

# TEW-429UB

54Mbps 802.11g Wireless USB 2.0  
Adapter with HotSpot Detector

## User's Guide



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# Getting Started with the TEW-429UB

Congratulations on purchasing the TEW-429UB! The quick start guide included with your TEW-429UB tells you how to install the Wireless Client Utility and how to operate the Hotspot Detector features of the TEW-429UB.

This manual provides information for setting up and configuring the TEW-429UB. This manual is intended for both home users and professionals. It is not required to read some of the more technical information in this manual to operate and enjoy the TEW-429UB. It is included for your reference only.

The following conventions are used in this manual:



THE NOTE SYMBOL INDICATES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TOPIC AT HAND.



THE TIP SYMBOL INDICATES HELPFULL INFORMATION AND TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR NETWORK EXPERIENCE.



THE CAUTION SYMBOL ALERTS YOU TO SITUATIONS THAT MAY DEGRADE YOUR NETWORKING EXPERIENCE OR COMPROMISE YOUR SECURITY.



LIKE NOTES AND TIPS, THE IMPORTANT SYMBOL INDICATES INFORMATION THAT CAN IMPROVE NETWORKING. THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED.

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# Overview of the Wireless Client Utility

The Wireless Client Utility is included on the CD that shipped with the TEW-429UB. Install the utility as described in the Quick Start Guide before attaching the TEW-429UB to your computer.



**BE SURE TO INSTALL THE WIRELESS CLIENT UTILITY BEFORE YOU ATTACH THE TEW-429UB TO YOUR COMPUTER. ATTACHING THE TEW-429UB BEFORE THE UTILITY IS INSTALLED COULD CAUSE THE INSTALLATION TO FAIL.**

When the TEW-429UB is installed, it is configured to automatically load when you start your computer. The utility icon displays in the system tray at the bottom-right corner of your screen.



Double-click the TEW-429UB icon in the system tray, the following **Network** screen opens:

**IEEE802.11**

Network  
Profile  
SiteSurvey  
Options  
Version

Wireless Setting

- Current Profile
- Reconnect
- Network Mode Infrastructure
- Security Not Using WEP
- Authentication

TCP/IP Setting (Using DHCP)

- IP Address : 192.168.1.108
- Subnet Mask : 255.255.255.0
- Gateway : 192.168.1.254
- DNS Server : 192.168.1.254
- IP Release
- IP Renew

Link Information

- SSID wireless
- Status Connected
- Link Speed 54.0 Mbps Tx 54.0 Mbps Rx
- Signal Level Excellent(-57 dBm)

BSSID = 00:0C:41:FB:E3:7D Channel = 11 (2.462 GHz)

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The **Link Information** pane provides information on your current connection. This same pane is shown at the bottom of all screens so you are always aware of your connection status.



NOTE

WHEN THE TEW-429UB IS NOT CONNECTED TO YOUR COMPUTER, MOST SETTINGS IN THE WIRELESS CLIENT UTILITY ARE UNAVAILABLE. SETTINGS OR BUTTONS THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE ARE GRAYED OUT.

## Working with Profiles

A profile is a record of the configuration you use to connect to a particular access point. Without profiles, you would have to reconfigure the TEW-429UB each time you change access points. Using the **Profile** screen you can configure the TEW-429UB to access your home network and your office network. Each configuration is saved as a profile. Then when you go from the office to your home you just select the appropriate profile.



NOTE

YOU CAN CHANGE PROFILES WITHOUT REBOOTING YOUR COMPUTER. (PERHAPS WHEN WALKING FROM ONE ACCESS POINT TO ANOTHER WITHIN YOUR OFFICE.) IF YOU USE WINDOWS CONTROL PANEL TO CONFIGURE YOUR CONNECTIONS, YOU MUST REBOOT THE COMPUTER WHEN CHANGING ACCESS POINTS.

## CREATING A PROFILE

### 1. Click Profile

IEEE802.11

Network  
Profile  
SiteSurvey  
Options  
Version

Profile List(Current profile shows #) Change Priority

Name	SSID	IP Address	
Default	ANY	Windows Setting	Up(U) Down(D)

Add(A) Remove(R) Properties(P) Apply(Y)

Link Information [802.11g]

10110110

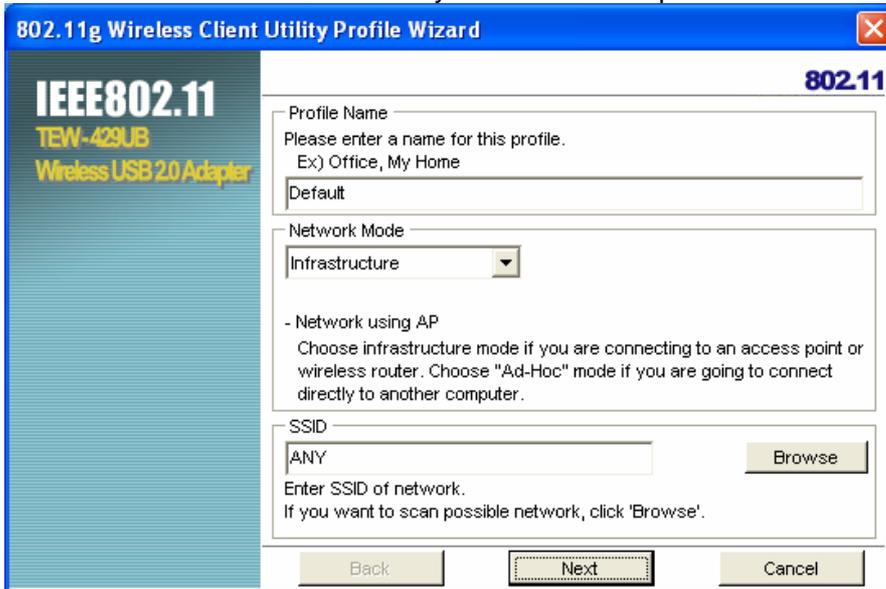
	Tx	Rx
- SSID wireless	- Link Speed 54.0 Mbps	54.0 Mbps
- Status Connected	- Signal Level Very Good(-58 dBm)	

BSSID = 00:0C:41:FB:E3:7D Channel = 11 (2.462 GHz)

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2. Click **Add**. The Wireless Client Utility Profile Wizard opens.

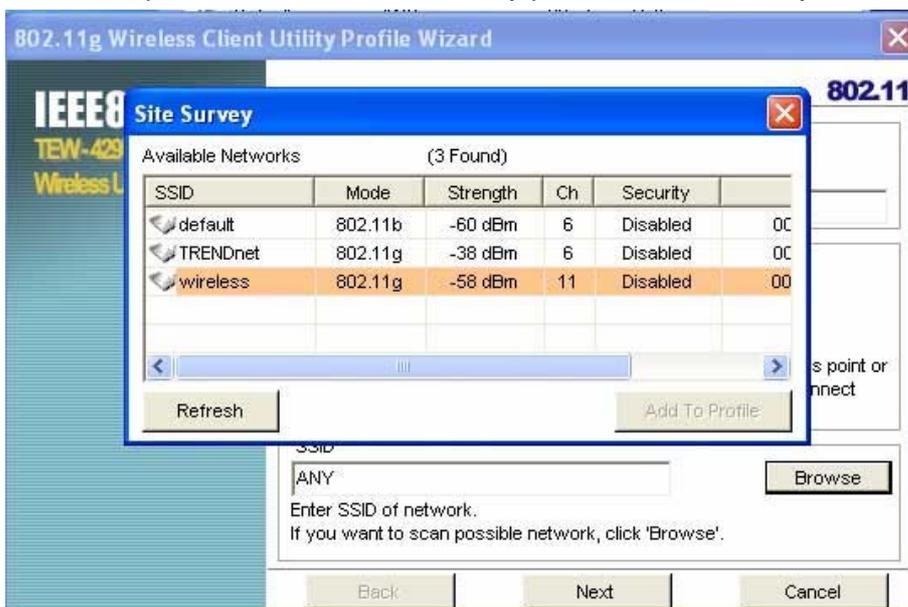


3. Type a descriptive name for the profile such as **Office** or **CoffeeShop**.

4. Click the drop-down arrow at Network Mode and select **Infrastructure** or **Ad-Hoc**. Choose **Infrastructure** when connecting to an access point or wireless router. You will need to know the SSID of the access point.

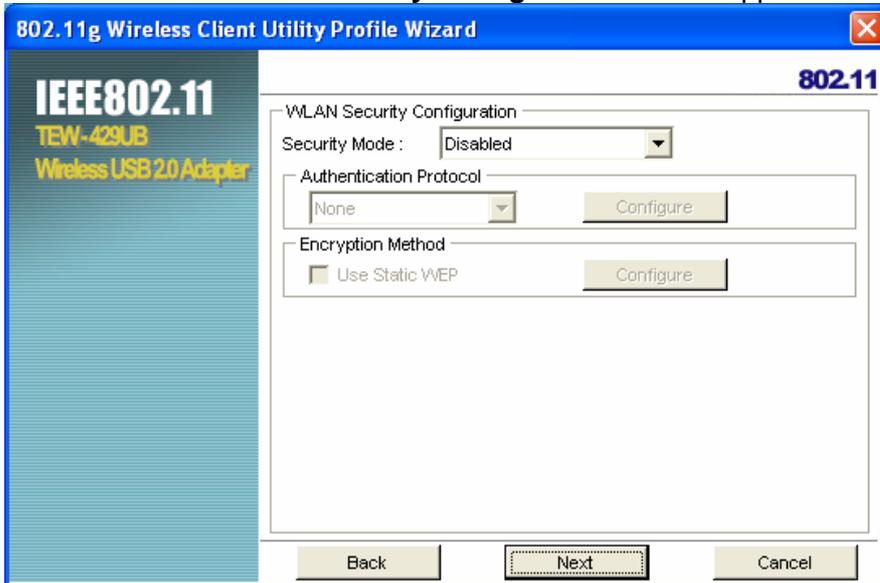
Choose **Ad-Hoc** when connecting directly to another computer without using an access point. You can type anything for the SSID as long as the same SSID is used on the computer you are connecting to.

5. In the **SSID** pane click **Browse**. The utility performs a site survey and displays the results.



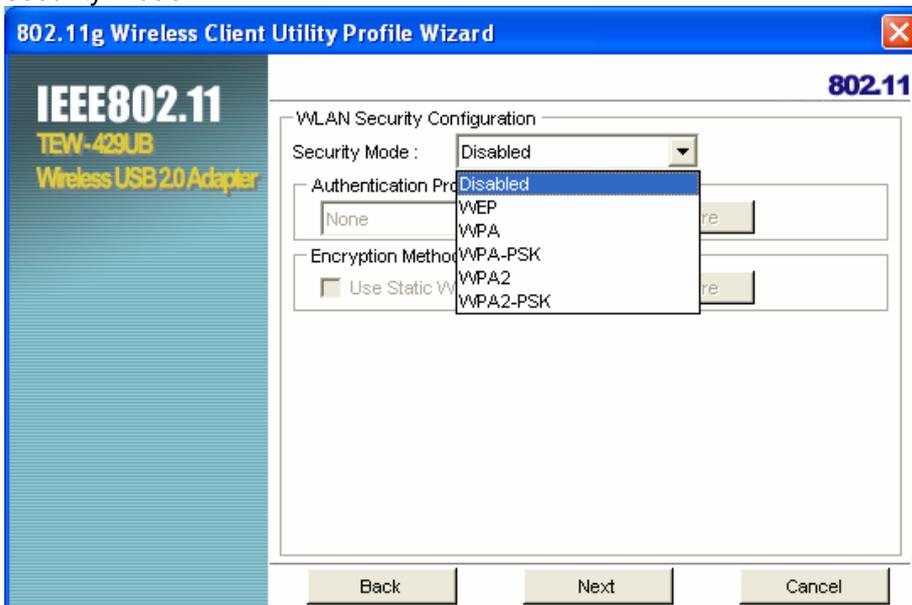
The SSID (Service Set Identifier) is the name assigned to a wireless Wi-Fi network. All devices must use this case-sensitive name, which is a text string up to 32 bytes long, in order to communicate.

6. Select the SSID you want to connect to and click Add to **Profile**.
7. Click **Next**. The **WLAN Security Configuration** screen appears.



This screen reflects the security settings detected in the access point you want to connect to. Security settings vary in complexity and you may have to consult your network administrator for this information. See “Configuring Wireless Security” for more information.

8. Select the Security Mode from the drop-down list and then select the appropriate settings for the security mode.



9. Click **Next**

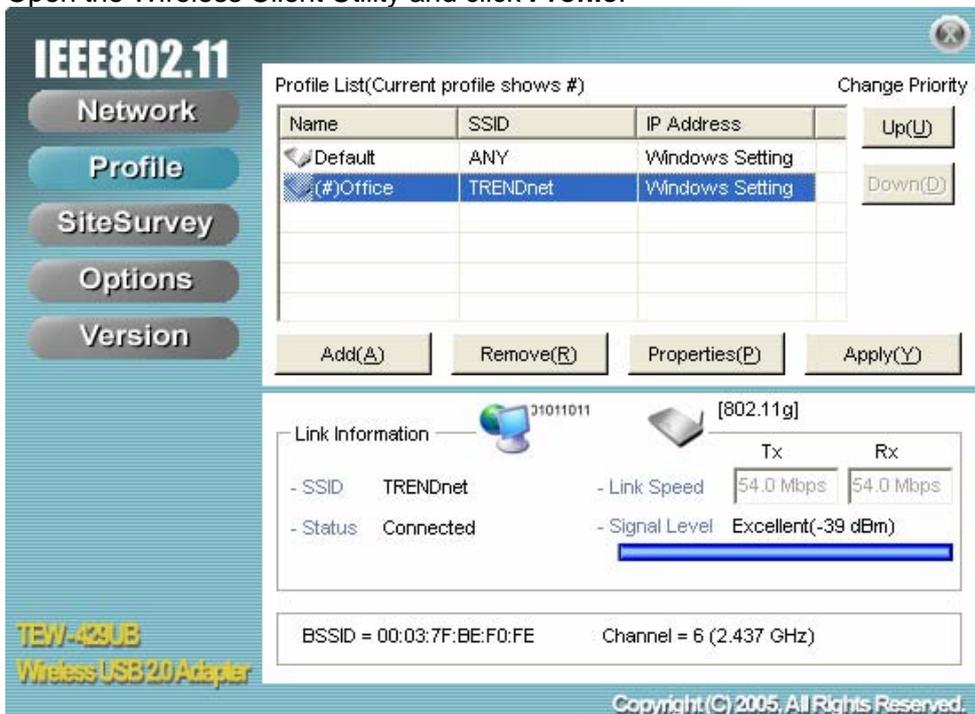


10. Click **Save** to complete the wizard and save the new profile. (If you do not want to activate the profile, uncheck the **Apply this profile now** checkbox.)

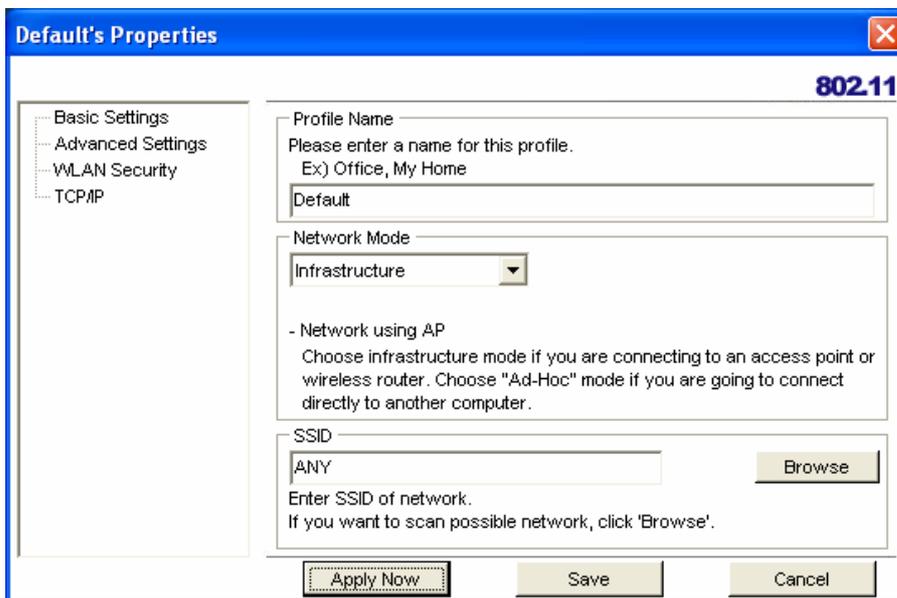
### MODIFYING PROFILES

You may need to modify settings for a profile. For example, if you purchase a new router, or if your office administrator provides you with new security settings. Refer to the following to modify a profile.

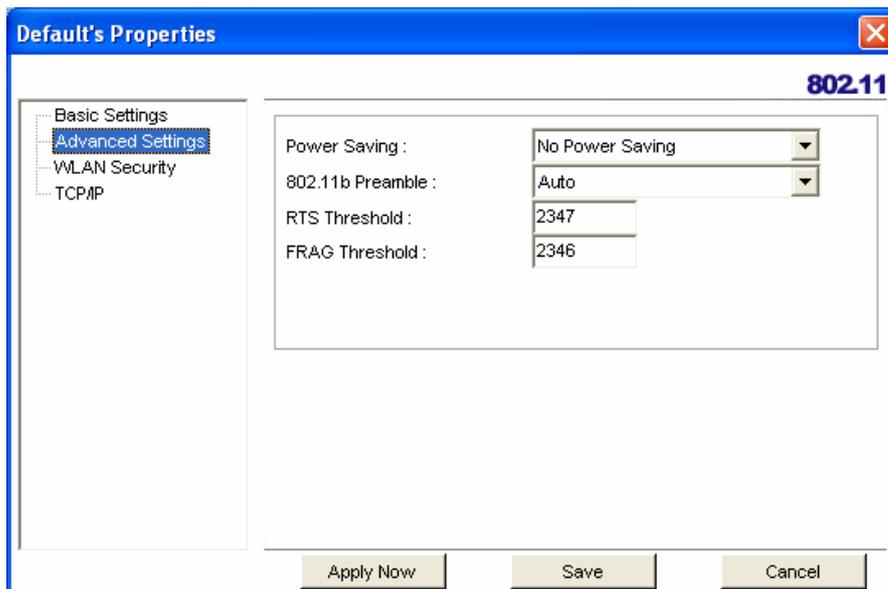
1. Open the Wireless Client Utility and click **Profile**.



2. Select the profile you want to modify and click **Properties**, the following window appears

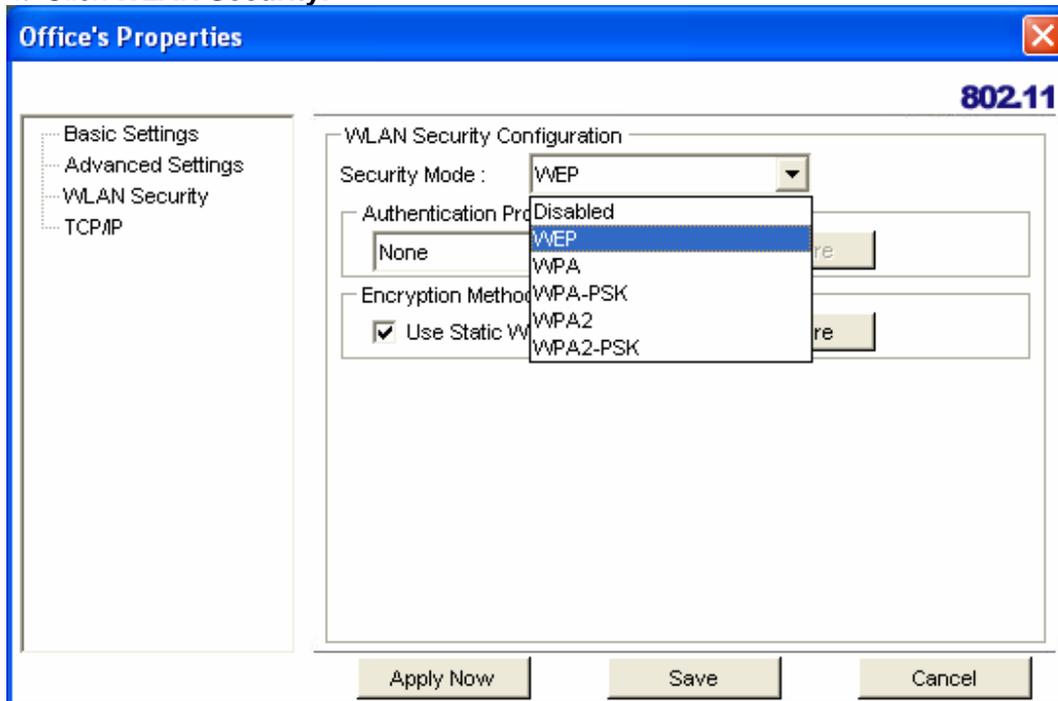


3. Make the changes you want to the **Basic Settings** and click **Advanced Settings**.



Unless you have a thorough understanding of wireless networking, it is recommended that you leave these settings at the defaults.

#### 4. Click **WLAN Security**.



Click the drop-down arrow at Security Mode to choose from the following settings:

#### **Disabled** (No Encryption)

All data sent between the access point and the client is left unencrypted and may be viewed by other wireless devices.

#### **WEP** (Wired Equivalent Privacy)

Encrypts all traffic sent between the access point and the client using a shared key. When using WEP encryption, only access points and PCs using the same WEP Key can communicate with each other

#### **WPA/WPA2**

WPA encrypts all traffic between the access point and the client using either TKIP or AES encryption. Depending on the authentication protocol selected, each client must authenticate using their own unique username, password, and security certificate.

#### **WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK**

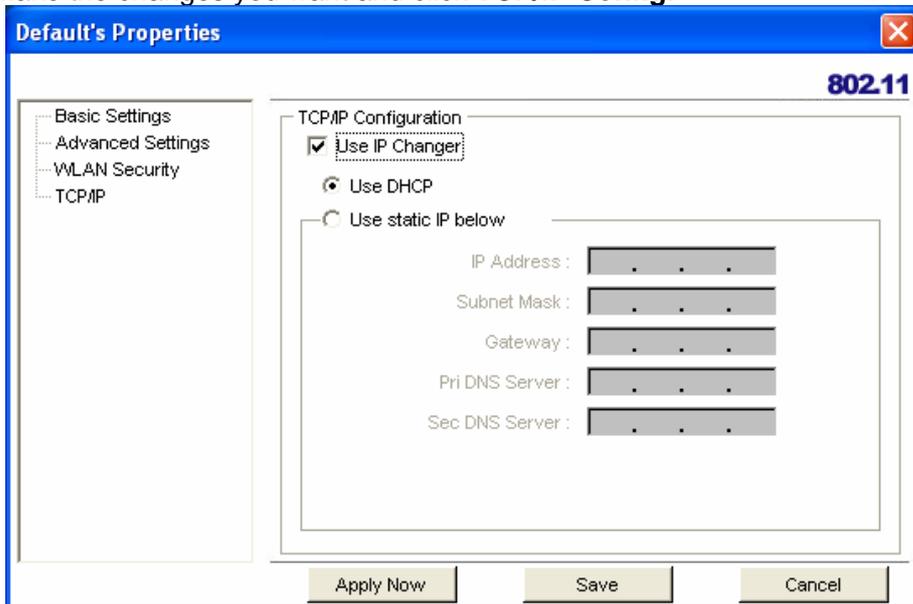
WPA-PSK or WPA2-PSK is a compromise between WPA/WPA2 and WEP. Like WEP, it uses a pre-shared key that every user of the network must have in order to send and receive data. Like WPA, it uses either TKIP or AES.



**IMPORTANT**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU USE WPA/WPA2 OR WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK WHENEVER POSSIBLE. WPA (WI-FI PROTECTED ACCESS) PROVIDES STRONGER ENCRYPTION THAN THE EARLIER WEP (WIRED EQUIVALENT PRIVACY) METHOD. WPA2 PROVIDES EVEN STRONGER ENCRYPTION, AUTHENTICATION AND KEY MANAGEMENT.

5. Make the changes you want and click **TCP/IP Config.**



Select the **Use IP Changer** checkbox. This allows you to bypass your existing wireless TCP/ IP settings and configure TCP/IP settings for each profile.

**Use DHCP**

DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) automatically assign IP addresses. Check this radio button if your router is set to DHCP.

**Use static IP below**

Check this radio button if you have to enter a static IP address.

## Checking for Available Access Points

The number of access points or hot spots for public use is constantly increasing in major cities. Many Web sites report on the locations of hot spots. Check the following Web sites for updated information for your location.

- <http://intel.jiwire.com>
- [www.hotspot-locations.com](http://www.hotspot-locations.com)
- [www.hotspotlist.com](http://www.hotspotlist.com)
- [www.wififreespot.com](http://www.wififreespot.com)
- [www.wifinder.com](http://www.wifinder.com)
- [www.wi-fizone.org](http://www.wi-fizone.org)

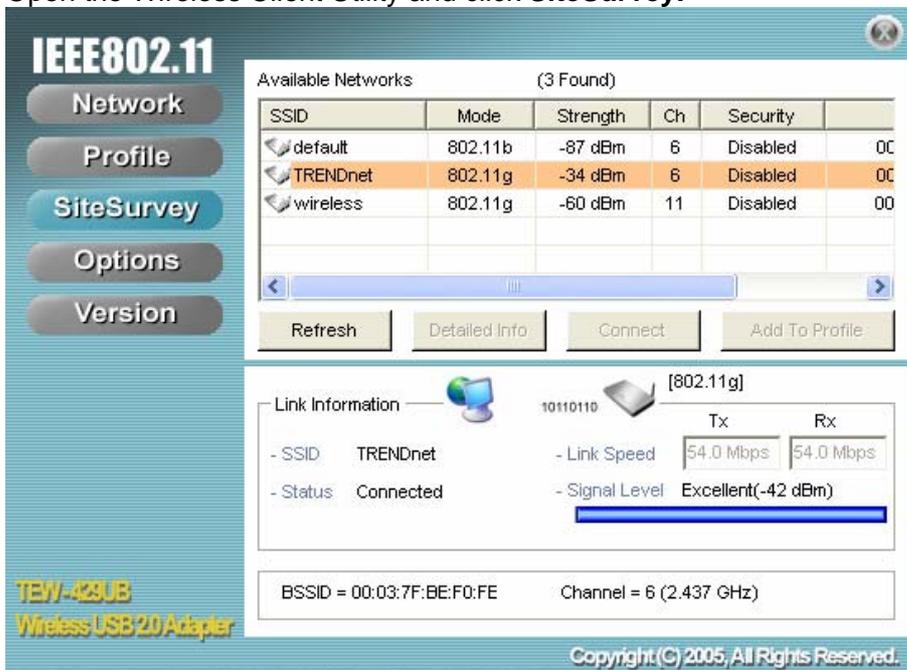
If you think you are in the vicinity of an access point, you can use the SiteSurvey screen to list the ones available.



Remember, you do not have to turn on your computer to find access points. You can use the hot spot finder functionality of the WHF-432/230 to locate access points while you are walking around. See the Quick Start Guide for details.

To scan for access points using the TEW-429UB, refer to the following.

1. Open the Wireless Client Utility and click **SiteSurvey**.



The screenshot shows the IEEE802.11 Wireless Client Utility interface. On the left, there are navigation buttons for Network, Profile, SiteSurvey (which is highlighted), Options, and Version. The main area is titled 'Available Networks (3 Found)' and contains a table with the following data:

SSID	Mode	Strength	Ch	Security	
default	802.11b	-87 dBm	6	Disabled	0C
TRENDnet	802.11g	-34 dBm	6	Disabled	0C
wireless	802.11g	-60 dBm	11	Disabled	00

Below the table are buttons for Refresh, Detailed Info, Connect, and Add To Profile. The 'Detailed Info' section shows link information for the selected TRENDnet network:

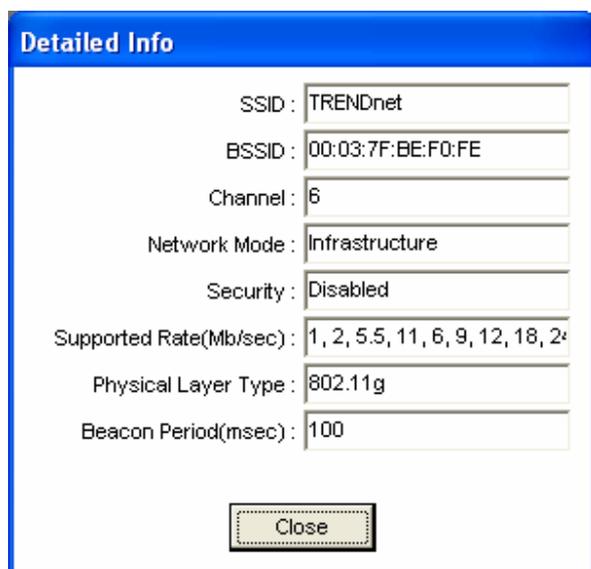
- Link Information: 10110110 [802.11g]
- SSID: TRENDnet
- Status: Connected
- Link Speed: Tx 54.0 Mbps, Rx 54.0 Mbps
- Signal Level: Excellent(-42 dBm)

At the bottom, it shows BSSID = 00:03:7F:BE:F0:FE and Channel = 6 (2.437 GHz). The device is identified as TEW-429UB Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter. Copyright (C) 2005, All Rights Reserved.

2. Available wireless networks are listed. Click **Refresh** anytime to update the list.

3. Select the network you want and click **Connect**. Or click **Add To Profile** if you want to connect later.

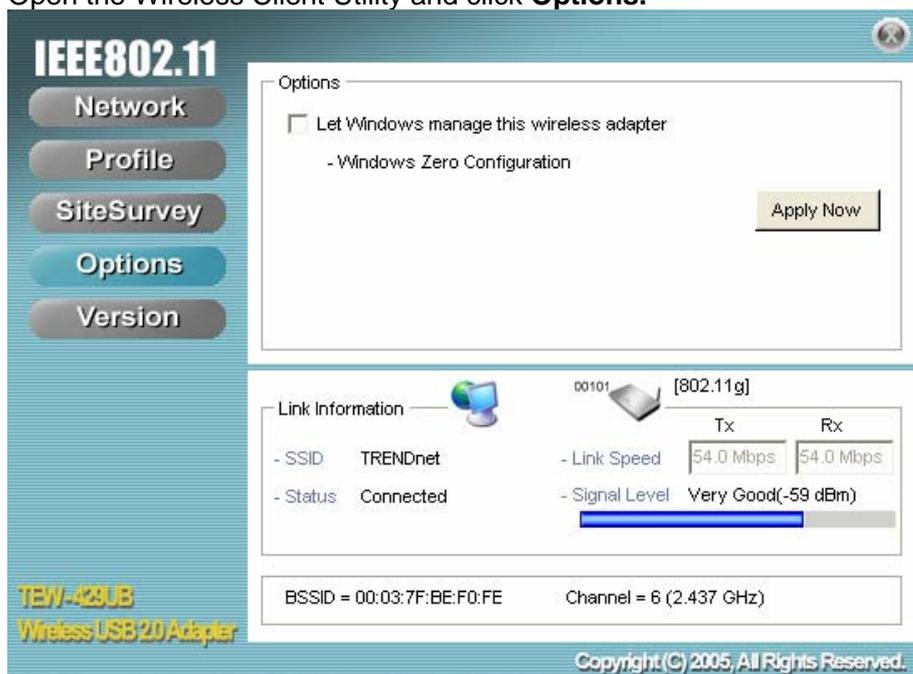
For details about any of the listed access points, select it from the list and click **Detailed Info** to see the following screen. (You can also double-click an access point to view the **Detailed Info** screen.)



## Disabling the Wireless Client Utility

You may need to have Windows manage your wireless network settings. In that case, you should disable the Wireless Client Utility. To disable the Wireless Client Utility refer to the following.

1. Open the Wireless Client Utility and click **Options**.



2. Select the **Let Windows manage this wireless adapter** check box and click **Apply Now**.

The screenshot shows the IEEE802.11 configuration utility interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with the title 'IEEE802.11' and five menu items: 'Network', 'Profile', 'SiteSurvey', 'Options', and 'Version'. The 'Options' menu item is highlighted. The main window is titled 'Options' and contains a checked checkbox labeled 'Let Windows manage this wireless adapter' with the subtext '- Windows Zero Configuration'. An 'Apply Now' button is located to the right of the checkbox. Below the 'Options' section, there is a 'Link Information' section. It displays a computer icon with the IP address '31011011' and a wireless adapter icon with the standard '[802.11g]'. The 'Link Information' section is divided into two columns: 'Tx' and 'Rx'. The 'Tx' column shows '- Link Speed' as '54.0 Mbps' and '- Signal Level' as 'Excellent(-34 dBm)'. The 'Rx' column shows '- Link Speed' as '54.0 Mbps'. A blue progress bar is shown below the signal level. At the bottom of the 'Link Information' section, it displays 'BSSID = 00:03:7F:BE:F0:FE' and 'Channel = 6 (2.437 GHz)'. In the bottom left corner, the text 'TEW-429UB Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter' is visible. In the bottom right corner, the text 'Copyright (C) 2005, All Rights Reserved.' is displayed.

# HotSpot Detector

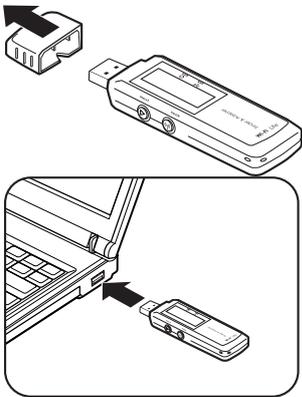
This section explains the hardware section of the TEW-429UB.

## Charging the TEW-429UB

The TEW-429UB is powered by a rechargeable battery. The battery must be charged before first use as follows.

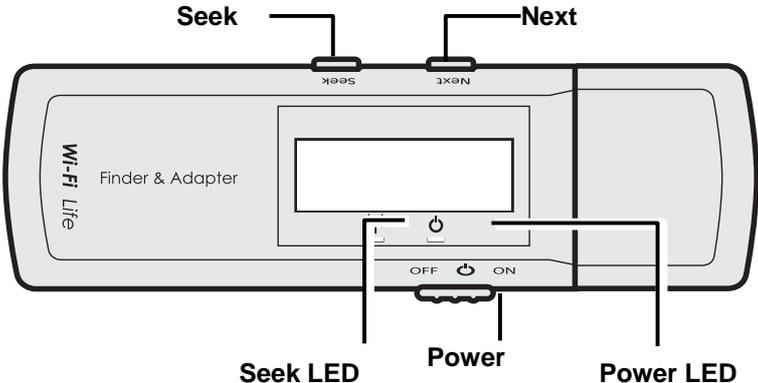
 **CAUTION** | Most notebook computer USB connectors are horizontal. The TEW-429UB should be connected with the display facing up. If the USB connector on your computer is vertical, connect the TEW-429UB carefully to avoid damaging the connectors.

1. Remove the cap from the TEW-429UB.
2. With the display facing up, insert the TEW-429UB into a USB connector on your computer.  
The  icon on the LCD screen indicating the battery is charging.



## Identifying Components

The illustration below shows the buttons and LEDs on the TEW-429UB.



## LCD Icons

The illustration below shows the icons in the LCD. All the icons will not necessarily appear together as shown here.



- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>1 SSID:</b>           | Displays the SSID of the current connection. Scrolls horizontally for longer names.   |
| <b>2 Channel:</b>        | Displays the channel number of the current connection.  |
| <b>3 Found:</b>          | Displays the number of connections found. Up to 16 connections can be monitored.  |
| <b>4 Power:</b>          | Indicates the battery status:  low;  Full;  recharging.   |
| <b>5 Scan mode:</b>      | Press and hold the Seek button to scroll through the three modes: [S]; [F]; and [D].  |
|                          | Scan results are ranked in order of signal strength.  |
|                          | Only lists open hot spots ranked in order of signal strength.   |
|                          | Continually refreshes details of the selected hot spot. Allows you to lock on and monitor the signal strength as you move around. |
| <b>6 Security</b>        | Displays the security settings of the network: [WEP]/[WPA] security enabled;  security disabled.                                  |
| <b>7 Signal Strength</b> | Displays the signal strength (five levels) and radio band: [G]/[B] 802.11g/b.   |

## Finding a Hot Spot

Refer to the following to find a hot spot.

3. Switch **Power** to **ON**.  
The TEW-429UB boots and searches for hot spots.
4. Press **Next** to scroll the available hot spots.

## Accessing a Hot Spot

5. Connect the TEW-429UB to your computer and open the Wireless Client Utility.
6. Open the SiteSurvey screen and select the hot spot you want to access.
7. Click **Connect** to access the hot spot.

# Exploring the Wireless Client Utility Screens

## The Network Screen

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The Wireless Client Utility is included on the CD that shipped with the TEW-429UB. Install the utility as described in the Quick Start Guide before attaching the TEW-429UB to your computer.



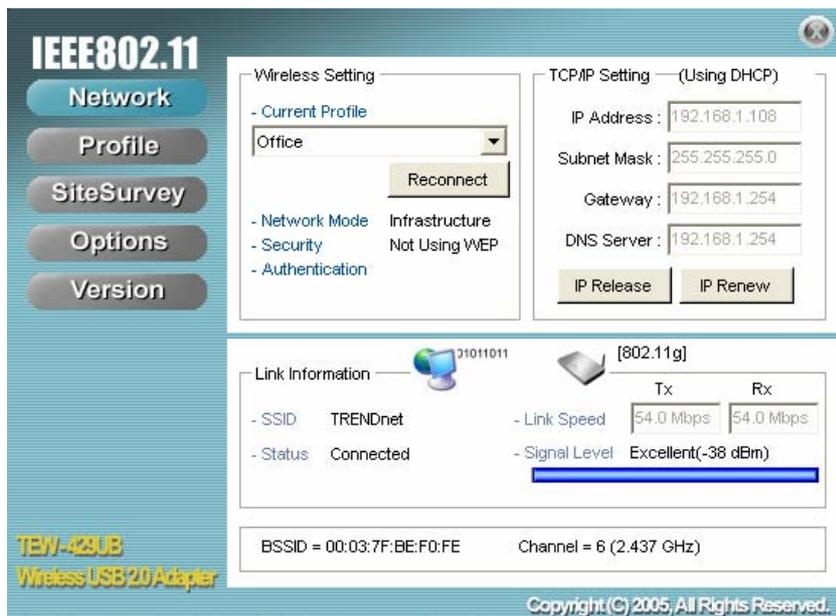
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When the TEW-429UB is installed, it is configured to automatically load when you start your computer. The utility icon displays in the system tray at the bottom-right corner of your screen.

Double-click the TEW-429UB icon in the system tray, the following **Network** screen opens:





## WIRELESS SETTING

The Wireless Setting pane settings are described below

<b>Current Profile</b>	Shows the current profile you have selected. If you have not added a profile, only <b>Default</b> shows. The settings shown in the Network screen are for the current profile. Click the drop-down arrow to select another profile.
<b>Reconnect (button)</b>	Press to reconnect to the current access point.
<b>Network Mode</b>	Shows the current network mode. Infrastructure or ad-hoc mode. (See <b>Note</b> below for more information.)
<b>Security</b>	Shows the security status.
<b>Authentication</b>	Shows the authentication required. No authentication is required if this field is blank.



WIRELESS SYSTEMS WORK IN INFRASTRUCTURE MODE OR PEER-TO-PEER MODE. IN INFRASTRUCTURE MODE, WIRELESS DEVICES COMMUNICATE TO A WIRED LAN VIA ACCESS POINTS. IN AD-HOC MODE (ALSO KNOWN AS PEER-TO-PEER MODE), WIRELESS DEVICES COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER DIRECTLY AND DO NOT USE AN ACCESS POINT.

### TCP/IP SETTING

The TCP/IP Setting pane settings are described below.

<b>IP Address</b>	Shows the current network IP address.
<b>Subnet Mask</b>	Shows the current subnet mask status.
<b>Gateway</b>	Shows the current gateway.
<b>DNS Server</b>	Shows the current network DNS address.
<b>IP Release (button)</b>	Click to release the current TCP/IP settings.
<b>IP Renew (button)</b>	Click to renew the TCP/IP settings.

### LINK INFORMATION

The Link Information pane settings are described below. The Link Information pane shows the network status.

<b>SSID</b>	Shows the current SSID (Service Set Identifier). This is the name assigned to a wireless Wi-Fi network. All devices must use this case-sensitive name in order to communicate.
<b>Status</b>	Shows the current connection status.
<b>Link Speed</b>	Shows the speed of the current connection. Tx is the transmit speed; Rx the receive speed.
<b>Signal Level</b>	Shows the signal strength of the current connection. (See <b>Tip</b> below for more information.)
<b>BSSID</b>	Shows the ID of the current BSS. (See <b>Note</b> below for more information.)
<b>Channel</b>	Shows the network channel.



TIP

THE LINK INFORMATION PANEL IS SHOWN IN ALL SCREENS SO YOU CAN ALWAYS SEE THE STATUS OF YOUR CURRENT CONNECTION. Monitor this setting as you move around to attain a suitable signal.



NOTE

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## The Profile Screen

A profile is a record of the configuration you use to connect to a particular access point. Without profiles, you would have to reconfigure the TEW-429UB each time you change access points. Using the **Profile** screen you can configure the TEW-429UB to access your home network and your office network. Each configuration is saved as a profile.

The screenshot displays the IEEE802.11 configuration interface. On the left is a sidebar with buttons for Network, Profile, SiteSurvey, Options, and Version. The main area is titled 'Profile List(Current profile shows #)' and contains a table with columns for Name, SSID, and IP Address. Below the table are buttons for Add(A), Remove(R), Properties(P), and Apply(Y). To the right of the table are 'Up(U)' and 'Down(D)' buttons. Below the profile list is a 'Link Information' section showing a computer icon with IP 1011011 and a wireless card icon with [802.11g]. It lists SSID as TRENDnet, Status as Connected, Link Speed as 54.0 Mbps (Tx and Rx), and Signal Level as Excellent(-39 dBm) with a corresponding bar graph. At the bottom, it shows BSSID = 00:03:7F:BE:F0:FE and Channel = 6 (2.437 GHz). The footer includes 'TEW-429UB Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter' and 'Copyright (C) 2005, All Rights Reserved.'

Name	SSID	IP Address	
Default	ANY	Windows Setting	Up(U)
(#)Office	TRENDnet	Windows Setting	Down(D)

Link Information

Computer: 1011011      Wireless Card: [802.11g]

- SSID: TRENDnet
- Link Speed: Tx 54.0 Mbps, Rx 54.0 Mbps
- Status: Connected
- Signal Level: Excellent(-39 dBm)

BSSID = 00:03:7F:BE:F0:FE      Channel = 6 (2.437 GHz)

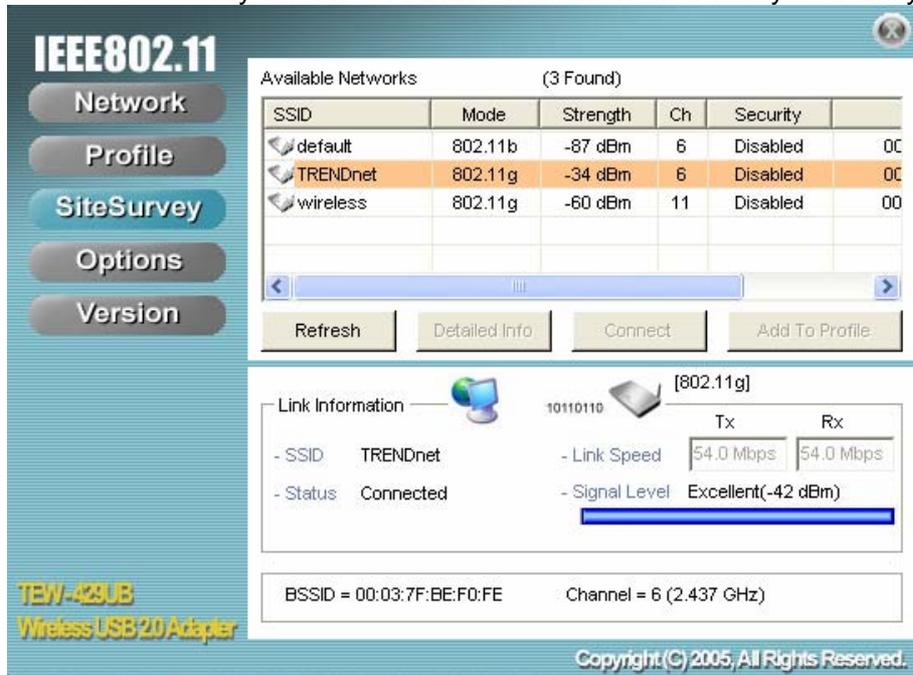
## PROFILE LIST

The Profile List pane settings are described below.

<b>Name</b>	Shows the name of the profile that you assigned. If only default displays, no profiles have been added.
<b>SSID</b>	Shows the name (usually the equipment vendor's name) assigned to a wireless Wi-Fi network. (The keyword "ANY" means any available network.)
<b>IP Address</b>	Shows the IP address.
<b>Add (button)</b>	Click to add a profile.
<b>Remove (button)</b>	Click to remove the selected profile.
<b>Properties (button)</b>	Click to view properties for the selected profile.
<b>Apply (button)</b>	Click to apply changes after modifying settings.
<b>Up (button)</b>	Use the <b>Up/Down</b> buttons to move the selected network to the top of the list or to the bottom. When in the Network screen, the TEW-429UB attempts to connect to the network at the top of this list first.
<b>Down (button)</b>	

# The SiteSurvey Screen

Use the SiteSurvey screen to scan for available networks in your vicinity.



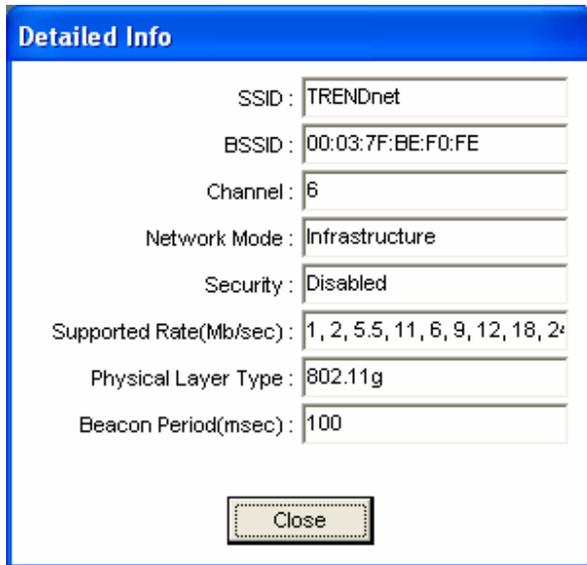
## AVAILABLE NETWORKS

The Available Networks pane settings are described below.

<b>SSID</b>	Shows the name (usually the equipment vendor's name) assigned to a wireless Wi-Fi network.
<b>Mode</b>	Shows the signal type (802.11b/g).
<b>Strength</b>	Shows the signal strength.
<b>Ch</b>	Shows the network channel.
<b>Security</b>	Shows the security status.
<b>Refresh (button)</b>	Click to refresh the list of currently available networks.
<b>Detailed Info (button)</b>	Click to view properties for the selected network. (See Detailed Info. Screen below.)
<b>Connect (button)</b>	Click to connect to the selected network. (The network is not added to the profile list.)
<b>Add To Profile (button)</b>	Click to add the network to the profile list.

## DETAILED INFO. SCREEN

For details about any of the listed access points, select it from the list and click **Detailed Info** to see the following screen. (You can also double-click an access point to view the **Detailed Info** screen.



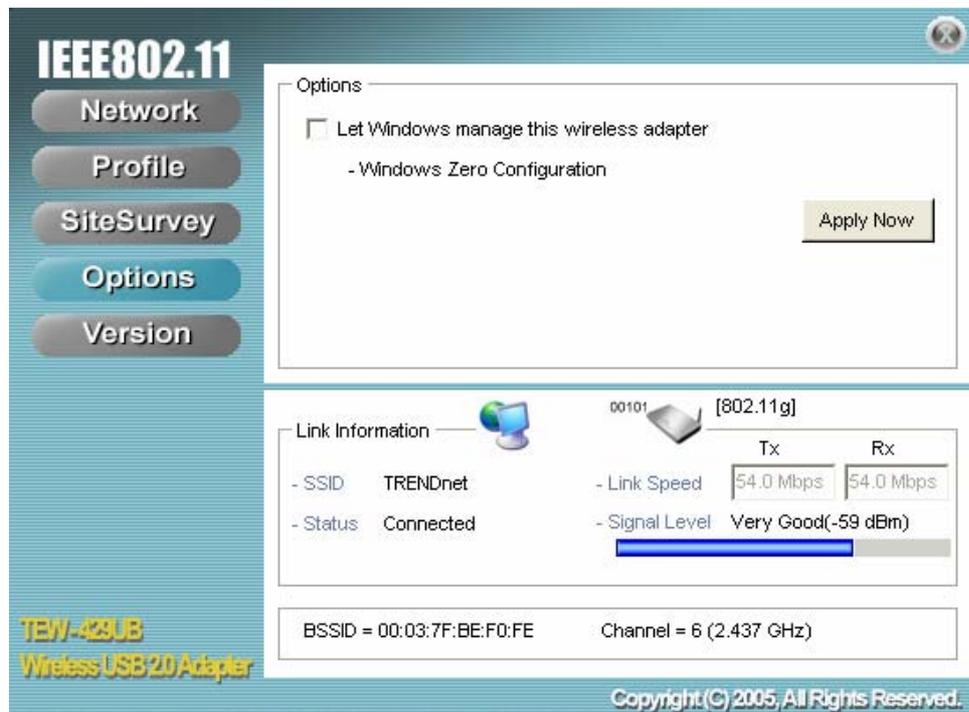
**Detailed Info**

SSID :	TRENDnet
BSSID :	00:03:7F:BE:F0:FE
Channel :	6
Network Mode :	Infrastructure
Security :	Disabled
Supported Rate(Mb/sec) :	1, 2, 5.5, 11, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24
Physical Layer Type :	802.11g
Beacon Period(msec) :	100

Close

## The Options Screen

By default, the Wireless Client Utility configures your wireless settings. Use this screen to disable the Wireless Client Utility.



**IEEE802.11**

- Network
- Profile
- SiteSurvey
- Options**
- Version

Options

Let Windows manage this wireless adapter  
- Windows Zero Configuration

Apply Now

Link Information

- SSID	TRENDnet	- Link Speed	Tx 54.0 Mbps	Rx 54.0 Mbps
- Status	Connected	- Signal Level	Very Good(-59 dBm)	

BSSID = 00:03:7F:BE:F0:FE    Channel = 6 (2.437 GHz)

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## OPTIONS

The Options pane settings are described below.

<b>Let Windows manage this wireless adapter (tick box)</b>	When you check the Let Windows manage this wireless adapter check-box, Windows Zero Configuration manages your wireless settings. The Wireless Client Utility still shows the link status of the adapter.
<b>Apply Now (button)</b>	Click to execute the changes.

## The Version Screen

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This screen displays the software and hardware information of the adapter. You cannot make changes to this screen.

The screenshot displays the IEEE802.11 Version screen. On the left, there is a navigation menu with buttons for Network, Profile, SiteSurvey, Options, and Version. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- SW Information:** Package Version: 1.0.0.0, Driver Version: 1.12.0.0, Utility Version: 1.0.0
- HW Information:** Supported Mode: 802.11b/802.11g, MAC Address: 00-00-55-66-66-66, Supported Ch: Ch 1~Ch 11
- Link Information:** Shows a connection to a computer (10110110) and a wireless adapter ([802.11g]). It displays SSID: TRENDnet, Status: Connected, Link Speed: 54.0 Mbps (Tx and Rx), and Signal Level: Excellent(-39 dBm) with a corresponding signal strength bar.
- Bottom Section:** BSSID = 00:03:7F:BE:F0:FE, Channel = 6 (2.437 GHz)

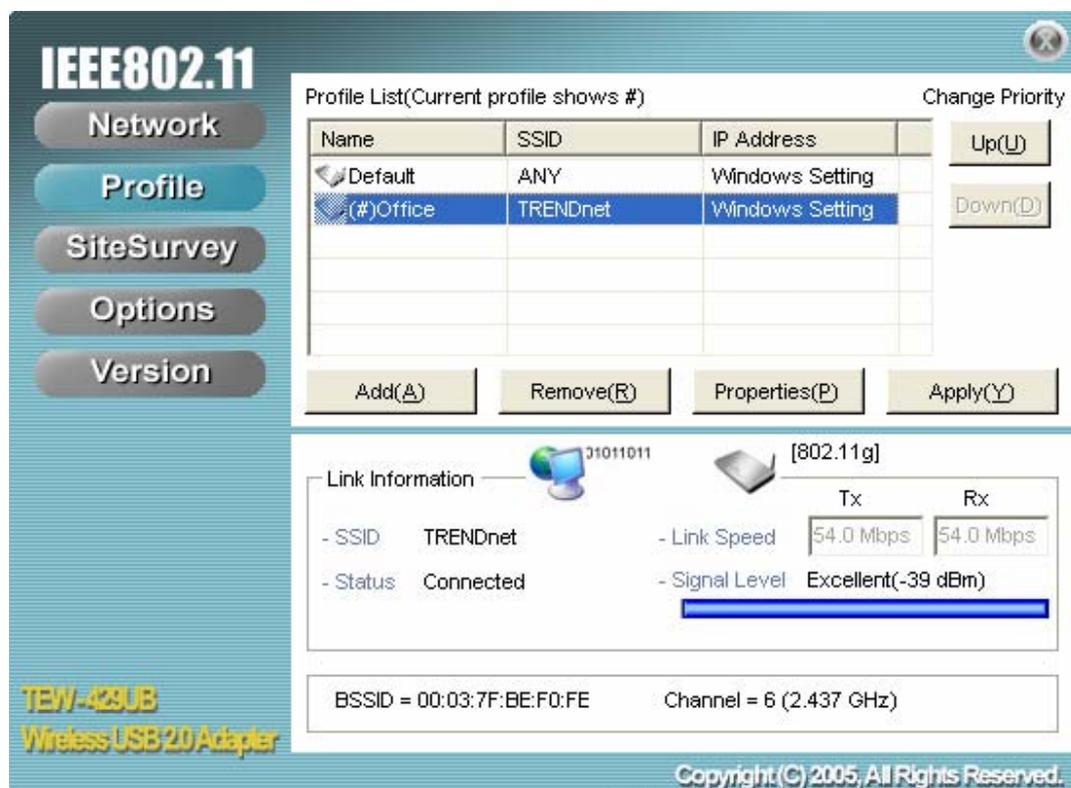
At the bottom left, it identifies the device as TEW-429UB Wireless USB 2.0 Adapter. At the bottom right, it states Copyright (C) 2005, All Rights Reserved.

# Configuring Wireless Security

This chapter covers the configuration of security options in the 802.11 Wireless Client Utility.

## Configuring Security

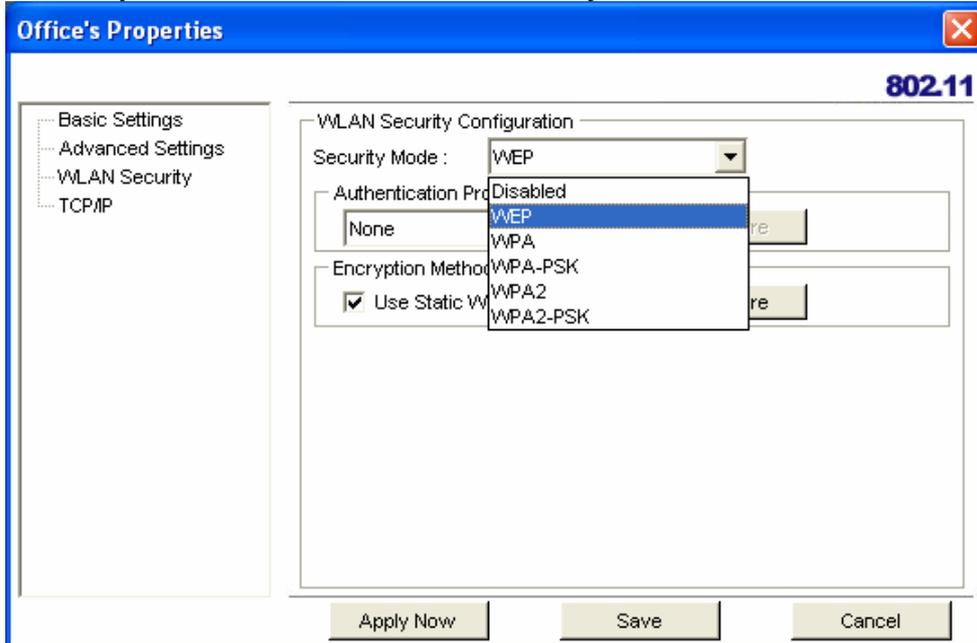
When you create a profile you need to configure the security settings with the information provided by the administrator. You modify security settings by selecting the profile and clicking **Properties**.



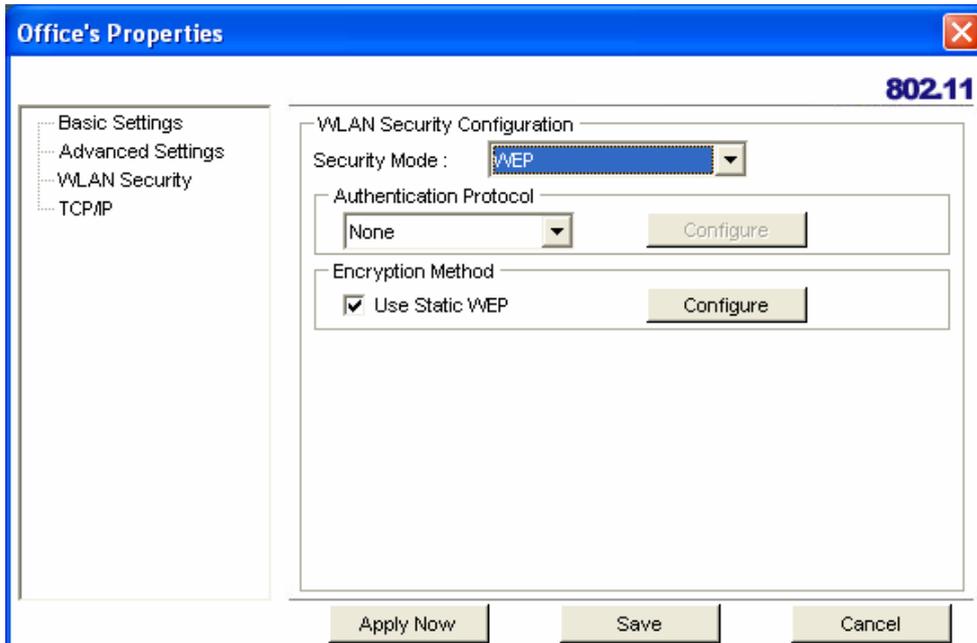
### CONFIGURING WEP

Refer to the following to modify WEP settings.

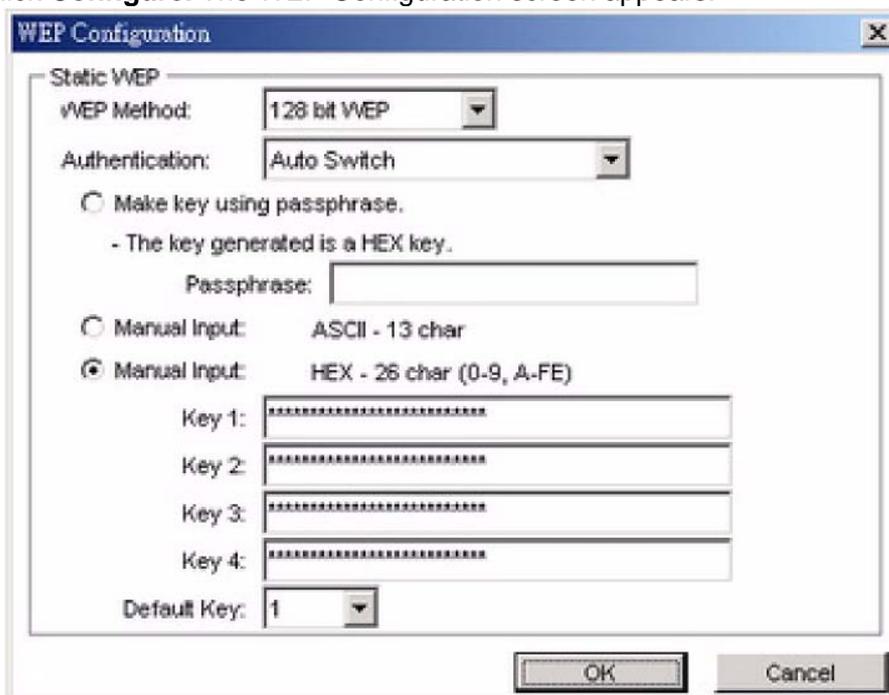
1. In the **Properties** window, click **WLAN Security**.



2. Click the drop-down arrow at **Security Mode** and choose **WEP**.
3. Click the **Use Static WEP** checkbox.



4. Click **Configure**. The WEP Configuration screen appears.



<b>WEP Method</b>	Select the encryption to match your access point: 64, 128, or 256-bit. The encryption level must match the encryption level used by your access point.
<b>Authentication</b>	Options are Auto, Open System, and Shared. For most installations choose Auto.
<b>Make Key using Pass-Phrase</b>	A WEP Key is automatically generated as you type in any PassPhrase of your choice. Use this feature when you have used a PassPhrase to generate your WEP key on your access point.
<b>Manual Input (ASCII)</b>	Generate your own WEP Key (4 keys maximum) using ASCII characters (5 characters for 64-bit, 13 characters for 128-bit)
<b>Manual Input (HEX)</b>	Generate your own WEP Key using hexadecimal characters (10 characters for 64-bit, 26 characters for 128-bit).

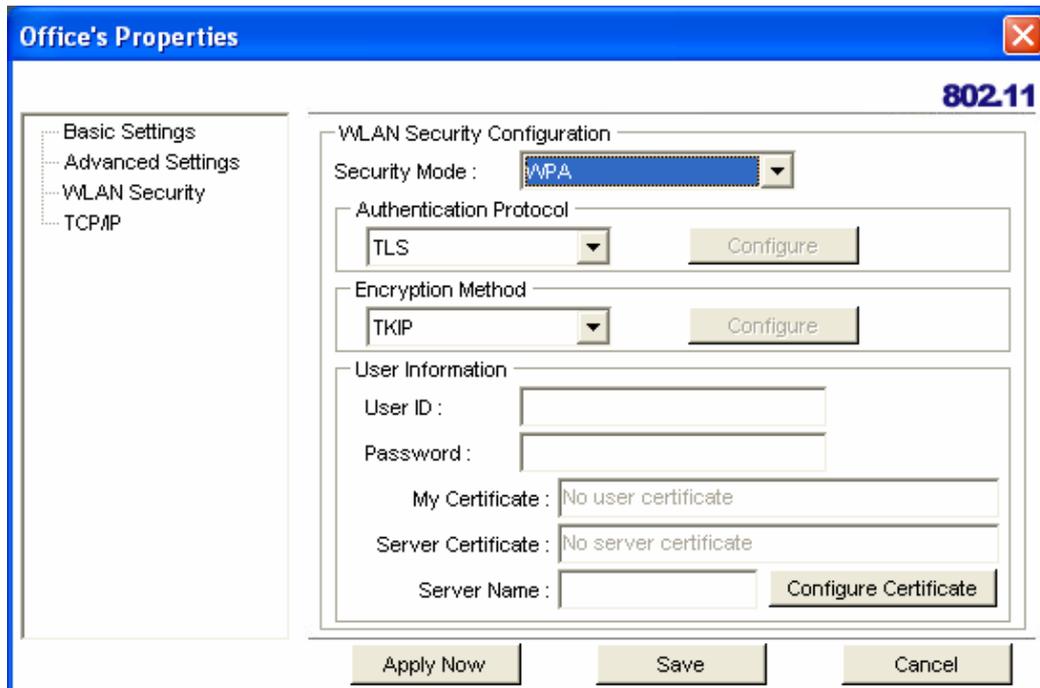
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**Default Key** Four keys are used for decryption; you have to choose a default key from them for encryption.

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### CONFIGURING WPA & WPA2

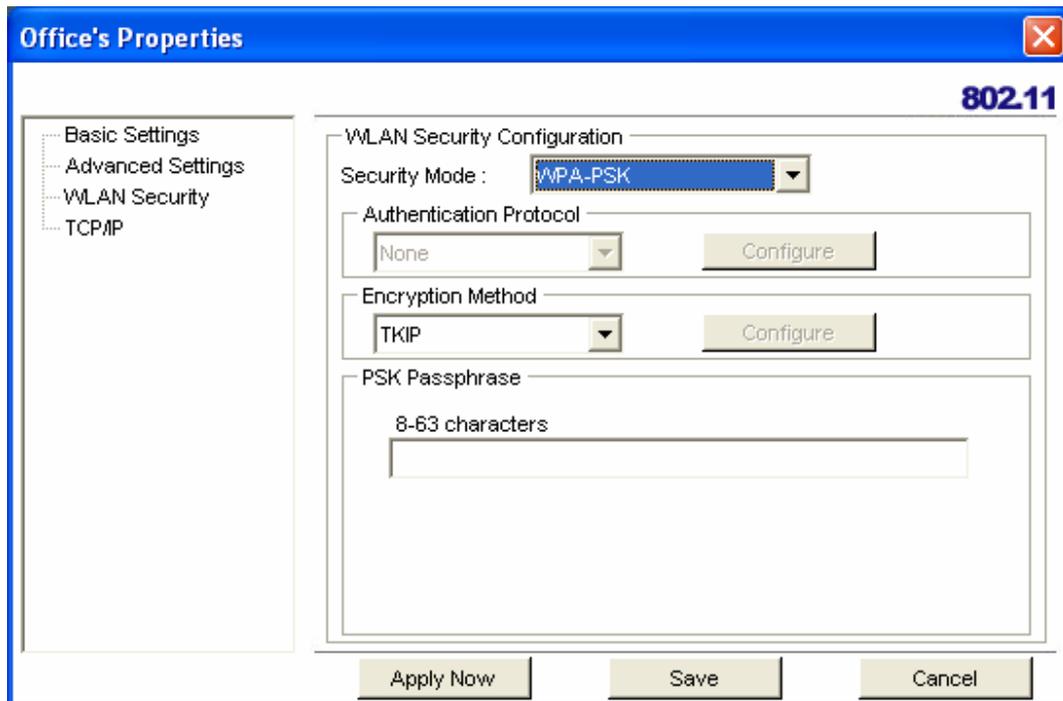
Refer to the following to configure WPA & WPA2.



1. Click the drop-down arrow at **Security Mode** and choose **WPA** or **WPA2**.
  2. Click the drop-down arrow at **Encryption Method** and choose **TKIP** or **AES**.
- To configure 802.1x for WPA or WPA2, see "Configuring 802.1x " on page 33.

### CONFIGURING WPA-PSK & WPA2-PSK (TO BE SUPPORTED)

Refer to the following to configure WPA-PSK & WPA2-PSK.



1. Click the drop-down arrow at **Security Mode** and choose **WPA-PSK** or **WPA2-PSK**.
2. Click the drop-down arrow at **Encryption Method** and choose **TKIP** or **AES**. (Most access points use TKIP for WPA-PSK & WPA2-PSK.)
3. At **PSK Pass Phrase** enter the same pass phrase used to configure the WPA-PSK or WPA2-PSK on your access point.

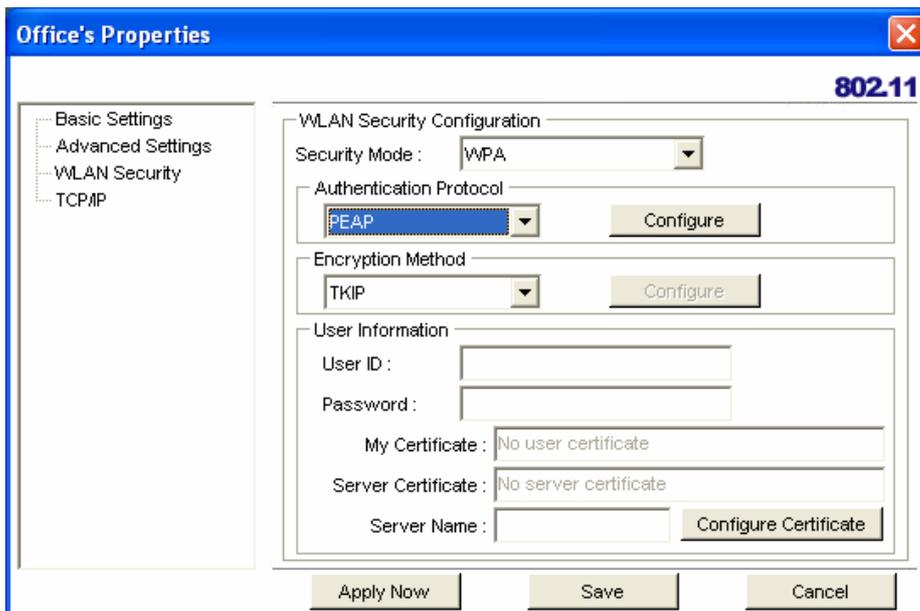
#### **CONFIGURING 802.1 X**

You need to know if your access point supports 802.1x and then apply the configuration here.

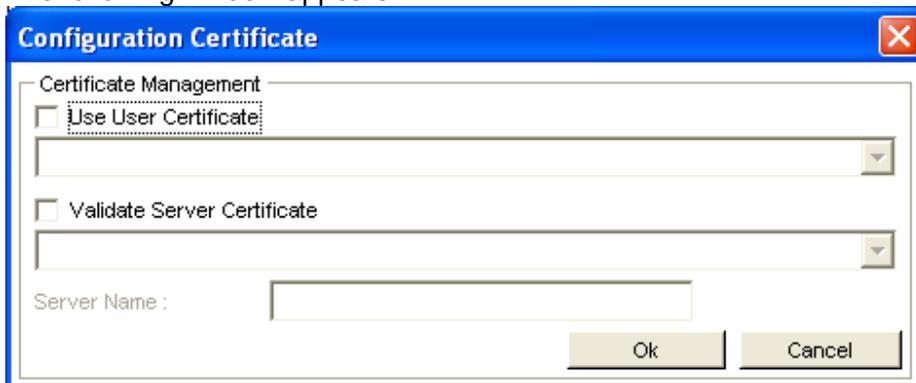
1. Choose the EAP method under **Authentication protocol**.
2. Options for **User Information** depend on the EAP method chosen.

#### **CONFIGURING 802.1 X – PEAP**

Refer to the following to configure PEAP.



1. At **WPA** or **WPA2** security mode, click **Configure** button next to **Authentication Protocol**.
2. Select **Inner PEAP** protocol.
3. Click **Save** to finish and return to the previous screen.
4. Type in a unique **User ID** and **Password** under **User Information**.
5. If your network uses a user server certificate click **Configure Certificate** (see **Note** below).  
The following window appears:



<b>Use user certificate</b>	Check this box if your network requires user certification and then select the certificate from the drop-down menu.
<b>Validate server certificate</b>	Check this box if your network requires user certification and then select the certificate authority from the drop-down menu.
<b>Server name:</b>	Type in the name of the server that is used for 802.1 x authentication.

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**Server name should match exactly**

Check this box if the server name has to exactly match the name in the certificate.

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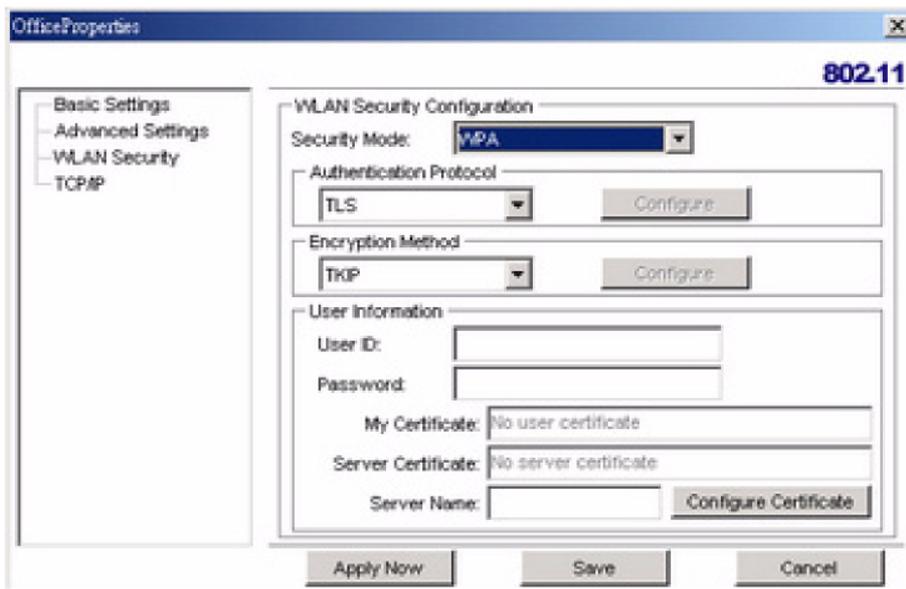
6. Click **OK** to apply the settings.



Server Certificates require a wired connection to the network so you can obtain the certificate(s) from the certificate authority. Your network administrator can provide on certificate management.

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## CONFIGURING 802.1X – PEAP-TLS



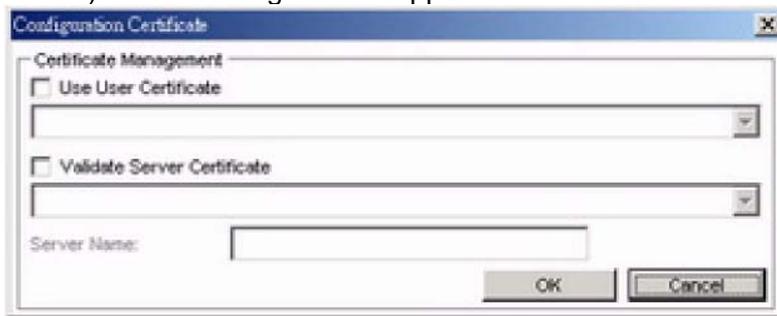
The screenshot shows the 'Office Properties' dialog box with the '802.11' tab selected. The 'WLAN Security Configuration' section is expanded, showing the following settings:

- Security Mode:** WPA (selected)
- Authentication Protocol:** TLS (selected) with a 'Configure' button.
- Encryption Method:** TKIP (selected) with a 'Configure' button.
- User Information:**
  - User ID: [Empty text box]
  - Password: [Empty text box]
  - My Certificate: No user certificate
  - Server Certificate: No server certificate
  - Server Name: [Empty text box] with a 'Configure Certificate' button.

At the bottom of the dialog are three buttons: 'Apply Now', 'Save', and 'Cancel'.

1. At **Security Mode** select **WPA** or **WPA2** from the drop-down menu.
2. At **Authentication Protocol** select **TLS** from the drop-down menu.
3. Click the **Configure** button and select the **Inner TLS** protocol.
4. Type in a unique **User ID** and **Password** under **User Information**.

5. TLS requires both server and user certification. Click **Configure Certificate** (see **Note** below). The following window appears:



<b>Use user certificate</b>	Check this box if your network requires user certification and then select the certificate from the drop-down menu.
<b>Validate server certificate</b>	Check this box if your network requires user certification and then select the certificate authority from the drop-down menu.
<b>Server name:</b>	Type in the name of the server that is used for 802.1 x authentication.
<b>Server name should match exactly</b>	Check this box if the server name has to exactly match the name in the certificate.

6. Click **OK** to apply the settings.



**NOTE**

Server Certificates require a wired connection to the network so you can obtain the certificate(s) from the certificate authority. Your network administrator can provide on certificate management.

# Glossary

For unfamiliar terms used below, look for entries elsewhere in the glossary.

## **AD-HOC (IBSS)**

Ad-hoc mode does not require an AP or a wired network. A network that transmits wireless from computer to computer without the use of a base station (access point).

Two or more wireless stations communicate directly to each other. An ad-hoc network may sometimes be referred to as an Independent Basic Service Set (IBSS).

## **CHANNEL**

A radio frequency used by a wireless device is called a channel.

## **EAP AUTHENTICATION**

EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol) is an authentication protocol that runs on top of the IEEE802.1x transport mechanism in order to support multiple types of user authentication. By using EAP to interact with an EAP-compatible RADIUS server, an access point helps a wireless station and a RADIUS server perform authentication.

## **ENCRYPTION**

The reversible transformation of data from the original to a difficult-to-interpret format. Encryption is a mechanism for protecting confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of data. It uses an encryption algorithm and one or more encryption keys.

## **FRAGMENTATION THRESHOLD**

This is the maximum data fragment size that can be sent before the packet is fragmented into smaller packets.

## **IEEE 802.1X**

The IEEE 802.1x standard outlines enhanced security methods for both the authentication of wireless stations and encryption key management. Authentication can be done using an external RADIUS server.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE (BSS)**

When a number of wireless stations are connected using a single AP, you have a Basic Service Set (BSS).

## **ROAMING**

In an infrastructure network, wireless stations are able to switch from one BSS to another as they move between the coverage areas. During this period, the wireless stations maintain uninterrupted connection to the network. This is roaming. As the wireless station moves from place to place, it is responsible for choosing the most appropriate AP depending on the signal strength, network utilization among other factors.

## **SSID**

The SSID (Service Set Identity) is a unique name shared among all wireless devices in a wireless network. Wireless devices must have the same SSID to communicate with each other.

## **TEMPORAL KEY INTEGRITY PROTOCOL (TKIP)**

Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP) uses 128-bit keys that are dynamically generated and distributed by the authentication server.

## **USER AUTHENTICATION**

WPA applies IEEE 802.1x and Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) to authenticate wireless clients using an external RADIUS database. If you do not have an external RADIUS server, use WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK (WPA -Pre-Shared Key) that only requires a single (identical) password entered into each access point, wireless gateway and wireless client. As long as the passwords match, clients will be granted access to a WLAN.

## **WEP**

WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) encryption scrambles all data packets transmitted between the TEW-429UB and the AP or other wireless stations to keep network communications private. Both the wireless stations and the access points must use the same WEP key for data encryption and decryption.

## **WPA/WPA2**

Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) and WPA2 (future upgrade) is a subset of the IEEE 802.11 i security specification draft. Key differences between WPA and WEP are user authentication and improved data encryption. WPA2 is a wireless security standard that defines stronger encryption, authentication and key management than WPA.

## Maintenance

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Installing a newer version of the Wireless Client Utility may improve the performance of the TEW-429UB. Before installing the new version, you must uninstall the old one.

### CHECKING THE WIRELESS CLIENT UTILITY VERSION

To check the current Wireless Client Utility, open the utility on the Version screen. In the **S/W Information** pane, note the **Utility Version** number.

**IEEE802.11**

Network  
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Version

**S/W Information**  
Package Version : 1.0.0.0  
Driver Version : 1.12.0.0  
Utility Version : 1.0.0

**HW Information**  
Supported Mode : 802.11b/802.11g  
MAC Address : 00-00-55-66-66-66  
Supported Ch : Ch 1~Ch 11

**Link Information** [802.11g]  
- SSID TRENDnet  
- Status Connected  
- Link Speed Tx 54.0 Mbps Rx 54.0 Mbps  
- Signal Level Excellent(-39 dBm)

BSSID = 00:03:7F:BE:F0:FE Channel = 6 (2.437 GHz)

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If you need to contact technical support, you will need to provide the S/W Information. Be sure to check the screen in the utility that is installed on your computer and not the screen shown in this manual.

## UNINSTALLING THE WIRELESS CLIENT UTILITY

Refer to the following to uninstall (remove) the Wireless Client Utility from your computer.

1. Click **Start -> All Programs (Windows 2000 Programs) -> 802.11 Wireless Network Adapter -> Uninstall.**



2. When prompted, click **Yes** to remove the driver and utility software.



3. Click **Finish** to complete the uninstallation.
4. Reboot your computer if prompted.

## UPGRADING THE WIRELESS CLIENT UTILITY

Contact your dealer or technical support for details on downloading the current Wireless Client Utility. Refer to the following to upgrade the Wireless Client Utility.

1. Double-click the Setup.exe file that you downloaded. The installation wizard screen opens.
2. Click **Next** to continue.
3. Click **Next** in the **Choose Destination Location** screen.
4. Click **Install** to begin the installation.
5. Click **Finish** to exit the wizard and complete the installation.

# Troubleshooting

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## PROBLEMS STARTING THE 802.11g WIRELESS CLIENT UTILITY PROGRAM

PROBLEM	CORRECTIVE ACTION
Windows does not auto-detect the WHF-430/230.	Make sure the WHF-430/230 power switch is turned off and properly inserted into the USB port and then restart your computer.
	Perform a hardware scan by clicking <b>Start, Settings, Control Panel</b> and then double-click <b>Add/Remove Hardware</b> . (Steps may vary depending on Windows version). Follow the on-screen instructions to search for the WHF-430/230 (Wireless 802.11 USB Network Adapter) and install the driver.
	Check for possible hardware conflicts. In Windows, click <b>Start, Settings, Control Panel, System, Hardware</b> and then click <b>Device Manager</b> . Verify the status of the WHF-430/230 (Wireless 802.11 USB Network Adapter) under <b>Network Adapter</b> . (Steps may vary depending on the Windows version).
	Install the WHF-430/230 in another computer. If the error persists, there may be a hardware problem. In this case, please contact your local dealer for support.

## PROBLEMS WITH THE LINK STATUS

PROBLEM	CORRECTIVE ACTION
The link quality and/or signal strength is poor all the time from the status bar.	Search and connect to another AP with a better link quality using the <b>Site Survey</b> screen. Change the channel used by your AP. Move your computer closer to the AP or the peer computer(s) within the transmission range. There may be too much radio interference (for example microwave or another AP using the same channel) around your wireless network. Relocate or reduce the radio interference.

## PROBLEMS WITH SECURITY SETTINGS

"Disconnected" (meaning authentication failure) Shown in the Status Bar	Make sure your AP/Router has the same setting as your client adapter and follow AP/Router's security settings.
LED PWR and LINK are on but cannot receive or sending data and connect to network	Make sure your AP/Router has the same setting as your client adapter and follow AP/Router's security settings.

## Problems Communicating With Other Computers

PROBLEM	CORRECTIVE ACTION
The WHF-430/230 computer cannot communicate with the other computer.	Make sure you are connected to the network.

<b>Infrastructure</b>	<p>Make sure that the AP and the associated computers are turned on and working properly.</p> <p>Make sure the WHF-430/230 computer and the associated AP use the same SSID.</p> <p>Change the AP and the associated wireless clients to use another radio channel if interference is high.</p> <p>Make sure that the computer and the AP share the same security option and key. Verify the settings in the <b>Profile Security Settings</b> screen.</p>
<b>Ad-Hoc (IBSS)</b>	<p>Verify that the peer computer(s) is turned on.</p> <p>Make sure the WHF-430/230 computer and the peer computer(s) are using the same SSID and channel.</p> <p>Make sure that the computer and the peer computer(s) share the same security option and key.</p> <p>Change the wireless clients to use another radio channel if interference is high.</p>

## Specifications

### Wi-Fi Radio

	<b>802.11 b</b>	<b>802.11 g</b>	<b>802.11 a</b>
<b>Frequency</b>	2.412~2.484 GHz	2.412~2.484 GHz	4.920~5.825 GHz
<b>Modulation</b>	DBPSK, DQPSK, CCK (DSSS)	OFDM with BPSK, SPSK, 16/64 QAM sub-carrier	OFDM with BPSK, SPSK, 16/64 QAM sub-carrier
<b>Data Rate</b>	11, 5.5, 2, 1 Mbps	54, 48, 36, 24, 18, 12, 9, 6 Mbps	54, 48, 36, 24, 18, 12, 9, 6 Mbps
<b>Output Power (Typical)</b>	18 dBm @ 11 Mbps	15 dBm @ 54 Mbps	13 dBm @ 54 Mbps
<b>Receiving Sensitivity (Typical)</b>	-87 dBm @ 11 Mbps	-72 dBm @ 54 Mbps	-71 dBm @ 54 Mbps

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