

2.4GHz Wireless PCI-E Adapter RNX-N150PCe User Manual

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FCC STATEMENT

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

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

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1) This device may not cause harmful interference.

2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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

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This equipment complies with FCC RF radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This device and its antenna must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

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CE Mark Warning

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

National Restrictions

2400.0-2483.5 MHz

Country	Restriction	Reason/remark
Bulgaria		General authorization required for outdoor use and public service
France	Outdoor use limited to 10 mWEIRP. within the band 2454-2483.5 MHz	Military Radiolocation use. Refarming of the 2.4 GHz band has been ongoing in recent years to allow current relaxed regulation. Full implementation planned 2012
Italy		If used outside of own premises, general authorization is required
Luxembourg		General authorization required for network and service supply(not for spectrum)
Norway	Implemented	This subsection does not apply for the geographical area within a radius of 20 km from the centre of Ny-Ålesund
Russian Federation		Only for indoor applications

Note: Please don't use the product outdoors in France.

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Package Contents

The following items should be found in your package:

- > One RNX-N150PCe2.4GHz Wireless PCI-E Adapter
- > Quick Installation Guide
- > One resource CD for RNX-N150PCe, including:
 - Wireless N Client Utility and Drivers
 - User Guide
 - Other Helpful Information

PNote:

Make sure that the package contains the above items. If any of the listed items are damaged or missing, please contact with your distributor.

Conventions:

The 'Adapter' mentioned in this user guide stands for RNX-N150PCe2.4GHz Wireless PCI-E Adapter without any explanations.

Chapter 1 Overview

Thank you for choosing RNX-N150PCe2.4GHz WirelessPCI-E Adapter.

1.1 Overview of the product

The adapter is an 802.11n client device; it is designed to provide a high-speed and unrivaled wireless performance for your notebook. With a faster wireless connection, you can get a better Internet experience, such as downloading, gaming, video streaming and so on.

With the 802.11n technology, the RNX-N150PCe's auto-sensing capability allows high packet transfer rate of up to 150Mbps for maximum throughput. It has good capability on anti-jamming, and it can also interoperate with other wireless (802.11b) products. The adapter supports WEP, WPA and WPA2 encryption to prevent outside intrusion and protect your personal information from being exposed.

The adapter is easy to install and manage. The Quick Setup Wizard guides you step-by-step through the installation process; the Wireless N Client Utility helps you create a wireless connection immediately.

With unmatched wireless performance, reception, and security protection, the RNX-N150PCe is the best choice for easily adding or upgrading wireless connectivity to your notebook computer.

1.2 Features

- Complies with IEEE802.11n, IEEE802.11g, IEEE802.11b standards
- Supports WPA/WPA2 data security, IEEE802.1x authentication, TKIP/AES encryption, 64/128/152-bit WEP encryption
- Supports high rate of up to 150Mbps for maximum throughput, supports automatically adjust to lower speeds due to distance or other operating limitations
- Provides PCI-Einterface
- Supports Ad-Hoc and Infrastructure modes
- Good capability on anti-jamming
- Supports roaming between access points when configured in Infrastructure mode
- > Ease to configure and provides monitoring information
- Supports Windows 2000/ XP/ Vista/ 7

The external antenna which are listed in a format of 1x1 for one receiver and one transmitter.

1.3 LED Status

LED Indications	Status	Working Status
Status	Solid Light	The adapter is inserted in the slot and the power is on.
	Flashing Slowly	The adapter is trying to scan a networking connection;
Activity		The adapter is already connected but is not transmitting or receiving data.
	Flashing Quickly	The adapter is transmitting or receiving data.

Chapter 2 Installation Guide

2.1 Hardware Installation

To install the adapter, follow these steps listed below:

- 1. Turnoffyour desktop PC and disconnect the power.
- 2. Removeyour PC case and locate an available PCIe slot on the motherboard. Remove the metal slot cover on the back of the PC. Check with your computer manufacturer for instructions if needed.
- 3. Slide the PCIe Adapter into the PCIe slot. Make sure that all of its pins are touching the slot's contacts. Once the adapter is firmly in place, secure its fastening tab to your PC's chassis with a mounting screw. Then, close your PC case.
- 4. Reconnect your PC's power and turn on your desktop PC.

2.2 Software Installation

2.2.1 Overview

The Adapter's Setup Wizard will guide you through the Installation procedure for Windows 2000/ XP/ Vista/ 7. The Setup Wizard will install the Wireless N Client Utility and drivers.

When you install the hardware prior to before installing the software, the system will prompt "Found New Hardware Wizard", click **Cancel**, and run the Setup Wizard program on the CD-ROM.

The Setup steps for Windows 2000/ XP/ Vista/ 7 are very similar. The following setup steps are for Windows XP and for Windows Vista.

2.2.2 Software Installation for Windows XP

1. Insert the Resource CD into your CD-ROM drive, and open the folder named RNX-N150PCe. Double-click **Setup.exe** in the proper folder to start the installation, then the following screen for preparing setup will appear.



Figure 2-1

2. Soon, Figure 2-2 will display after a moment. Click **Next** to continue.



Figure 2-2

 After that, you should choose a Setup type. It is recommended that you select Install 2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver. Select Install Driver Only to install driver only. Click Next to continue.



Figure 2-3

4. Click **Change** to change the destination location for the software, then click **Next** in the screen below (shown in Figure 2-4).

2.4GHz W	ireless N Client Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard 🛛 🛛 🔀	
Choose I Select th	Destination Location le folder where setup will install files.	
	Install 2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver to: C:\\Rosewill\2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utilityhange	
InstallShield -	< <u>B</u> ack <u>N</u> ext > Cancel	

Figure 2-4

5. Click **Install** to install the driver and utility for your adapter.



Figure 2-5

6. Wait a while for the setup as shown in Figure 2-6.

2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard	×
Setup Status	
The InstallShield Wizard is installing 2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver	
InstallShieldCancel	

Figure 2-6

PNote:

 For Windows XP, the Setup Wizard will notify you of how to proceed with the installation duringthese steps (shown inFigure 2-7). Our drivers have been tested thoroughly, and are able to work with the operating system. Click **Continue Anyway** to continue the Installation.



Figure 2-7

2) In Windows 2000, the warning screen is shown below (Figure 2-8), and please select **Yes** to continue installation.



Figure 2-8

7. After all the steps above, you will see the screen below, click **Finish** to complete the installation.



Figure 2-9

2.2.3 Software Installation for Windows Vista

 Insert the Resource CD into your CD-ROM drive, and open the folder named RNX-N150PCe. Double-click **Setup.exe** in the proper folder to start the installation, then the following screen for preparing setup will appear.



Figure 2-10

2. Soon, Figure 2-11 will display after a moment. Click **Next** to continue.



Figure 2-11

3. Click **Install** to continue.

2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard
Ready to Install the Program
The wizard is ready to begin installation.
Click Install to begin the installation.
If you want to review or change any of your installation settings, click Back. Click Cancel to exit the wizard.
InstallShield Cancel

Figure 2-12

4. The following page will display and please wait a moment.

2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard	8
Setup Status	
InstallShield(R) Wizard is installing the driver	
InstallShield	Cancel

Figure 2-13

PNote:

For Windows Vista, the Setup Wizard will notify you of how to proceed with the installation duringthese steps (shown inFigure 2-14). Our drivers have been tested thoroughly, and are able to work with the operating system. Click **Install this driver software anyway** to continue the Installation.



Figure 2-14

5. Click **Finish** to complete the installation.



Figure 2-15

2.2.4 Software Installation for Windows 7

 Insert the Resource CD into your CD-ROM drive. To continue, find the CD/DVD drive where the installation CD was placed. Open RNX-N150PCe folder, and double-click **Setup.exe**. Then you will see Figure 2-16.



Figure 2-16

2. Soon, Figure 2-17 will display after a moment. Click **Next** to continue.





Figure 2-17

3. Select Install 2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver and then click Next.

2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard						
Setup Type Select the setup type that best suits your needs.						
Click the type of setup you prefer.						
Install 2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver Install Driver Only	Description Choose this option to install 2 4GHz Wireless N Client Utility					
	and driver. This is the recommended option.					
InstallShield						
	Back Next > Cancel					

Figure 2-18

4. Click **Change** to specify the destination location or you can leave it default. Click **Next** to continue.

2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard					
Choose [Select th	Choose Destination Location Select the folder where setup will install files.				
_	Install 2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver to:				
	C:\\Rosewill\2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility	Change			
InstallShield -					
mistalionielu -	< Back Next >	Cancel			

Figure 2-19

5. Click **Install** to install the driver and utility for your adapter.

2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard	— ×
Ready to Install the Program The wizard is ready to begin installation.	
Click Install to begin the installation.	
If you want to review or change any of your installation settings, click Back. the wizard.	Click Cancel to exit
InstallShield	
< Back Install	Cancel

Figure 2-20

6. The installation process may take 1~2 minutes.



Figure 2-21

Pote:

For Windows 7, the Setup Wizard will notify you about the Windows Security with the installation during these steps. Our drivers have been tested thoroughly, and are able to work with the operating system. Click **Installation this driver software anyway** to continue the installation.



Figure 2-22

7. The following screen will then appear. Click **Finish** to complete the setup.

2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard				
2.4GHz Wireless N Client Utility	InstallShield Wizard Complete InstallShield(R) Wizard has finished Installation. Click Finish to exit the wizard.			
	< <u>B</u> ack Finish Cancel			

Figure 2-23

8. After installation, the utility configuration page will automatically pop up as shown in the following figure and the icon 📶 will appear in your system tray. To connect to a network, please refer to Chapter 3.

						-	х
Status	WPS	Netwo	ork	Profile	O Advanced		
Network Name	SSID) 👻		Securi	ity 👻	Channel 🔻	Signal 🥆	
Network		6	WPA/M	/PA2-Personal	4 (2.4G)	at l	^
Wireless_RTGB0	GD		None		9 (2.4G)	l	
Wireless_2.4GH	z_130918	8	WPA/W	/PA2-Personal	1 (2.4G)		=
Wireless_123		6	WPA/W	PA2-Personal	6 (2.4G)		
AC910		8	WPA-Pe	ersonal	8 (2.4G)	at l	
4234CC		8	WPA/W	/PA2-Enterprise	11 (2.4G)		
Wireless_2.4GH	z_10FF61		None		1 (2.4G)	<u></u>	
Wireless_6FB412			None		1 (2.4G)	Rescan	•

Figure 2-24

Chapter 3 Connect to a Wireless Network

With both the hardware and software successfully installed into your computer, you can quickly connect to a wireless network using one of the following methods.

Method One: To connect using Wireless Utility

PW-DN481D uses the AR54 Wireless N Client Utility as the management software. The utility provides you an easy interface to connect to a network and to change any settings related to the wireless adapter.

Method Two: To connect using WPS

By this method, you can connect to your network quickly on the condition that your Router or access point supports WPS or QSS as is called by some other products.

Method Three: To connect using Windows built-in wireless utility

Windows users may use the built-in wireless utility to connect to a wireless network. For specific operations, please go to Section 3.3 To connect using Windows built-in wireless utility.

3.1 To Connect Using Wireless Utility

 After installation, the utility configuration page will automatically pop up on the screen. If the utility page does not pop up, you can also launch the utility by double-clicking on the icon and on your desktop or the icon in your system tray.

			- X
Status WPS	Network	O Advanced	
Network Name(SSID)	Security 👻	Channel 🔻	Signal 🤜
Network	🔒 WPA/WPA2-Personal	4 (2.4G)	- lite
Wireless_RTGBGD	None	9 (2.4G)	al I
Wireless_2.4GHz_130918	B WPA/WPA2-Personal	1 (2.4G)	.
Wireless_123	B WPA/WPA2-Personal	6 (2.4G)	all a
AC910	🔒 WPA-Personal	8 (2.4G)	- 10
4234CC	B WPA/WPA2-Enterprise	e 11 (2.4G)	-
Wireless_2.4GHz_10FF61	None	1 (2.4G)	<u></u>
Wireless_6FB412	None	1 (2.4G)	Rescan

 The Network page will display all wireless networks that are available in your area. To connect to a network, simply highlight the wireless network name (SSID) and click Connect. If you tick Connect automatically, the adapter will automatically connect to your target network next time.

					-	X
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Ø Advance	d	
Network Na	me(SSID) 👻	Sec	urity 👻	Channel 👻	Signal 🤜	
Network		🔂 WPA	/WPA2-Personal	4 (2.4G)	at the	^
		Conne	ect automatically	Co	nnect	
Wireless_RT	GBGD	None		9 (2.4G)	all.	=
Wireless_2.4	4GHz_130918	WPA	WPA2-Personal	1 (2.4G)	at the	
Wireless_12	23	🔒 WPA	WPA2-Personal	6 (2.4G)	al.	
AC910		🔒 WPA	-Personal	8 (2.4G)	al.	
4234CC		🔂 WPA	AVPA2-Enterprise	11 (2.4G)	all.	
Wireless_2.4	4GHz_10FF61	None		1 (2.4G)	<u></u>	~
					Rescan	

- 3. You will be prompted different windows when you choose wireless network of differentsecurity types.
 - 1) Wireless network of WPA/WPA2-Personal

If you selected a wireless network of the security type WPA/WPA2-Personal, you will be prompted to enter the password in the security key field, as shown in below picture. Or you can push the **WPS/QSS** button on your Router (if it features the WPS/QSS function) to quickly build a connection without entering the security key (password).

Please input the pa	issword:
Security Key:	*****
	Show characters
SE	You can also connect by pushing the button on the router.
	OK Cancel

2) Wireless network of WPA/WPA2-Enterprise

If you selected a wireless network of the security type WPA/WPA2-Enterprise, you will be prompted to choose a type of authentication, either **certificate** or **password**. With **Certificate** as your authentication, you need to select one specific certificate from the drop-down list. With **Password** as your authentication, you should enter the right user name and password in the corresponding field.

Authentication:	Certificate
Certificate:	wifi-user WiFi-Intermediate-CA-
	OK Cancel

Authentication:	Password
User Name:	
Password:	
	Show characters
	OK Cancel

3) Wireless network of None

If you selected a wireless network of **None** (that is, no security is set.), you can get directlyconnected to this network without any further configuration.

4. Please wait a few minutes for the connection process.

Connecting to Network	
	Cancel

5. You have now successfully connected to your network. Click **Close** to enjoy the Internet.

Connected to Network.	
	Close

6. To view more information about the network currently connected, click **Status** in the tools section and the page will display information such as the network type, channel, rate, etc.

				i
status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced
Profile Name:		Network		
Network Nam	e(SSID):	Network		
Network Type	:	Infrastructure	Rate:	300Mbps
Channel:		9 (2.4G)	Encrypti	on Type: AES
AP MAC:		94-0C-6D-2F-3C-BE	Wireless	Mode: 802.11n
IP Address:		192.168.1.104		
Signal Streng	th: 📕			100% Exce

3.2 To connect using WPS

WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) function allows you to add a new wireless device to an existing network quickly.

If your wireless Router supports WPS or QSS (Quick Security Setup), you can establish a wireless connection between wireless card and Router using either Push Button Configuration (**PBC**) method or **PIN** method. Three WPS connection methods are listed in the following parts, while the third method is only supported in Windows XP and Windows Vista.

3.2.1 PBC (Push Button Configuration) method

- 1. Press the **WPS** or **QSS** button on the Router.
- 2. Open AWCU and click **WPS** tab. Select **Push the button on my access point or wireless Router** and then click **Connect**.

Status			Profile	O Advanced	
oracus		Hethork	, rome		
(((WF	S))) ^{This applica}	tion will guide you	through configuri	ng your wireless netwo	rk.
Please c	hoose a method to	join a wireless net	work:		
💿 Push '	the button on my a	ccess point or wire	eless router.		
◯ Enter	the PIN of my acce	ess point or wireles	s router.		
◯ Enter	the PIN of this devi	ce into my access	point or wireless	router.	
					Connect

2. The adapter will be connecting to the target network.



3. When the following window appears, you have successfully connected to the network.



3.2.2 PIN method

There are two ways to configure the WPS by PIN method:

1) Enter the PIN from your Router or AP device.

2) Enter a PIN into your Router or AP device.

Note: This method is only available in Windows XP and Windows Vista.

Following are the detailed configuration procedures of each way.

3.2.2.1. Enter the PIN from your Router or AP device

 Open Wireless Utility and click WPS tab. Select Enter the PIN of my access point or wireless Router. In the empty field beside PIN, enter the PIN labeled on the bottom of the Router (here takes 13492564 for example). If you have generated a new PIN code for your Router, please enter the new one instead. Click Connect to continue.

Status	WPS	Network	Profile	<i>O</i> Advanced	
(((WP Please cl	PS))) This applica	ation will guide you	through configuri work:	ng your wireless net	work.
⊙ Push t ⊙ Enter f	the button on my a the PIN of my acce	ccess point or wire	eless router. Is router.		
PIN: 13	492564 the PIN of this devi	ice into my access	point or wireless	; route:	
		-			

2. The adapter will be connecting to the target network.

Configuring the wireless network.
(((WPS)))
Connecting to the network
Current PIN: 13492564

3. When above picture appears, you have successfully connected to the network.

3.2.2.2. Enter a PIN into your AP device

Note: This method is only available in Windows XP and Windows Vista.

 Open Wireless Utility and click WPS tab. Select Enter the PIN of this device into my access point or wireless Router. In the field beside PIN, you will see the PIN value of the adapter which is randomly generated. Click Connect to continue.

					- X
				Ø	
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
(() we	C))) This applica	tion will guide you	through configuri	ng your wireless networ	k.
Please c	boose a method to	ioin a wireless net	work:		
O Push	the button on my a	ccess point or wire	less router.		
◯ Enter	the PIN of my acce	ss point or wireles	s router.		
⊙ Enter	the PIN of this devi	ce into my access	point or wireless	router.	
PIN: 38	334702	* 2			
					Connect

 Open your Router's Web-based Utility and click WPS link on the left of the main menu. Then click Add device and the following figure will appear. Enter the PIN value of the adapter in the empty field beside PIN and then click Connect.

Add A New Device
 Enter the new device's PIN. PIN: 38334702
Press the button of the new device in two minutes.
Back Connect

3. When **Connect successfully** appears on the screen, the WPS configuration is complete. Or you can view the adapter's utility page to see whether the connection has been successful.

Add A New Device
 Enter the new device's PIN. PIN: 38334702 Press the button of the new device in two minutes. Connect successfully! Back Connect
Configuring the wireless network. (((WPS)))
Successfully connected to the network by WPS!
ОК

3.3 To connect using Windows built-in wireless utility

3.3.1 In Windows 7

Windows 7 users may use the built-in wireless utility. Follow the steps below.

 Left-click the wireless icon in your system tray (lower-right corner). The utility will display any available wireless networks in your area. Highlight the wireless network (displayed using the SSID) to be connected and then click **Connect**.



2. If the network you would like to connect is encrypted, enter the same security key or passphrase that is on your Router. Or push the WPS/QSS button on the Router or access point (You will be prompted to push the button on the window if WPS function is supported as shown in the figure below). If the network to be connected is not secure, the connection will be built without entering a key.

Connect to a Netwo	rk	—				
Type the network	security key					
Security key:	•••••					
	✓ Hide characters					
You can also connect by pushing the button on the router.						
	ОК	Cancel				

3. You have now successfully connected to the network.



3.3.2 In Windows Vista

Windows Vista users may use the built-in wireless utility. Follow the steps below.

1. Open the wireless utility by right-clicking on the wireless computer icon in your system tray as shown in the figure below. Select **Connect to a network**.



2. The utility will display any available wireless networks in your area. Highlightthe wirelessnetwork you would like to connect and then click **Connect**.

) 🤨 Con	nect to a network		
Select	a network to c	onnect to	
Sh	All	•	49
Dial-up	o and VPN		× ×
Wireles	ss Network Connec	tion 6	· E
2	test	Security-enabled network	llee
2	test 1	Security-enabled network	lite.
1	Infra_KeyTest	Security-enabled network	- 111-
<u>Set up a</u> Open Ne	connection or net etwork and Sharing	vork Center	
			Connect Cancel

3. If the network you would like to connect is security-enabled, enter the same security key or passphrase that is on your Router. If the network to be connected is not secure, the connection will be built without entering a key.

0	😨 Connect to a network	- • •
	Type the network security key or passphrase for test	
	Security key or passphrase:	
	Display characters	
	If you have a USB flash drive with network settings for test, insert it now.	
	Connect	Cancel

4. You have now successfully connected to the network.



3.3.3 In Windows XP

Windows XP users may use the built-in wireless utility. Follow the steps below.

1. Right-click on the utility icon in your system tray (lower-right corner). Select **Switch to Windows wireless configuration tool**

Open
Radio OFF
Switch to Windows wireless configuration tool
Switch to SoftAP mode
About
Exit

Or double-click the utility icon to load the utility configuration page. Click **Advanced** in the tools section and then select **Use Windows wireless configuration tool** in the figure shown below. Click **OK** when below picture appears to continue.

Status	WPS	Network	Profile	O Advanced	
Select wire	less configuration			we wireless configure	ation tool
Wireless n	etwork adapter sv	vitch		no mileicoo comigai	
Please cl SoftAP mo	hoose a wireless de	network adapter :	Wireless Network	Connection 12	~
⊖ 0N Power Save	e mode	 OFF 			
O ON		⊙ OFF			
	-	Are you sure configuration	to use Windo tool?	ws wireless	
			ОК	Cancel	

2. Right-click on the wireless computer icon in your system tray (lower-right corner). Select **View Available Wireless Networks**.

	Change Windows Firewall settings	L
	Open Network Connections	
	Repair	\vdash
_	View Available Wireless Networks	
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3. The utility will display any available wireless networks in your area. Click on a network (displayed using the SSID) and click the **Connect** button.



4. If the network is security-enabled, you will be prompted to enter the key as shown below. If not, you will connect to the network directly without entering a key.

Wireless Network Conne	ction 🛛 🔀				
The network 'test' requires a network key (also called a WEP key or WPA key). A network key helps prevent unknown intruders from connecting to this network.					
Type the key, and then click (Connect.				
Network <u>k</u> ey:	•••••				
C <u>o</u> nfirm network key:	•••••				
	<u>Connect</u> Cancel				

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Chapter 4 Management

This Chapter will show you how to configure your RNX-N150PCe adapter using the Wireless Utility. The RNX-N150PCe adapter uses the Wireless Utility as the management software. The utility provides users with an easy interface to change any settings related to the adapter. Double-clicking on the icon **P**on your desktop will start the utility.

4.1 Profile

Your wireless networks may vary in different places like home, office or coffee shop. With**Profile** management, you can easily save and manage various networks to be connected, saving you the trouble of having to repeat the same configurations. Click **Profile** in the tools section, the following page will appear.

					- x
Status	wps	Network	Profile	O Advanced	
Profile Nome	SSID		Notwork Type	Spourity	Capported
Frome Marrie	330		Herwork Type	Seconty	Connected
		Add	Modify	Remove	Connect

4.1.1 Add a profile

To add a profile, click the **Add** button on the bottom of the screen. Then the configuration window will appear. If you are connecting to a wireless router or access point, select **Infrastructure** as the Network Type, and if you are connecting to another wireless client such as an adapter, select **ad hoc** as the Network Type. Then, the screen bellow will appear. Follow the instructions below to finishthe setting.

Profile Name:	CoffeeShop1		
SSID:	C6620	~	
Network Type:	O Infrastructure	💽 ad hoc	
Security Type:	WEP	*	
Encryption Type:	Open	~	
Key Index:	1 🗸	CII_64 🖌	
Security Key:	*****	Shov	v characters
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Profile Name:	CoffeeShop1			
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Network Type:	🔿 Infrastructure	💽 ai	d hac	
Security Type:	WEP		*	
Encryption Type:	Open		~	
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Profile Name:	Home			
SSID:	10FF1F	~		
Network Type:	💽 Infrastructure	🔵 ad hoo	;	
Security Type:	WPA-PSKWPA2-PSK	~		
Encryption Type:	TKIPIAES	~		
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SSID:	10FF1F	*
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Security Type:	WPA-PSKWPA2-PSK	*
Encryption Type:	TKIPIAES	*
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Encryption Typ	e: TKIP/AES	~
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Encryption Type:	TKIPIAES	*
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The following items can be found on the screen.

- Profile Name: Enter a name for your profile (e.g. Coffee_Shop, Home, or Office). The same name is not allowed. Please also note that no space is allowed between words.
- SSID: Select the target network from the drop-down list.
- Network Type: Select the network type. If you are connecting to a wireless router or access point, select Infrastructure. If you are connecting to another wireless client such as an adapter, select ad hoc.
- Security Type: Select the security type from the list. In Infrastructure mode, four options are available: WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK, WPA/WPA2, WEP and None. In ad hoc mode, two options are available: WEP and None. The security type should be the same as on your router or access point, otherwise, you will not be able to build a successful connection. WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK uses a passphrase or key to authenticate your wireless connection. The key must be the exact same key entered on your wireless router or access point. None stands for no security. In Infrastructure mode, it is recommended to enable WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK on your wireless router or access point before configuring your wireless adapter. While in ad hoc mode, it is recommended that you select WEP to secure your wireless network.
- Encryption Type: From the drop-down menu, select the encryption type that is the same as on your router or access point.
- Key Index: You can select ASCII or Hexadecimal format on the right. ASCII format stands for any combination of keyboard characters in the

specified length. Hexadecimal format stands for any combination of hexadecimal digits (0-9, a-f, A-F) in the specified length.

- For **64-bit** encryption You can enter 10 hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, A-F, zero key is not permitted) or 5 ASCII characters.
- For **128-bit** encryption You can enter 26 hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, A-F, zero key is not permitted) or 13 ASCII characters.
- Security Key: Enter the passphrase exactly as it is on your wireless router or access point. Click the Show characters box to see the passphrase. Unchecking it will hide it.
- Authentication: Select a type of authentication, either certificate or password.
- Certificate: If you select certificate as your Authentication, then you need to specify yourcertificate from the drop-down list here.
- **User Name:** Enter the name of the enterprise network.
- Password: Enter the password for the enterprise network. Click the Show characters box to see the passphrase. Unchecking it will hide it.
- Start this connection automatically: check this box to automatically connect to this network next time.
- Save: Click Save to save your settings.

Having completed the above settings, the Profile page should look like the following figure. To connect to a desired network, just highlight the network you would like to connect to and click the **Connect** button on the bottom of the window. Then click **OK** ito activate the profile.

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4.1.2 Modify a profile

You may edit an existing profile by clicking the **Modify** button from the Profile page. For instance, you may like to change the profile name from Home to Home1 or you may want to specify another SSID for profile Home. After all the changes, click **Save** to make the changes take effect.

Profile Name:	Network1	
SSID:	Network1	*
Network Type:	 Infrastructure 	🔵 ad hoc
Security Type:	WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK	*
Encryption Type:	TKIP/AES	*
Security Key:	******	Show characters
Start this conner	tion automatically	

4.1.3 Delete a profile

To delete an existing profile, highlight the profile name and click **Remove** on the bottom of the screen or press the Delete button on your keyboard. When the following figure appears, click **OK** to continue.

Are you sure to delete the selected network profiles?
OK Cancel

4.2 Advanced

The following configurations can be made on the Advanced page:

1) To select wireless configuration tool.

Here you can decide which tool to use, either the Wireless Utility or the Windows wireless configuration tool. (This option is available only in Windows XP.)

2) To switch to another wireless network adapter.

Here you can switch to another adapter installed in your computer. The adapters successfully installed in your computer will be listed in the drop-down list if the adapters are supported by this utility.

3) To switch to SoftAP mode. (This option is only available in Windows 7.)

Once enabled, the adapter will be able to work as an AP.

4) To change the power save mode.

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Please ch	oose a wireless	network adapter :			•
SoftAP mod	le				
ON (OFF			
Power Save	mode				
© ON		OFF			

4.3 About

The **About**sectionprovides you with information about the Driver and Utility versions of the adapter. Right-click the icon *in your system tray and select* **About**from the list.

Open
Radio OFF
Switch to SoftAP mode
About
Exit

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1.4.9 en.008	
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Chapter 5 AP Mode (For Windows 7 only)

In Soft AP mode, the adapter will work as an AP. This function is available only in Windows7. Suppose that only one computer in your house can access the Internet for various reasons like only one WLAN port is available on your wired broadband Router, however, other wireless-capable devices also want to share the Internet. Then the adapter can be configured as an AP under the Soft AP mode, saving you the trouble of having to get a separate access point or a Router.

With this feature, a computer can use a single physical wireless adapter to connect as a client to a hardware access point while at the same time acting as a software AP allowing other wireless-capable devices to connect to it. To switch to this mode, right-click on the utility icon in your system tray and select **Switch to SoftAP mode**.



Or from the **Advanced**page of the utility, click **ON** under the **SoftAP mode** as shown in the following figure. Click **OK** when prompted to confirm the setting.

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Please choose a	a v	0	K Car	ncel	•
ON		© OFF			
Power Save mode		OFF			
ON					

The **Soft AP** icon then will appear beside **Advanced**icon in the utility.

Status	WPS	Network	Profile	O Advanced	Soft Al
SoftAP mo	ode:	@ ON	© OFF		
Internet Co	unnecting Share(ICS):	Wireless N	letwork Connecti	•	
SSID:		SoftAP			
Security T	ype:	WPA2-PS	К	•	
Encryption	туре:	AES		•	
Security K	ey:	12345678		Show ch	aracters
	s:	192.168.13	7.1		

- > **SoftAP mode:** Select to enable or disable the function.
- Internet Connecting Share (ICS): Specify a connection through which devices connected to your AP can access the Internet.
- SSID: Enter the name for your soft AP (for example, Jone) so that others can know which
- AP is yours when trying to connect to it. The default name (SSID) is "SoftAP".

- Security Type: The security type here is set to be WPA2-PSK which is based on 802.11i and uses Advanced Encryption Standard instead of TKIP. It was designed to improve the security features of WEP. WPA2-PSK uses a passphrase or key to authenticate your wireless connection. You needn't make any configuration here.
- > Encryption Type: The encryption type here is set to be AES.
- Security Key: Enter the Key in the field to make your AP security enabled. It is recommended that you specify another key instead of the default key 12345678. Only by entering the corresponding key can other computers establish a successful connection with your AP.
- > **IP Address:** Here displays the IP address of the SoftAP.

Appendix A: Specifications

Normal	
Interface	PCI-E Interface
Standards	IEEE 802.11n; IEEE 802.11g; IEEE 802.11b;
Operating System	Windows 2000 / Windows XP / Windows Vista / Windows 7
	11b: 1/2/5.5/11Mbps
Radio Data Rate	11g: 6/9/12/18/24/36/48/54Mbps
	11n: Up to 150Mbps
	11b: CCK, QPSK, BPSK;
Modulation	11g: OFDM;
	11n: QPSK, BPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM;
Media Access Protocol	CSMA/CA with ACK
Data Security	WPA/WPA2; 64/128/152-bit WEP; TKIP/AES
Spread Spectrum	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)
Safety & Emissions	FCC, CE

Environmental and Physical	
Operating Temp.	0°C~40°C (32°F~104°F)
Storage Temp.	-40°C∼70°C (-40°F∼158°F)
Working Humidity	10% ~ 90% RH, Non-condensing
Storage Humidity	5% ~ 90% RH, Non-condensing

Appendix B: Glossary

- 802.11b The 802.11b standard specifies a wireless product networking at 11 Mbps using direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) technology and operating in the unlicensed radio spectrum at 2.4GHz, and WEP encryption for security. 802.11b networks are also referred to as Wi-Fi networks.
- 802.11g- specification for wireless networking at 54 Mbps using direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) technology, using OFDM modulation and operating in the unlicensed radio spectrum at 2.4GHz, and backward compatibility with IEEE 802.11b devices, and WEP encryption for security.
- Ad-hoc Network An ad-hoc network is a group of computers, each with a Wireless Adapter, connected as an independent 802.11 wireless LAN. Ad-hoc wireless computers operate on a peer-to-peer basis, communicating directly with each other without the use of an access point. Ad-hoc mode is also referred to as an Independent Basic Service Set (IBSS) or as peer-to-peer mode, and is useful at a departmental scale or SOHO operation.
- DSSS (Direct-Sequence Spread Spectrum) DSSS generates a redundant bit pattern for all data transmitted. This bit pattern is called a chip (or chipping code). Even if one or more bits in the chip are damaged during transmission, statistical techniques embedded in the receiver can recover the original data without the need of retransmission. To an unintended receiver, DSSS appears as low power wideband noise and is rejected (ignored) by most narrowband receivers. However, to an intended receiver (i.e. another wireless LAN endpoint), the DSSS signal is recognized as the only valid signal, and interference is inherently rejected (ignored).
- FHSS (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum) FHSS continuously changes (hops) the carrier frequency of a conventional carrier several times per second according to a pseudo-random set of channels. Because a fixed frequency is not used, and only the transmitter and receiver know the hop patterns, interception of FHSS is extremely difficult.
- Infrastructure Network An infrastructure network is a group of computers or other devices, each with a Wireless Adapter, connected as an 802.11 wireless LAN. In infrastructure mode, the wireless devices communicate with each other and to a wired network by first going through an access point. An infrastructure wireless network connected to a wired network is referred to as a Basic Service Set (BSS). A set of two or more BSS in a single network is referred to as an Extended Service Set (ESS). Infrastructure mode is useful at a corporation scale, or when it is necessary to connect the wired and wireless networks.
- Spread Spectrum Spread Spectrum technology is a wideband radio frequency technique developed by the military for use in reliable, secure, mission-critical communications systems. It is designed to trade off bandwidth efficiency for reliability, integrity, and security. In other words, more bandwidth is consumed

than in the case of narrowband transmission, but the trade off produces a signal that is, in effect, louder and thus easier to detect, provided that the receiver knows the parameters of the spread-spectrum signal being broadcast. If a receiver is not tuned to the right frequency, a spread-spectrum signal looks like background noise. There are two main alternatives, Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) and Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS).

- SSID A Service Set Identification is a thirty-two character (maximum) alphanumeric key identifying a wireless local area network. For the wireless devices in a network to communicate with each other, all devices must be configured with the same SSID. This is typically the configuration parameter for a wireless PC card. It corresponds to the ESSID in the wireless Access Point and to the wireless network name. See also Wireless Network Name and ESSID.
- WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) A data privacy mechanism based on a 64-bit or 128-bit or 152-bit shared key algorithm, as described in the IEEE 802.11 standard. To gain access to a WEP network, you must know the key. The key is a string of characters that you create. When using WEP, you must determine the level of encryption. The type of encryption determines the key length. 128-bit encryption requires a longer key than 64-bit encryption. Keys are defined by entering in a string in HEX (hexadecimal - using characters 0-9, A-F) or ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange – alphanumeric characters) format. ASCII format is provided so you can enter a string that is easier to remember. The ASCII string is converted to HEX for use over the network. Four keys can be defined so that you can change keys easily.
- Wi-Fi A trade name for the 802.11b wireless networking standard, given by the Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance (WECA, see http://www.wi-fi.net), an industry standards group promoting interoperability among 802.11b devices.
- WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network) A group of computers and associated devices communicate with each other wirelessly, which network serving users are limited in a local area.
- WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access) A wireless security protocol uses TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol) encryption, which can be used in conjunction with a RADIUS server.

Appendix C: FAQ

This chapter provides solutions to problems that may occur during the installation and operation of the Wireless Adapter. Read the descriptions below to solve your problems.

1. I cannot communicate with the other computers linked via Ethernet in the Infrastructure configuration.

- 1. Make sure that the PC to which the Adapter is associated is powered on.
- 2. Make sure that your Adapter is configured on the same channel and with the same security options as with the other computers in the Infrastructure configuration.

2. What should I do when the computer with the Adapter installed is unable to connect to the wireless network and/or the Internet?

- 1. Check that the LED indicators for the broadband modem are indicating normal activity. If not, there may be a problem with the broadband connection.
- 2. Check that the LED indicators on the wireless router are functioning properly. If not, check that the AC power and Ethernet cables are firmly connected.
- 3. Check that the IP address, subnet mask, gateway, and DNS settings are correctly entered for the network.
- 4. In Infrastructure mode, make sure the same Service Set Identifier (SSID) is specified on the settings for the wireless clients and access points.
- 5. In Ad-Hoc mode, both wireless clients will need to have the same SSID. Please note that it might be necessary to set up one client to establish a BSS (Basic Service Set) and wait briefly before setting up other clients. This prevents several clients from trying to establish a BSS at the same time, which can result in multiple singular BSSs being established, rather than a single BSS with multiple clients associated to it.
- 6. Check that the Network Connection for the wireless client is configured properly.

If Security is enabled, make sure that the correct encryption keys are entered on both the Adapter and the access point.

3. I can't find any wireless access point / wireless device in 'Site Survey' function.

- 1. Click 'Rescan' for few more times and see if you can find any wireless access point or wireless device.
- 2. Please move closer to any known wireless access point.
- 3. 'Ad hoc' function must be enabled for the wireless device you wish to establish a direct wireless link.

4. Please adjust the position of network card (you may have to move your computer if you're using a notebook computer) and click 'Rescan' button for few more times. If you can find the wireless access point or wireless device you want to connect by doing this, try to move closer to the place where the wireless access point or wireless device is located.

4. I cannot establish connection with a certain wireless access point

- 1. Click 'Add to Profile' for few more times.
- 2. If the SSID of access point you wish to connect is hidden (nothing displayed in
- 3. 'SSID' field in 'Site Survey' function), you have to input correct SSID of the access point you wish to connect. Please contact the owner of access point to ask for correct SSID.
- 4. You have to input correct passphrase / security key to connect an access point with encryption. Please contact the owner of access point to ask for correct passphrase / security key.
- 5. The access point you wish to connect only allows network cards with specific MAC address to establish connection. Please go to 'Status' menu and write the value of 'MAC Address' down, then present this value to the owner of access point so he / she can add the MAC address of your network card to his / her access point's list.

5. The network is slow / having problem when transferring large files

- 1. Move closer to the place where access point is located.
- 2. There could be too much people using the same radio channel. Ask the owner of the access point to change the channel number.

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