



# User Guide

AX3000 Gigabit Wi-Fi 6 Router  
Archer AX55

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# About This Guide

This guide is a complement of Quick Installation Guide. The Quick Installation Guide instructs you on quick internet setup, and this guide provides details of each function and shows you the way to configure these functions appropriate to your needs.

Note: Features available in the router may vary by model and software version. Router availability may also vary by region or ISP. All images, steps, and descriptions in this guide are only examples and may not reflect your actual Router experience.

## Conventions

In this guide the following conventions are used:

Convention	Description
<u>Underlined</u>	Underlined words or phrases are hyperlinks. You can click to redirect to a website or a specific section.
Teal	Contents to be emphasized and texts on the web page are in teal, including the menus, items, buttons, etc.
>	The menu structures to show the path to load the corresponding page. For example, <b>Advanced</b> > <b>Wireless</b> > <b>WDS</b> means the WDS function page is under the Wireless menu that is located in the Advanced tab.
 <b>Note:</b>	Ignoring this type of note might result in a malfunction or damage to the device.
 <b>Tips:</b>	Indicates important information that helps you make better use of your device.
symbols on the web page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Click to edit the corresponding entry.</li><li> Click to delete the corresponding entry.</li><li> click to enable or disable the corresponding entry.</li><li> Click to view more information about items on the page.</li></ul>

## More Info

The latest software, management app and utility can be found at [Download Center](https://www.tp-link.com/support/download/) at <https://www.tp-link.com/support/download/>.

The Quick Installation Guide can be found where you find this guide or inside the package of the router.

Specifications can be found on the product page at <https://www.tp-link.com>.

TP-Link Community is provided for you to discuss our products and share knowledge at <https://community.tp-link.com>.

Our Technical Support contact information can be found at the [Contact Technical Support](https://www.tp-link.com/support/) page at <https://www.tp-link.com/support/>.

\*Maximum wireless signal rates are the physical rates derived from IEEE Standard 802.11 specifications. Actual wireless data throughput and wireless coverage are not guaranteed and will vary as a result of 1) environmental factors, including building materials, physical objects, and obstacles, 2) network conditions, including local interference, volume and density of traffic, product location, network complexity, and network overhead, and 3) client limitations, including rated performance, location, connection, quality, and client condition.

\*Use of Wi-Fi 6 (802.11ax), and features including OFDMA, MU-MIMO, 1024-QAM, and HT160 require clients to also support the corresponding features.

\*Saving clients' battery power requires clients to also support the 802.11ax Wi-Fi standard. Actual power reduction may vary as a result of network conditions, client limitations, and environmental factors.

\*Use of WPA3 requires clients to also support the corresponding feature.

\*This router may not support all the mandatory features as ratified in Draft 3.0 of IEEE 802.11ax specification.

\*Further software upgrades for feature availability may be required.

## Chapter 1

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# Get to Know About Your Router

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This chapter introduces what the router can do and shows its appearance.

It chapter contains the following sections:

- [Product Overview](#)
- [Appearance](#)

## 1.1. Product Overview

TP-Link AX router, with next-generation 802.11ax Wi-Fi Technology, achieves Wi-Fi performance at its ultimate level. The revolutionary combination of OFDMA and 1024QAM improve throughput by 4 times and dramatically increase the whole network capacity and efficiency. It's also backwards compatible with 802.11a/b/g/n/ac.

Moreover, it is simple and convenient to set up and use the TP-Link router due to its intuitive web interface and the powerful Tether app.


## 1.2. Appearance

### 1.2.1. Top Panel








The router's LEDs (view from left to right) are located on the front. You can check the router's working status by following the LED Explanation table.

### LED Explanation

Name	Status	Indication
 (Power)	On	The system has started up successfully.
	Slow Blinking	The system is starting up or the firmware is being upgraded. Do not disconnect or power off your router.
	Quick Blinking	WPS connection is in progress.
	Off	Power is off.




Name	Status	Indication
 (2.4 GHz Wireless)	On	The 2.4 GHz wireless band is enabled.
	Off	The 2.4 GHz wireless band is disabled.
 (5 GHz Wireless)	On	The 5 GHz wireless band is enabled.
	Off	The 5 GHz wireless band is disabled.
 (Internet)	Blue On	Internet service is available.
	Orange On	The router's Internet port is connected, but the internet service is not available.
	Off	The router's Internet port is unplugged.
 (Ethernet)	On	At least one powered-on device is connected to the router's Ethernet port.
	Off	No powered-on device is connected to the router's Ethernet port.
 (USB)	On	The inserted USB device is ready to use.
	Blinking	A USB device is being identified.
	Off	No device is plugged into the USB port.

### 1.2.2. Back Panel



The following parts (view from left to right) are located on the back panel.

## Button and Port Explanation

Item	Description
WPS/Wi-Fi Button	<p>Press this WPS button, and immediately press the WPS button on your client device to start the WPS process. The  LED of the router should change from blinking to solid on, indicating successful WPS connection.</p> <p>Press and hold the Wi-Fi button for more than 2 seconds to turn on or off the wireless function of your router.</p>
Reset Button	Press and hold the button until the Power LED blinks to reset the router to its factory default settings.
USB Port	For connecting a USB storage device to the router.
WAN Port	For connecting to a modem or an Ethernet outlet.
LAN Port (1-4)	For connecting your PC or other wired devices to the router.
Power On/Off Button	Press this button to power on or off the router.
Power Port	For connecting the router to a power socket via the provided power adapter.

## Chapter 2

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# Connect the Hardware

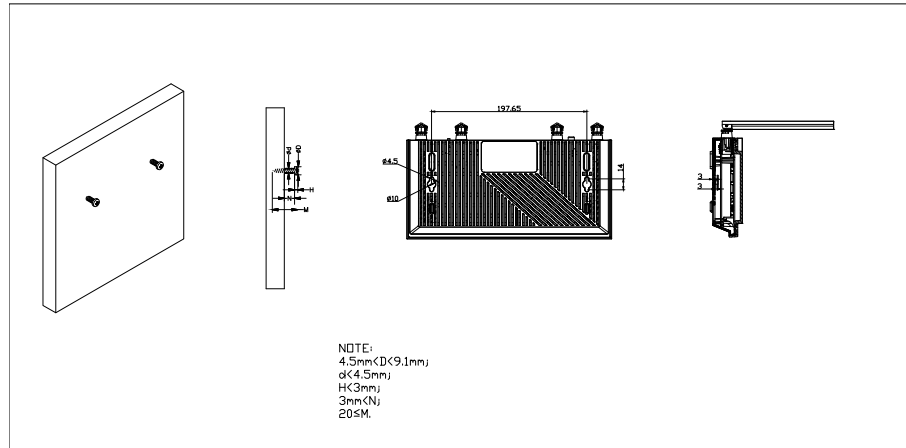
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This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Position Your Router](#)
- [Connect Your Router](#)

## 2.1. Position Your Router

- The product should not be located in a place where it will be exposed to moisture or excessive heat.
- Place the router in a location where it can be connected to multiple devices as well as to a power source.
- Make sure the cables and power cord are safely placed out of the way so they do not create a tripping hazard.
- The router can be placed on a shelf or desktop.
- Keep the router away from devices with strong electromagnetic interference, such as Bluetooth devices, cordless phones and microwaves.
- Generally, the router is placed on a horizontal surface, such as on a shelf or desktop. The device also can be mounted on the wall as shown in the following figure.



### Note:

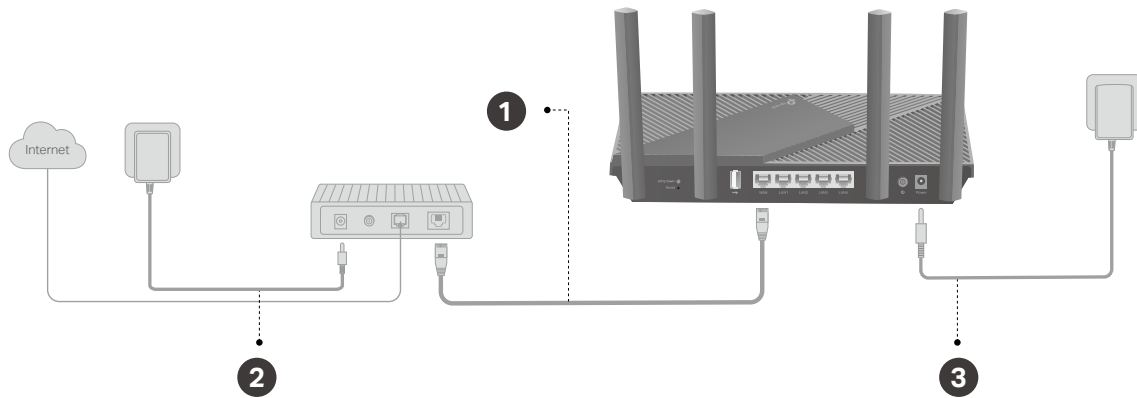
The diameter of the screw head,  $4.5\text{mm} < D < 9.1\text{mm}$ , and the distance of two screws is 197.65mm. The screw that project from the wall need around 5mm based, and the length of the screw need to be at least 20mm to withstand the weight of the product.

## 2.2. Connect Your Router

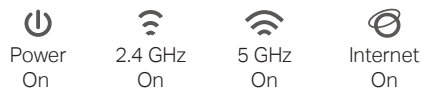
### Before you start:

- 1) Turn off your modem, if any, and remove the backup battery if it has one.
- 2) Place the router horizontally and orient the antennas vertically.

If your internet comes from an Ethernet outlet instead of a DSL / Cable / Satellite modem, connect the router's WAN port to it, then follow steps 3 and 4 to complete the hardware connection.



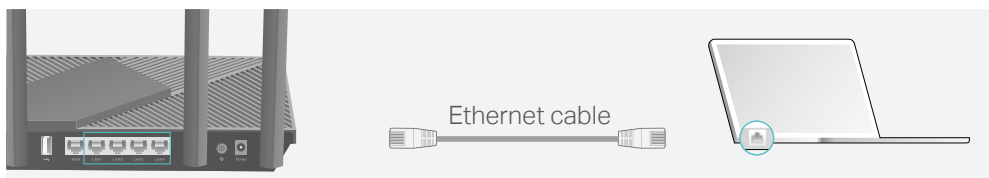
1. Connect the **powered-off modem** to the router's **WAN port** with an Ethernet cable.
2. Turn on the modem, and then wait about **2 minutes** for it to restart.
3. Connect the power adapter to the router and turn on the router.
4. Verify that the hardware connection is correct by checking the following LEDs.



5. Connect your computer to the router.

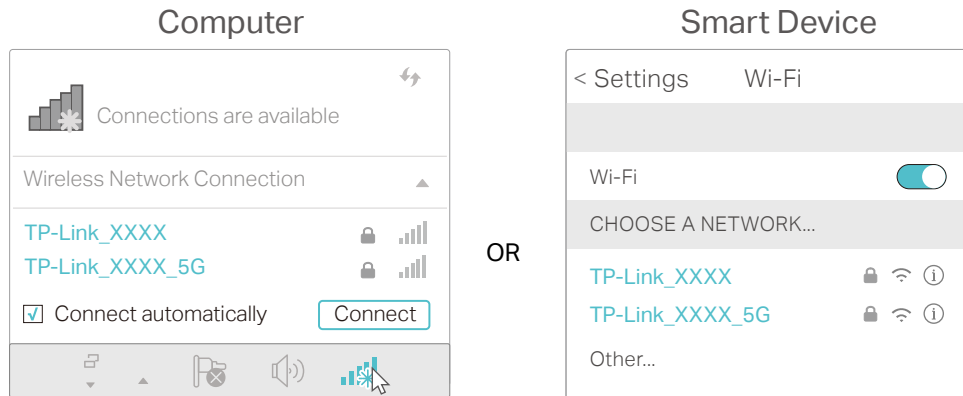
- **Method 1: Wired**

Turn off the Wi-Fi on your computer and connect the devices as shown below.



- **Method 2: Wirelessly**

- 1) Find the SSID (Network Name) and Wireless Password printed on the label at the bottom of the router.
- 2) Click the network icon of your computer or go to Wi-Fi Settings of your smart device, and then select the SSID to join the network.



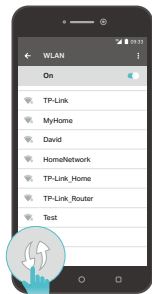
### • Method 3: Use the WPS button

Wireless devices that support WPS, including Android phones, tablets, and most USB network cards, can be connected to your router through this method.

#### Note:

- WPS is not supported by iOS devices.
- The WPS function cannot be configured if the wireless function of the router is disabled. Also, the WPS function will be disabled if your wireless encryption is WEP. Please make sure the wireless function is enabled and is configured with the appropriate encryption before configuring the WPS.

- 1) Tap the WPS icon on the device's screen. Here we take an Android phone for instance.
- 2) Within two minutes, press the WPS/Wi-Fi button on your router.



## Chapter 3

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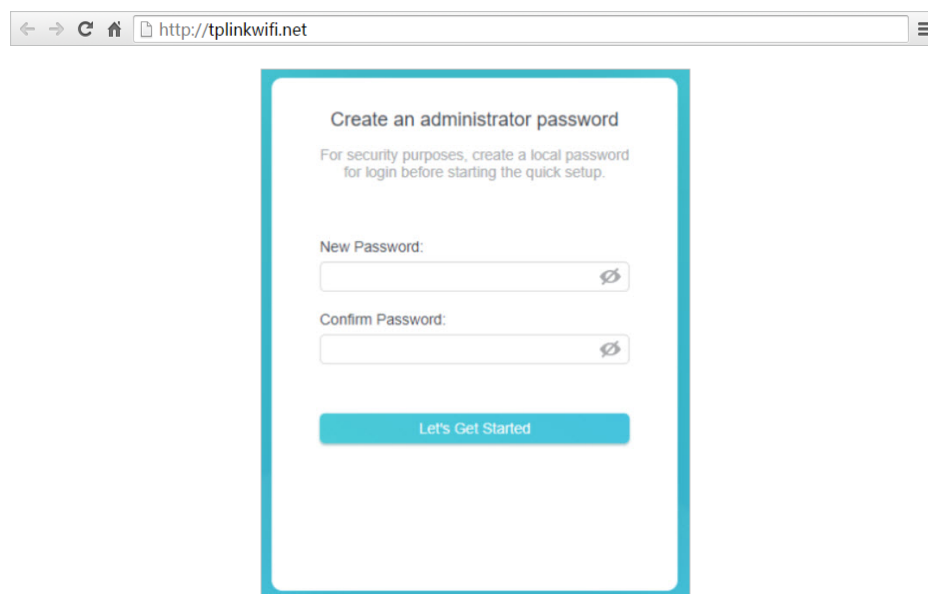
# Log In to Your Router

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With a web-based utility, it is easy to configure and manage the router. The web-based utility can be used on any Windows, Mac OS or UNIX OS with a Web browser, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox or Apple Safari.

Follow the steps below to log in to your router.

1. Set up the TCP/IP Protocol in [Obtain an IP address automatically](#) mode on your computer.
2. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and create a login password for secure management purposes. Then click [Let's Get Started](#) to log in.



The image shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://tplinkwifi.net>. The main content area is a white box with a blue border containing the following text and form elements:

**Create an administrator password**

For security purposes, create a local password for login before starting the quick setup.

New Password:

Confirm Password:

[Let's Get Started](#)

**Note:**

- If the login window does not appear, please refer to the [FAQ](#) Section.



## Chapter 4

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# Set Up Internet Connection

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This chapter introduces how to connect your router to the internet. The router is equipped with a web-based Quick Setup wizard. It has necessary ISP information built in, automates many of the steps and verifies that those steps have been successfully completed. Furthermore, you can also set up an IPv6 connection if your ISP provides IPv6 service.

It contains the following sections:

- [Use Quick Setup Wizard](#)
- [Quick Setup Via TP-Link Tether App](#)
- [Manually Set Up Your Internet Connection](#)
- [Set Up the Router as an Access Point](#)
- [Set Up an IPv6 Internet Connection](#)

## 4.1. Use Quick Setup Wizard

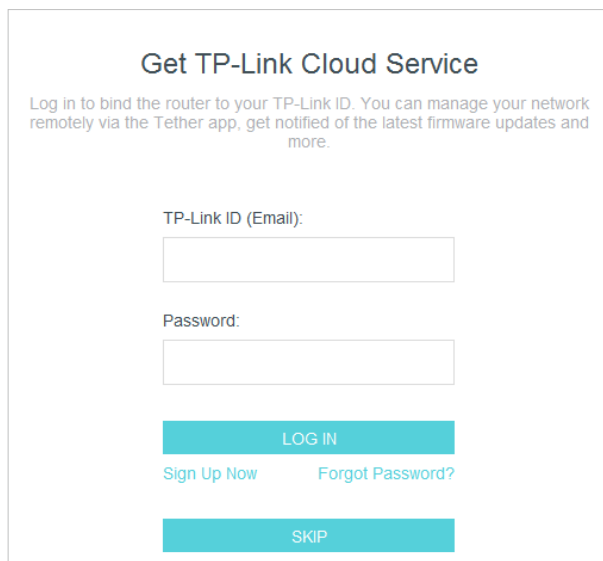
The Quick Setup Wizard will guide you to set up your router.

☞ **Tips:**

If you need the IPv6 internet connection, please refer to the section of [Set Up an IPv6 Internet Connection](#).

Follow the steps below to set up your router.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Follow the step-by-step instructions to complete Quick Setup configuration or go to [Advanced > Quick Setup](#) for configuration to connect your router to the internet. Then follow the step-by-step instructions to connect your router to the internet.
3. To enjoy a more complete service from TP-Link (remote management, TP-Link DDNS, and more.), log in with your TP-Link ID or click [Sign Up Now](#) to get one. Then follow the instructions to bind the cloud router to your TP-Link ID.



**Get TP-Link Cloud Service**

Log in to bind the router to your TP-Link ID. You can manage your network remotely via the Tether app, get notified of the latest firmware updates and more.

TP-Link ID (Email):

Password:

**LOG IN**

[Sign Up Now](#)   [Forgot Password?](#)

**SKIP**

📌 **Note:**

- To learn more about the TP-Link Cloud service, please refer to the [TP-Link Cloud Service](#) section.
- If you do not want to register a TP-Link ID now, you may click [Skip](#) to proceed.
- If you have changed the preset wireless network name (SSID) and wireless password during the Quick Setup process, all your wireless devices must use the new SSID and password to connect to the router.

## 4.2. Quick Setup Via TP-Link Tether App

The Tether app runs on iOS and Android devices, such as smartphones and tablets.

1. Launch the Apple App Store or Google Play store and search “[TP-Link Tether](#)” or simply scan the QR code to download and install the app.



2. Launch the Tether app and log in with your TP-Link ID.

**Note:** If you don't have a TP-Link ID, create one first.

3. Tap the **+** button and select **Router > Wireless Router**. Follow the steps to complete the setup and connect to the internet.
4. Connect your devices to the newly configured wireless networks of the router and enjoy the internet!

### 4.3. Manually Set Up Your Internet Connection

In this part, you can check your current internet connection settings. You can also modify the settings according to the service information provided by your ISP.

Follow the steps below to check or modify your internet connection settings.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Internet**.
3. Select your internet connection type from the drop-down list.

**Internet**

Set up an internet connection with the service information provided by your ISP (internet service provider).


Internet Connection Type:

Select this type if your ISP doesn't provide any information for internet connection.

4. Follow the instructions on the page to continue the configuration. Parameters on the figures are just used for demonstration.
  - 1) If you choose **Dynamic IP**, you need to select whether to clone the MAC address. Dynamic IP users are usually equipped with a cable TV or fiber cable.

**Internet**


Set up an internet connection with the service information provided by your ISP (internet service provider).

Internet Connection Type:  

Select this type if your ISP doesn't provide any information for internet connection.

Set the MAC address of your router. Use the default address unless your ISP allows internet access from only a specific MAC address.


**MAC Clone**

Router MAC Address:  

- 2) If you choose **Static IP**, enter the information provided by your ISP in the corresponding fields.

**Internet**

Set up an internet connection with the service information provided by your ISP (internet service provider).

Internet Connection Type:  

Select this type if your ISP provides specific IP parameters.

IP Address:

Subnet Mask:

Default Gateway:


Primary DNS:

Secondary DNS:  (Optional)

- 3) If you choose **PPPoE**, enter the **username** and **password** provided by your ISP. PPPoE users usually have DSL cable modems.



**Internet**

Set up an internet connection with the service information provided by your ISP (internet service provider).

Internet Connection Type:  

Select this type if your ISP only provides a username and password.

Username:

Password:   

- 4) If you choose **L2TP**, enter the **username** and **password** and choose the **Secondary Connection** provided by your ISP. Different parameters are needed according to the Secondary Connection you have chosen.



### Internet

Set up an internet connection with the service information provided by your ISP (internet service provider).

Internet Connection Type: **L2TP** ▼

Select this type if your ISP provides L2TP VPN server information and an account. Some ISPs also provide specific IP parameters.

Username:

Password:   

Dynamic IP  
 Static IP

VPN Server IP/Domain Name:

- 5) If you choose **PPTP**, enter the **username** and **password**, and choose the **Secondary Connection** provided by your ISP. Different parameters are needed according to the Secondary Connection you have chosen.



### Internet

Set up an internet connection with the service information provided by your ISP (internet service provider).

Internet Connection Type: **PPTP** ▼

Select this type if your ISP provides PPTP VPN server information and an account. Some ISPs also provide specific IP parameters.

Username:

Password:   

Dynamic IP  
 Static IP

VPN Server IP/Domain Name:

5. Click **Save**.

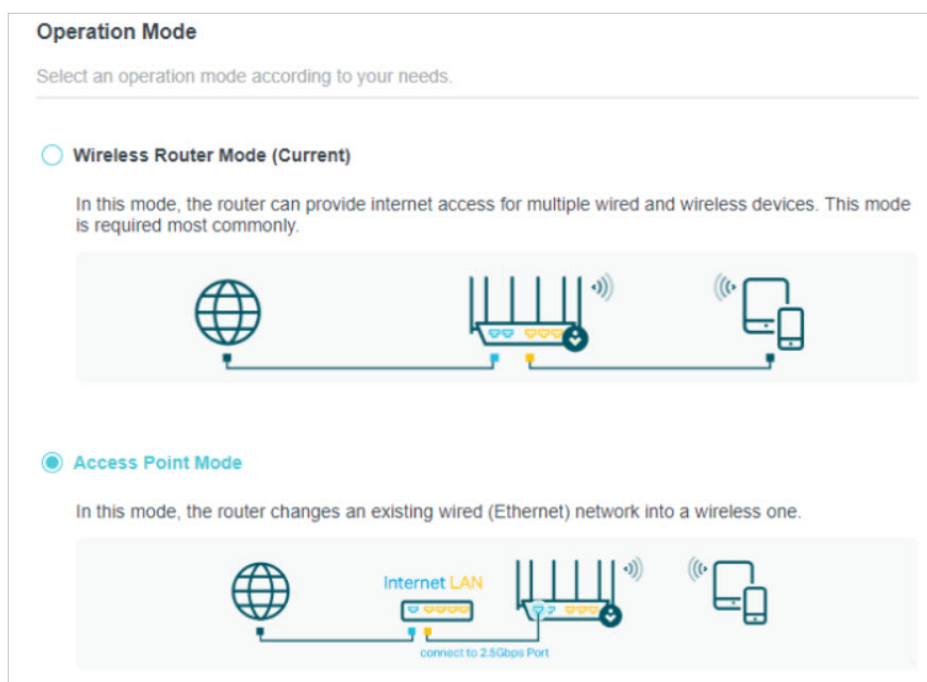
 **Tips:**

- If you use **Dynamic IP** and **PPPoE** and you are provided with any other parameters that are not required on the page, please go to **Advanced > Network > Internet** to complete the configuration.
- If you still cannot access the internet, refer to the **FAQ** section for further instructions.

## 4.4. Set Up the Router as an Access Point

The router can work as an access point, transforming your existing wired network to a wireless one.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System > Operation Mode**, select **Access Point** and click **Save**. The router will reboot and switch to Access Point mode.



3. After rebooting, connect the router to your existing wired router via an Ethernet cable.
4. Log in again to the web management page <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and go to **Advanced > Quick Setup**.
5. Configure your wireless settings and click **Next**.
6. Confirm the information and click **Save**. Now, you can enjoy Wi-Fi.

☞ **Tips:**

- Functions, such as Parental Controls, QoS and NAT Forwarding, are not supported in the Access Point mode.
- Functions, such as Guest Network, are the same as those in the Router mode.

## 4.5. Set Up an IPv6 Internet Connection

Your ISP provides information about one of the following IPv6 internet connection types: PPPoE, Dynamic IP(SLAAC/DHCPv6), Static IP, 6to4 tunnel, Pass-Through (Bridge).

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.

2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [IPv6](#).

3. Enable IPv6 and select the internet connection type provided by your ISP.

**Tips:**

If you do not know what your internet connection type is, contact your ISP or judge according to the already known information provided by your ISP.

4. Fill in information as required by different connection types.

1) [Static IP](#): Fill in blanks and click [Save](#).

The screenshot shows the 'IPv6 Internet' configuration page. At the top, it says 'Set up an IPv6 internet connection using the information provided by your ISP (internet service provider)'. Below this, there is a toggle switch for 'IPv6' which is turned on. Underneath, there is a dropdown menu for 'Internet Connection Type' set to 'Static IP'. Below that are input fields for 'IPv6 Address', 'Default Gateway', 'Primary DNS', and 'Secondary DNS'. At the bottom, there is an 'MTU Size' field set to '1500' with a note: 'bytes. (The default is 1500, do not change unless necessary.)'

2) [Dynamic IP\(SLAAC/DHCPv6\)](#): Click [Advanced](#) to input further information if your ISP requires. Click [Save](#) and then click [Renew](#).

The screenshot shows the 'IPv6 Internet' configuration page. At the top, it says 'Set up an IPv6 internet connection using the information provided by your ISP (internet service provider)'. Below this, there is a toggle switch for 'IPv6' which is turned on. Underneath, there is a dropdown menu for 'Internet Connection Type' set to 'Dynamic IP(SLAAC/DHCPv6)'. Below that are input fields for 'IPv6 Address', 'Primary DNS', and 'Secondary DNS', all of which contain '::'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: a teal 'RENEW' button and a grey 'RELEASE' button. Below these buttons is a link with a right-pointing arrow and the text 'Advanced Settings'.

3) [PPPoE](#): By default, the router uses the IPv4 account to connect to the IPv6 server. Click [Advanced](#) to input further information if your ISP requires. Click [Save](#) and then click [Connect](#).

**Note:**

If your ISP provides two separate accounts for the IPv4 and IPv6 connections, manually enter the username and password for the IPv6 connection.

### IPv6 Internet

Set up an IPv6 internet connection using the information provided by your ISP (internet service provider).

IPv6:

Internet Connection Type:

Share the same PPPoE session with IPv4

Username:

Password:

IPv6 Address: ::

[▶ Advanced Settings](#)

- 4) **6to4 Tunnel:** An IPv4 internet connection type is a prerequisite for this connection type ([Manually Set Up Your Internet Connection](#)). Click [Advanced](#) to input further information if your ISP requires. Click [Save](#) and then click [Connect](#).

### IPv6 Internet

Set up an IPv6 internet connection using the information provided by your ISP (internet service provider).

IPv6:

Internet Connection Type:

IPv4 Address: 0.0.0.0

IPv4 Subnet Mask: 0.0.0.0

IPv4 Default Gateway: 0.0.0.0

TUNNEL ADDRESS: ::

[▶ Advanced Settings](#)

- 5) **Pass-Through (Bridge):** Click [Save](#) and skip to Step 6.



### IPv6 Internet

Set up an IPv6 internet connection using the information provided by your ISP (internet service provider).

IPv6:

Internet Connection Type:

5. Configure LAN ports. Windows users are recommended to choose from the first two types. Fill in [Address Prefix](#) provided by your ISP, and click [Save](#).

### IPv6 LAN

Configure the LAN IPv6 address of the router and set the configuration type to assign IPv6 addresses to the clients.

Assigned Type:  DHCPv6  
 SLAAC+Stateless DHCP  
 SLAAC+RDNSS

Address Prefix:  /64

Address: FE80::9ADA:C4FF:FEB4:1D8/64

6. Click [Status](#) to check whether you have successfully set up an IPv6 connection.

**Tips:**

Visit the [FAQ](#) section if there is no internet connection.

## Chapter 5

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# TP-Link Cloud Service

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TP-Link Cloud service provides a better way to manage your cloud devices. Log in to your router with a TP-Link ID, and you can easily monitor and manage your home network when you are out and about via the Tether app. To ensure that your router stays new and gets better over time, the TP-Link Cloud will notify you when an important firmware upgrade is available. Surely you can also manage multiple TP-Link Cloud devices with a single TP-Link ID.

This chapter introduces how to register a new TP-Link ID, bind or unbind TP-Link IDs to manage your router, and the Tether app with which you can manage your home network no matter where you may find yourself.

It contains the following sections:

- [Register a TP-Link ID](#)
- [Change Your TP-Link ID Information](#)
- [Manage the User TP-Link IDs](#)
- [Manage the Router via the TP-Link Tether App](#)

## 5.1. Register a TP-Link ID

If you have skipped the registration during the Quick Setup process, you can:

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced > TP-Link ID](#) or click [TP-Link ID](#) on the very top of the page.
3. Click [Sign Up](#) and follow the instructions to register a TP-Link ID.

**TP-Link ID**

Log in to bind the router to your TP-Link ID. You can remotely manage your network via the Tether app, and more.

TP-Link ID (Email):

Password:

[Log In](#)

[Sign Up](#) [Forgot Password?](#)

4. After activating your TP-Link ID, come back to the TP-Link ID page to log in. The TP-Link ID used to log in to the router for the first time will be automatically bound as an [Admin](#).

**Note:**


- To learn more about the [Admin](#) and [User](#) TP-Link ID, refer to [Manage the User TP-Link IDs](#).
- Once you have registered a TP-Link ID on the web management page, you can only register another TP-Link ID via the Tether APP. Please refer to [Manage the Router via the TP-Link Tether App](#) to install the app.
- If you want to unbind the admin TP-Link ID from your router, please go to [Advanced > TP-Link ID](#), and click [Unbind](#) in the [Device Information](#) section.

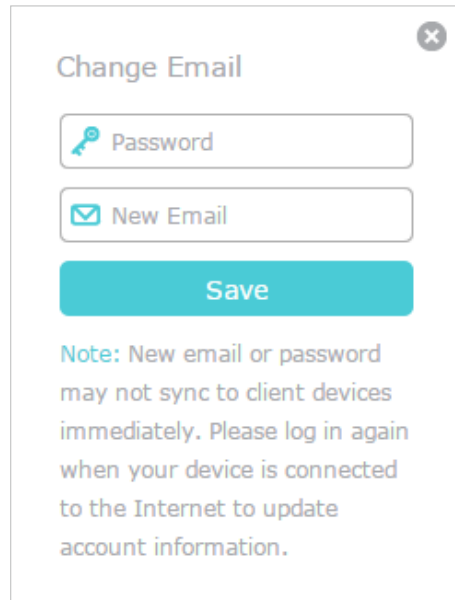
## 5.2. Change Your TP-Link ID Information

Follow the steps below to change your email address and password of your TP-Link ID as needed.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID.
2. Go to [Advanced > TP-Link ID](#), and focus on the [Account Information](#) section.


- **To change your email address:**

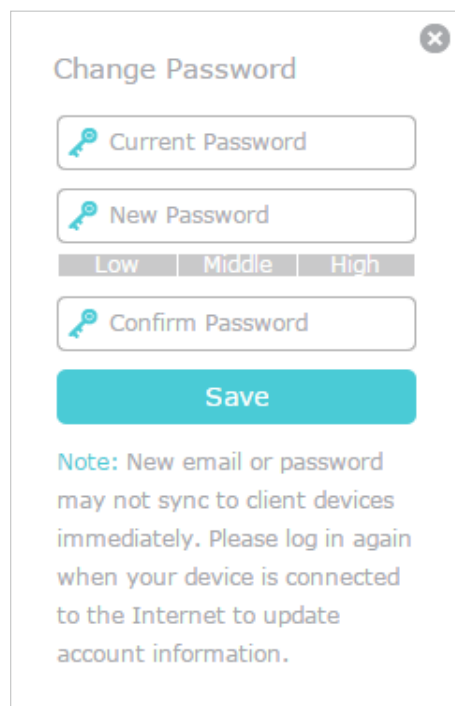
1. Click  behind the Email.
2. Enter the password of your TP-Link ID, then a new email address. And click [Save](#).



The 'Change Email' dialog box features a title bar with a close button (X). It contains two input fields: 'Password' with a key icon and 'New Email' with an envelope icon. Below these is a teal 'Save' button. A note at the bottom states: 'Note: New email or password may not sync to client devices immediately. Please log in again when your device is connected to the Internet to update account information.'

- **To change your password:**

1. Click  behind the Password.
2. Enter the current password, then a new password twice. And click [Save](#).



The 'Change Password' dialog box features a title bar with a close button (X). It contains three input fields: 'Current Password', 'New Password', and 'Confirm Password', each with a key icon. The 'New Password' field has a strength indicator below it with 'Low', 'Middle', and 'High' segments. Below these is a teal 'Save' button. A note at the bottom states: 'Note: New email or password may not sync to client devices immediately. Please log in again when your device is connected to the Internet to update account information.'

### 5.3. Manage the User TP-Link IDs

The TP-Link ID used to log in to the router for the first time will be automatically bound as the [Admin](#) account. An admin account can add or remove other TP-Link IDs to or

from the same router as **Users**. All accounts can monitor and manage the router locally or remotely, but user accounts cannot:

- Reset the router to its factory default settings either on the web management page or in the Tether app.
- Add/remove other TP-Link IDs to/from the router.

### 5.3.1. Add TP-Link ID to Manage the Router

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID.
2. Go to **Advanced > TP-Link ID**, and focus on the **Bound Accounts** section.
3. Click **+ Bind**, enter another TP-Link ID as needed and click **Save**.

**Note:** If you need another TP-Link ID, please register a new one via the Tether app. Refer to [Manage the Router via the TP-Link Tether App](#) to install the app and register a new TP-Link ID.

4. The new TP-Link ID will be displayed in the Bound Accounts table as a **User**.

Bound Accounts				
<span style="color: teal;">+</span> Bind <span style="color: red;">-</span> Unbind				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Email	Binding Date	Role
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	admin_123@tplink.com	2023-10-27	Admin
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	admin123@tplink.com	2023-10-27	User

### 5.3.2. Remove TP-Link ID(s) from Managing the Router

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID.
2. Go to **Advanced > TP-Link ID**, and focus on the **Bound Accounts** section.
3. Tick the checkbox(es) of the TP-Link ID(s) you want to remove and click **Unbind**.

Bound Accounts				
<span style="color: green;">+</span> Bind <span style="color: red;">-</span> Unbind				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Email	Binding Date	Role
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	*****@****.com	****/****/****	Admin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	*****@****.com	****/****/****	User

## 5.4. Manage the Router via the TP-Link Tether App

The Tether app runs on iOS and Android devices, such as smartphones and tablets.

1. Launch the Apple App Store or Google Play store and search “TP-Link Tether” or simply scan the QR code to download and install the app.



2. Launch the Tether app and log in with your TP-Link ID.

**Note:** If you don't have a TP-Link ID, create one first.

3. Connect your device to the router's wireless network.
4. Go back to the Tether app, select the model of your router and log in with the password you set for the router.
5. Manage your router as needed.

**Note:** If you need to remotely access your router from your smart devices, you need to:

- Log in with your TP-Link ID. If you don't have one, refer to [Register a TP-Link ID](#).
- Make sure your smartphone or tablet can access the internet with cellular data or a Wi-Fi network.

## Chapter 6

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# Wireless Settings

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This chapter guides you on how to configure the wireless settings.

It contains the following sections:

- [Specify Wireless Settings](#)
- [Schedule Your Wireless Function](#)
- [Use WPS for Wireless Connection](#)
- [Advanced Wireless Settings](#)

## 6.1. Specify Wireless Settings

The router's wireless network name (SSID) and password, and security option are preset in the factory. The preset SSID and password can be found on the label of the router. You can customize the wireless settings according to your needs.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Wireless](#) or [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).

**Wireless Settings**

Personalize settings for each band or enable Smart Connect to configure the same settings for all bands.

OFDMA:  Enable ?

TWT:  Enable ?

Smart Connect:  Enable ? [Sharing Network](#)

Wireless Radio:  Enable

Network Name (SSID):   Hide SSID

Security:  ▼

Password:

- **To enable or disable OFDMA:**

OFDMA enables multiple users to transmit data simultaneously, and thus greatly improves speed and efficiency. Noted that only when your clients also support OFDMA, can you fully enjoy the benefits. It is disabled by default.

1. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Enable [OFDMA](#).

- **To enable or disable TWT:**

TWT (Target Wake Time) allows 802.11ax routers and clients to negotiate their periods to transmit and receive data packets. Clients only wake up at TWT sessions and remain in sleep mode for the rest of the time, which significantly extend their battery life. It is disabled by default.

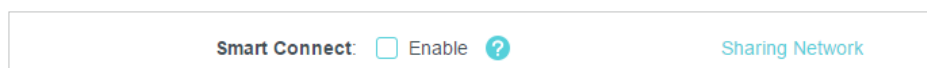
1. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Enable [TWT](#).

- **To use the Smart Connect function:**

The Smart Connect function lets you enjoy a more high-speed network by assigning your devices to best wireless bands based on actual conditions to balance network demands.



1. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Enable [Smart Connect](#).



3. Keep the default values or set a new SSID and password, and click [SAVE](#). This SSID and password will be applied for the 2.4GHz and 5GHz wireless networks. If you want to configure the wireless settings separately for each band, untick the checkbox to disable this feature.

- **To enable or disable the wireless function:**

1. Go to [Wireless](#) or [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. The wireless function is enabled by default. If you want to disable the wireless function of the router, just untick the [Enable](#) checkbox of each wireless network. In this case, all the wireless settings will be invalid.

- **To change the wireless network name (SSID) and wireless password:**

1. Go to [Wireless](#) or [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Create a new SSID in [Network Name \(SSID\)](#) and customize the password for the network in [Password](#). The value is case-sensitive.

**Note:** If you change the wireless settings with a wireless device, you will be disconnected when the settings are effective. Please write down the new SSID and password for future use.

- **To hide SSID:**

1. Go to [Wireless](#) or [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Select [Hide SSID](#), and your SSID won't display when you scan for local wireless networks on your wireless device and you need to manually join the network.

- **To change the security option:**

1. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Select an option from the [Security](#) drop-down list: [None](#), [WPA/WPA2-Personal](#), [WPA2/WPA3-Personal](#), [WPA/WPA2-Enterprise](#). We recommend you don't change the default settings unless necessary.

- **To change the transmit power and channel settings:**

1. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Select an option from the [Transmit Power](#) drop-down list: High, Middle or Low. The default and recommended setting is High.
3. If Smart Connect is disabled, you can also change the following settings:
  - [Channel Width](#) - Select a channel width (bandwidth) for the wireless network.

- **Channel** - Select an operating channel for the wireless network. It is recommended to leave the channel to Auto, if you are not experiencing the intermittent wireless connection issue.
- **Mode** - Select a transmission mode according to your wireless client devices. It is recommended to just leave it as default.

- **To use the MU-MIMO function:**

The MU-MIMO (Multi-User Multiple-Input Multiple-Output) feature enables the router to simultaneously send data to multiple devices, significantly enhancing the network efficiency.

1. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).

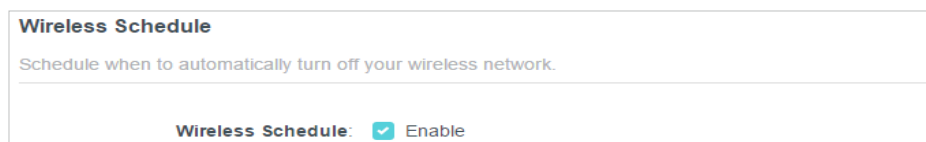
2. Make sure Smart Connect is disabled, and enable MU-MIMO for the 5 GHz band.

■ **Note:** MU-MIMO works only on the 5 GHz band and thus is not available when Smart Connect is enabled.

## 6.2. Schedule Your Wireless Function

The wireless network can be automatically off at a specific time when you do not need the wireless connection.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Schedule](#).
3. Enable the [Wireless Schedule](#) feature.

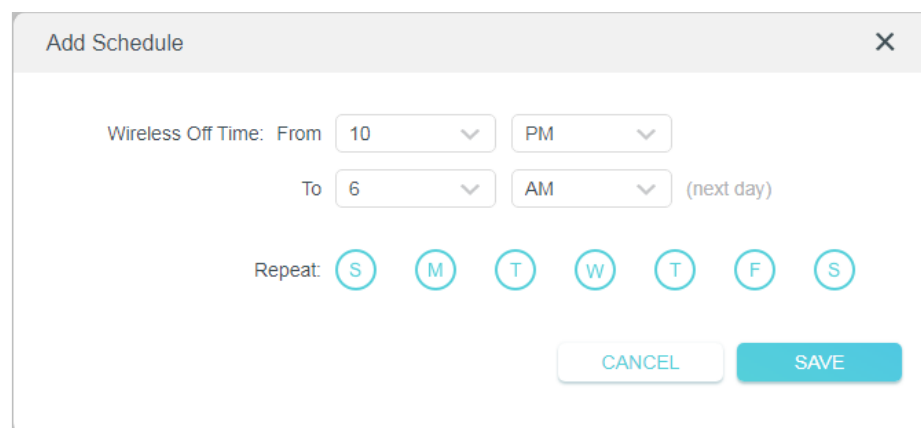


**Wireless Schedule**

Schedule when to automatically turn off your wireless network.

**Wireless Schedule:**  Enable

4. Click [Add](#) to specify a wireless off period during which you need the wireless off automatically, and click [SAVE](#).



**Add Schedule** X

Wireless Off Time: From 10 PM

To 6 AM (next day)

Repeat: S M T W T F S

CANCEL SAVE

**Note:**

- The Effective Time Schedule is based on the time of the router. Make sure the System settings are correct. You can go to [Advanced > System > Time & Language](#) to modify the time.
- The wireless network will be automatically turned on after the time period you set.

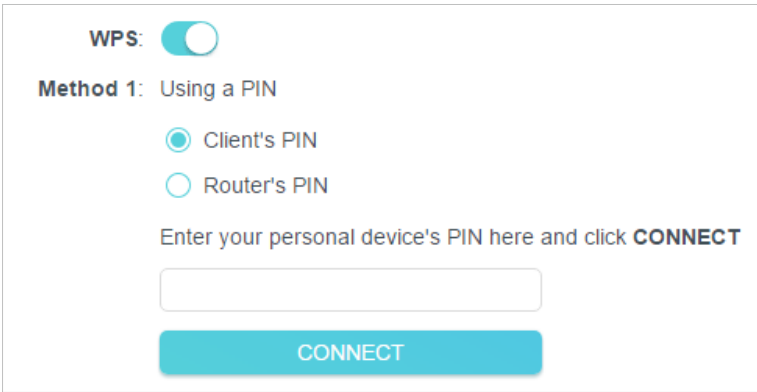
## 6.3. Use WPS for Wireless Connection

Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) provides an easier approach to set up a security-protected Wi-Fi connection.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Make sure the Wi-Fi of your router is on and go to [Advanced > Wireless > WPS](#).

### 6.3.1. Connect via the Client's PIN

Enter the PIN of your device and click [Connect](#). Then your device will get connected to the router.



**WPS:**

**Method 1: Using a PIN**

Client's PIN

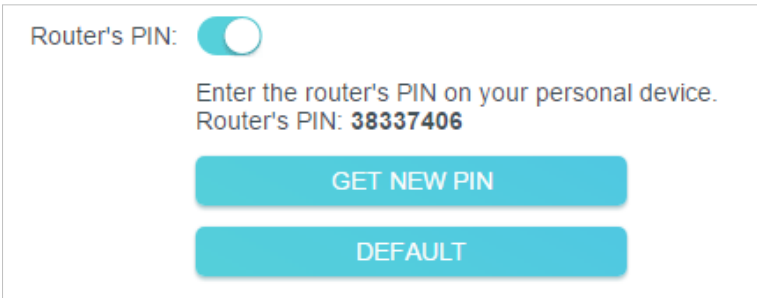
Router's PIN

Enter your personal device's PIN here and click **CONNECT**

**CONNECT**

### 6.3.2. Connect via the Router's PIN

Select [Router's PIN](#) in [Method 1](#) to enable [Router's PIN](#). You can use the default PIN or generate a new one.



**Router's PIN:**

Enter the router's PIN on your personal device.  
Router's PIN: **38337406**

**GET NEW PIN**

**DEFAULT**

**Note:**


PIN (Personal Identification Number) is an eight-character identification number preset to each router. WPS supported devices can connect to your router with the PIN. The default PIN is printed on the label of the router.

### 6.3.3. Push the WPS Button

Click **Start** on the screen or directly press the router's WPS button. Within two minutes, enable WPS on your personal device. **Success** will appear on the screen and the WPS LED of the router should change from flashing to solid on, indicating successful WPS connection.

**Method 2:** Using the button below

Click the button below, then enable WPS on your personal device within 2 minutes.



**Method 3:** Using the router's WPS button

Press the router's WPS button, then enable WPS on your personal device within 2 minutes.

## 6.4. Advanced Wireless Settings

Check advanced wireless settings for your device.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > Wireless > Additional Settings**.
3. Configure advanced wireless settings.

### Additional Settings

Check advanced wireless settings for your device.

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WMM:  Enable

AP Isolation:  Enable

Airtime Fairness:  Enable

Zero Wait DFS:  Enable

Beacon Interval:

RTS Threshold:

DTIM Interval:

Group Key Update Period:  s

- **WMM** - WMM function can guarantee the packets with high-priority messages being transmitted preferentially.
- **AP Isolation** - This function isolates all connected wireless stations so that wireless stations cannot access each other through WLAN.
- **Airtime Fairness** - This function can improve the overall network performance by sacrificing a little bit of network time on your slow devices.
- **Zero Wait DFS** - Zero Wait DFS (Dynamic Frequency Selection) allows the router to immediately reselect a new channel once the radar signal is detected on a channel allocated to radar devices to ensure lag-free network experience.
- **Beacon Interval** - Enter a value between 40 and 1000 in milliseconds to determine the duration between beacon packets that are broadcasted by the router to synchronize the wireless network. The default value is 100 milliseconds.
- **RTS Threshold**- Enter a value between 1 and 2346 to determine the packet size of data transmission through the router. By default, the RTS (Request to Send) Threshold size is 2346. If the packet size is greater than the preset threshold, the router will send RTS frames to a particular receiving station and negotiate the sending of a data frame.
- **DTIM Interval** - The value determines the interval of DTIM (Delivery Traffic Indication Message). Enter a value between 1 and 15 intervals. The default value is 1, which indicates the DTIM Interval is the same as Beacon Interval.
- **Group Key Update Period** - Enter a number of seconds (minimum 30) to control the time interval for the encryption key automatic renewal. The default value is 0, meaning no key renewal.

## Chapter 7

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# Guest Network

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This function allows you to provide Wi-Fi access for guests without disclosing your main network. When you have guests in your house, apartment, or workplace, you can create a guest network for them. In addition, you can customize guest network options to ensure network security and privacy.

It contains the following sections:

- [Create a Network for Guests](#)
- [Customize Guest Network Options](#)

## 7.1. Create a Network for Guests

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > Wireless > Guest Network** or click **Wireless** on the top page. Locate the **Guest Network** section.
3. Create a guest network as needed.
  - 1) Tick the Enable checkbox for the 2.4GHz or 5GHz wireless network.
  - 2) Customize the SSID. Don't select **Hide SSID** unless you want your guests to manually input the SSID for guest network access.
  - 3) Select the **Security** type and customize your own password. If **No security** is selected, no password is needed to access your guest network.

**Guest Network**

Enable the wireless bands you want your guests to use and complete the related information.

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**2.4GHz:**  Enable Sharing Network

Network Name (SSID):   Hide SSID

**5GHz:**  Enable Sharing Network

Network Name (SSID):   Hide SSID

Security:  ▼

Password:

4. Click **Save**. Now your guests can access your guest network using the SSID and password you set!
5. You can also click **Sharing Network** to share the SSID and password to your guests.


**2.4GHz:**  Enable Sharing Network

Network Name (SSID):   Hide SSID

**5GHz:**  Enable Sharing Network

Network Name (SSID):   Hide SSID

Security:  ▼



SSID:  TP-Link\_Guest\_7B00

No Password

Save Picture

 **Tips:**

To view guest network information, go to **Network Map** and locate the **Guest Network** section. You can turn on or off the guest network function conveniently.

## 7.2. Customize Guest Network Options

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Guest Network](#). Locate the [Guest Permissions](#) section.
3. Customize guest network options according to your needs.

**Guest Permissions**

Control the data that guests can access.

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Allow guests to see each other

Allow guests to access your local network

- [Allow guests to see each other](#)

Tick this checkbox if you want to allow the wireless clients on your guest network to communicate with each other via methods such as network neighbors and Ping.

- [Allow guests to access your local network](#)

Tick this checkbox if you want to allow the wireless clients on your guest network to communicate with the devices connected to your router's LAN ports or main network via methods such as network neighbors and Ping.

4. Click [Save](#). Now you can ensure network security and privacy!



## Chapter 8

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# USB Settings

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This chapter describes how to use the USB ports to share files and media from the USB storage devices over your home network locally, or remotely through the internet.

The router supports USB external flash drives and hard drives.

It contains the following sections:

- [Access the USB Storage Device](#)
- [Media Sharing](#)
- [Time Machine](#)

## 8. 1. Access the USB Storage Device

Insert your USB storage device into the router's USB port and then access files stored there locally or remotely.

 **Tips:**

- If you use USB hubs, make sure no more than 4 devices are connected to the router.
- If the USB storage device requires using bundled external power, make sure the external power has been connected.
- If you use a USB hard drive, make sure its file system is FAT32, exFat, NTFS or HFS+.
- Before you physically disconnect a USB device from the router, safely remove it to avoid data damage: Go to [Advanced > USB > USB Storage Device](#) and click [Remove](#).

### 8. 1. 1. Access the USB Device Locally

Insert your USB storage device into the router's USB port and then refer to the following table to access files stored on your USB storage device.

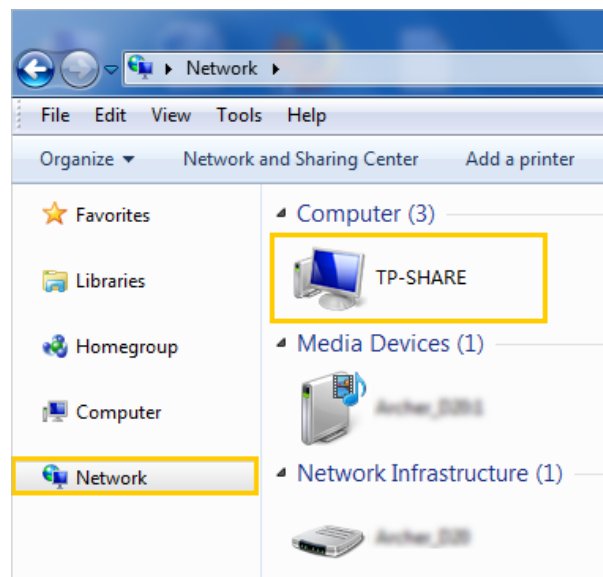
#### Windows computer

- **Method 1:**

Go to [Computer > Network](#), then click the Network Server Name ([TP-SHARE](#) by default) in the [Computer](#) section.

 **Note:**

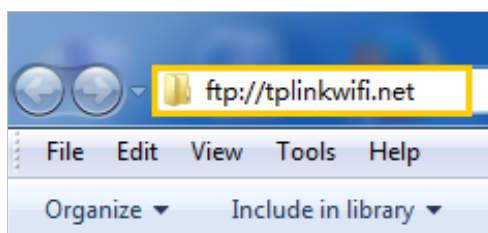
Operations in different systems are similar. Here we take Windows 7 as an example.



Windows  
computer

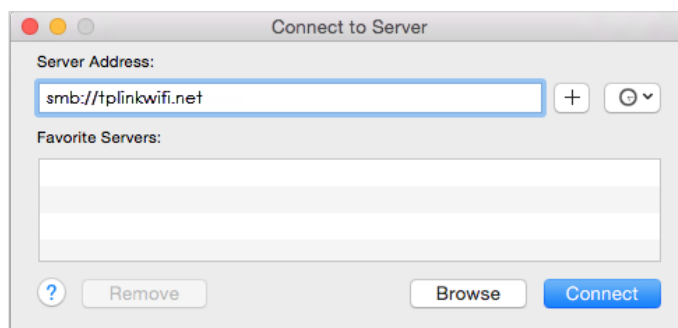
- **Method 2:**

Open the [Windows Explorer](#) (or go to [Computer](#)) and type the server address `\\tplinkwifi.net` or `ftp://tplinkwifi.net` in the address bar, then press [Enter](#).



## Mac

- 1) Select [Go > Connect to Server](#).
- 2) Type the server address `smb://tplinkwifi.net`.
- 3) Click [Connect](#).



- 4) When prompted, select the [Guest](#) radio box. (If you have set up a username and a password to deny anonymous access to the USB disks, you should select the [Registered User](#) radio box. To learn how to set up an account for the access, refer to [To Set Up Authentication for Data Security](#).)

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Use a third-party app for network files management.

 **Tips:**

You can also access your USB storage device by using your Network/Media Server Name as the server address. Refer to [To Customize the Address of the USB Storage Device](#) to learn more.

## 8.1.2. Access the USB Device Remotely

You can access your USB disk outside the local area network. For example, you can:

- Share photos and other large files with your friends without logging in to (and paying for) a photo-sharing site or email system.
- Get a safe backup for the materials for a presentation.
- Remove the files on your camera's memory card from time to time during the journey.

**Note:**

If your ISP assigns a private WAN IP address (such as 192.168.x.x or 10.x.x.x), you cannot use this feature because private addresses are not routed on the internet.

Follow the steps below to configure remote access settings.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > USB > USB Storage Device**.
3. Tick the **Internet FTP** checkbox, and then click **Save**.

**Access Method**

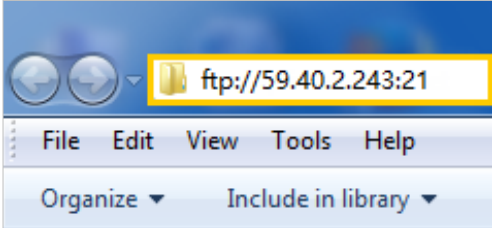
Select the method for accessing your USB storage device. The device can then be reached via the access address.

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Network/Media Server Name:

Enable	Access Method	Address	Port
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Samba for Windows	\\TP-Share	---
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local FTP	ftp://192.168.0.1:21	21
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internet FTP	ftp://0.0.0.0:21 <a href="#">Set DDNS</a>	<input type="text" value="21"/>

4. Refer to the following table to access your USB disk remotely.

Computer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Open the <a href="#">Windows Explorer</a> (or go to <a href="#">Computer</a>, only for Windows users) or open a web browser.</li> <li>2) Type the server address in the address bar: Type in <code>ftp://&lt;WAN IP address of the router&gt;:&lt;port number&gt;</code> (such as <code>ftp://59.40.2.243:21</code>). If you have specified the domain name of the router, you can also type in <code>ftp://&lt;domain name&gt;:&lt;port number&gt;</code> (such as <code>ftp://MyDomainName:21</code>)</li> </ol> <div data-bbox="644 527 1136 753" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) Press <a href="#">Enter</a> on the keyboard.</li> <li>4) Access with the username and password you set in <a href="#">To Set Up Authentication for Data Security</a>.</li> </ol> <p><b>Tips:</b> You can also access the USB disk via a third-party app for network files management, which can resume broken file transfers.</p>
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**Tips:**

Click [Set Up a Dynamic DNS Service Account](#) to learn how to set up a domain name for you router.

### 8.1.3. Customize the Access Settings

By default, all the network clients can access all folders on your USB disk. You can customize your sharing settings by setting a sharing account, sharing specific contents and setting a new sharing address on the router's web management page.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [USB](#) > [USB Storage Device](#).

- **To Customize the Address of the USB Storage Device**

You can customize the server name and use the name to access your USB storage device.

1. In the [Access Method](#) session, make sure [Samba for Windows](#) is ticked, and enter a [Network/Media Server Name](#) as you like, such as [MyShare](#), then click [Save](#).

**Access Method**

Select the method for accessing your USB storage device. The device can then be reached via the access address.

Network/Media Server Name:

Enable	Access Method	Address	Port
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Samba for Windows	\\TP-Share	---
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local FTP	ftp://192.168.0.1:21	21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Internet FTP	ftp://0.0.0.0:21 <a href="#">Set DDNS</a>	<input type="text" value="21"/>

2. Now you can access the USB storage device by visiting <\\MyShare> (for Windows) or <smb://MyShare> (for Mac).

- **To Only Share Specific Content**

Focus on the [File Sharing](#) section. Specify sharing folders that you want to share and click [Save](#).

Sharing Contents:

Share Selected Folders

G:/Document  
G:/Pictures

- **To Set Up Authentication for Data Security**

You can set up authentication for your USB storage device so that network clients will be required to enter username and password when accessing the USB storage device.

1. In the [File Sharing](#) section, enable [Secure Sharing](#).

Secure Sharing			
Customize the access settings to ensure data security.			
Username	Password	Permissions	Modify
admin	.....	Read&Write	
visit	.....	Read	

- Click to modify the access account. The username and password are both **admin** for default administrator account, and both **visit** for default visitor account. Accessing as an administrator can read and modify the shared folders while visitors can only read the shared folders.

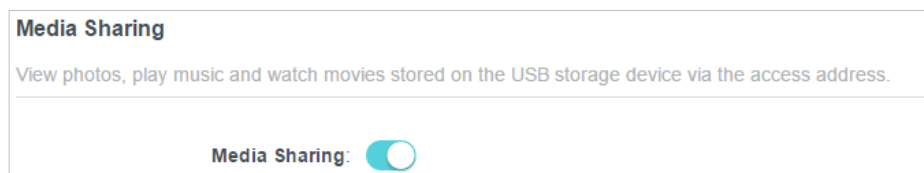
**Note:**

- For Windows users, do not set the sharing username the same as the Windows username. Otherwise, Windows credential mechanism may cause the following problems:
  - If the sharing password is also the same as the Windows password, authentication will not work since the Windows will automatically use its account information for USB access.
  - If the sharing password is different from the Windows password, the Windows will be unable to remember your credentials and you will always be required to enter the sharing password for USB access.
- Due to Windows credential mechanism, you might be unable to access the USB disk after changing Authentication settings. Please log out from the Windows and try to access again. Or you can change the address of the USB disk by referring to [To Customize the Address of the USB Storage Device](#).

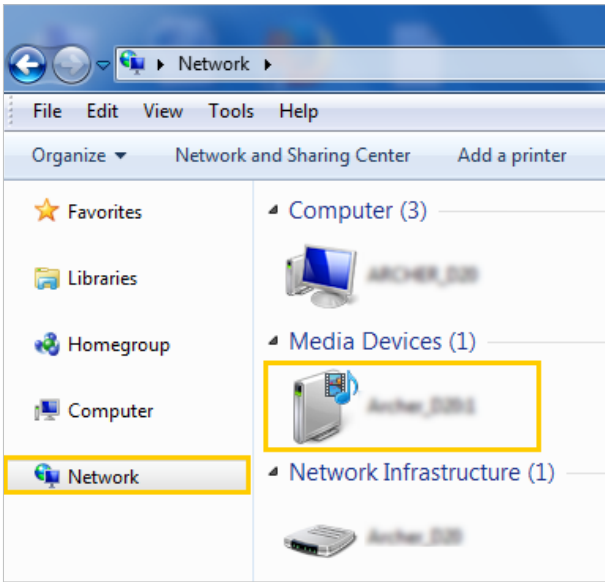
## 8.2. Media Sharing

The feature of **Media Sharing** allows you to view photos, play music and watch movies stored on the USB storage device directly from DLNA-supported devices, such as your computer, tablet and PS2/3/4.

- Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
- Go to **Advanced > USB > USB Storage Device**.
- Enable **Media Sharing**.



- When your USB storage device is inserted into the router, your DLNA-supported devices (such as your computer and pad) connected to the router can detect and play the media files on the USB storage devices.
- Refer to the following table for detailed instructions.

Windows Computer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go to <b>Computer</b> &gt; <b>Network</b>, then click the Media Server Name (<a href="#">Model number-share</a> by default) in the <b>Media Devices</b> section.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Here we take Windows 7 as an example.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the Windows 7 Network folder. The left sidebar has 'Network' selected. The main pane shows 'Media Devices (1)' with a device icon highlighted by a yellow box. The device name is 'Archos_2081'.</p>
Tablet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a third-party DLNA-supported player.</li> </ul>

## 8.3. Time Machine

Time Machine backs up all files on your Mac computer to a USB storage device connected to your router.

- Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
- Go to **Advanced** > **USB** > **Time Machine**.

**Time Machine**

Back up all files on your Mac to a USB storage device connected to your router.

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**Time Machine:**  Enable

Backup Location: ---

● Please select a location for Time Machine backups

SELECT

Storage Limit for Backups:  GB

(Enter "0" for no limit.)