

Wireless USB Adapter User Guide



FCC STATEMENT

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

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- 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.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- 1) This device may not cause harmful interference.
- 2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Note: The manufacturer is not responsible for any radio or tv interference caused by unauthorized modifications to this equipment. Such modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. End users must follow the specific operating instructions for satisfying RF exposure compliance. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. This equipment has been SAR-evaluated for use in hand. SAR measurements are based on 5mm spacing from the body and that compliance is achieved at that distance.

CE Mark Warning

CE

This is a class B product. In a domestic environment, this product may cause radio interference, in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

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Overview

Thank you for purchasing this product. Please read this chapter to better understand your ALFA Long Range indoor USB Adapter

Unpacking information

Before getting started, please verify that your package includes the following items:

- 1. ALFA Long-Range WiFi Indoor USB Adapter
- 2. One Utility/ Manual CD
- 3. USB Cable

Introduction to the ALFA Indoor USB Adapter

The ALFA WiFi indoor USB adapter provides users to launch IEEE 802.11n/b/g or IEEE 802.11a/an/ac wireless network (depends on your Alfa USB adapter model) at 150/300Mbps/600Mbps in the 2.4GHz frequency or 433/867Mbps/1300Mbps in the 5GHz frequency (depends on your Alfa USB adapter model), which is also compatible with IEEE 802.11a/b/g wireless devices at 11/54Mbps. You can configure this adapter with AP mode to connect/share to other 2.4GHz or 5GHz wireless computers or with Infrastructure mode to connect to a wireless AP or router for accessing to Internet. This adapter includes a convenient Utility for scanning available networks and saving preferred networks those users are usually connected with. Security encryption can also be configured by this utility.



Key Features

- Complies with IEEE 802.11ac/a/b/g/n wireless standard (Depends on Model)
- Complies with Universal Serial Bus Rev. 1.0, 1.1, 2.0 and 3.0 specifications.(Depends on Model)
- High Speed transfer data rate up to 150/300Mbps in 2.4GHz and 433/867/1300Mbps in 5GHz (Depends on Model)
- Support driver for Windows 2000, XP, Vista, Windows 7/8/8.1 and Windows 10
- Supports auto-installation and diagnostic utilities.

Support wireless data encryption with 64/128-bit WEP, WPA (TKIP with IEEE 802.1x), and AES functions.

Installation Guide

Software Installation

Note: The following driver installation guide uses Windows 7 as the presumed operation system. The procedures and screens in Windows 2000, XP, 8, 8.1 and 10 are similar with Windows 7.

Insert the installation CD that came with this product to your CD-ROM drive. Please click the **"Windows"** button from the popup menu for this product.

Note: If the CD-ROM fails to auto-run, please click on "My Computer" → your
 CD-ROM Drive will then double-click the "AutoRun.exe" to start this menu.

1. Please plug in your ALFA WiFi USB Adapter into USB port before the installation.

Alfa Wireles	s LAN Software - InstallShield Wizard
Preparin Please	ng Setup wait while the InstallShield Wizard prepares the setup.
	eless LAN Software Setup is preparing the InstallShield Wizard, which will guide you the rest of the setup process. Please wait.
	Install Adapter
	Please insert your adapter !!
	Cancel
InstallShield	
	Cancel

2. The welcome window will pop up. Click the **"Next"** button to proceed.

Alfa USB Wireless LAN Software	
	Alfa USB Wireless LAN Software
	The InstallShield Wizard will install Alfa USB Wireless LAN Software on your computer. To continue, click Next.
	< <u>B</u> ack <u>Next</u> Cancel

3. Installation is in progress, please wait.

Alfa USB Wireless LAN Software	—
Setup Status	
Alfa USB Wireless LAN Software is configuring your new software installation.	
Installing	
C:\\REALTEK\11n USB Wireless LAN Utility\UPnP\avformat-52.dll	
InstallShield	
	Cancel

 Click the "Finish" button to complete driver and utility installation. Note, please insert this USB wireless adapter to your computer if you're using Windows 10, 8, 7, Vista, XP, or Windows 2000.

If you are using Windows 98se or ME, please restart the system first before connect this wireless adapter to your computer.

Alfa USB Wireless LAN Software	
	InstallShield Wizard Complete The InstallShield Wizard has successfully installed Alfa USB Wireless LAN Software. Before you can use the program, you must restart your computer. Yes, I want to restart my computer now. No, I will restart my computer later. Remove any disks from their drives, and then click Finish to complete setup.
	< <u>B</u> ack Finish Cancel

5. New hardware is found after installation is completed in Windows 7



Found New Hardware Wizard in Windows XP, 2000, and Vista.

1. The **"Found New Hardware Wizard"** will pop up. (**Note:** This wizard won't pop up in Windows 98 and ME. The system finds the new hardware and installs the hardware automatically. Please skip the following steps)

2. Select "No, not this time" and click the "Next" button.



3. Select "Install the software automatically" and then click the "Next" button.



4. Please wait while installing the driver.



5. Click the "Finish" button to complete installation.



Management Guide

Please read this chapter to better understand the management interface of your ALFA Long Range Indoor USB Adapter

Making a Basic Network Connection

Before You Start

In the following instructions for making a network connection, we use the utility we provided to configure your wireless network settings.

Note: For Windows XP users that want to configure your wireless network using this Utility, please perform the following procedures to disable your native Windows XP wireless support (Wireless Zero Configuration Service)

1. Double click the the utility.

icon on your desktop to start

2. Make sure that the "Windows Zero Config" checkbox is unchecked.

🔄 Windows Zero Config

Ad-Hoc Mode

An Ad-Hoc mode wireless network connects two computers directly without the use of a router or AP. It is also known as a peer-to-peer network. For example, we can install this wireless adapter to two computers respectively. The communication between the two computers is an Ad-Hoc mode network.



Ad-Hoc Mode

To use this adapter in Ad-Hoc Mode

- 1. Double click the icon on yourdesktop.
- 2. Click the "Available Network" button to scan available wireless network adapters. Double click on the network adapter that you are going to connect to.

General	Profile	Available Network	Adv	vanced	Status	Statistics	Wi-Fi Protect Setup	
Availab	le Netw	ork(s)						
SSID	B	Char	nnel	Encry	ption	Network /	Authentication	Signa
22 M/	ANUAL		1	None		Unknown		100%
(W)			1	TKIP/	AES	WPA Pre-	Shared Key/	96%
1º) 22			1	None		Unknown		86%
L") CV	vell		6	TKIP/	AES	WPA Pre-	Shared Key/	78%
LA CA	SER		6	WEP		Unknown		80%
(C) AI	P-W411	1	6	None		Unknown		100%
I"RT	L8186-0	SW	11	None		Unknown		56%

3. Click the OK button to confirm that you are connecting to an open wireless network.

Unsecured	network	×
i	You are connecting to the unsecured network " MANUAL ". Information sent over this network is not encrypted and might be visible to other people.	
	OK	

4. Click OK to add this network into the profile list.

Note: This example is an open wireless network. If you are going to connect to a Wireless adapter with security protection, you will have to configure the encryption settings in this profile to be corresponding to the other wireless adapter. Please click on the "Network Authentication" drop list to select an authentication method, and then select a "Data encryption" type. Fill in each required blanks and click "OK".

Wireless Network Properties:
This is a computer-to-computer(ad hoc) network; wireless access points are not used.
Network Name(SSID): MANUAL
Channel: 1 (2412MHz) 🔻
Wireless network security
This network requires a key for the following:
Network Authentication: Open System 🔻
Data encryption: Disabled
Key index (advanced): 1
Confirm network key:
<u>QK</u> <u>C</u> ancel

Infrastructure mode

An Infrastructure Mode network contains at least one wireless client and one wireless AP or router. This client connects to Internet or intranet by communicating with this wireless AP.



Infrastructure Mode

To use this adapter in Infrastructure Mode:



- 1. Double click the icon on yourdesktop.
- 2. Click the "Available Network" button to scan available access points. Double click on the AP that you are going to connect to.

A٧	ailable Network(s)		
	SSID	Chan Encrypt	Network Authenticati
	👗 WLAN-11b-GW	1 None	Unknown
	🕻 default 📐	11 None	Unknown
	45		
	16		
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3. Click the OK button to confirm that you are connecting to an open wireless network.

Unsecu	red network
Ų	You are connecting to the unsecured network " default ". Information sent over this network is not encrypted and might be visible to other people.
	OK Cancel

4. Click **OK** to add this network into the profile list.

Wireless network properties	\mathbf{X}
Profile Name: default Network Name(SSID): default	
This is a computer-to-computer(ad hoc) network; wireless access points are not used. Channel 11 (2462MHz)	
Wireless network security	802.1x configure
This network requires a key for the following:	EAP TYPE : MD5
Network Authentication: Open System	Tunnel :
Data encryption: Disabled	Username :
ASCII Passphrase	Identity :
Key Length: 64 Bits 💉	Password :
Network key:	Certificate :
Confirm network key:	
Key index (advanced):	
OK Cancel	

Note:

This example is an open wireless network. If you are going to connect to an AP with security protection, you will have to configure the encryption settings in this profile to be corresponding to your AP. Please click on the **"Network Authentication"** drop list to select an authentication method, and then select a **"Data encryption"** type. Fill in each required blanks and click **"OK"**.

Introduction to the Wireless LAN Utility

Note: This management instruction uses Windows 7 as the presumed operation system. Some functions are not supported in Windows 98se or Windows ME.

Starting the Wireless LAN Utility

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Double click the shortcut on your desktop. The Wireless LAN Utility will pop up. You may click on the tabs above to configure this adapter. The checkboxes below provide the following functions:

Show Tray Icon	Check this checkbox to show the utility icon on your system tray, which is in the notification area at the lower-right corner of the windows desktop. You may also uncheck it to remove the utility icon from system tray.				
Windows Zoro Config	Uncheck this checkbox to use native Windows X wireless support (Wireless Zero Configuration Service instead of using this utility to configure your wireles network.				
Radio Off	Check this checkbox to prevent this adapter form transmitting or receiving signals. Uncheck it t communicate.				
Disable Adapter	Check this checkbox to disable this wireless adapter.				
Virtual Wifi Disallowed (on Windows 7)	Check this checkbox to disable the Virtual Wifi Adapter on Windows 7				

General

After starting the utility, the general page pops up This **General** tab and provide the information of your current wireless network connection. You may click the **Renew** button to refresh those listed information.



Status:	Check if the device associated to target network.			
Speed:	The current connection speed			
Туре:	Infrastructure mode or Ad-Hoc mode.			
Encryption:	The performing encryption mode for connecting to current network profile.			
SSID:	The SSID (network name) of the connected wireless network.			
Signal Strength:	Indicates the signal strength detected by this adapter.			
Network Address:	Shows the current IP addresses settings for this adapter.			

Profile

The **Profile** tab lists the preferred connections. You can click the buttons on the right-hand side to configure each connection.



Add Click this button to add a connection profile for this adapter.

- **Remove** To remove a connection profile, click this profile on the profile list and click this button to delete it.
- **Edit** To modify the configurations for a profile, click this profile on the profile list and click this button to edit.
- **Duplicate** To make a copy of a profile, click the profile that you would like to have copied, and click this button to copy it.
- **Set Default** To select a profile as your default wireless connection, select the profile on the list and click the Set Default button. You may also double click on each profile to select it as your default wireless connection.

Available Network

1WEPOhknown46%1TKIP/AESWPA Pre-Shared Key/48%1TKIP/AESWPA Pre-Shared Key/60%1TKIP/AESWPA Pre-Shared Key/60%1NoneUnknown44%1NoneUnknown62%1KPA Pre-Shared Key/76%1KPA Pre-Shared Key/76%1KIP/AESWPA Pre-Shared Key/56%1KIP-W4117NoneUnknown70%1AIP-W4117NoneUnknown76%1KIP11NoneUnknown76%1KIFI-AP(2)11TKIPWPA Pre-Shared Key56%	SSID	Channel			Signal 46%	
I TKIP/AES WPA Pre-Shared Key/ 60% IP AP_3 1 WEP Unknown 44% IP R36_0NYX3GU 1 None Unknown 62% IP Laservideo 4 AES WPA Pre-Shared Key/ 76% IP Cwell 6 TKIP/AES WPA Pre-Shared Key/ 56% IP Laservideo confer 6 TKIP WPA Pre-Shared Key/ 56% IP Laservideo confer 6 TKIP WPA Pre-Shared Key/ 56% IP AIP-W411 7 None Unknown 70% IP 11 None Unknown 76%		1	WEP TVID (AEC	Unknown WIDA Dro Sharod Koy (]
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The available tab lists the reachable wireless network for the adapter.

Refresh Click this button to rescan available networks around the adapter.

Add to Profile To add an available Network to your profile list, select an available network and click this button to add.

Advanced

This Advanced tab provides advanced configurations to this adapter. Every modification in this tab will be performed after clicking the **Apply** button. To restore the default settings of the advanced tab, click the **Set defaults** button to perform restoring.

General Profile Avail	able Network Advanced	Status Statistics Wi-Fi Protect Setup	
Power Save		Fragment Threshold 2347	
Max		RTS Threshold 2346	
Channel Plan			
Se	et Defaults	Apply	

Power Save					
None	Disable Power saving function.				
Min	Minimum powerconsumption				
Max	Maximum power consumption				
Fragment Threshold					
	size of a packet that is going to be segmented and transmitted. from 256 to 2432(default) bytes.				
RTS Threshole	d				
Select the RTS	Threshold form 0 to 2432(default)				
Wireless Mod	e				
802.11g/b	Connect to a 802.11g/b network (2.4GHz/54Mbps)				
802.11b	Connect to a 802.11b network (2.4GHz/11Mbps)				
802.11g/n	Connect to a 802.11b/g/n network (2.4GHz/150Mbps)				
Channel Plan					
ETSI	For European counties (CH1 ~ CH13)				
МКК	For Japan (CH1 ~ CH 14)				
FCC	(default value) CH1 ~ CH11				

Status

This tab shows the current connection status of this adapter.

ſ	General Profile Available Network Advanced	Status Statistics Wi-Fi Protect Setup
	Manufacturer NDIS Driver Version Short Radio Header Encryption Authenticate Channel Set MAC Address Data Rate (AUTO) Channel (Frequency)	REALTEK 1012.1.131.2011 Yes Disabled Open System WORLD WIDE 00:C0:CA:53:B9:3F Tx:120 Mbps Rx:120 Mbps 7 (2442 MHz)
	Status SSID Network Type Power Save Mode Associated AP MAC Up Time (hh:mm:ss)	Associated AIP-W411 Infrastructure None 00:C0:CA:5F:0D:90 0:05:33

Statistics

See Statistics tab to show the transmission activity record. Clicking the **"Reset"** button recounts the values from zero.

General	Profile	Available Network	Advanced	Status	Statistics	Wi-Fi Protect Setup]
	Coun	ter Name				Value	
	Tx O	к				480	
	Tx E	rror				0	
	Rx O	к				721	
	Rx Pa	acket Count				721	
	Rx Re	etry				22	
	Rx IC	V Error				0	
		Γ	Res	et			

Appendix

RT-Set Setup Wizard

For Windows users to connect to a wireless network easily, we also provide the RT-Set setup wizard to help users set their preferred wireless network step by step. You can configure your wireless network via this RT-Set setup wizard in the following two modes:

Station mode (infrastructure): Select this mode to connect to the AP (access point) in your LAN.

AP mode: Select this mode to perform this adapter as an AP (access point).

Connect to a wireless network in infrastructure mode

1. To connect this adapter to an AP, select the "**Station**" from the drop down menu to proceed.



2. Switchto AP mode is in process.

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Switching from AP mode to Station mode	

MyComputer	General Profile Ava	ilable Network	Advanced	Status	Statistics	Wi-Fi Protect	Setup
Realtek RTL818	St	atus: Not As	sociated				
	Sp	beed: N/A					
	٦	Type: N/A					
	Encryp	otion: N/A					
	5	SSID:					
	Signal Stren	ngth:					
	Link Qu	ality.					
	Network Address:						
		AC Address: 0	00:C0:CA:50):6D:99			
	MA	AC Address: 0):6D:99			
	MA		.0.0.0):6D:99			
	MA	IP Address: 0.	.0.0.0):6D:99			
	MA	IP Address: 0. bnet Mask: 0.	.0.0.0):6D:99			
	MA	IP Address: 0. bnet Mask: 0.	.0.0.0):6D:99			
	MA	IP Address: 0. bnet Mask: 0.	.0.0.0):6D:99			

3. ALFA WiFi USB adapter is now in AP mode and ready for configuration.

Use this adapter as an AP

1. To use this adapter as an AP (access point), use drop down menu to select the "Access Point" mode to proceed.

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Refresh(R) Mode(M) About(A)		
B- MyC Station	anced Statates ICS	
Access Point		
	SSID: ALFA-LAB_AP BSSID: 00:00:CA:50:6D:99	
	Association Table	
	ALD NAC Address Life Time	
	Config	
	comg	
< <u> </u>		
Show Tray Icon Radio Off	Disable Adapter	Close

2. Switchto AP mode is in process.

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3. ALFA WiFi USB adapter is now in AP mode and ready for configuration

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Refresh(R) Mode(M) Ab	bout(<u>A</u>)	
□	General Advanced Statistics ICS	
	SSID: ALFA-LAB_AP	
	BSSID: 00:12:CF:12:34:56	
	Association Table	
	AID MAC Address Life Time	
	Config	
	Comy	
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Show Tray Icon	Disable Adapter	Class

AP mode management guide

General

After configuring the adapter in AP mode, this "**General**" page shows up, which shows the general information of this AP.

SSID:	The SSID (network name) of the wireless network constructed by this AP.
BSSID:	The MAC address of this AP
Config:	Click this button to change configurations to this AP
Association Table:	Shows the information of the devices that connects to the AP including their MAC addresses and the time that they connected with this device.

😹 ALFA Wireless LAN Utilit	y .	- • ×
Refresh(<u>R</u>) Mode(<u>M</u>) A	bout(<u>A</u>)	
	General Advanced Statistics ICS	
Realtek RTL818		
	SSID: ALFA-LAB_AP	
	BSSID: 00:12:CF:12:34:56	
	Association Table	
	AID MAC Address Life Time	
<	Config	
Show Tray Icon Radio Off	Disable Adapter	Close

Advanced

Beacon Interval:	Define the interval between beacons from $20{\sim}1000$
DTIM Period:	Set the DTIM period between 1~255
Preamble Mode:	Click the drop list to select the preamble to be long, short or auto
Set Defaults:	Click this button to restore the settings above to default
Apply:	Click this button to execute changes.

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Realtek RTL818	General Advanced Statistics ICS General Beacon Interval IOI DTIM Period: 3 Preamble Mode Short Short Set Defaults Apply	
Show Tray Icon	Disable Adapter	Close
Radio Off		

Statistics

esh(<u>R</u>) Mode(<u>M</u>) About(<u>A</u>)		
MyComputer Gener	al Advanced Statistics ICS	
Ca Heater Heater		
	Counter Name	Value
	Тх ОК	9948
	Tx Error	0
	Rx OK	14981
	Rx Packet Count	14981
	Rx Retry	3151
	Rx ICV Error	0
	Reset	
4 11		

The **"Statistics"** tab shows the transmission activity record. Clicking the **"Reset"** button and recounts the values from zero.

ICS (Internet Connection Sharing)

This page allows users to select the adapter to connect to the public network.

Please click on the device that are used for connecting to the public network and

click the "Select" button, and then click the "Apply" button to execute.

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Refresh(<u>R</u>) Mode(<u>M</u>) A	About(<u>A</u>)	
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Realtek RTL818	Setting Internet Connection Sharing (ICS)	
	ne Device Name	
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	Public Network	
	Apply	
Show Tray Icon Radio Off	Disable Adapter Close	