedures

7.2.1. Plug-in activation

The Plug-in management procedure has been standardized, and is the same for all Fluidmesh hardware devices.

To obtain a plug-in activation code for a Fluidmesh device, do the following steps:

1. Contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative to purchase a generic 16-digit *License code* for plug-in activation.
2. Quote the unique mesh unit identification number (**5.a.b.c**) of the Fluidmesh hardware device.
3. Using the Fluidmesh Partner Portal, associate the *License code* with the quoted Fluidmesh device to get an *Activation code*.
4. Enter the Activation code on the **MANAGE PLUG-INS** window for the unit.

You can also deactivate a plug-in Activation code that is currently in use so it can be used with a different Fluidmesh unit. To deactivate an active plug-in, refer to [The PLUGINS sub-tab](#).

To convert a License code into an Activation code for a Fluidmesh device, do the following steps:

1. Log on to the [Fluidmesh Partner Portal](#).
2. Click the **Plug-ins** link.

- When you purchase a generic 16-digit *License code*, the License code and corresponding plug-in will be listed on the Plug-ins page (**Figure 80 (page 156)**).

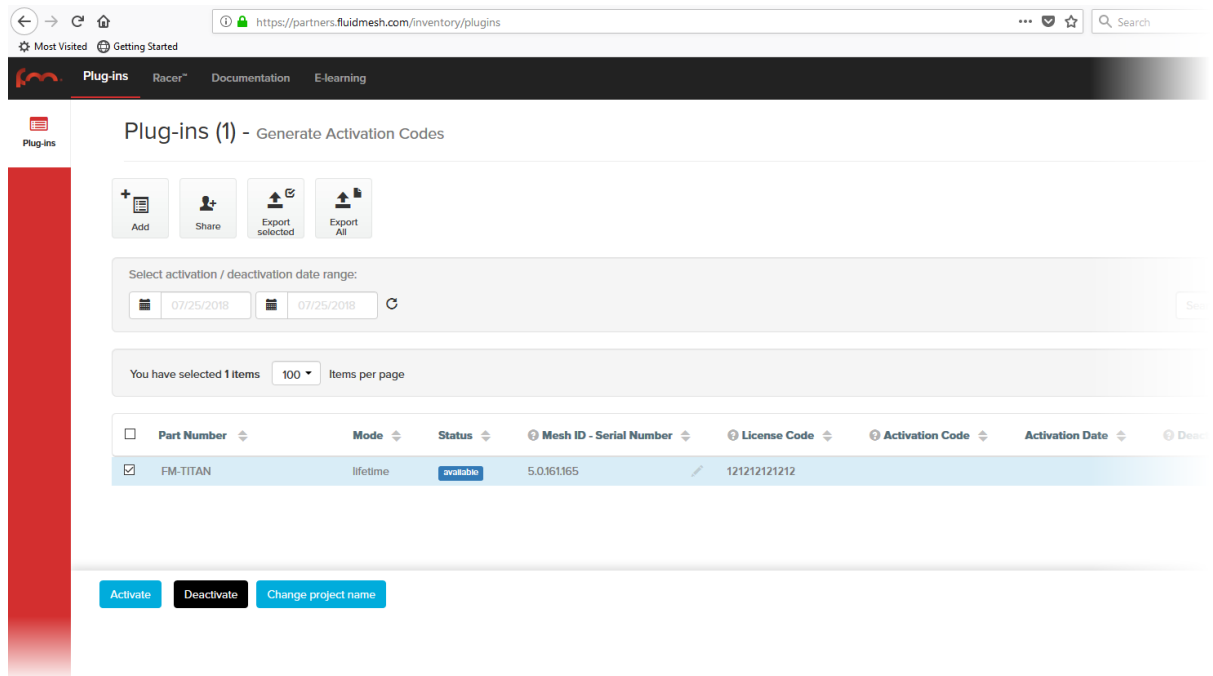


Figure 80. Partner Portal Plug-ins page (License code plug-in)

- When the generic License code was purchased, you will have received an E-mail from *plugins@fluidmesh.com* containing the License code. If the License code and corresponding plug-in are *not* listed on the Plug-ins page, click the **Add** button in the upper left-hand corner of the Plug-ins web page, and enter the License code using the dialog.
3. Enter the unit identification number (**5.a.b.c**) or the unit serial number of the Fluidmesh unit in the **Mesh ID - Serial Number** field.
 4. If needed, enter the name of the relevant technical project in the **Project Name** field.



TIP

If you cannot see the **Project Name** field, reduce the magnification on the Plug-ins web page until all the headings are visible.

5. Click the **Activate** button on the Plug-ins web page.

- The **Plug-in Activation** dialog will be shown. Check that the given E-mail address is correct, and click the **Activate** button.
 - You will receive an E-mail from *plugins@fluidmesh.com* containing the Activation code.
 - The **Activation Code** and **Activation Date** will be shown in the relevant fields on the Plug-ins web page.
 - The plug-in Status will change from **available** to **active**.
6. Use the Activation code to activate the plug-in. Refer to “**Plug-In management**” (page 140) for details.
- The plug-in will be activated, and the relevant functionality can be used.

7.2.2. Deactivating an active plug-in

A plug-in *Activation code* that is currently in use can be *deactivated*. This allows the corresponding *License code* to be used in a different Fluidmesh unit, or transferred to another Fluidmesh user.

To deactivate an activated License code for use with another Fluidmesh unit, do the following steps:

1. On the Configurator interface, click the **PLUGINS** sub-tab under the **SERVICES** tab (FM 1300 OTTO only) or click the **-manage plug-ins** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu (all other devices).
 - The **Manage Plugins** dialog will be shown (see below).

MANAGE PLUG-INS

Manage Plug-ins	
Use the window below to activate new plug-ins. Please contact your Fluidmesh Networks representative for more information on the Plug-ins available.	
Plug-in List	
FM3200-UN LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-TITAN LICENSED	REMOVE
FM-UNII2	
FM-WORLD LICENSED	
Plug-in Activation Code	
Plug-in Activation Code:	

Figure 81. Configurator interface (MANAGE PLUG-INS dialog)

2. Click the red **REMOVE** link to the right of the correct plug-in listing.
 - The web browser will inform you that deactivating the plug-in will reboot the unit, and ask for confirmation that you want to deactivate.
3. Confirm the deactivation.
 - The unit will reboot.
 - The Deactivation code for the plug-in will be shown to the right of the plug-in listing, in the **Plug-in Deactivation Codes** section (see below).

Plug-in Deactivation Codes	
List of de-activated plug-ins. If you have deactivated a plug-in, please use the deactivation code to get a new License Code.	
Plug-in Type	Deactivation Code
FM-TITAN	66037e03

Figure 82. MANAGE PLUG-INS DIALOG (Plug-in Deactivation Codes section)

4. Make a note of the Deactivation code.
5. Log on to the Fluidmesh Partner Portal.
6. Click the **Plug-ins** link.
 - The Plug-ins web page will be shown ([Figure 83 \(page 158\)](#)).

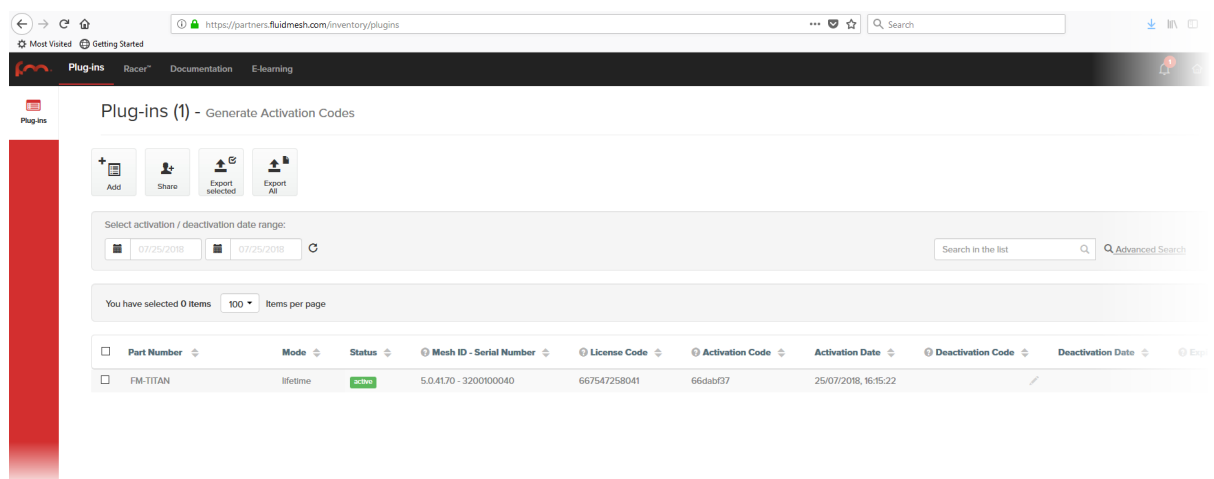


Figure 83. Partner Portal Plug-ins page (License code deactivation)

7. Check the selection check-box to the left of the relevant plug-in listing.

- The plug-in control buttons will be shown at the bottom of the web page.
8. Enter the Deactivation code for the plug-in in the Deactivation Code field (**Figure 84 (page 159)**).

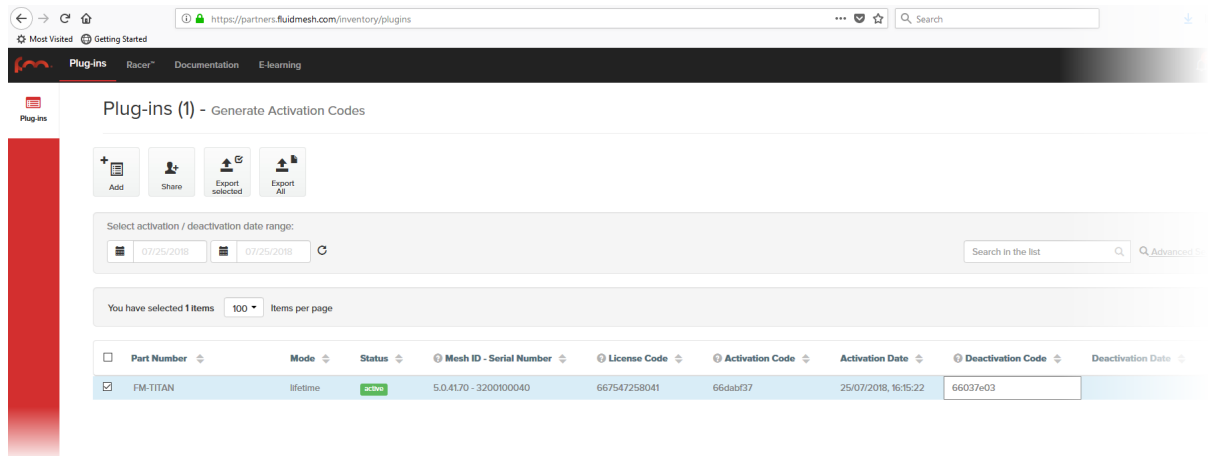


Figure 84. Partner Portal Plug-ins page (deactivation code entry)

9. Click the **Deactivate** button at the bottom of the web page.
 - The **PLUG-IN DEACTIVATION** dialog will be shown.
10. To do a normal deactivation, click the **Deactivate** button. If for any reason it is not possible to retrieve the deactivation code, click the **Force Deactivation** button.



IMPORTANT

Only click the **Force Deactivation** button if you have no way to retrieve the deactivation code (for example, if the unit's boot sequence cannot be completed, or if the unit is damaged and cannot be powered ON).

- The plug-in will be deactivated.
- The Deactivation code will be shown in the **Deactivation Code** column of the plug-in listing.
- The Deactivation code will remain on the Partner Portal, and can be used to generate a new Activation code if needed.

7.2.3. Reactivating a deactivated plug-in

To use a Deactivation code to generate an new Activation code, do the following steps:

1. Log on to the **Fluidmesh Partner Portal**.
2. Click the **Plug-ins** link.
 - The Plug-ins web page will be shown (**Figure 85 (page 160)**).

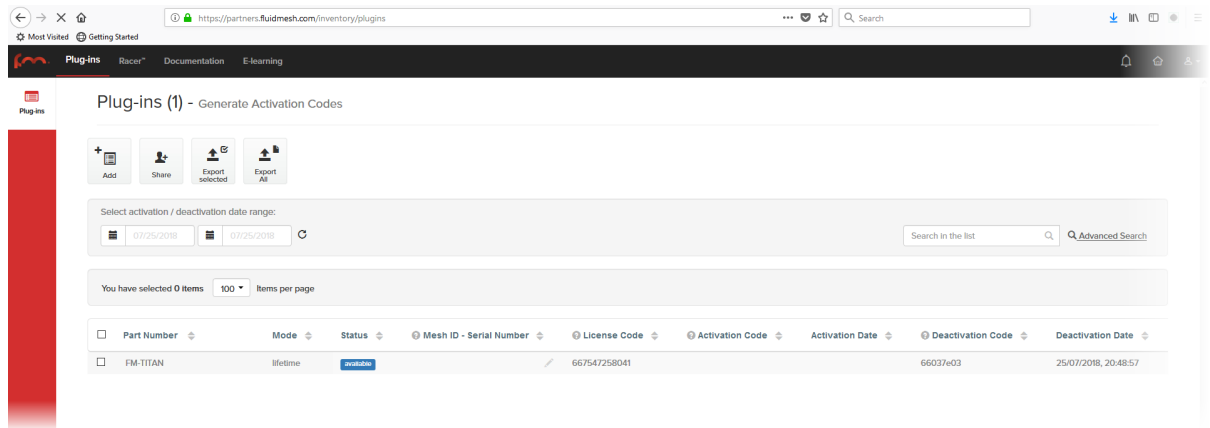


Figure 85. Partner Portal (Plug-ins web page)

3. Check the selection check-box to the left of the relevant plug-in listing.
 - The plug-in control buttons will be shown at the bottom of the web page.
4. Enter the unit identification number (**5.a.b.c**) or the unit serial number of the Fluidmesh unit in the **Mesh ID - Serial Number** field.
5. Complete the plug-in activation process as shown in **“Plug-in activation” (page 155)**.

7.2.4. Exporting and uploading multiple Activation codes

If more than one plug-in Activation code must be uploaded to a Fluidmesh radio transceiver unit at the same time, the need to upload codes one by one can be avoided by exporting multiple codes, or all codes, from the Partner Portal as a *.CSV file.

To export a collection of Activation codes from the Partner Portal as a *.CSV file, do the following steps:

1. Log on to the **Fluidmesh Partner Portal**.
2. Click the **Plug-ins** link.
 - The Plug-ins web page will be shown.
3. Convert all needed License codes and/or Deactivation codes to Activation codes as shown in **“Plug-in activation” (page 155)**
4. To export only selected Activation codes, check the selection check-boxes to the left of each plug-in that must be included in

the *.CSV file, then click the **Export selected** button. Alternatively, export all Activation codes by clicking the **Export All** button (Figure 86 (page 161)).



IMPORTANT

If all Activation codes are exported, only the Activation codes that are linked to the unit identification number (**5.a.b.c**), or the unit serial number of the target unit, will be assigned to the unit.

All codes that are not relevant to the unit will remain unused.

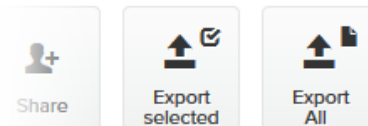


Figure 86. Plug-ins web page (code export controls)

5. Follow the software prompts to download the exported *.CSV file to your computer. Save the file in a safe place.
6. On the configurator interface, click the **-manage plug-ins** link under **MANAGEMENT SETTINGS** in the left-hand settings menu.
 - The **MANAGE PLUG-INS** dialog will be shown.
7. Upload the *.CSV file to the unit by clicking the **Choose File** button in the **Upload Plug-ins CSV** section (Figure 87 (page 161)) and following the software prompts.

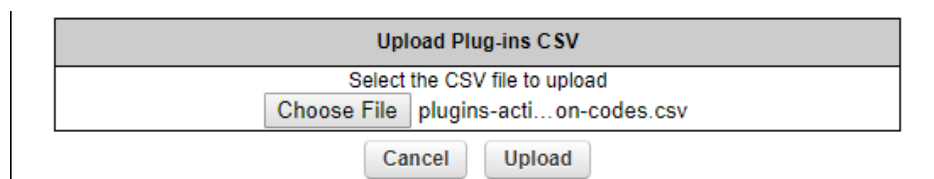


Figure 87. MANAGE PLUG-INS DIALOG (Upload Plug-ins CSV section)

- The chosen *.CSV file will be listed to the right of the **Choose File** button.
8. Click the **Upload** button.
 - The plug-ins will be uploaded to the unit and activated, and the relevant functionality can be used.

7.2.5. Sharing License codes and accepting shared License codes

If needed, you can share license codes with other Fluidmesh device users, and also have other Fluidmesh device users share their license codes with you.

To share one or more license codes with another Fluidmesh device user, do the steps that follow:

1. Log on to the **Fluidmesh Partner Portal**.
2. Click the **Plug-ins** link.
 - The Plug-ins web page will be shown.
3. Check the selection check-boxes to the left of the plug-ins that must be shared.
4. Click the **Share** button in the upper left-hand corner of the **Plug-ins** web page (**Figure 88 (page 162)**).

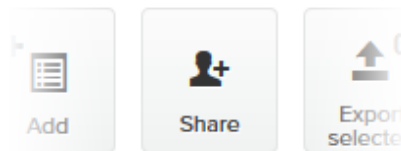


Figure 88. Plug-ins web page (Share button)

- The **Share License Codes** dialog will be shown.
5. Enter one or more E-mail addresses to which the License codes must be sent. Click the **Share** button.
 - An E-mail containing the selected License codes will be sent to the specified E-mail addresses.
 - The License codes contained in the E-mail can be converted to plug-in Activation codes in the normal way.

If needed, you can also ask another device user to share one or more license codes with you. If a License code is shared with you, it will be listed on your Partner Portal Plug-ins web page.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

The troubleshooting section will allow you to solve the most common problems encountered when configuring and installing Fluidmesh products.

8.1. I cannot get the Log-in screen

If you have directly connected a Windows computer to your Fluidmesh device for device configuration, but you cannot access the log-in form on your web browser, check the following points:

Are you trying to access the unit using a valid IP address?

You must manually set the computer's IP address and Netmask to be recognizable by the Fluidmesh device. The correct settings are as follows:

- **IP address:** 192.168.0.10 (or any other IP address belonging to subnet 192.168.0.0/255.255.255.0)
- **Netmask:** 255.255.255.0

Have you disabled the 'Access the Internet using a proxy server' function?

If your browser shows a time-out or similar message, the computer may be trying to access the Fluidmesh device through a proxy server. To stop the computer from trying to access the unit through a proxy connection, refer to [“Accessing the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER for device configuration”](#) (page 52).

8.2. I cannot log in to the RACER interface



IMPORTANT

For a detailed description of the differences between the RACER configuration interface and the local Configurator interface, refer to [“Device configuration using the configurator interface”](#) (page 50).

If you are not able to log in to the RACER web-based configuration interface, check that you have entered the correct user name and password.

The factory-set user name for the RACER configuration interface is **admin**. The factory-set password is **admin**

To change the factory-set user name and password, refer to the *Fluidmesh Networks Racer User Manual*.

8.3. I forgot the Administrator password

If you have forgotten the Administrator user name and/or password for the Configurator interface, and you must access the unit to configure it using the Configurator interface, do the following steps:

1. Physically access the unit.
2. Use the hardware **Reset** button to reset the unit to its factory default settings. Refer to “**Resetting the unit to factory defaults**” (page 147) for more information.

8.4. The wireless link is poor or non-existent in Bridge mode

If the unit is set to **Bridge** mode, and is showing any or all of the following symptoms:

- There is no wireless link
- The link LED on the device enclosure shows constant red
- The wireless link is constantly below 60% signal strength

Check the following points to improve the wireless link strength:

1. **Antenna alignment:** The antennas belonging to both units forming part of the affected link must face each other as directly as possible.
2. **Line-of-sight:** The antennas belonging to both units forming part of the affected link must have clear line-of-sight (in other words, there must be no physical obstructions between the two antennas).
3. **Power:** Verify that both units forming part of the affected link are receiving enough power from their Ethernet connections or PoE injectors.
4. **Frequency value and channel width:** Both units forming part of the affected link must be set to the same frequency value, and to the same channel width.

9. ELECTRICAL POWER REQUIREMENTS

The following table describes:

- The electrical power requirements for each Fluidmesh hardware device type.
- Which Fluidmesh hardware devices are capable of receiving power through an IEEE 802.3 Ethernet port (whether from a power-supplying device like a compatible network switch, or from a power-over-Ethernet (PoE) injector), or through a DC IN power supply port, or both.
- The specific voltage-variation tolerances of each Fluidmesh radio transceiver unit type.

Table 9. Individual power requirements (FM 1000 Gateway and FM 10000 Gateway)

	Required input power	FM 1000 Gateway	FM 10000 Gateway
DC IN	12 Vdc (from mains AC power adapter producing a minimum of 60W (12V/5A)).	X	
AC IN	Unit may be equipped with multiple 275W redundant AC power supply units (input power: 100 Vac to 240 Vac at 50 Hz to 60 Hz).		X
	Unit may be equipped with single 250W non-redundant AC power supply unit (input power: 100 Vac to 240 Vac at 50 Hz to 60 Hz).		X

Table 10. Individual power requirements (FM PONTE 50 to FM 4200 MOBI)

		FM PONTE 50	FM 1200 VOLO	FM 1300 OTTO	FM 3200 BASE	FM 3200 ENDO	FM 3200 +GPS	FM 3200 DEPOT	FM 4200 MOBI
PoE	24V passive PoE	X	X						
	48V passive PoE				X	X	X	X	X
	IEEE 802.3af PoE (voltage range at PD: 37V to 57V)			X	X	X	X	X	X

	IEEE 802.3at PoE (voltage range at PD: 42.5V to 57V)			X	X	X	X	X	X
DC IN	Permanent DC power, min. 24V max. 60V								X
	EN 50155 compliance at 48V				X	X	X	X	X

Table 11. Individual power requirements (FM FM 4200 MOBI+GPS to FM 4800)

		FM 4200 MOBI +GPS	FM 4200 FIBER	FM 3500 ENDO	FM 4500 MOBI	FM 4500 FIBER	FM 4800
PoE	24V passive PoE						
	48V passive PoE	X	X	X	X	X	X
	IEEE 802.3af PoE (voltage range at PD: 37V to 57V)	X	X				
	IEEE 802.3at PoE (voltage range at PD: 42.5V to 57V)	X	X	X	X	X	X
DC IN	Permanent DC power, min. 24V max. 60V	X	X		X	X	X
	EN 50155 compliance at 48V	X	X	X	X	X	X

10. HEAT RADIATION DATA

When in use, all Fluidmesh gateway units and radio transceivers generate heat as a by-product of electrical activity.

Heat radiated by a Fluidmesh device may be of concern in confined locations such as server rooms (where the cumulative heat generated by a collection of electrical and electronic devices may cause damage to sensitive electronic components) and outdoor equipment enclosures (in which electronic components may overheat if the enclosure is not properly ventilated).



WARNING

The outer surfaces of some Fluidmesh units may become hot during normal operation. Such units have a 'Hot Surfaces' warning triangle on their outer enclosures.

During normal operation, do not touch or handle such unit enclosures without personal protective equipment.

The following table shows nominal heat-radiation figures for all Fluidmesh devices under idle conditions, and under full-load conditions.

All heat-radiation figures are given in British Thermal Units (BTU) per hour.

Device	Fiber-optic module installed	Idle @ 115 Vac / 60 Hz	Idle @ 230 Vac / 60 Hz	Full load @ 115 Vac / 60 Hz	Full load @ 230 Vac / 60 Hz
FM 1000 gateway		25.590	33.780	25.250	33.100
FM 10000 gateway		271.595	267.159	436.395	437.078
PONTE 50		6.479	6.138	19.778	19.437
1200 VOLO		6.479	6.138	19.778	19.437
All 3200-series transceivers		10.230	10.230	24.552	24.552
3500 ENDO		9.889	9.889	26.939	26.939
4200 MOBI		10.230	10.230	24.552	24.552
4200 FIBER	No	12.617	12.617	26.939	26.939
	Yes	15.004	15.004	29.326	28.985
4500 MOBI		9.889	9.889	26.939	26.939
4500 FIBER	No	9.889	9.889	26.598	26.257
	Yes	12.958	12.958	29.326	29.326
4800 FIBER	No	23.529	23.529	47.399	47.058
	Yes	27.280	26.939	51.832	50.468

11. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) RADIO INTERFERENCE 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 when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

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FCC Radiation Exposure Statement

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 centimeters between the radiator and your body.

This device has been assembled using components that comply with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Industry Canada

The use of this device in a system operating either partially or completely outdoors may require the user to obtain a license for the system according to the Canadian regulations.

Industry Canada Statement

This device complies with RSS-247 of Industry Canada.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Avis d'industrie Canada

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence.

L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes:

(1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et, and (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioelectrique subi, meme si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

IC RF Radiation Exposure Statement:

This equipment complies with IC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 21cm between the radiator & your body. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Déclaration d'exposition aux radiations:

Cet équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements IC établies pour un environnement non contrôlé. Cet équipement doit être installé et utilisé avec un minimum de 21 cm de distance entre la source de rayonnement et votre corps.

EC Declaration of Conformity

Fluidmesh Networks, Inc. declares under its sole responsibility that the Fluidmesh 4200 FIBER is compliant with the following directives, and has been designed and manufactured to the following specifications:

EMC	EN 61000-6-1; EN 61000-6-2; EN 61000-6-3; EN 61000-6-4;
	EN 489-17
R&TTE	EN 300 328-1 V. 1.3.1; EN 300 328-2 V. 1.2.1; EN 301 893-1 V. 1.2.1; EN 300 440-2 V. 1.3.1
Safety	EN 60950-1:2001

Caution: This equipment is intended to be used in all EU and EFTA countries. Contact local Authority for procedure to follow.

Note:

Class A ITE is a category of all other ITE which satisfies the class A ITE but not the class B ITE limits.

Such equipment should not be restricted in its sale but the following warning shall be included in the instruction for use:

WARNING: this is a class A product. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

For more details on legal combinations of power levels and antennas, contact Fluidmesh Networks, Inc.

Belgique

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WARNING

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Fluidmesh hardware installations must comply with all applicable local legislation.



WARNING

Never disassemble a Fluidmesh hardware device to any extent that is not described in the relevant device user's manual. Fluidmesh devices contain no user-serviceable parts. Disassembling a Fluidmesh hardware device will invalidate the device warranty, and may compromise the operational integrity of the device.

On some Fluidmesh radio transceiver devices, the lower access cover must be removed to gain access to the hardware *Reset* button. Do not operate a radio transceiver device for extended periods if its lower access cover has been removed.



WARNING

To avoid danger from non-ionizing radiation and/or electric shock and/or high-intensity laser or LED light sources, be sure to install the unit only in a location with restricted access.



WARNING

To avoid danger from electric shock, do not expose the unit to water or high humidity if the unit is powered ON, or if any access covers have been removed from the unit enclosure.

Do not place liquid-filled objects on or above the unit.

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