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and/or its affiliates in the U.S. and certain other countries. Copyright © 2005 Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved. @@@@Look for the following items when reading this User Guide: This checkmark means there is a note of interest and is something you should pay special attention to while using the Range Expander. This exclamation point means there is a caution or warning and is something that could damage your property or the Range Expander. This question mark provides you with a reminder about something you might need to do while using the Range Expander. In addition to these symbols, there are definitions for technical terms that are presented like this: word: definition. @@@@How does the Range Expander do this? @@@@But what does all of this mean? Networks are useful tools for sharing computer resources.

You can access one printer from different computers and access data located on another computer's hard drive. Networks are even used for playing multiplayer video games. So, networks are not only useful in homes and offices, they can also be fun. PCs equipped with wireless cards and adapters can communicate without cumbersome cables. By sharing the same wireless settings, within their transmission radius, they form a wireless network. While access points and wireless routers bridge wireless networks and wired networks, the Range Expander can then take that signal for networks that use the 802.11b and 802.11g standards and extend it beyond its current range. Use the instructions in this Guide to help you connect the Range Expander, set it up, and configure it to expand the range of your Wireless-G and Wireless-B networks. These instructions should be all you need to get the most out of the Range Expander.

network: a series of computers or devices connected for the purpose of data sharing, storage, and/or transmission between users. access point: a device that allows wireless-equipped computers and other devices to communicate with a wired network. Also used to expand the range of a wireless network. router: a networking device that connects multiple networks together. adapter: a device that adds network functionality to your PC. 802.11b: an IEEE wireless networking standard that specifies a maximum data transfer rate of 11Mbps and an operating frequency of 2.4GHz. 802.11g: an IEEE wireless networking standard that specifies a maximum data transfer rate of 54Mbps, an operating frequency of 2.

4GHz, and backward compatibility with 802.11b devices. Chapter 1: Introduction Welcome 1 Wireless-G Range Expander What's in this User Guide? This user guide covers the steps for setting up and using the Wireless-G Range Expander. · Chapter 1: Introduction This chapter describes the Range Expander's applications and this User Guide. · Chapter 2: Planning Your Wireless Network This chapter discusses a few of the basics about wireless networking. · Chapter 3: Getting to Know the Wireless-G Range Expander This chapter describes the physical features of the Range Expander. · Chapter 4: Connecting the Wireless-G Range Expander This chapter describes the steps for connecting the Range Expander to your wired or wireless network. · Chapter 5: Setting up the Wireless-G Range Expander This chapter instructs you on how to use the Range Expander's Setup Wizard and configure the Range Expander. · Chapter 6: Configuring the Wireless-G Range Expander This chapter shows you how to configure the Range Expander using the Web Utility. · Appendix A: Troubleshooting This appendix describes some potential problems and solutions, as well as frequently asked questions, regarding installation and use of the Range Expander.

· Appendix B: Wireless Security This appendix discusses security issues regarding wireless networking and measures you can take to help protect your wireless network. · Appendix C: Windows Help This appendix describes how you can use Windows Help for instructions about networking, such as installing the TCP/IP protocol. · Appendix D: Glossary This appendix gives a brief glossary of terms frequently used in networking. · Appendix E: Specifications This appendix provides the Range Expander's technical specifications. Chapter 1: Introduction What's in this User Guide? 2 Wireless-G Range Expander · Appendix F: Warranty Information This appendix supplies the Range Expander's warranty information.

· Appendix G: Regulatory Information This appendix supplies the Range Expander's regulatory information. · Appendix H: Contact Information This appendix provides contact information for a variety of Linksys resources, including Technical Support. Chapter 1: Introduction What's in this User Guide? 3 Wireless-G Range Expander Chapter 2: Planning Your Wireless Network Network Topology A wireless network is a group of computers, each equipped with one wireless adapter. Computers in a wireless network must be configured to share the same radio channel. Several PCs equipped with wireless cards or adapters can communicate with one another to form an ad-hoc network.

Linksys wireless adapters also provide users access to a wired network when using an access point or wireless router. An integrated wireless and wired network is called an infrastructure network. Each wireless PC in an infrastructure network can talk to any computer in a wired network infrastructure via the access point or wireless router. An infrastructure configuration extends the accessibility of a wireless PC to a wired network, and can double the effective wireless transmission range for two wireless adapter PCs. Since an access point is able to forward data within a network, the effective transmission range in an infrastructure network can be doubled. ad-hoc: a group of wireless devices communicating directly with each other (peer-to-peer) without the use of an access point. infrastructure: a wireless network that is bridged to a wired network via an access point. Roaming Infrastructure mode also supports roaming capabilities for mobile users. Roaming means that you can move your wireless PC within your network and the access points will pick up the wireless PC's signal, providing that they both share the same channel and SSID. Should you consider roaming, choose a feasible radio channel and optimum access point position.

Proper access point positioning combined with a clear radio signal will greatly enhance performance. roaming: the ability to take a wireless device from one access point's range to another without losing the connection. SSID: your wireless network's name. Chapter 2: Planning Your Wireless Network Network Topology 4 Wireless-G Range Expander Network Layout Linksys Wireless-B and Wireless-G access points and routers have been designed for use with 802.11b and 802.11g products. Products using the 802.11g and 802.11b standards can communicate with each other. Access points and wireless routers are compatible with 802.



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11g and 802.11b adapters, such as the Notebook Adapters for your laptop computers, PCI Adapters for your desktop PCs, and USB Adapters for when you want to enjoy USB connectivity. Wireless products will also communicate with the wireless PrintServer. When you wish to connect your wired network with your wireless network, network ports on access points and wireless routers can be connected to any of Linksys's switches or routers. With these, and many other, Linksys products, your networking options are limitless.

Go to the Linksys website at www.linksys.com for more information about wireless products. Chapter 2: Planning Your Wireless Network Network Layout 5 Wireless-G Range Expander Chapter 3: Getting to Know the Wireless-G Range Expander The Front Panel The Range Expander's adjustable antenna, LEDs, and Ethernet network port are located on the front panel. Antenna Make sure the antenna is positioned straight up into the air, no matter how the Range Expander is positioned.

LEDs LINK Blue/Red. The LINK LED lights up when the Range Expander is powered on. This LED will light up blue when the Range Expander has connected to an access point or wireless router. It will light up red when the Range Expander is not connect to any access point or wireless router. Blue. The ACTIVITY LED lights up when the Range Expander is powered on. It will flash when there is wireless network activity. ACTIVITY Ethernet Network Port The Ethernet network port is located underneath the lid below the Range Expander's LEDs. This port is used if you conn recommends that you have the Range Expander in the same room as your access point or wireless router during setup. Connect the appropriate power plate and connect it to a power outlet, preferably a surge protector.

Proceed to "Chapter 5: Setting Up the Wireless-G Range Expander." Connection for Auto Configuration Linksys recommends that you have the Range Expander in the same room as your access point or wireless router during setup. 1. Connect the appropriate power plate and connect it to a power outlet, preferably a surge protector. 2. Press the Range Expander's Auto configuration button for five seconds. The Range Expander will then automatically detect your wirgs Manually Chapter 5: Setting Up the Wireless-G Range Expander Running the Setup Wizard 11 Wireless-G Range Expander 6. If security is disabled, then proceed to step 7. If security is enabled, the appropriate Security Settings screen will appear. Enter the WEP or WPA settings. Then click Next to continue or Exit to exit the Setup Wizard. WEP On the WEP Security Settings screen, select the level of WEP encryption, WEP (64-bits) or WEP (128-Bits). Then enter the passphrase or the WEP key. The passphrase can consist of no more than 16 alphanumeric characters. If you enter the WEP key in the Key 1 field, it must have 10 hexadecimal characters for 64-bit encryption or 26 hexadecimal characters for 128-bit encryption. Hexadecimal characters are the letters "A" through "F" and the numbers "0" through "9". All devices in your wireless network must use the same WEP key. wep: a method of encrypting network data transmitted on a wireless network for greater security. wpa: a wireless security protocol using TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol) encryption, which can be used in conjunction with a RADIUS server. Figure 5-7: WEP Security Settings WPA On the WPA Security Settings screen, enter the passphrase or pre-shared key in the Passphrase field. The passphrase or pre-shared key must have between 8 to 63 characters in length. Figure 5-8: WPA Security Settings Chapter 5: Setting Up the Wireless-G Range Expander Running the Setup Wizard 12 Wireless-G Range Expander 7. Now that the Setup Wizard has found an access point or wireless router with which to communicate, it will now search for the Range Expander. Select the one you want. Then, click Yes to continue, or click No to return to the Welcome screen of the Setup Wizard. Figure 5-9: Choose the Range Expander 8. You will be asked to enter its password. Enter the default password, admin. Then, click Enter to continue. To exit this Setup Wizard, click Exit.

Figure 5-10: Enter the Password Chapter 5: Setting Up the Wireless-G Range Expander Running the Setup Wizard 13 Wireless-G Range Expander 9. The Configure Network Address Settings screen will appear. Enter an IP Address and appropriate Subnet Mask for the Range Expander. Then enter the IP Address of your network gateway, as well as a descriptive name for the Range Expander. Then, click Next to continue or Back to return to the previous screen. · IP Address. This IP address must be unique to your network. (The default IP address is 192.168.1.240.) If you are not sure about what to do, keep the default IP address. · Subnet Mask. The Range Expander's Subnet Mask must be the same as your network's Subnet Mask. · Gateway.

This IP address should be the IP address of the gateway device that permits communication between the Internet and the local network (this is usually your network router). If you are not sure about what to enter, keep the default Gateway IP address. · Expander Name. You can assign the Range Expander any name up to 32 characters in length, such as its location (garage, downstairs, living room). Figure 5-11: Configure Network Address Settings ip address: the address used to identify a computer or device on a network.

subnet mask: an address code that determines the size of the network. gateway: a device that interconnects networks with different, incompatible communications protocols. 10. If you have the WRE54G v2, proceed to step 11. If you have the WRE54G v1, enter the MAC address of your access point or wireless router. You can find the MAC address on a label located on the bottom panel of the access point or wireless router. Then, click Next to continue or Back to return to the previous screen. Figure 5-12: MAC Address of Access Point or Wireless Router (WRE54G v1 Only) mac address: the unique address that a manufacturer assigns to each networking device. Chapter 5: Setting Up the Wireless-G Range Expander Running the Setup Wizard 14 Wireless-G Range Expander 11. You should now review the settings you've chosen.

If these settings are correct, click Yes to save these settings. If you wish to change any of the settings, click No. You will exit the Setup Wizard and can start it again to change your settings. Figure 5-13: Confirmation Screen 12. The configuration performed with the Setup Wizard is complete. Click Online Registration to register the Range Expander, or click Exit to exit the Setup Wizard. To configure another Range Expander in your network, run this Setup Wizard again. Proceed to the next section, "Moving the Range Expander." Figure 5-14: Congratulations Screen Chapter 5: Setting Up the Wireless-G Range Expander Running the Setup Wizard 15 Wireless-G Range Expander Moving the Range Expander 1.



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If necessary, disconnect the Ethernet network cable from your network router and the Range Expander.

2. *Unplug the power plate from the power outlet. 3. Locate an optimum location for the Range Expander. The best placement is usually at the edge of your wireless network.*

4. *Fix the direction of the antenna. Try to place it in a position that will best cover your wireless network. Normally, the higher you place the Range Expander's antenna, the better the performance will be. Proper positioning of the antenna can enhance its receiving sensitivity.*

5. *Connect the power plate to a power outlet, preferably a surge protector. Congratulations! The installation of the Wireless-G Range Expander is complete.*

If you want to make any advanced configuration changes, proceed to "Chapter 6: Configuring the Wireless-G Range Expander." Figure 5-16: Using the Power Plate with Plug Figure 5-15: Using the Power Plate with Cord Chapter 5: Setting Up the Wireless-G Range Expander Moving the Range Expander 16 Wireless-G Range Expander Chapter 6: Configuring the Wireless-G Range Expander Overview The Range Expander has been designed to be functional right out of the box, setting it up with the Auto configuration button or the Setup Wizard. However, if you'd like to change these settings, the Range Expander can be configured through your web browser and Web-based Utility. This chapter describes the Web-based Utility and its different features. Note: The Range

Expander is designed to function properly after using the Auto configuration button or Setup Wizard. This chapter is provided solely for those who wish to perform more advanced configuration or monitoring. browser: an application program that provides a way to look at and interact with all the information on the World Wide Web.

Accessing the Web-based Utility Open your web browser and enter the IP address you entered in the Setup Wizard. (If you kept the Range Expander's default IP address or used the Auto configuration button, the default IP address is 192.168.1.240.) Press the Enter key and the login screen will appear. Leave the User Name field blank. The first time you open the Web-based Utility, enter the default password admin. You can set a new password from the Password tab. Figure 6-1: Login Screen Chapter 5: Configuring the Wireless-G Range Expander Overview 17 Wireless-G Range Expander The Setup Tab Basic Setup The first screen that appears displays the Basic Setup screen.

This allows you to change the Range Expander's general settings. Change these settings as described here and click Save Settings to apply your changes, or click Cancel Changes to cancel your changes. If you require more information, click Help. · Firmware. This will display the Range Expander's current firmware version.

Firmware can be upgraded from the Help tab. · Name. You may assign any name to the Range Expander. Unique, memorable names are helpful, especially if you are employing multiple Range Expanders on the same network. Verify this is the name you wish to use and click Save Settings to set it.

Wireless The selections under this heading allow you to configure the Range Expander's connection to your wireless network. · IP Address. The IP address must be unique to your network. We suggest you use the default IP address of 192.168.1.240. · Subnet Mask. The Subnet Mask must be the same as that set on your wireless network. · Gateway.

If you have assigned a static IP address to the access point, then enter the IP address of your network's Gateway (usually your network router) in the Gateway field. · Mode. Select Mixed and both Wireless-G and Wireless-B computers will be allowed on the network, but the speed will be reduced. Select G-Only for maximum speed if your network only has Wireless-G products. The final selection, B-Only, allows only Wireless-B products on the network. · SSID. The SSID is the name shared among all devices in a wireless network. It is case-sensitive and must not exceed 32 alphanumeric characters, which may be any keyboard character. Make sure this setting is the same for all devices in your wireless network. For added security, you should change the SSID from the default name, linksys, to a unique name.

· SSID Broadcast. This allows the SSID to be broadcast on your network. You may want to enable this function while configuring your network, but make sure that you disable it when you are finished. With this enabled, someone could easily obtain the SSID information with site survey software and gain unauthorized access to Figure 6-2: Setup Tab - Basic Setup firmware: the programming code that runs a networking device Chapter 5: Configuring the Wireless-G Range Expander The Setup Tab 18 Wireless-G Range Expander your network. Click Enable to broadcast the SSID to all wireless devices in range.

Click Disable to increase network security and prevent the SSID from being seen during a site survey. · Channel. Select the appropriate channel from the list provided to correspond with your network settings. All devices in your wireless network must use the same channel to function correctly. · Wireless Security. To disable wireless security, select the Disable radio button. To enable wireless security, select the Enable radio button. Then to change the security settings to match your network, click the Edit Security Settings button. A new window will appear. Configure the appropriate WEP or WPA settings. WPA Security Mode. If your network uses WPA security, then select WPA Pre-Shared Key. WPA Algorithm. TKIP is automatically selected. WPA Shared Key.

Enter the pre-shared key (also called passphrase) for your network. It must have between 8 to 63 characters in length. Group Key Renewal. You can specify how often you want the dynamic encryption keys to change. Enter the number of seconds in the field provided. Click the Save Settings button to save these changes, or click the Cancel Changes button to undo your changes. If you require more information, click Help. WEP Security Mode. If your network uses WPA security, then select WEP. Default Transmit Key.

Select the key you want to use as the Range Expander's default WEP key. WEP Encryption. Select the level of WEP encryption you wish to use, 64-bit 10 hex digits or 128-bit 26 hex digits. Higher encryption levels offer higher levels of security, but due to the complexity of the encryption, they may decrease network performance. Passphrase.

Instead of manually entering WEP keys, you can enter a Passphrase. This Passphrase is used to generate one or more WEP keys. It is case-sensitive and should not have more than 16 alphanumeric characters. (This Passphrase function is compatible with Linksys wireless products only. If you want to communicate with non-Linksys wireless products, enter the WEP key manually on the non-Linksys wireless products.

) After you enter the Passphrase, click the Generate button to create WEP keys. Chapter 5: Configuring the Wireless-G Range Expander The Setup Tab Figure 6-3: WPA Security Figure 6-4: WEP Security encryption: encoding data transmitted in a network passphrase: used much like a password, a passphrase simplifies the WEP encryption process by automatically generating the WEP encryption keys for Linksys products.



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19 Wireless-G Range Expander Keys 1-4. WEP keys enable you to create an encryption scheme for wireless transmissions. If you are not using a Passphrase, then manually enter a set of values. (Do not leave a key field blank, and do not enter all zeroes. These are not valid key values.) If you are using 64-bit WEP encryption, then the key must be exactly 10 hexadecimal characters in length. If you are using 128-bit WEP encryption, then the key must be exactly 26 hexadecimal characters in length. Valid hexadecimal characters are "0"- "9" and "A"- "F".

For each WEP key, select the authentication method you want to use, Open key or Shared key. For Open key authentication, the sender and recipient do not share a WEP key for authentication. For Shared key authentication, both the sender and recipient share a WEP key for authentication. Click the Save Settings button to save these changes, or click the Cancel Changes button to undo your changes. If you require more information, click Help. When you have finished making your changes on the Basic Setup screen, click the Save Settings button to save these changes, or click the Cancel Changes button to undo your changes. If you require additional information, click the Help button. Chapter 5: Configuring the Wireless-G Range Expander The Setup Tab 20 Wireless-G Range Expander Password The Password screen allows you to change the Range Expander's password or restore factory defaults. You can also back up or restore the Range Expander's configuration file. · Password.

This password protects access to the Web-based Utility. Enter the new password in the Password field. Then enter it again in the next field to confirm it. · Restore Factory Defaults. To restore the Range Expander's factory default settings, click the Yes radio button. Then, click the Save Settings button. Otherwise, keep the default, No. · Backup/Restore Setting. To back up the configuration file of the Range Expander, click the Backup button. The File Download screen will appear.

Click the Save button and follow the on-screen instructions to back up the file on your PC. To restore the back-up configuration file, click the Restore button and follow the on-screen instructions. Click the Save Settings button to apply your changes, or click the Cancel Changes button to cancel your changes. If you require additional information, click the Help button. IMPORTANT: Restoring the Range Expander's factory default settings will erase all of your Wireless and WEP settings, and replace them with the factory defaults. Do not reset the Range Expander if you want to retain these settings. download: to receive a file transmitted over a network Figure 6-5: Setup Tab - Password Figure 6-6: File Download Chapter 5: Configuring the Wireless-G Range Expander The Setup Tab 21 Wireless-G Range Expander Help The Help screen offers a variety of resources. If you want help information about the Setup and Password tabs in this Web-based Utility, click the Help tab. You can also access the Linksys website, online User Guide for the Range Expander, or the Adobe website (to download the free Adobe Reader program). You can also upgrade the Range Expander's firmware using this screen.

@@Linksys Website. @@@@For an online user guide in PDF format, click this link. @@@@@Adobe Website. @@@@@@@@Loading new firmware does not always enhance the speed or quality of your Internet connection. To upgrade the Range Expander's firmware: 1. @2. Download the firmware upgrade file, and extract it on your computer. 3. Click the Upgrade Firmware button on the Help screen. 4. @5. Click the Upgrade button, and follow the on-screen instructions. If you want to cancel the firmware upgrade, click the Cancel button. If you need more information, click the Help button. @@Read the description below to solve your problems.

@@@@@@@@@ · Disconnect the Range Expander's power for 30 seconds. Then, connect the power again. @@@@2. The Setup Wizard does not detect the Range Expander. Go through this checklist: @@@@ · Disconnect the Range Expander's power for 30 seconds.

@@@@@@@@@Yes, as long as the game supports multiple players over a network. @@It is one of the IEEE standards for wireless networks. @@@@What is the IEEE 802.11g standard? It is one of the IEEE standards for wireless networks. @@@@What IEEE 802.11b features are supported? @@The product supports the following IEEE 802.11g functions: · CSMA/CA plus Acknowledge protocol · OFDM protocol · Multi-Channel Roaming · Automatic Rate Selection · RTS/CTS feature · Fragmentation · Power Management What is Ad-hoc? An Ad-hoc wireless network is a group of computers, each with a wireless adapter, connected as an independent wireless network. An Ad-hoc wireless network is applicable at a departmental scale for a branch or SOHO operation. What is Infrastructure? An integrated wireless and wired network is called an Infrastructure configuration. Infrastructure is applicable to enterprise scale for wireless access to a central database, or wireless application for mobile workers.

Appendix A: Troubleshooting Frequently Asked Questions 24 Wireless-G Range Expander What is Roaming? Roaming is the ability of a portable computer to communicate continuously while it and its user are moving freely throughout an area greater than that covered by a single access point. Before using the roaming function, the user must make sure that the workstation is set to the same channel number used by the access point of the dedicated coverage area. To achieve true seamless connectivity, the wireless network must incorporate a number of different functions. Each node, for example, must always acknowledge receipt of each message. Each node must maintain contact with the wireless network even when not actually transmitting data. Achieving these functions simultaneously requires a dynamic RF networking technology that links nodes. In such a system, the user's end node undertakes a search for the best possible access to the system. First, it evaluates such factors as signal strength and quality, as well as the message load currently being carried in the network. Based on that information, the node next selects the right access point and registers its address. Communications between end node and host computer can then be transmitted up and down the backbone.

As the user moves on, the end node's RF transmitter regularly checks the system to determine whether it is in touch with the original access point or whether it should seek a new one. When a node no longer receives acknowledgment from its original access point, it undertakes a new search. Upon finding a new access point, it then re-registers, and the communication process continues. What is ISM band? The FCC and their counterparts outside of the U.S. have set aside bandwidth for unlicensed use in the ISM (Industrial, Scientific and Medical) band.



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IMPORTANT: Always remember that each device in your wireless network **MUST** use the same encryption method and encryption key or your wireless network will not function properly. Appendix B: Wireless Security Security Threats Facing Wireless Networks 28 Wireless-G Range Expander WPA Pre-Shared Key. If you do not have a RADIUS server, select the type of algorithm, TKIP or AES, enter a password in the Pre-Shared key field of 8-64 characters, and enter a Group Key Renewal period time between 0 and 99,999 seconds, which instructs the Router or other device how often it should change the encryption keys. WPA RADIUS.

WPA used in coordination with a RADIUS server. (This should only be used when a RADIUS server is connected to the Router or other device.) First, select the type of WPA algorithm, TKIP or AES. Enter the RADIUS server's IP Address and port number, along with a key shared between the device and the server. Last, enter a Group Key Renewal period, which instructs the device how often it should change the encryption keys.

RADIUS. WEP used in coordination with a RADIUS server. (This should only be used when a RADIUS server is connected to the Router or other device.) First, enter the RADIUS server's IP Address and port number, along with a key shared between the device and the server. Then, select a WEP key and a level of WEP encryption, and either generate a WEP key through the Passphrase or enter the WEP key manually. Implementing encryption may have a negative impact on your network's performance, but if you are transmitting sensitive data over your network, encryption should be used. These security recommendations should help keep your mind at ease while you are enjoying the most flexible and convenient technology Linksys has to offer. Appendix B: Wireless Security Security Threats Facing Wireless Networks 29 Wireless-G Range Expander Appendix C: Upgrading Firmware The Range Expander's firmware is upgraded through the Web-Utility's Help tab. Follow these instructions: 1. @@2.

Download the firmware upgrade file, and extract it on your computer. 3. Click the Upgrade Firmware button on the Help screen. 4. @@5. Click the Upgrade button, and follow the on-screen instructions. If you want to cancel the firmware upgrade, click the Cancel button. If you need more information, click the Help button. Figure C-1: Upgrade Firmware Appendix C: Upgrading Firmware 30 Wireless-G Range Expander Appendix D: Windows Help Almost all wireless products require Microsoft Windows. Windows is the most used operating system in the world and comes with many features that help make networking easier.

These features can be accessed through Windows Help and are described in this appendix. TCP/IP Before a computer can communicate within a network, TCP/IP must be enabled. TCP/IP is a set of instructions, or protocol, all PCs follow to communicate over a network. This is true for wireless networks as well. Your PCs will not be able to utilize wireless networking without having TCP/IP enabled.

Windows Help provides complete instructions on enabling TCP/IP. Shared Resources If you wish to share printers, folder, or files over your network, Windows Help provides complete instructions on utilizing shared resources. Network Neighborhood/My Network Places Other PCs on your network will appear under Network Neighborhood or My Network Places (depending upon the version of Windows you're running). Windows Help provides complete instructions on adding PCs to your network. Appendix D: Windows Help 31 Wireless-G Range Expander Appendix E: Glossary 802.

11b - A wireless networking standard that specifies a maximum data transfer rate of 11Mbps and an operating frequency of 2.4GHz. 802.11g - A wireless networking standard that specifies a maximum data transfer rate of 54Mbps, an operating frequency of 2.4GHz, and backward compatibility with 802.11b devices. Access Point - A device that allows wireless-equipped computers and other devices to communicate with a wired network. Also used to expand the range of a wireless network. Adapter - A device that adds network functionality to your PC. Ad-hoc - A group of wireless devices communicating directly with each other (peer-to-peer) without the use of an access point.

AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) - A security method that uses symmetric 128-bit block data encryption. Backbone - The part of a network that connects most of the systems and networks together, and handles the most data. Bandwidth - The transmission capacity of a given device or network. Bit - A binary digit. Bridge - A device that connects different networks. Browser - An application program that provides a way to look at and interact with all the information on the World Wide Web. Byte - A unit of data that is usually eight bits long Cable Modem - A device that connects a computer to the cable television network, which in turn connects to the Internet. CSMA/CA (Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Avoidance) - A method of data transfer that is used to prevent data collisions. CTS (Clear To Send) - A signal sent by a wireless device, signifying that it is ready to receive data. Appendix E: Glossary 32 Wireless-G Range Expander Download - To receive a file transmitted over a network.

DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) - An always-on broadband connection over traditional phone lines. DSSS (Direct-Sequence Spread-Spectrum) - Frequency transmission with a redundant bit pattern resulting in a lower probability of information being lost in transit. Dynamic IP Address - A temporary IP address assigned by a DHCP server. Encryption - Encoding data transmitted in a network. Ethernet - A networking protocol that specifies how data is placed on and retrieved from a common transmission medium.

Finger - A program that tells you the name associated with an e-mail address. Firewall - A set of related programs located at a network gateway server that protects the resources of a network from users from other networks. Firmware - The programming code that runs a networking device. Fragmentation - Breaking a packet into smaller units when transmitting over a network medium that cannot support the original size of the packet. Gateway - A device that interconnects networks with different, incompatible communications protocols.

Hardware - The physical aspect of computers, telecommunications, and other information technology devices. HTTP (HyperText Transport Protocol) - The communications protocol used to connect to servers on the World Wide Web. Infrastructure - A wireless network that is bridged to a wired network via an access point. IP (Internet Protocol) - A protocol used to send data over a network. IP Address - The address used to identify a computer or device on a network. ISM band - Radio bandwidth utilized in wireless transmissions. ISP (Internet Service Provider) - A company that provides access to the Internet. LAN - The computers and networking products that make up your local network. Appendix E: Glossary 33 Wireless-G Range Expander MAC (Media Access Control) Address - The unique address that a manufacturer assigns to each networking device.



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Mbps (MegaBits Per Second) - One million bits per second; a unit of measurement for data transmission.

mIRC - An Internet Relay Chat program that runs under Windows. Multicasting - Sending data to a group of destinations at once. Network - A series of computers or devices connected for the purpose of data sharing, storage, and/or transmission between users. Node - A network junction or connection point, typically a computer or work station. Packet - A unit of data sent over a network. Passphrase - Used much like a password, a passphrase simplifies the WEP encryption process by automatically generating the WEP encryption keys for Linksys products. Port - The connection point on a computer or networking device used for plugging in cables or adapters. RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service) - A protocol that uses an authentication server to control network access. RJ-45 (Registered Jack-45) - An Ethernet connector that holds up to eight wires. Roaming - The ability to take a wireless device from one access point's range to another without losing the connection.

Router - A networking device that connects multiple networks together. RTS (Request To Send) - A networking method of coordinating large packets through the RTS Threshold setting. Server - Any computer whose function in a network is to provide user access to files, printing, communications, and other services.

Software - Instructions for the computer. A series of instructions that performs a particular task is called a "program".

SOHO (Small Office/Home Office) - Market segment of professionals who work at home or in small offices. Spread Spectrum - Wideband radio frequency technique used for more reliable and secure data transmission. Appendix E: Glossary 34 Wireless-G Range Expander SSID (Service Set Identifier) - Your wireless network's name. Static IP Address - A fixed address assigned to a computer or device that is connected to a network. Static Routing - Forwarding data in a network via a fixed path.

Subnet Mask - An address code that determines the size of the network. Switch - 1. A data switch that connects computing devices to host computers, allowing a large number of devices to share a limited number of ports. 2. A device for making, breaking, or changing the connections in an electrical circuit. TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) - A network protocol for transmitting data that requires acknowledgement from the recipient of data sent. TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) - A set of instructions PCs use to communicate over a network. Telnet - A user command and TCP/IP protocol used for accessing remote PCs. Throughput - The amount of data moved successfully from one node to another in a given time period. Topology - The physical layout of a network.

TX Rate - Transmission Rate. Upgrade - To replace existing software or firmware with a newer version. Upload - To transmit a file over a network. URL (Uniform Resource Locator) - The address of a file located on the Internet. WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) - A method of encrypting network data transmitted on a wireless network for greater security. WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network) - A group of computers and associated devices that communicate with each other wirelessly. WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access) - a wireless security protocol using TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol) encryption, which can be used in conjunction with a RADIUS server. Appendix E: Glossary 35 Wireless-G Range Expander Appendix F: Specifications Standards Port Buttons LEDs Transmit Power IEEE 802.11g, IEEE 802.11b Ethernet Auto configuration/Mode, Reset Blue/Red-LINK, Blue-ACTIVITY 802.11g: Typ. 13±1 dBm @ Normal Temp Range 802.11b: Typ. 15±1 dBm @ Normal Temp Range Security features WEP key bits Dimensions (W x H x D) Power Certification Operating Temp. Storage Temp. Operating Humidity Storage Humidity WEP 64/128 3.

3V DC 1.5A FCC, CE, UL 0°C to 40°C (32°F to 150°F) 0°C to 70°C (-40°F to 185°F) 10% to 85%, Non-Condensing 5% to 90% Non-Condensing Appendix F: Specifications 36 Wireless-G Range Expander Appendix G: Warranty Information LIMITED WARRANTY Linksys warrants to You that, for a period of three years (the "Warranty Period"), your Linksys Product will be substantially free of defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Your exclusive remedy and Linksys' entire liability under this warranty will be for Linksys at its option to repair or replace the Product or refund Your purchase price less any rebates. This limited warranty extends only to the original purchaser. If the Product proves defective during the Warranty Period call Linksys Technical Support in order to obtain a Return Authorization Number, if applicable. BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR PROOF OF PURCHASE ON HAND WHEN CALLING. If You are requested to return the Product, mark the Return Authorization Number clearly on the outside of the package and include a copy of your original proof of purchase. RETURN REQUESTS CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PROOF OF PURCHASE. You are responsible for shipping defective Products to Linksys. Linksys pays for UPS Ground shipping from Linksys back to You only.

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