

Reference Manual for the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point



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WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point



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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected
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Placement and Range Guidelines

Indoors, computers can connect over 802.11 wireless networks at a maximum range of 500 feet (152.4 m) for 802.11b devices. However, the operating distance or range of your wireless connection can vary significantly, based on the physical placement of the wireless access point.

For best results, identify a location for your wireless access point according to these guidelines:

- Away from potential sources of interference, such as PCs, large metal surfaces, microwaves, and 2.4 GHz cordless phones.
- In an elevated location such as a high shelf that is near the center of the wireless coverage area for all mobile devices.

Failure to follow these guidelines can result in significant performance degradation or inability to wirelessly connect to the wireless access point.

To meet FCC and other national safety guidelines for rf exposure, the antennas for this device must be installed to ensure a minimum separation distance of 20cm (7.9 in.) from persons. Further, the antennas shall not be co-located with other transmitting structures.

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- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

RF Exposure Warning for North America, and Australia

Warning! To meet FCC and other national safety guidelines for rf exposure, the antennas for this device (see below) must be installed to ensure a minimum separation distance of 20cm (7.9 in.) from persons. Further, the antennas shall not be co-located with other antenna or radio transmitter.

Antenna Statement for North America and Australia

In addition to its own 2 antennas, the WG302 device has been approved for use with the following detachable antennas and antenna cables:

Approved Antennas	Antenna Gain and type	Approved Antenna Cable	Antenna Cable Length	Maximum Transmitted Power
NETGEAR ANT24D18	18 dBi, directional outdoor/indoor	NETGEAR ACC-10314-01 thru 05	1.5 m to 30 m	19 dBm + 18 dBi ant.
NETGEAR ANT2409	9 dBi, omnidirectional outdoor/indoor	NETGEAR ACC-10314-01 thru 05	1.5 m to 30 m	19 dBm + 9 dBi ant.
NETGEAR ANT24O5	5 dBi, ceiling/wall indoor	NETGEAR ACC-10314-01 thru 05	1.5 m to 30 m	19 dBm + 5 dBi ant.

*** WG302 maximum radiated power in North America and Australia: 20 dBm – cable loss + antenna gain**

Please go to www.netgear.com/go-fcc.... for an updated list of wireless accessories approved to be used with the WG302 in North America and Australia.

Industry Canada Compliance Statement

This Class B Digital apparatus meets all the requirements of the Canadian Interference Causing Equipment Regulations ICES 003.

Cet appareil numerique de classe B respecte les exigences du reglement du Canada sur le materiel brouilleur NMB-003.

The device is certified to the requirements of RSS-210 for 2.4 GHz spread spectrum devices. 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. For further

information, contact your local Industry Canada office.

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Chapter 1

About This Manual

Congratulations on your purchase of the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point. The WG302 provides connection for multiple personal computers to the Internet through an external broadband access device (such as a cable modem or DSL modem).

Audience, Versions, Conventions

This reference manual assumes that the reader has basic to intermediate computer and Internet skills. However, basic computer network, Internet, and firewall technologies tutorial information is provided in the Appendices and on the NETGEAR Web site.

This guide uses the following formats to highlight special messages:



Note: This format is used to highlight information of importance or special interest.

This manual is written for the WG302 Access Point according to these versions.:

Table 1-1. Product, Firmware Version, Manual Version, and Publication Date

Product	WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point
Manual Part Number	
Manual Publication Date	August 2003



Note: Product updates are available on the NETGEAR web site at www.netgear.com/support/main.asp. Documentation updates are available on the NETGEAR, Inc. web site at www.netgear.com/docs.

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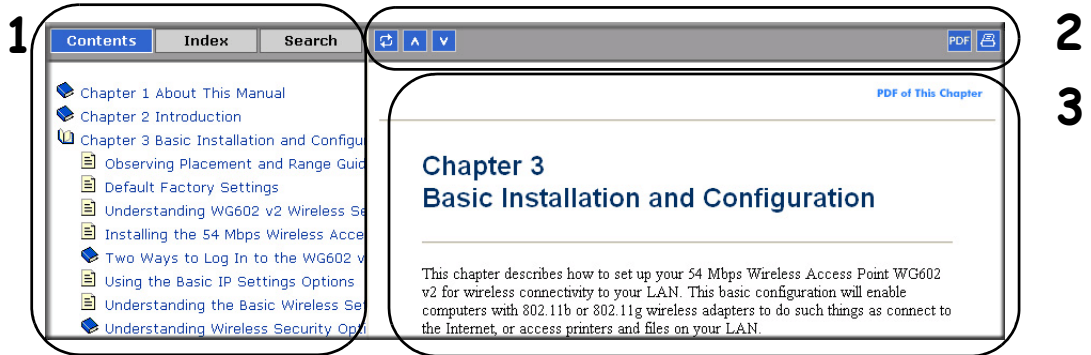


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Chapter 2

Introduction

This chapter introduces the NETGEAR WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point. Minimal prerequisites for installation are presented in [“System Requirements” on page 2-4](#).

About the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point

The WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point is the basic building block of a wireless LAN infrastructure. It provides connectivity between Ethernet wired networks and radio-equipped wireless notebook systems, desktop systems, print servers, and other devices.

The WG302 provides wireless connectivity to multiple wireless network devices within a fixed range or area of coverage, interacting with a wireless network interface card (NIC) via an antenna. Typically, an individual in-building access point provides a maximum connectivity area with about a 300 foot radius. The WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point can support a small group of users in a range of several hundred feet. Most access points are rated between 30-70 users simultaneously.

The WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point acts as a bridge between the wired LAN and wireless clients. Connecting multiple WG302 Access Points via a wired Ethernet backbone can further lengthen the wireless network coverage. As a mobile computing device moves out of the range of one access point, it moves into the range of another. As a result, wireless clients can freely roam from one Access Point to another and still maintain seamless connection to the network.

The auto-sensing capability of the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point allows packet transmission at up to 108 Mbps, or at reduced speeds to compensate for distance or electromagnetic noise interference.

Key Features

The WG302 Access Point is easy-to-use and provides solid wireless and networking support.

Supported Standards and Conventions

The following standards and conventions are supported:

- **Standards Compliant.** The Wireless Access Point complies with the IEEE 802.11g for Wireless LANs.
- **WEP support.** Support for WEP is included. Both 64-bit, 128-bit, and 152-bit keys are supported.
- **DHCP Client Support.** DHCP provides a dynamic IP address to PCs and other devices upon request. The WG302 can act as a client and obtain information from your DHCP server.
- **SNMP Support.** Support for Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Management Information Base (MIB) management.

Key Features

The NETGEAR WG302 provides solid functionality, including these features:

- **Multiple Operating Modes**
 - **Wireless Access Point.** Operates as a standard 802.11g.
 - **Point-to-Point Bridge.** In this mode, the WG302 only communicates with another bridge-mode wireless station. You must enter the MAC address (physical address) of the other bridge-mode wireless station in the field provided. WEP should be used to protect this communication.
 - **Point-to-Multi-Point Bridge.** Select this only if this WG302 is the “Master” for a group of bridge-mode wireless stations. The other bridge-mode wireless stations must be set to Point-to-Point Bridge mode, using this WG302’s MAC address. They then send all traffic to this “Master”, rather than communicate directly with each other. WEP should be used to protect this traffic.
 - **Wireless Repeater.** In this half-duplex mode, the WG302 only communicates with another repeater-mode wireless station. You must enter the MAC address (physical address) of the both adjacent repeater-mode wireless stations in the fields provided. WEP should be used to protect this communication.
- **Upgradeable Firmware.** Firmware is stored in a flash memory and can be upgraded easily, using only your Web browser, and can be upgraded remotely.
- **Access Control.** The Access Control MAC address filtering feature can ensure that only trusted wireless stations can use the WG302 to gain access to your LAN.

- **Simple Configuration.** If the default settings are unsuitable, they are easy to change.
- **Hidden Mode.** The SSID is not broadcast, assuring only clients configured with the correct SSID can connect.
- **Secure Telnet Command Line Interface.** The Telnet command line interface enables direct access over the serial port and easy scripting of configuration of multiple WG302 across an extensive network via the Ethernet interface. An SSH client is required.
- **Configuration Backup.** Configuration settings can be backed up to a file and restored.
- **Secure and Economical Operation.** Adjustable power output allows more secure or economical operation.
- **Power over Ethernet.** Power can be supplied to the WG302 over the Ethernet port from any 802.3af compliant mid-span or end-span source such as the NETGEAR FSM7326P Managed Power over Ethernet Layer 3 managed switch.
- **Autosensing Ethernet Connection with Auto Uplink Interface.** Connects to 10/100 Mbps IEEE 802.3 Ethernet networks.
- **LED Indicators.** Power, test, LAN speed, LAN activity, and wireless activity are easily identified.

802.11g Standards-based Wireless Networking

The WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point provides a bridge between Ethernet wired LANs and 802.11g compatible wireless LAN networks. It provides connectivity between Ethernet wired networks and radio-equipped wireless notebook systems, desktop systems, print servers, and other devices. Additionally, the WG302 supports the following wireless features:

- Distributed coordinated function (CSMA/CA, Back off procedure, ACK procedure, retransmission of unacknowledged frames)
- RTS/CTS handshake
- Beacon generation
- Packet fragmentation and reassembly
- Short or long preamble
- Roaming among access points on the same subnet

Autosensing Ethernet Connections with Auto Uplink

The WG302 can connect to a standard Ethernet network. The LAN interface is autosensing and capable of full-duplex or half-duplex operation.

The wireless access point incorporates Auto Uplink™ technology. The Ethernet port will automatically sense whether the Ethernet cable plugged into the port should have a ‘normal’ connection such as to a PC or an ‘uplink’ connection such as to a switch or hub. That port will then configure itself to the correct configuration. This feature also eliminates any concerns about crossover cables, as Auto Uplink will accommodate either type of cable to make the right connection.

Compatible and Related NETGEAR Products

For a list of compatible products from other manufacturers, see the Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance Web site (WECA, see <http://www.wi-fi.net>).

The following NETGEAR products work with the WG302 Access Point:

- WAB501 a/b Dual Band Wireless PC Card Adapter
- MA401 802.11b Wireless PC Card
- WG511 802.11g Wireless CardBus Adapter
- MA111 801.11b Wireless Bridge
- MA101 802.11b Wireless USB Adapter
- ME102 802.11b Wireless Access Point
- MA311 802.11b Wireless PCI Adapter
- MA701 802.11b Wireless Compact Flash Card

System Requirements

Before installing the WG302, make sure your system meets these requirements:

- A 10/100 Mbps Local Area Network device such as a hub or switch
- The Category 5 UTP straight through Ethernet cable with RJ-45 connector included in the package, or one like it
- A 100-240 V, 50-60 HZ AC power source
- A Web browser for configuration such as Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0 or above, or Netscape Navigator 4.78 or above
- At least one computer with the TCP/IP protocol installed
- 802.11b or 802.11g-compliant devices, such as the NETGEAR WG511 Wireless Adapter

What's In the Box?

The product package should contain the following items:

- WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point
- Power adapter and cord (12 V dc, 1.2 A)
- Straight through Category 5 Ethernet cable
- WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point Quick Installation Guide (M-10178-01)
- *Resource CD for the 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point WG302 (SW-10038-01)*
Reference Manual for the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point () -- this manual
- Support Registration card

Contact your reseller or customer support in your area if there are any wrong, missing, or damaged parts. You can refer to the Support Information Card for the telephone number of customer support in your area. You should keep the Support Information card, along with the original packing materials, and use the packing materials to repack the WG302 if you need to return it for repair. To qualify for product updates and product warranty registrations, we encourage you to register on the NETGEAR Web site at: <http://www.NETGEAR.com>.

Hardware Description

The WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point front and rear hardware functions are described below.

WG302 Wireless Access Point Front Panel

The WG302 Access Point provides four status LEDs.



Figure 2-1: WG302 front panel

The following table explains the LED indicators:

LED	DESCRIPTION
PWR Off On	Power Indicator No power. If this LED does not come on with the power adapter and cord correctly installed, see Chapter 4, Troubleshooting . Power is on.
TEST Blink	Self Test Indicator Indicates self test, loading software, or system fault (if continues). Note: This LED may blink for a minute before going on steady.
100 Off Green On LINK/ACT LAN Off Green On Green Blink Amber On Amber Blink	Ethernet LAN Speed Indicator Indicates 10 Mbps Ethernet link detected 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet link detected. Ethernet LAN Link Activity Indicator Indicates no Ethernet link detected. 100 Mbps Fast Ethernet link detected, no activity. Indicates data traffic on the 100Mbps Ethernet LAN. 10 Mbps Ethernet link detected, no activity. Indicates data traffic on the 10Mbps Ethernet LAN.
802.11g WLAN Off Green Blink	Wireless LAN Link Activity Indicator Indicates no wireless link activity. Wireless link activity.

WG302 Wireless Access Point Rear Panel



Figure 2-2: WG302 rear panel

Left and Right Detachable Antenna

The WG302 provides two detachable antenna.

Restore to Factory Defaults Button

The restore to default button located between the Ethernet RJ-45 connector and the power socket restores the WG302 to the factory default settings.

Serial Port

Male DB-9 serial port for serial connection.

RJ-45 Ethernet Port

Use the WG302 Ethernet RJ-45 port to connect to an Ethernet LAN through a device such as a hub, switch, router, or POE switch.

Power Socket

This socket connects to the WG302 12V 1.2A power adapter.

Chapter 3

Basic Installation and Configuration

This chapter describes how to set up your WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point for wireless connectivity to your LAN. This basic configuration will enable computers with 802.11b or 802.11g wireless adapters to do such things as connect to the Internet, or access printers and files on your LAN.



Note: Indoors, computers can connect over 802.11g wireless networks at ranges of several hundred feet or more. This distance can allow for others outside your area to access your network. It is important to take appropriate steps to secure your network from unauthorized access. The WG302 Access Point provides highly effective security features which are covered in detail in [Chapter 3, “Configuring Your Wireless Network.”](#) Deploy the security features appropriate to your needs.

You need to prepare these three things before you can establish a connection through your wireless access point:

- A location for the WG302 that conforms to the [Observing Placement and Range Guidelines](#) below.
- The wireless access point connected to your LAN through a device such as a hub, switch, router, or Cable/DSL gateway.
- One or more computers with properly configured 802.11b or 802.11g wireless adapters.

Observing Placement and Range Guidelines

The operating distance or range of your wireless connection can vary significantly based on the physical placement of the wireless access point. The latency, data throughput performance, and notebook power consumption of wireless adapters also vary depending on your configuration choices.



Note: Failure to follow these guidelines can result in significant performance degradation or inability to wirelessly connect to the WG302. For complete performance specifications, see [Appendix A, “Specifications”](#).

For best results, place your wireless access point:

- Near the center of the area in which your PCs will operate.
- In an elevated location such as a high shelf where the wirelessly connected PCs have line-of-sight access (even if through walls).
- Away from sources of interference, such as PCs, microwaves, and 2.4 GHz cordless phones.
- Away from large metal surfaces.
- If using multiple access points, it is better if adjacent access points use different radio frequency Channels to reduce interference. The recommended Channel spacing between adjacent access points is 5 Channels (for example, use Channels 1 and 6, or 6 and 11).

The time it takes to establish a wireless connection can vary depending on both your security settings and placement. WEP connections can take slightly longer to establish. Also, WEP encryption can consume more battery power on a notebook PC.

Cabling Requirements

The WG302 Access Point connects to your LAN via twisted-pair Category 5 Ethernet cable with RJ-45 connectors.

Default Factory Settings

When you first receive your WG302, the default factory settings will be set as shown below. You can restore these defaults with the Factory Default Restore switch on the rear panel — see [“WG302 Wireless Access Point Rear Panel”](#) on page 2-7.

FEATURE	FACTORY DEFAULT SETTINGS
User Name (case sensitive)	admin
Password (case sensitive)	password
Operating Mode	Access Point
Access Point Name	NETGEARxxxxxx where xxxxxx are the last six digits of the wireless access point's MAC address
DHCP	DHCP client disabled
IP Configuration (if DHCP server is unavailable)	IP Address: 192.168.0.228 Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0 Gateway: 0.0.0.0
Network Name (SSID)	NETGEAR
Broadcast Network Name (SSID)	Enabled
802.11g Radio Frequency Channel	11
WEP	Disabled
Restricting connectivity based on MAC Access Control List	Disabled
SNMP	Enabled but Trap forwarding is disabled
Secure Telnet	Enabled

Understanding WG302 Wireless Security Options

Unlike wired network data, your wireless data transmissions can be received well beyond your walls by anyone with a compatible adapter. For this reason, use the security features of your wireless equipment. The WG302 Access Point provides highly effective security features which are covered in detail in this chapter. Deploy the security features appropriate to your needs.

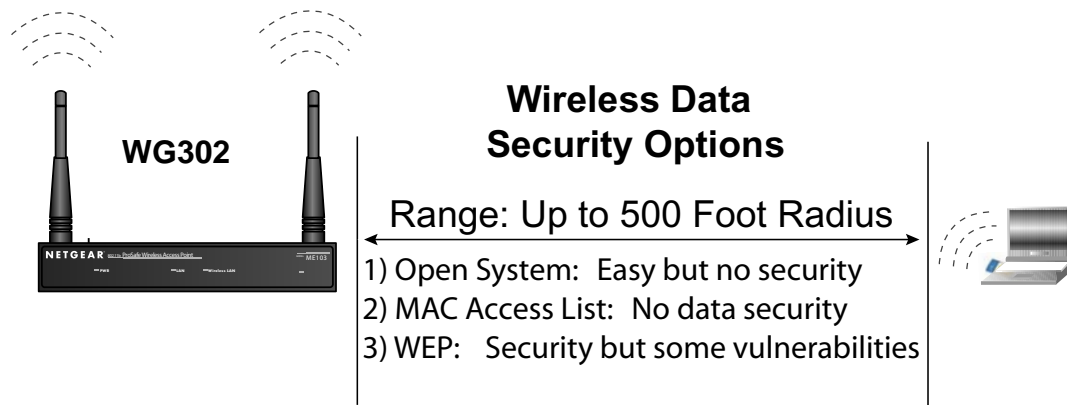


Figure 3-1: WG302 wireless data security options

There are several ways you can enhance the security of your wireless network:

- **Restrict Access Based on MAC address.** You can restrict access to only trusted PCs so that unknown PCs cannot wirelessly connect to the WG302. MAC address filtering adds an obstacle against unwanted access to your network, but the data broadcast over the wireless link is fully exposed.
- **Turn Off the Broadcast of the Wireless Network Name (SSID).** If you disable broadcast of the SSID, only devices that have the correct SSID can connect. This nullifies the wireless network 'discovery' feature of some products such as Windows XP, but the data is still fully exposed to a determined snoop using specialized test equipment like wireless sniffers.
- **Use WEP.** Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) data encryption provides data security. WEP Shared Key authentication and WEP data encryption will block all but the most determined eavesdropper.

Installing the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point

Before installing the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point, you should make sure that your Ethernet network is up and working. You will be connecting the access point to the Ethernet network so that computers with 802.11b or 802.11g wireless adapters will be able to communicate with computers on the Ethernet network. In order for this to work correctly, verify that you have met all of the system requirements, shown on [page 2-4](#).

1 SET UP THE WG302 ACCESS POINT

Tip: Before mounting the WG302 in a high location, first set up and test the WG302 to verify wireless network connectivity.

- a. Prepare a PC with an Ethernet adapter. If this PC is already part of your network, record its TCP/IP configuration settings.
- b. Configure the PC with a static IP address of 192.168.0.210 and 255.255.255.0 for the Subnet Mask.
- c. Connect an Ethernet cable from the WG302 to the PC (A).
- d. Turn on your computer, connect the power adapter to the WG302 and verify the following:
 - The PWR power light goes on.
 - The LAN light of the wireless access point is lit when connected to a powered on PC.

2 CONFIGURE LAN AND WIRELESS ACCESS

- a. Configure the WG302 Ethernet port for LAN access.
 - Connect to the WG302 by opening your browser and entering *http://192.168.0.228* in the address field.
 - When prompted, enter **admin** for the user name and **password** for the password, both in lower case letters.

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settings

- General
- Setup**
 - IP Settings
 - Wireless Settings
- Management**
 - Change Password
 - Upgrade Firmware
 - Backup/Restore Settings
 - Reboot AP
- Information**
 - Wireless Station List
 - Statistics
- Advanced**
 - Access Control
 - Security Settings
 - Wireless Settings
- Logout

General

Access Point Information

Access Point Name	netgear74F35E
MAC Address	00:09:5B:74:F3:5E
Country / Region	United States
Firmware Version	1.0.0 RC1

Current IP Settings

IP Address	192.168.0.228
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Default Gateway	0.0.0.0
DHCP Client	Disable

Current Wireless Settings

Access Point Mode	Access Point
Operating Mode	Auto
Wireless Network Name (SSID)	NETGEAR
Channel / Frequency	11 / 2.462GHz
WEP	Disable

General Information Help

The *Access Point General Information* page displays current settings and statistics for your Access Point. As this information is read-only, any changes must be made on other pages.

Access Point Information: General information.

Current IP Settings: These are the current settings for IP address, Subnet Mask, Default Gateway and DHCP settings.

Current Wireless Settings: These are the current settings for the Access Point.

Figure 3-2: Login result: WG302 home page

The Web browser will then display the WG302 home page.

- Click the IP Settings link and configure the IP Settings for your network.
- b. Configure the wireless interface for wireless access. See the online help or the [Understanding Basic Wireless Settings](#) topic of this Reference Manual for full instructions.

Note: You must set the Regulatory Domain. It may not be legal to operate the wireless access point in a region other than one of those identified in this field.

Now that you have finished the setup steps, you are ready to deploy the WG302 in your network. If needed, you can now reconfigure the PC you used in step 1 back to its original TCP/IP settings.

3 DEPLOY THE WG302 ACCESS POINT

- a. Disconnect the WG302 and position it where you will deploy it. The best location is elevated, such as wall mounted or on the top of a cubicle, at the center of your wireless coverage area, and within line of sight of all the mobile devices.

- b. Lift the antenna on either side so that they are vertical.

Note: Consult the antenna positioning and wireless mode configuration information in the [Advanced Configuration](#) chapter of the Reference Manual.

- c. Connect an Ethernet cable from your WG302 Access Point to a LAN port on your router, switch, or hub.

Note: By default, WG302 is set to with the DHCP client disabled. If your network uses dynamic IP addresses, you will need to change this setting.

- d. Connect the power adapter to the wireless access point and plug the power adapter in to a power outlet. The PWR, LAN, and Wireless LAN lights and should light up.

- e. Connect the power adapter to the wireless access point and plug the power adapter in to a power outlet. The PWR, LAN, and Wireless LAN lights and should light up.

4 VERIFY WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY

Using a computer with an 802.11b or 802.11g wireless adapter with the correct wireless settings needed to connect to the WG302 (SSID, WEP, MAC ACL, etc.), verify connectivity by using a browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer to browse the Internet, or check for file and printer access on your network.

Note: If you are unable to connect, see [Chapter 6, “Troubleshooting.”](#)

Enter the default user name of **admin** and the default password of **password**.

How to Log In to the WG302 Using Its Default IP Address

1. 192.168.0.228 is the default IP address of your access point. However, the WG302 is also set, by default, to be a DHCP client. So, if the WG302 has not yet been installed, and there is no DHCP server on the network, you can log in to the WG302 using its default IP address. You should use either the NetBIOS name printed on the bottom label to log in.

Note: The computer you are using to connect to the WG302 should be configured with an IP address that starts with 192.168.0.x and a Subnet Mask of 255.255.255.0.

2. Open a Web browser such as Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator.
3. Connect to the WG302 by entering its default address of <http://192.168.0.228> into your browser.
4. A login window like the one shown below opens:



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Name

Password

Figure 3-3: Login window

Log in use the default user name of **admin** and default password of **password**.

Once you have entered your access point name, your Web browser should automatically find the WG302 Access Point and display the home page, as shown in “[Login result: WG302 home page](#)” on page 3-6.

Understanding Basic Wireless Settings

To configure the wireless settings of your wireless access point, click the Wireless Settings link in the Basic section of the main menu of the browser interface. The Basic Wireless Settings menu will appear, as shown below.

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Wireless Settings". It contains several configuration options:

- Wireless Network Name (SSID): A text input field containing "NETGEAR".
- Broadcast Wireless Network Name (SSID): Radio buttons for "Yes" (selected) and "No".
- Country / Region: A dropdown menu showing "United States".
- Operating Mode: A dropdown menu showing "802.11g Only".
- Channel / Frequency: A dropdown menu showing "6 / 2.437GHz".
- Data Rate: A dropdown menu showing "108Mbps".
- Output Power: A dropdown menu showing "Full".

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Apply" and "Cancel".

Figure 3-4: Basic Wireless Settings menu

The Basic Wireless Settings menu options are discussed below:

- **Wireless Network Name (SSID).** The SSID is also known as the wireless network name. Enter a value of up to 32 alphanumeric characters. In a setting where there is more than one wireless network, different wireless network names provide a means for separating the traffic. Any device you want to participate in a particular wireless network will need to use the SSID. The WG302 default SSID is: **NETGEAR**.
 - A group of Wireless Stations and a single access point, all using the same ID (SSID), form a Basic Service Set (BSS).
 - Using the same SSID is essential. Devices with different SSIDs are unable to communicate with each other. However, some access points allow connections from wireless stations which have their SSID set to “any” or whose SSID is blank (null).
 - A group of wireless stations and multiple access points, all using the same ID (ESSID), form an Extended Service Set (ESS).

- Different access points within an ESS can use different channels. To reduce interference, it is recommended that adjacent access points *should* use different channels.
- As wireless stations physically move through the area covered by an ESS, they will automatically change to the access point which has the least interference or best performance. This capability is called roaming.
- **Broadcast Wireless Network Name (SSID).** This field lets you turn off the SSID broadcast. If you turn off the SSID broadcast, only stations that know the SSID will connect. Disabling SSID broadcast somewhat hampers the wireless network ‘discovery’ feature of some products. The default is to enable SSID broadcast.
- **Country/Region.** This field identifies the region where the WG302 can be used. It may not be legal to operate the wireless features of the wireless access point in a region other than one of those identified in this field. There is no default country domain, and the channel is set to 11. Unless a country domain is selected, the channel cannot be changed.
- **Operating Mode.** Select the desired wireless operating mode. The options are:
 - Auto (11g and 11b) – Both 802.11g and 802.11b wireless stations can be used. This is the default
 - 11g Only - Only 802.11g wireless stations can be used. This is required for 108 Mbps data rate operation.
 - 11b Only - All 802.11b wireless stations can be used. 802.11g wireless stations can still be used if they can operate in 802.11b mode.
- **Channel.** This field identifies which operating frequency will be used. It should not be necessary to change the wireless channel unless you notice interference problems or setting up the WG302 near another access point. See [“Wireless Channels” on page B-7](#) for more information on wireless channels.
 - Access points use a fixed channel. You can select the channel used. This allows you to choose a channel which provides the least interference and best performance. In the USA and Canada, 11 channels are available.

Note: Channel 6 is required for 108 Mbps data rate.
 - If using multiple access points, it is better if adjacent access points use different channels to reduce interference. The recommended channel spacing between adjacent access points is 5 channels (for example, use channels 1 and 6, or 6 and 11).
 - In "Infrastructure" mode, wireless stations normally scan all channels, looking for an access point. If more than one access point can be used, the one with the strongest signal is used. This can only happen when the various access points are using the same SSID.

- **Data Rate.** Shows the available transmit data rate of the wireless network. 108 Mbps is only available when the operating mode is 802.11g only and the channel is 6. The default is Best.
- **Output Power.** Set the transmit signal strength of the access point. The options are full, half, quarter, eighth, and min. Decrease the transmit power if more than one AP is co-located using the same channel frequency. The default is Full.

Understanding Basic Wireless Security Options

The table below identifies the various basic wireless security options. A full explanation of these standards is available in [Appendix B, “Wireless Networking Basics”](#).

The screenshot shows a web-based configuration interface titled "Security Settings". It is divided into several sections:

- WEP:** Contains "Authentication Type" with radio buttons for "Open System" (selected) and "Shared Key", and "Encryption Strength" with a dropdown menu set to "None".
- Security Encryption (WEP) Keys:** Includes a "Passphrase" input field with a "Generate Keys" button, and four "Key" input fields (Key 1 through Key 4). Key 1 is selected with a radio button.
- Enable Wireless Client Security Separator:** Contains radio buttons for "No" (selected) and "Yes".
- Buttons:** "Apply" and "Cancel" buttons are located at the bottom of the form.

Figure 3-5: Wireless Security Settings

Table 3-1. Basic Wireless Security Options

Field	Description
Network Authentication	<p>You can select the following network authentication options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open System: the WG302 does not perform any authentication. However, if the 802.1x option is configured, authentication of connections can be performed by a RADIUS server. • Shared: this is for shared key authentication. The SSID and data are encrypted.
Encryption Strength	<p>You can select the following data encryption options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled • 64- 128- or 152-bit WEP <p>With Open System Authentication and 64- 128- or 152-bit WEP Data Encryption, the WG302 <i>does</i> perform data encryption but <i>does not</i> perform any authentication.</p>
Security Encryption (WEP) Keys	<p>If WEP is enabled, you can manually or automatically program the four data encryption keys. These values must be identical on all PCs and access points in your network (key 1 must be the same for all, key 2 must be the same for all, etc.)</p> <p>There are two methods for creating WEP encryption keys:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passphrase. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These characters <i>are</i> case sensitive. Enter a word or group of printable characters in the Passphrase box and click the Generate button. Note: Not all wireless adapters support passphrase key generation. • Manual. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These values <i>are not</i> case sensitive. 64-bit WEP: enter 10 hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, or A-F). 128-bit WEP: enter 26 hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, or A-F). 152-bit WEP: enter 32 hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, or A-F).
Enable Wireless Security Separator	<p>The associated wireless clients will not be able to communicate with each other if this feature is enabled. The default setting is Disable.</p>

Information to Gather Before Changing Basic Wireless Settings

Before customizing your wireless settings, print this form and record the following information. If you are working with an existing wireless network, the person who set up or is responsible for the network will be able to provide this information. Otherwise, you will choose the settings for your wireless network. Either way, record the settings for your wireless network in the spaces below.

- **Wireless Network Name (SSID):** _____ The SSID, identifies the wireless network. You can use up to 32 alphanumeric characters. The SSID is case sensitive.

Note: The SSID in the wireless adapter card must match the SSID of the wireless access point. In some configuration utilities (such as in Windows XP), the term “wireless network name” is used instead of SSID.

- **Authentication.** Circle one: **Open System** or **Shared Key**.

Authentication is unrelated to encryption of data transmissions. Shared Key provides more network access security.

Note: If you select Shared Key, the other devices in the network will not connect unless they are set to Shared Key as well and are configured with the correct key.

- **WEP Encryption key size.** Choose one: **64-bit**, **128-bit**, or **152-bit**. Larger bit sizes provide stronger data security. Again, the encryption key size must be the same for the wireless adapters and the wireless access point.

- **Data Encryption (WEP) Keys.**

There are two methods for creating WEP data encryption keys. Whichever method you use, record the key values in the spaces below.

- **Passphrase method.** _____ These characters *are* case sensitive. Enter a word or group of printable characters. When you enter the Passphrase and click the Generate Key button on the WG302, the keys will be generated.
- **Manual method.** These values *are not* case sensitive. For 64-bit WEP, enter 10 hex digits (any combination of 0-9 or a-f). For 128-bit WEP, enter 26 hex digits. For 152-bit WEP, enter 32 hex digits.

Key 1: _____

Key 2: _____

Key 3: _____

Key 4: _____

Use the procedures described in the following sections to configure the WG302. Store this information in a safe place.

How to Set Up and Test Basic Wireless Connectivity

Follow the instructions below to set up and test basic wireless connectivity. Once you have established basic wireless connectivity, you can enable security settings appropriate to your needs.

1. Log in to the WG302 using the NetBIOS name printed on the bottom of the unit or at its default address of <http://192.168.0.228> or at whatever IP address the unit is currently configured. Use the default user name of **admin** and default password of **password**, or whatever password you set up.
2. Click the Wireless Settings link in the main menu of the WG302.
3. Choose a suitable descriptive name for the wireless network name (SSID). In the SSID box, enter a value of up to 32 alphanumeric characters. The default SSID is NETGEAR.
Note: The SSID of any wireless access adapters must match the SSID you configure in the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point. If they do not match, you will not get a wireless connection to the WG302.
4. Select the Country/Region in which the wireless interface will operate.
5. Set the Channel. It should not be necessary to change the wireless channel unless you notice interference problems or are near another wireless access point. Select a channel that is not being used by any other wireless networks within several hundred feet of your wireless access point. For more information on the wireless channel frequencies see [“Wireless Channels” on page B-7](#).
6. For initial configuration and testing, leave the Wireless Card Access List set to “Everyone” and the Encryption Strength set to “Disabled.”
7. Click Apply to save your changes.



Note: If you are configuring the WG302 from a wireless PC and you change the SSID, channel, or security settings, you will lose your wireless connection when you click Apply. You must then change the wireless settings of your PC to match the new settings.

8. Configure and test your PCs for wireless connectivity.

Program the wireless adapter of your PCs to have the same SSID and channel that you configured in the WG302. Check that they have a wireless link and are able to obtain an IP address by DHCP from the WG302.

Once your PCs have basic wireless connectivity to the WG302, you can configure the advanced wireless security functions.

How to Restrict Wireless Access by MAC Address

To restrict access based on MAC addresses, follow these steps:

1. Log in to the WG302 using the NetBIOS name printed on the bottom of the unit or at its default address of <http://192.168.0.228> or at whatever IP address the unit is currently configured. Use the default user name of **admin** and default password of **password**, or whatever LAN address and password you have set up.



Note: When configuring the WG302 from a wireless PC whose MAC address is not in the access control list, if you select Turn Access Control On, you will lose your wireless connection when you click Apply. You must then access the wireless access point from a wired PC or from a wireless PC which is on the access control list to make any further changes.

2. From the Wireless Settings menu, click the Wireless Station List button to display the Wireless Access menu shown below.

The screenshot shows the 'Access Control List' configuration page. At the top, there is a title 'Access Control List'. Below it, a checkbox labeled 'Turn Access Control On' is checked. Underneath, there are two sections: 'Trusted Wireless Stations' and 'Available Wireless Stations'. The 'Trusted Wireless Stations' section contains a table with one entry: a checkbox, 'MAC Address', and the value '00:09:5B:40:82:35'. A 'Delete' button is below this table. The 'Available Wireless Stations' section contains a table with one entry: a checkbox, 'Station ID' (value '1'), and 'MAC Address' (value '00:04:23:85:FB:4B'). An 'Add' button is below this table. At the bottom, there is a section 'Add New Station Manually' with a 'MAC Address' field consisting of six input boxes separated by dots, and an 'Add' button. At the very bottom of the page are 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Figure 3-6: Access Control List menu

3. Select the Turn Access Control On check box.
4. Then, either select from the list of available wireless cards the WG302 has found in your area, or enter the MAC address and device name for a device you plan to use. You can usually find the MAC address printed on the wireless adapter.
5. Click **Add** to add the wireless device to the access list. Repeat these steps for each additional device you want to add to the list.
6. Be sure to click **Apply** to save your wireless access control list settings.

Now, only devices on this list will be allowed to wirelessly connect to the WG302.

How to Configure WEP

To configure WEP data encryption, follow these steps:

1. Log in to the WG302 using the NetBIOS name printed on the bottom of the unit or at its default address of <http://192.168.0.228> or at whatever IP address the unit is currently configured. Use the default user name of **admin** and default password of **password**, or whatever LAN address and password you have set up.
2. Click the Wireless Settings link in the Advanced section of the main menu of the WG302.
3. Choose Open System or Shared Key authentication.
4. Select encryption strength.
5. You can manually or automatically program the four data encryption keys. These values must be identical on all PCs and Access Points in your network.
 - Automatic - enter a word or group of printable characters in the Passphrase box and click the Generate button. The four key boxes will be automatically populated with key values.
 - Manual - enter ten hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, or A-F). Select which of the four keys will be the default.See “[Overview of WEP Parameters](#)” on page B-5 for a full explanation of each of these options, as defined by the IEEE 802.11 wireless communication standard.
6. Click **Apply** to save your settings.



Note: If you use a wireless PC to configure WEP settings, you will be disconnected when you click Apply. Reconfigure your wireless adapter to match the new settings or access the wireless access point from a wired PC to make any further changes.

Using the Basic IP Settings Options

The Basic IP Settings menu is under the Basic heading of the main menu. Use this menu to configure DHCP, static IP, and access point NetBIOS name settings.

The screenshot shows the 'IP Settings' configuration window. At the top, the title 'IP Settings' is displayed in blue. Below the title, there is a section for 'Access Point Name' with a text input field containing 'netgear74EB7D'. A horizontal line separates this from the 'IP Address' section. In the 'IP Address' section, there are two radio buttons: 'Enable' (unselected) and 'Disable' (selected). Below the radio buttons are four input fields for the IP address: '192', '168', '0', and '228'. Below these are four input fields for the IP Subnet Mask: '255', '255', '255', and '0'. Below those are four input fields for the Default Gateway: '0', '0', '0', and '0'. At the bottom of the window, there are two buttons: 'Apply' and 'Cancel'.

Figure 3-7: IP Settings menu

- **Access Point Name (NetBIOS)**

Enter a new name for the wireless access point and click Apply to save your changes.

- **The IP Address**

The wireless access point is shipped preconfigured to use a private IP address on the LAN side, and to act as a DHCP client. If the wireless access point does not find a DHCP server on the Ethernet LAN, it defaults to this IP configuration:

- IP Address— 192.168.0.228
- IP Subnet Mask— 255.255.255.0
- Gateway — 0.0.0.0

If your network has a requirement to use a different IP addressing scheme, you can make those changes in this menu. These settings are only required if the “Use this IP address” radio button is chosen. Remember to click Apply to save your changes.

Chapter 4

Management

This chapter describes how to use the management features of your WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point. These features can be found by clicking on the Maintenance heading in the Main Menu of the browser interface.

Using the Secure Telnet Interface

The WG302 includes a secure Telnet command line interface (CLI). You can access the CLI from a secure Telnet client over the Ethernet port or over the serial console port.



Note: You must use a secure Telnet client such as Absolute Telnet. Also, when you configure the client, use the SSH1, 3DES option. If you use the Telnet client to connect over the Ethernet port, use the IP address of the WG302 as the host name.

How to Use the CLI via the Console Port:

1. **Using the null-modem cable, connect a VT100/ANSI terminal or a workstation to the port labeled Console.**

If you attached a PC, Apple Macintosh, or UNIX workstation, start a secure terminal-emulation program.

2. **Configure the terminal-emulation program to use the following settings:**
 - **Baud rate: 9,600 bps**
 - **Data bits: 8**
 - **Parity: none**
 - **Stop bit: 1**
 - **Flow control: none**

These settings appear below the connector on the back panel.

3. Press the return key, and the screen below should appear.

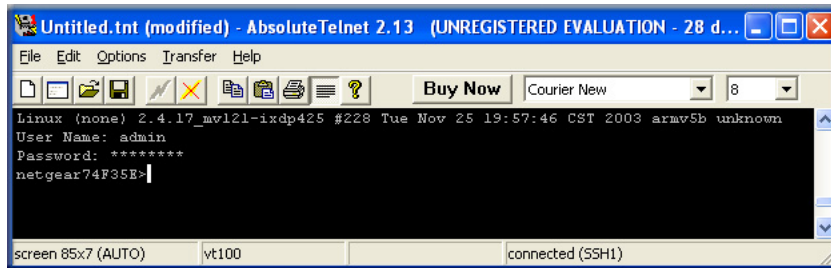


Figure 4-1: Secure Telnet Client

The login name is **admin** and **password** is the default password.

After successful login, the screen should show the *(NetBIOS Name)>* prompt. In this example the prompt is (netgear74F35E) >.

Enter help to display the CLI command help..

CLI Commands

The CLI commands are listed in the following table.

Table 4-1. CLI Commands

Command	Function
get association	Display Associated station list
get authentication	Display Authentication Type
get BeaconInterval	Display Beacon period in TU(1024 us)
get channel	Display Refer to the result of "get channels"
get channels	Display Valid channels for current Country/Region
get CountryCode	Display Country and Region
get DTIM	Display DTIM Period in Beacon Interval
get encryption	Display Data Encryption
get FragmentationThreshold	Display Fragmentation Threshold (even only)
get key	Display Key table maintenance
get KeyDefault	Display Default WEP Key ID

Table 4-1. CLI Commands

Command	Function
get power	Display Transmit Power
get preamble	Display Only effect on 802.11b rates
get rate	Display Transmit rate
get RTSThreshold	Display RTS/CTS Threshold
get SSID	Display Network name, 1
get SSIDsuppress	Display Suppress SSID broadcast
get WirelessIsolate	Display Isolate communication between wireless clients
get WirelessMode	Display Wireless Mode
get WlanMac	Display Wlan MAC Address
get WlanState	Display WLAN statistic
get WlanVersion	Display Wireless driver version
get IPAddress	Display IP address setting
set authentication	Set Authentication Type
set BeaconInterval	Set Beacon period in TU(1024 us)
set channel	Set Refer to the result of "get channels"
set CountryCode	Set Country and Region
set DTIM	Set DTIM Period in Beacon Interval
set encryption	Set Data Encryption
set FragmentationThreshold	Set Fragmentation Threshold (even only)
set key	Set Key table maintenance
set KeyDefault	Set Default WEP Key ID
set power	Set Transmit Power
set preamble	Set Only effect on 802.11b rates
set rate	Set Transmit rate
set RTSThreshold	Set RTS/CTS Threshold
set SSID	Set Network name, 1
set SSIDsuppress	Set Suppress SSID broadcast
set WirelessIsolate	Set Isolate communication between wireless clients
set WirelessMode	Set Wireless Mode
del key	Delete Key table maintenance

Table 4-1. CLI Commands

Command	Function
version	display FW version
quit	exit the cli
exit	logout
help	display help message
reboot	reboot the device

Viewing General, Log, Station, and Statistical Information

Statistics

Wired Ethernet

	Received	Transmitted
Packets	0	0
Bytes	0	0

Wireless

	Received	Transmitted
Unicast Packets	0	0
Broadcast Packets	0	0
Multicast Packets	0	0
Total Packets	0	0
Total Bytes	0	0

The General information screen provides a summary of the current WG302 configuration settings. From the main Menu of the browser interface, click General to view the System Status screen,

shown below.

General	
Access Point Information	
Access Point Name	netgear74F35E
MAC Address	00:09:5B:74:F3:5E
Country / Region	United States
Firmware Version	1.0.0 RC1
Current IP Settings	
IP Address	192.168.0.228
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Default Gateway	0.0.0.0
DHCP Client	Disable
Current Wireless Settings	
Access Point Mode	Access Point
Operating Mode	Auto
Wireless Network Name (SSID)	NETGEAR
Channel / Frequency	11 / 2.462GHz
WEP	Disable

Figure 4-2: Wireless Access Point Status screen

This screen shows the following parameters:

Table 4-1. General Information Fields

Field	Description
Access Point Information	
Access Point Name	The default name may be changed if desired.
MAC Address	Displays the Media Access Control address (MAC address) of the wireless access point's Ethernet port.
Country/Region	Displays the domain or region for which the wireless access point is licensed for use. It may not be legal to operate this wireless access point in a region other than one of those identified in this field.
Firmware Version	The version of the firmware currently installed.
Current IP Settings	

Table 4-1. General Information Fields

Field	Description
IP Address	The IP address of the wireless access point.
Subnet Mask	The subnet mask for the wireless access point.
Gateway	The default gateway for the wireless access point communication.
DHCP Client	Enabled indicates that the current IP address was obtained from a DHCP server on your network. Disabled indicated a static IP configuration.
Current Wireless Settings	
Access Point Mode	Identifies the operating mode of the WG302: Access Point, Point-to-point bridge, Multi-point bridge or Repeater.
Operating Mode	Identifies the operating mode of the WG302.
Wireless Network Name (SSID)	Displays the wireless network name (SSID) being used by the wireless port of the wireless access point. The default is NETGEAR.
Channel	Identifies the channel the wireless port is using. 11 is the default channel setting. See "Wireless Channels" on page B-7 for the frequencies used on each channel.
Operating Mode	Identifies the operating mode of the WG302.
WEP	WEP setting.

Statistics

The Information - Statistics screen provides various LAN and WLAN statistics.

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Statistics". It is divided into two main sections: "Wired Ethernet" and "Wireless". Each section contains a table with columns for "Received" and "Transmitted" data. The "Wired Ethernet" table shows 0 packets and 0 bytes for both. The "Wireless" table shows 0 for Unicast Packets, Broadcast Packets, Multicast Packets, Total Packets, and Total Bytes for both Received and Transmitted. A "Refresh" button is located at the bottom of the screen.

Statistics		
Wired Ethernet		
	Received	Transmitted
Packets	0	0
Bytes	0	0
Wireless		
	Received	Transmitted
Unicast Packets	0	0
Broadcast Packets	0	0
Multicast Packets	0	0
Total Packets	0	0
Total Bytes	0	0
<input type="button" value="Refresh"/>		

Figure 4-3: Wireless Access Point Status screen

Table 4-1. Statistics Fields

Field	Description
Wired Ethernet	Received/Transmitted
Packets	The number of packets sent since the WG302 was last restarted.
Bytes	The number of bytes sent since the WG302 was last restarted.
Wireless	Received/Transmitted
Unicast Packets	The Unicast packets sent since the WG302 was last restarted.
Broadcast Packets	The Broadcast packets sent since the WG302 was last restarted.
Multicast Packets	The Multicast packets sent since the WG302 was last restarted.
Total Packets	The Wireless packets sent since the WG302 was last restarted.
Total Bytes	The Wireless bytes sent since the WG302 was last restarted.
Refresh button	Click the Refresh button to update the statistics on this screen.

Viewing a List of Attached Devices

The Station List menu contains a table of all IP devices associated with the wireless access point in the wireless network defined by the Wireless Network Name (SSID). From the main menu of the browser interface, under the Information heading, click the Station List link to view the list, shown below.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Wireless Station List". It contains a table with three columns: "Station ID", "MAC Address", and "Status". The table has one row with the values "1", "00:90:EA:00:0F:80", and "Associated". Below the table is a "Refresh" button.

Station ID	MAC Address	Status
1	00:90:EA:00:0F:80	Associated

Refresh

Figure 4-4: Information Station List of associated devices

For each device, the table shows the MAC address and whether the device is allowed to communicate with the wireless access point or not. Note that if the wireless access point is rebooted, the table data is lost until the wireless access point rediscovers the devices. To force the wireless access point to look for associated devices, click the Refresh button.

Note: A wireless network can include multiple wireless access points, all using the same network name (SSID). This enables extending the reach of the wireless network and allows users to roam from one access point to another, providing seamless network connectivity. Under these circumstances, be aware that only the stations associated with this access point will be presented in the Station List.

Upgrading the Wireless Access Point Software



Note: When uploading software to the WG302 Access Point, it is important not to interrupt the Web browser by closing the window, clicking a link, or loading a new page. If the browser is interrupted, the upload may fail, corrupt the software, and render the WG302 completely inoperable.

You cannot perform the firmware upgrade from a workstation connected to the WG302 via a wireless link. The firmware upgrade must be performed via a workstation connected to the WG302 via the Ethernet LAN interface.

The software of the WG302 Access Point is stored in FLASH memory, and can be upgraded as new software is released by NETGEAR. Upgrade files can be downloaded from Netgear's Web site. If the upgrade file is compressed (.ZIP file), you must first extract the image (.RMG) file before sending it to the wireless access point. The upgrade file can be sent using your browser.

Note: The Web browser used to upload new firmware into the WG302 must support HTTP uploads, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or above, or Netscape Navigator 4.78 or above.

1. Download the new software file from NETGEAR, save it to your hard disk, and unzip it.
2. From the main menu Management section, click the Upgrade Firmware link to display the screen above.
3. In the Upgrade Firmware menu, click the Browse button and browse to the location of the image (.RMG) upgrade file.
4. Click Upload.

When the upload completes, your wireless access point will automatically restart. The upgrade process typically takes about one minute.

In some cases, you may need to reconfigure the wireless access point after upgrading.

Configuration File Management

The WG302 Access Point settings are stored in the wireless access point in a configuration file. This file can be saved (backed up) to a user's PC, retrieved (restored) from the user's PC, or cleared to factory default settings.

From the main menu Management heading, click the Backup/Restore Settings link to bring up the menu shown below.



The screenshot shows a web-based interface titled "Backup / Restore Settings". It is divided into three sections by horizontal lines. The first section is titled "Back up a copy of the current settings to a file" and contains a "Backup" button. The second section is titled "Retrieve backed up settings from a file" and contains a "File:" label, an empty text input field, a "Browse..." button, and a "Retrieve" button. The third section is titled "Restore factory default settings" and contains a "Restore" button.

Figure 4-5: Settings Backup menu

The three options displayed are described in the following sections:

Saving and Retrieving the Configuration

The Backup/Restore Settings menu allows you to save or retrieve a file containing your wireless access point's configuration settings.

To save your settings, click the Save button. Your browser will extract the configuration file from the wireless access point and prompts you for a location on your PC to store the file. You can give the file a meaningful name at this time, such as `WG302.cfg`.

To restore your settings from a saved configuration file, enter the full path to the file on your PC or click the Browse button to locate the file. When you have located it, click the Retrieve button to upload the file. After completing the upload, the WG302 will reboot automatically.

Restoring the WG302 to the Factory Default Settings

It is sometimes desirable to restore the wireless access point to the factory default settings. This can be done by using the Restore function, which restores all factory settings. After a restore, the wireless access point's password will be **password**, the WG302's DHCP client is enabled, the default LAN IP address is 192.168.0.228, and the access point name is reset to the name printed on the label on the bottom of the unit.

Using the Reset Button to Restore Factory Default Settings

To restore the factory default configuration settings without knowing the login password or IP address, you must use the Default Reset button on the rear panel of the wireless access point (see [“WG302 Wireless Access Point Rear Panel”](#) on page 2-7). The reset button has two functions:

- **Reboot.** When pressed and released, the Wireless Access Point will reboot (restart).
- **Reset to Factory Defaults.** This button can also be used to clear all data and restore all settings to the factory default values.

To clear all data and restore the factory default values:

1. Power Off the WG302
2. Hold the Reset Button down while you Power On the WG302 for 5 seconds.
3. Continue holding the Reset Button until the LEDs blink twice.
4. Release the Reset Button.

The factory default configuration has now been restored, and the WG302 is ready for use.

Changing the Administrator Password

The default password is **password**. Change this password to a more secure password. You cannot change the administrator login name.

From the main menu of the browser interface, under the Management heading, click Change Password to bring up the menu shown below.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Change Password" with a blue header. Below the title is a horizontal line. The form contains three text input fields: "Current Password", "New Password", and "Repeat New Password". Below these fields is another horizontal line, followed by a radio button group for "Restore Default Password" with options "Yes" and "No". The "No" option is selected. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Apply" and "Cancel".

Figure 4-6: Set Password menu

To change the password, first enter the old password, and then enter the new password twice. Click Apply to save your change.

Chapter 5

Advanced Configuration

This chapter describes how to configure the advanced features of your WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point. These features can be found under the Advanced heading in the main menu.

Understanding Advanced Wireless Settings

The default advanced wireless settings usually work well. These settings should not be changed unless you are sure it is necessary.

Wireless LAN Parameters

RTS Threshold (0-2346)

Fragmentation Length (256-2346)

Beacon Interval (20-1000) ms

DTIM Interval (1-255)

Preamble Type Long Short

Figure 5-1: Advanced Wireless Settings screen

Table 5-1. Advanced Wireless LAN Settings Fields

Field	Description
RTS Threshold	The packet size used to determine whether it should use the CSMA/CD (Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection) or the CSMA/CA (Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance) mechanism for packet transmission.
Fragmentation Length	This is the maximum packet size used for fragmentation. Packets larger than the size programmed in this field will be fragmented. The Fragment Threshold value must be larger than the RTS Threshold value.
Beacon Interval	Specifies the data beacon rate between 20 and 3000.
Preamble Type	A long transmit preamble may provide a more reliable connection or slightly longer range. A short transmit preamble gives better performance. Long is the default.

Configuring Wireless Operating Modes

The WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point lets you build large bridged wireless networks.

Advanced Wireless Settings

Access Point Mode

Enable Wireless Bridging and Repeating

Wireless Point-to-Point Bridge

Enable Wireless Client Association

Remote MAC Address

Wireless Point to Multi-Point Bridge

Enable Wireless Client Association

Remote MAC Address 1

Remote MAC Address 2

Remote MAC Address 3

Remote MAC Address 4

Repeater with Wireless Client Association

Remote MAC Address 1

Remote MAC Address 2

Remote MAC Address 3

Remote MAC Address 4

Figure 5-2: Advanced Wireless Settings Access Point Mode settings

Examples of wireless bridged configurations are:

- Client Access Point to Access Point, the default
- Point-to-Point Bridge
- Multi-Point Bridge
- Repeater with Wireless Client Association

These features are discussed below.

How to Configure a WG302 as a Point-to-Point Bridge

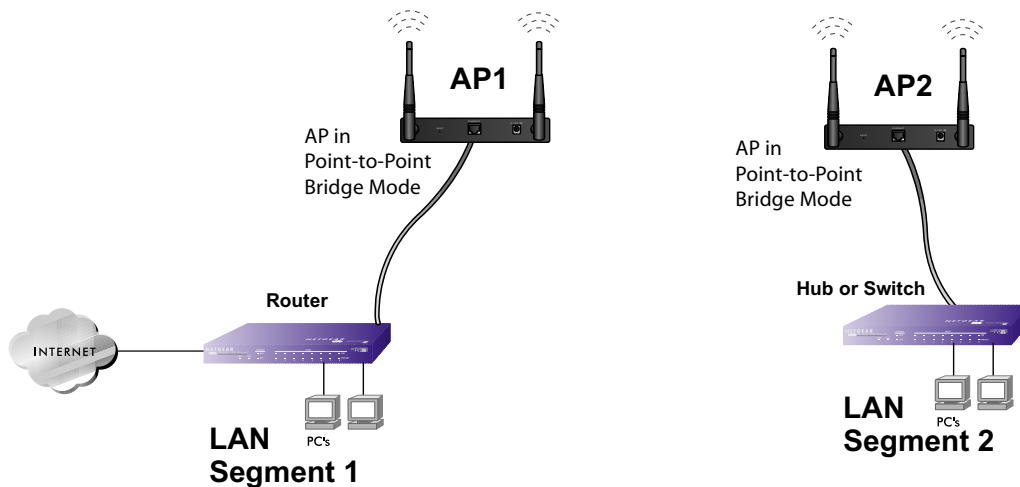


Figure 5-3: Point-to-Point Bridge

1. Configure the WG302 (AP1) on LAN Segment 1 in Point-to-Point Bridge mode.
2. Configure the WG302 (AP2) on LAN Segment 2 in Point-to-Point Bridge mode. AP1 must have AP2's MAC address in its Remote MAC Address field and AP2 must have AP1's MAC address in its Remote MAC Address field.
3. Configure and verify the following parameters for both access points:
 - Verify that the LAN network configuration of the WG302 Access Points both are configured to operate in the same LAN network address range as the LAN devices
 - Both use the same ESSID, Channel, authentication mode, if any, and security settings if security is in use.
4. Verify connectivity across the LAN 1 and LAN 2.
 - A PC on either LAN segment should be able to connect to the Internet or share files and printers of any other PCs or servers connected to LAN Segment 1 or LAN Segment 2.

How to Configure Multi-Point Wireless Bridging

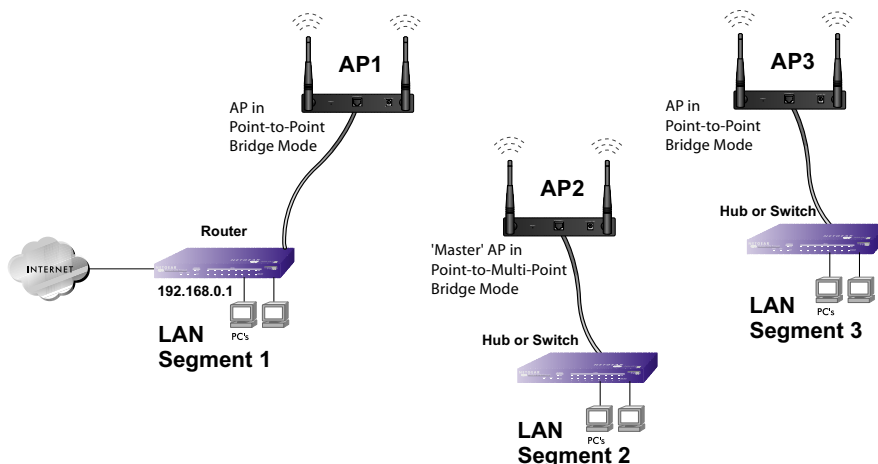


Figure 5-4: Multi-Point bridging

1. Configure the Operating Mode of the WG302 Access Points.
 - WG302 (AP1) on LAN Segment 1 in Point-to-Point Bridge mode with the Remote MAC Address of AP2.
 - Because it is in the central location, configure WG302 (AP2) on LAN Segment 2 in Point-to-Multi-Point Bridge mode. No MAC address is required because it will respond to Point-to-Point APs which are configured communicating to it.
 - Configure the WG302 (AP3) on LAN 3 in Point-to-Point Bridge mode with the Remote MAC Address of AP2.
2. Verify the following parameters for all access points:
 - Verify that the LAN network configuration the WG302 Access Points are configured to operate in the same LAN network address range as the LAN devices
 - Only one AP is configured in Point-to-Multi-Point Bridge mode, and all the others are in Point-to-Point Bridge mode.
 - All APs must be on the same LAN. That is, all the APs LAN IP address must be in the same network.
 - If using DHCP, all WG302 Access Points should be set to “Obtain an IP address automatically (DHCP Client)” in the IP Address Source portion of the Basic IP Settings menu.

- All WG302 Access Points use the same SSID, Channel, authentication mode, if any, and encryption in use.
 - All Point-to-Point APs must have AP2's MAC address in its Remote AP MAC address field.
3. Verify connectivity across the LANs.
- A PC on any LAN segment should be able to connect to the Internet or share files and printers with any other PCs or servers connected to any of the three LAN segments.
 - Wireless stations will not be able to connect to the WG302 Access Points in the illustration above. If you require wireless stations to access any lan segment, you can additional WG302 Access Points configured in Wireless Access Point mode to any LAN segment.

Note: You can extend this multi-point bridging by adding additional WG302s configured in Point-to-Point mode for each additional LAN segment. Furthermore, you can extend the range of the wireless network with NETGEAR wireless antenna accessories.

How to Configure Wireless Repeating

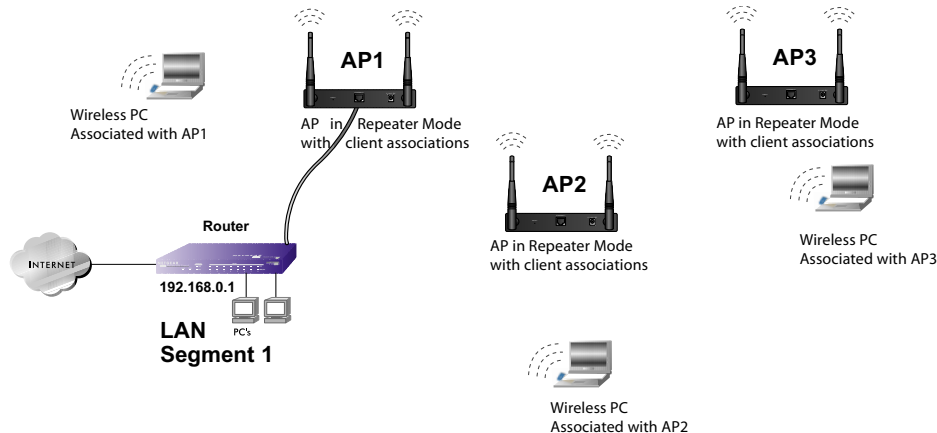


Figure 5-5: Multi-Point bridging

1. Configure the Operating Mode of the WG302 Access Points.
 - WG302 (AP1) on LAN Segment 1 in Repeater mode with the Remote MAC Address of AP2.
 - Configure WG302 (AP2) in Repeater mode with MAC addresses of AP1 and AP3.

- Configure the WG302 (AP3) in Repeater mode with the Remote MAC Address of AP2.
2. Verify the following parameters for all access points:
 - Verify that the LAN network configuration the WG302 Access Points are configured to operate in the same LAN network address range as the LAN devices
 - All APs must be on the same LAN. That is, all the APs LAN IP address must be in the same network.
 - If using DHCP, all WG302 Access Points should be set to “Obtain an IP address automatically (DHCP Client)” in the IP Address Source portion of the Basic IP Settings menu.
 - All WG302 Access Points use the same SSID, Channel, authentication mode, if any, and encryption in use.
 3. Verify connectivity across the LANs.
 - A PC on any LAN segment should be able to connect to the Internet or share files and printers with any other PCs or servers connected to any of the three WLAN segments.

Note: You can extend this repeating by adding up to 2 additional WG302s configured in repeater mode. However, since Repeater configurations communicate in half-duplex mode, the bandwidth decreases as you add Repeaters to the network. Also, you can extend the range of the wireless network with NETGEAR wireless antenna accessories.

Chapter 6 Troubleshooting

This chapter provides information about troubleshooting your WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point. After each problem description, instructions are given to help you diagnose and solve the problem. For the common problems listed, go to the section indicated.

- Is the WG302 on?
- Have I connected the wireless access point correctly?
Go to “[Installing the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point](#)” on page 3-5.
- I cannot remember the wireless access point’s configuration password.
Go to “[Changing the Administrator Password](#)” on page 4-13.



Note: For up-to-date WG302 installation details and troubleshooting guidance visit www.NETGEAR.com.

If you have trouble setting up your WG302, check the tips below.

No lights are lit on the access point.

It takes a few seconds for the power indicator to light up. Wait a minute and check the power light status on the access point.

If the access point has no power.

- Make sure the power cord is connected to the access point.
- Make sure the power adapter is connected to a functioning power outlet. If it is in a power strip, make sure the power strip is turned on. If it is plugged directly into the wall, verify that it is not a switched outlet.
- Make sure you are using the correct NETGEAR power adapter supplied with your access point.

The Wireless LAN activity light does not light up.

The access point's antennae are not working.

- If the Wireless LAN activity light stays off, disconnect the adapter from its power source and then plug it in again.
- Make sure the antennas are tightly connected to the WG302.
- Contact NETGEAR if the Wireless LAN activity light remains off.

The LAN light is not lit.

There is a hardware connection problem. Check these items:

- Make sure the cable connectors are securely plugged in at the access point and the network device (hub, switch, or router). A switch, hub, or router must be installed between the access point and the Ethernet LAN or broadband modem.
- Make sure the connected device is turned on.
- Be sure the correct cable is used. Use a standard Category 5 Ethernet patch cable. If the network device has Auto Uplink™ (MDI/MDIX) ports, you can use either a cross-over cable or a normal patch cable.

I cannot access the Internet or the LAN with a wireless capable computer.

There is a configuration problem. Check these items:

- You may not have restarted the computer with the wireless adapter to have TCP/IP changes take effect. Restart the computer.
- The computer with the wireless adapter may not have the correct TCP/IP settings to communicate with the network. Restart the computer and check that TCP/IP is set up properly for that network. The usual setting for Windows the Network Properties is set to "Obtain an IP address automatically."
- The access point's default values may not work with your network. Check the access point default configuration against the configuration of other devices in your network.

I cannot connect to the WG302 to configure it.

Check these items:

- The WG302 is properly installed, LAN connections are OK, and it is powered on. Check that the LAN port LED is green to verify that the Ethernet connection is OK.
- The default configuration of the WG302 is for a static IP address of 192.168.0.228 and a Mask of 255.255.255.0 with DHCP disabled. Make sure your network configuration settings are correct.
- If you are using the NetBIOS name of the WG302 to connect, ensure that your PC and the WG302 are on the same network segment or that there is a WINS server on your network.
- If your PC is set to “Obtain an IP Address automatically” (DHCP client), restart it.
- If your PC uses a Fixed (Static) IP address, ensure that it is using an IP Address in the range of the WG302. The WG302 default IP Address is 192.168.0.228 and the default Subnet Mask is 255.255.255.0. If you are not sure about these settings, follow the instructions for [“Installing the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point” on page 3-5.](#)

When I enter a URL or IP address I get a timeout error.

A number of things could be causing this. Try the following troubleshooting steps.

- Check whether other PCs work. If they do, ensure that your PCs TCP/IP settings are correct. If using a Fixed (Static) IP Address, check the Subnet Mask, Default Gateway, DNS, and IP Addresses.
- If the PCs are configured correctly, but still not working, ensure that the WG302 is connected and turned on. Connect to it and check its settings. If you cannot connect to it, check the LAN and power connections.
- If the WG302 is configured correctly, check your Internet connection (DSL/Cable modem etc.) to make sure that it is working correctly.

Using the Reset Button to Restore Factory Default Settings

The Reset button (see [“WG302 Wireless Access Point Rear Panel” on page 2-7](#)) has two functions:

- **Reboot.** When pressed and released quickly, the WG302 will reboot (restart).

- **Reset to Factory Defaults.** This button can also be used to clear ALL data and restore ALL settings to the factory default values.

To clear all data and restore the factory default values:

1. Power off the WG302 and power it back on.
2. Use something with a small point, such as a pen, to press the Reset button in and hold it in for at least 5 seconds.
3. Release the Reset button.

The factory default configuration has now been restored, and the WG302 is ready for use.

Appendix A

Specifications

This appendix provides technical specifications for the WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point.

Specifications for the WG302

Parameter	WG302 802.11g ProSafe Wireless Access Point
802.11g Data Rates	1, 2, 5.5, 11, 12, 18, 24, 36, 38, 54, & 108 Mbps (Auto-rate capable)
802.11g Operating Frequencies	2.412 ~ 2.462 GHz (US) 2.457 ~ 2.462 GHz (Spain) 2.412 ~ 2.484 GHz (Japan) 2.457 ~ 2.472 GHz (France) 2.412 ~ 2.472 GHz (Europe ETSI)
802.11g Encryption	40-bits (also called 64-bits), 128- and 152-bits WEP data encryption
Network Management	Web-based configuration and status monitoring
Maximum Clients	Limited by the amount of wireless network traffic generated by each node; typically 15 to 20 nodes.
Status LEDs	Power/Ethernet LAN/Wireless LAN/Test
Power Adapter	12Vdc, 1.2 A
Electromagnetic Compliance	FCC Part 15 Class B and Class E,
Environmental Specifications	Operating temperature: 0 to 50° C Operating humidity: 5-95%, non-condensing

Appendix B

Wireless Networking Basics

This chapter provides an overview of wireless networking and security.

Wireless Networking Overview

The WG302 Access Point conforms to the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 802.11g standard for wireless LANs (WLANs). On an 802.11g wireless link, data is encoded using direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) technology and is transmitted in the unlicensed radio spectrum at 2.5GHz. The maximum data rate for the wireless link is 11 Mbps, but it will automatically back down from 11 Mbps to 5.5, 2, and 1 Mbps when the radio signal is weak or when interference is detected.

The 802.11 standard is also called Wireless Ethernet or Wi-Fi by the Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance (WECA, see <http://www.wi-fi.net>), an industry standard group promoting interoperability among 802.11 devices. The 802.11 standard offers two methods for configuring a wireless network - ad hoc and infrastructure.

Infrastructure Mode

With a wireless Access Point, you can operate the wireless LAN in the infrastructure mode. This mode provides wireless connectivity to multiple wireless network devices within a fixed range or area of coverage, interacting with wireless nodes via an antenna.

In the infrastructure mode, the wireless access point converts airwave data into wired Ethernet data, acting as a bridge between the wired LAN and wireless clients. Connecting multiple Access Points via a wired Ethernet backbone can further extend the wireless network coverage. As a mobile computing device moves out of the range of one access point, it moves into the range of another. As a result, wireless clients can freely roam from one Access Point domain to another and still maintain seamless network connection.

Ad Hoc Mode (Peer-to-Peer Workgroup)

In an ad hoc network, computers are brought together as needed; thus, there is no structure or fixed points to the network - each node can generally communicate with any other node. There is no Access Point involved in this configuration. This mode enables you to quickly set up a small wireless workgroup and allows workgroup members to exchange data or share printers as supported by Microsoft networking in the various Windows operating systems. Some vendors also refer to ad hoc networking as peer-to-peer group networking.

In this configuration, network packets are directly sent and received by the intended transmitting and receiving stations. As long as the stations are within range of one another, this is the easiest and least expensive way to set up a wireless network.

Network Name: Extended Service Set Identification (ESSID)

The Extended Service Set Identification (ESSID) is one of two types of Service Set Identification (SSID). In an ad hoc wireless network with no access points, the Basic Service Set Identification (BSSID) is used. In an infrastructure wireless network that includes an access point, the ESSID is used, but may still be referred to as SSID.

An SSID is a thirty-two character (maximum) alphanumeric key identifying the name of the wireless local area network. Some vendors refer to the SSID as network name. For the wireless devices in a network to communicate with each other, all devices must be configured with the same SSID.

Authentication, WEP, and WPA

The absence of a physical connection between nodes makes the wireless links vulnerable to eavesdropping and information theft. To provide a certain level of security, the IEEE 802.11 standard has defined two types of authentication methods, Open System and Shared Key. With Open System authentication, a wireless PC can join any network and receive any messages that are not encrypted. With Shared Key authentication, only those PCs that possess the correct authentication key can join the network. By default, IEEE 802.11 wireless devices operate in an Open System network. Recently, Wi-Fi, the Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance (<http://www.wi-fi.net>) developed the Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA), a new strongly enhanced Wi-Fi security. WPA will soon be incorporated into the IEEE 802.11 standard.

802.11 Authentication

The 802.11 standard defines several services that govern how two 802.11 devices communicate. The following events must occur before an 802.11 Station can communicate with an Ethernet network through an access point such as the one built in to the WG302:

1. Turn on the wireless station.
2. The station listens for messages from any access points that are in range.
3. The station finds a message from an access point that has a matching SSID.
4. The station sends an authentication request to the access point.
5. The access point authenticates the station.
6. The station sends an association request to the access point.
7. The access point associates with the station.
8. The station can now communicate with the Ethernet network through the access point.

An access point must authenticate a station before the station can associate with the access point or communicate with the network. The IEEE 802.11 standard defines two types of authentication: Open System and Shared Key.

- Open System Authentication allows any device to join the network, assuming that the device SSID matches the access point SSID. Alternatively, the device can use the “ANY” SSID option to associate with any available Access Point within range, regardless of its SSID.
- Shared Key Authentication requires that the station and the access point have the same WEP Key to authenticate. These two authentication procedures are described below.

Open System Authentication

The following steps occur when two devices use Open System Authentication:

1. The station sends an authentication request to the access point.
2. The access point authenticates the station.
3. The station associates with the access point and joins the network.

This process is illustrated in below.

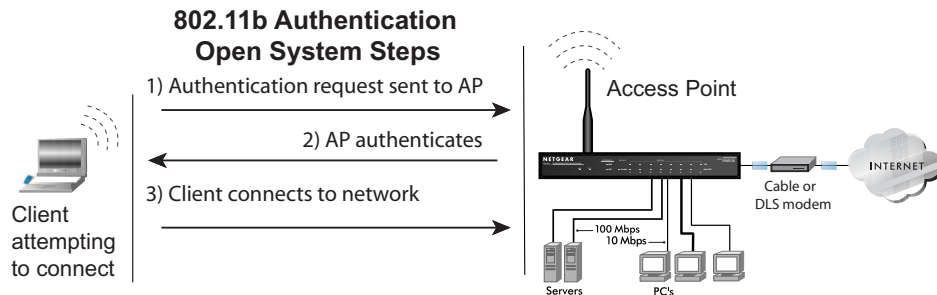


Figure 6-1: 802.11 open system authentication

Shared Key Authentication

The following steps occur when two devices use Shared Key Authentication:

1. The station sends an authentication request to the access point.
2. The access point sends challenge text to the station.
3. The station uses its configured 64-bit or 128-bit default key to encrypt the challenge text, and sends the encrypted text to the access point.
4. The access point decrypts the encrypted text using its configured WEP Key that corresponds to the station's default key. The access point compares the decrypted text with the original challenge text. If the decrypted text matches the original challenge text, then the access point and the station share the same WEP Key and the access point authenticates the station.
5. The station connects to the network.

If the decrypted text does not match the original challenge text (i.e., the access point and station do not share the same WEP Key), then the access point will refuse to authenticate the station and the station will be unable to communicate with either the 802.11 network or Ethernet network.

This process is illustrated in below.

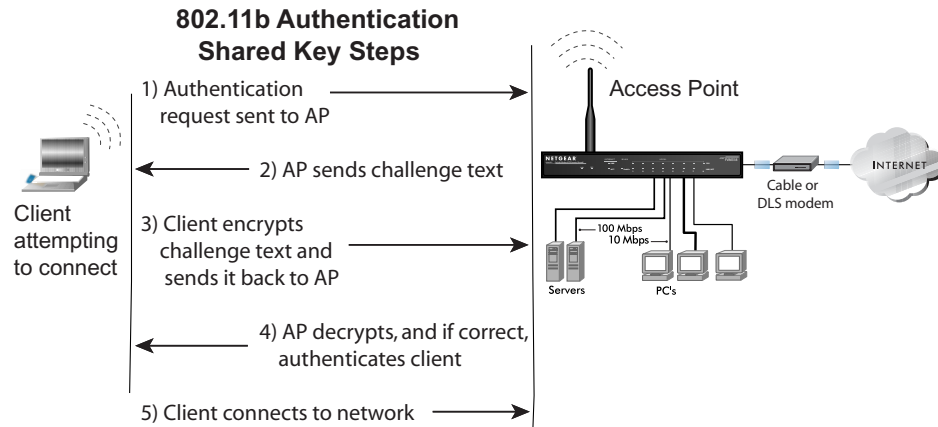


Figure 6-2: 802.11 shared key authentication

Overview of WEP Parameters

Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) data encryption is used when the wireless devices are configured to operate in Shared Key authentication mode. There are two shared key methods implemented in most commercially available products, 64-bit and 128-bit WEP data encryption.

Before enabling WEP on an 802.11 network, you must first consider what type of encryption you require and the key size you want to use. Typically, there are three WEP Encryption options available for 802.11 products:

1. **Do Not Use WEP:** The 802.11 network does not encrypt data. For authentication purposes, the network uses Open System Authentication.
2. **Use WEP for Encryption:** A transmitting 802.11 device encrypts the data portion of every packet it sends using a configured WEP Key. The receiving 802.11g device decrypts the data using the same WEP Key. For authentication purposes, the 802.11g network uses Open System Authentication.
3. **Use WEP for Authentication and Encryption:** A transmitting 802.11 device encrypts the data portion of every packet it sends using a configured WEP Key. The receiving 802.11 device decrypts the data using the same WEP Key. For authentication purposes, the 802.11 network uses Shared Key Authentication.

Note: Some 802.11 access points also support **Use WEP for Authentication Only** (Shared Key Authentication without data encryption). However, the WG302 does not offer this option.

Key Size

The IEEE 802.11 standard supports two types of WEP encryption: 40-bit and 128-bit.

The 64-bit WEP data encryption method, allows for a five-character (40-bit) input. Additionally, 24 factory-set bits are added to the forty-bit input to generate a 64-bit encryption key. (The 24 factory-set bits are not user-configurable). This encryption key will be used to encrypt/decrypt all data transmitted via the wireless interface. Some vendors refer to the 64-bit WEP data encryption as 40-bit WEP data encryption since the user-configurable portion of the encryption key is 40 bits wide.

The 128-bit WEP data encryption method consists of 104 user-configurable bits. Similar to the forty-bit WEP data encryption method, the remaining 24 bits are factory set and not user configurable. Some vendors allow passphrases to be entered instead of the cryptic hexadecimal characters to ease encryption key entry.

128-bit encryption is stronger than 40-bit encryption, but 128-bit encryption may not be available outside of the United States due to U.S. export regulations.

When configured for 40-bit encryption, 802.11 products typically support up to four WEP Keys. Each 40-bit WEP Key is expressed as 5 sets of two hexadecimal digits (0-9 and A-F). For example, “12 34 56 78 90” is a 40-bit WEP Key.

When configured for 128-bit encryption, 802.11g products typically support four WEP Keys but some manufacturers support only one 128-bit key. The 128-bit WEP Key is expressed as 13 sets of two hexadecimal digits (0-9 and A-F). For example, “12 34 56 78 90 AB CD EF 12 34 56 78 90” is a 128-bit WEP Key.

Note: Typically, 802.11 access points can store up to four 128-bit WEP Keys but some 802.11 client adapters can only store one. Therefore, make sure that your 802.11 access and client adapters configurations match.

WEP Configuration Options

The WEP settings must match on all 802.11 devices that are within the same wireless network as identified by the SSID. In general, if your mobile clients will roam between access points, then all of the 802.11 access points and all of the 802.11 client adapters on the network must have the same WEP settings.

Note: Whatever keys you enter for an AP, you must also enter the same keys for the client adapter in the same order. In other words, WEP key 1 on the AP must match WEP key 1 on the client adapter, WEP key 2 on the AP must match WEP key 2 on the client adapter, etc.

Note: The AP and the client adapters can have different default WEP Keys as long as the keys are in the same order. In other words, the AP can use WEP key 2 as its default key to transmit while a client adapter can use WEP key 3 as its default key to transmit. The two devices will communicate as long as the AP's WEP key 2 is the same as the client's WEP key 2 and the AP's WEP key 3 is the same as the client's WEP key 3.

Wireless Channels

IEEE 802.11g wireless nodes communicate with each other using radio frequency signals in the ISM (Industrial, Scientific, and Medical) band between 2.4 GHz and 2.5 GHz. Neighboring channels are 5 MHz apart. However, due to spread spectrum effect of the signals, a node sending signals using a particular channel will utilize frequency spectrum 12.5 MHz above and below the center channel frequency. As a result, two separate wireless networks using neighboring channels (for example, channel 1 and channel 2) in the same general vicinity will interfere with each other. Applying two channels that allow the maximum channel separation will decrease the amount of channel cross-talk, and provide a noticeable performance increase over networks with minimal channel separation.

The radio frequency channels used are listed in [Table B-1](#):

Table B-1. 802.11g Radio Frequency Channels

Channel	Center Frequency	Frequency Spread
1	2412 MHz	2399.5 MHz - 2424.5 MHz
2	2417 MHz	2404.5 MHz - 2429.5 MHz
3	2422 MHz	2409.5 MHz - 2434.5 MHz
4	2427 MHz	2414.5 MHz - 2439.5 MHz
5	2432 MHz	2419.5 MHz - 2444.5 MHz
6	2437 MHz	2424.5 MHz - 2449.5 MHz
7	2442 MHz	2429.5 MHz - 2454.5 MHz
8	2447 MHz	2434.5 MHz - 2459.5 MHz
9	2452 MHz	2439.5 MHz - 2464.5 MHz
10	2457 MHz	2444.5 MHz - 2469.5 MHz
11	2462 MHz	2449.5 MHz - 2474.5 MHz
12	2467 MHz	2454.5 MHz - 2479.5 MHz
13	2472 MHz	2459.5 MHz - 2484.5 MHz

Note: The available channels supported by the wireless products in various countries are different.

The preferred channel separation between the channels in neighboring wireless networks is 25 MHz (5 channels). This means that you can apply up to three different channels within your wireless network. There are only 11 usable wireless channels in the United States. It is recommended that you start using channel 1 and grow to use channel 6, and 11 when necessary, as these three channels do not overlap.

Glossary

Use the list below to find definitions for technical terms used in this manual.

10BASE-T

IEEE 802.3 specification for 10 Mbps Ethernet over twisted pair wiring.

100BASE-Tx

IEEE 802.3 specification for 100 Mbps Ethernet over twisted pair wiring.

802.1x

802.1x defines port-based, network access control used to provide authenticated network access and automated data encryption key management.

The IEEE 802.1x draft standard offers an effective framework for authenticating and controlling user traffic to a protected network, as well as dynamically varying encryption keys. 802.1x uses a protocol called EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol) and supports multiple authentication methods, such as token cards, Kerberos, one-time passwords, certificates, and public key authentication. For details on EAP specifically, refer to IETF's RFC 2284.

802.11b

IEEE specification for wireless networking at 11 Mbps using direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) technology and operating in the unlicensed radio spectrum at 2.5GHz.

802.11g

A soon to be ratified IEEE specification for wireless networking at 54 Mbps using direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) technology and operating in the unlicensed radio spectrum at 2.5GHz. 802.11g is backwards compatible with 802.11b.

ADSL

Short for asymmetric digital subscriber line, a technology that allows data to be sent over existing copper telephone lines at data rates of from 1.5 to 9 Mbps when receiving data (known as the downstream rate) and from 16 to 640 Kbps when sending data (known as the upstream rate).

ADSL requires a special ADSL modem. ADSL is growing in popularity as more areas around the world gain access.

ARP

Address Resolution Protocol, a TCP/IP protocol used to convert an IP address into a physical address (called a DLC address), such as an Ethernet address.

A host wishing to obtain a physical address broadcasts an ARP request onto the TCP/IP network. The host on the network that has the IP address in the request then replies with its physical hardware address. There is

also Reverse ARP (RARP) which can be used by a host to discover its IP address. In this case, the host broadcasts its physical address and a RARP server replies with the host's IP address.

Auto Uplink

Auto Uplink™ technology (also called MDI/MDIX) eliminates the need to worry about crossover vs. straight-through Ethernet cables. Auto Uplink™ will accommodate either type of cable to make the right connection.

CA

A Certificate Authority is a trusted third-party organization or company that issues digital certificates used to create digital signatures and public-private key pairs.

Cat 5

Category 5 unshielded twisted pair (UTP) cabling. An Ethernet network operating at 10 Mbits/second (10BASE-T) will often tolerate low quality cables, but at 100 Mbits/second (10BASE-Tx) the cable must be rated as Category 5, or Cat 5 or Cat V, by the Electronic Industry Association (EIA).

This rating will be printed on the cable jacket. Cat 5 cable contains eight conductors, arranged in four twisted pairs, and terminated with an RJ45 type connector. In addition, there are restrictions on maximum cable length for both 10 and 100 Mbits/second networks.

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The role of the CA in this process is to guarantee that the individual granted the unique certificate is, in fact, who he or she claims to be. Usually, this means that the CA has an arrangement with a financial institution, such as a credit card company, which provides it with information to confirm an individual's claimed identity. CAs are a critical component in data security and electronic commerce because they guarantee that the two parties exchanging information are really who they claim to be.

DHCP

An Ethernet protocol specifying how a centralized DHCP server can assign network configuration information to multiple DHCP clients. The assigned information includes IP addresses, DNS addresses, and gateway (router) addresses.

DMZ

Specifying a Default DMZ Server allows you to set up a computer or server that is available to anyone on the Internet for services that you haven't defined. There are security issues with doing this, so only do this if you'll willing to risk open access.

DNS

Short for Domain Name System (or Service), an Internet service that translates domain names into IP addresses.

Because domain names are alphabetic, they're easier to remember. The Internet however, is really based on IP addresses. Every time you use a domain name, therefore, a DNS service must translate the name into the corresponding IP address. For example, the domain name `www.example.com` might translate to `198.105.232.4`. The DNS system is, in fact, its own network. If one DNS server doesn't know how to translate a particular domain name, it asks another one, and so on, until the correct IP address is returned.

Domain Name

A descriptive name for an address or group of addresses on the Internet. Domain names are of the form of a registered entity name plus one of a number of predefined top level suffixes such as `.com`, `.edu`, `.uk`, etc. For example, in the address `mail.NETGEAR.com`, `mail` is a server name and `NETGEAR.com` is the domain.

DSL

Short for digital subscriber line, but is commonly used in reference to the asymmetric version of this technology (ADSL) that allows data to be sent over existing copper telephone lines at data rates of from 1.5 to 9 Mbps when receiving data (known as the downstream rate) and from 16 to 640 Kbps when sending data (known as the upstream rate).

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Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol

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EAP

Extensible Authentication Protocol is a general protocol for authentication that supports multiple authentication methods.

EAP, an extension to PPP, supports such authentication methods as token cards, Kerberos, one-time passwords, certificates, public key authentication and smart cards. In wireless communications using EAP, a user requests connection to a WLAN through an AP, which then requests the identity of the user and transmits that identity to an authentication server such as RADIUS. The server asks the AP for proof of identity, which the AP gets from the user and then sends back to the server to complete the authentication. EAP is defined by RFC 2284.

ESSID

The Extended Service Set Identification (ESSID) is a thirty-two character (maximum) alphanumeric key identifying the wireless local area network.

Gateway

A local device, usually a router, that connects hosts on a local network to other networks.

IP

Internet Protocol is the main internetworking protocol used in the Internet. Used in conjunction with the Transfer Control Protocol (TCP) to form TCP/IP.

IP Address

A four-byte number uniquely defining each host on the Internet, usually written in dotted-decimal notation with periods separating the bytes (for example, 134.177.244.57).

Ranges of addresses are assigned by Internic, an organization formed for this purpose.

ISP

Internet service provider.

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LAN

A communications network serving users within a limited area, such as one floor of a building.

local area network

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A LAN typically connects multiple personal computers and shared network devices such as storage and printers. Although many technologies exist to implement a LAN, Ethernet is the most common for connecting personal computers.

MAC address

The Media Access Control address is a unique 48-bit hardware address assigned to every network interface card. Usually written in the form 01:23:45:67:89:ab.

Mbps

Megabits per second.

MD5

MD5 creates digital signatures using a one-way hash function, meaning that it takes a message and converts it into a fixed string of digits, also called a message digest.

When using a one-way hash function, one can compare a calculated message digest against the message digest that is decrypted with a public key to verify that the message hasn't been tampered with. This comparison is called a "hashcheck."

MDI/MDIX

In cable wiring, the concept of transmit and receive are from the perspective of the PC, which is wired as a Media Dependant Interface (MDI). In MDI wiring, a PC transmits on pins 1 and 2. At the hub, switch, router, or access point, the perspective is reversed, and the hub receives on pins 1 and 2. This wiring is referred to as Media Dependant Interface - Crossover (MDI-X). See also Auto Uplink.

NAT

A technique by which several hosts share a single IP address for access to the Internet.

NetBIOS

Network Basic Input Output System. An application programming interface (API) for sharing services and information on local-area networks (LANs). Provides for communication between stations of a network where each station is given a name. These names are alphanumeric names, 16 characters in length.

netmask

Combined with the IP address, the IP Subnet Mask allows a device to know which other addresses are local to it, and which must be reached through a gateway or router.

A number that explains which part of an IP address comprises the network address and which part is the host address on that network. It can be expressed in dotted-decimal notation or as a number appended to the IP address. For example, a 28-bit mask starting from the MSB can be shown as 255.255.255.192 or as /28 appended to the IP address.

Network Address Translation

A technique by which several hosts share a single IP address for access to the Internet.

packet

A block of information sent over a network. A packet typically contains a source and destination network address, some protocol and length information, a block of data, and a checksum.

Point-to-Point Protocol

PPP. A protocol allowing a computer using TCP/IP to connect directly to the Internet.

RADIUS

Short for Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service, RADIUS is an authentication system.

Using RADIUS, you must enter your user name and password before gaining access to a network. This information is passed to a RADIUS server, which checks that the information is correct, and then authorizes access. Though not an official standard, the RADIUS specification is maintained by a working group of the IETF.

RIP

A protocol in which routers periodically exchange information with one another so that they can determine minimum distance paths between sources and destinations.

router

A device that forwards data between networks. An IP router forwards data based on IP source and destination addresses.

SSID

A Service Set Identification is a thirty-two character (maximum) alphanumeric key identifying a wireless local area network. For the wireless devices in a network to communicate with each other, all devices must be configured with the same SSID.

This is typically the configuration parameter for a wireless PC card. It corresponds to the ESSID in the wireless Access Point and to the wireless network name. *See also* Wireless Network Name and ESSID.

Subnet Mask

Combined with the IP address, the IP Subnet Mask allows a device to know which other addresses are local to it, and which must be reached through a gateway or router.

TLS

Short for Transport Layer Security, TLS is a protocol that guarantees privacy and data integrity between client/server applications communicating over the Internet.

The TLS protocol is made up of two layers. The TLS Record Protocol ensures that a connection is private by using symmetric data encryption and ensures that the connection is reliable. The second TLS layer is the TLS Handshake Protocol, which allows authentication between the server and client and the negotiation of an encryption algorithm and cryptographic keys before data is transmitted or received. Based on Netscape's SSL 3.0, TLS supercedes and is an extension of SSL. TLS and SSL are not interoperable.

UTP

Unshielded twisted pair is the cable used by 10BASE-T and 100BASE-Tx Ethernet networks.

WAN

A long distance link used to extend or connect remotely located local area networks. The Internet is a large WAN.

WEP

Wired Equivalent Privacy is a data encryption protocol for 802.11b wireless networks.

All wireless nodes and access points on the network are configured with a 64-bit or 128-bit Shared Key for data encryption.

wide area network

WAN. A long distance link used to extend or connect remotely located local area networks. The Internet is a large WAN.

Wi-Fi

A trade name for the 802.11b wireless networking standard, given by the Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance (WECA, see <http://www.wi-fi.net>), an industry standards group promoting interoperability among 802.11b devices.

Windows Internet Naming Service

WINS. Windows Internet Naming Service is a server process for resolving Windows-based computer names to IP addresses.

If a remote network contains a WINS server, your Windows PCs can gather information from that WINS server about its local hosts. This allows your PCs to browse that remote network using the Windows Network Neighborhood feature.

WINS

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Wireless Network Name (SSID)

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