



# User Guide

AC1200 Wireless Dual Band Gigabit Router  
Archer C5

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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.

When using this guide, please notice that features of the router may vary slightly depending on the model and software version you have, and on your location, language, and internet service provider. All screenshots, images, parameters and descriptions documented in this guide are used for demonstration only.

## 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>MAC Filtering</b> means the MAC Filtering 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> |

## 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 contains the following sections:

- [Product Overview](#)
- [Panel Layout](#)

## 1.1. Product Overview

The TP-Link router is designed to fully meet the need of Small Office/Home Office (SOHO) networks and users demanding higher networking performance. The powerful antennas ensure continuous Wi-Fi signal to all your devices while boosting widespread coverage throughout your home, and the built-in Ethernet ports supply high-speed connection to your wired devices.

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

## 1.2. Panel Layout

### 1.2.1. The Front 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.                                                                  |
|                                                                                            | Flashing  | The system is starting up or the firmware is being upgraded. Do not disconnect or power off your router. |
|                                                                                            | Off       | Power is off.                                                                                            |
|  2.4GHz   | On        | The 2.4GHz wireless band is enabled.                                                                     |
|                                                                                            | Off       | The 2.4GHz wireless band is disabled.                                                                    |
|  5GHz     | On        | The 5GHz wireless band is enabled.                                                                       |
|                                                                                            | Off       | The 5GHz wireless band is disabled.                                                                      |
|  Internet | Green 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 a powered-on device is connected to the router's LAN port.                                      |
|                                                                                            | Off       | No powered-on device is connected to the router's LAN port.                                              |
|  USB    | On        | The inserted USB device is ready to use.                                                                 |
|                                                                                            | Flashing  | A USB device is being identified.                                                                        |
|                                                                                            | Off       | No device is plugged into the USB port.                                                                  |
|  WPS    | On/Off    | This light remains on for 5 minutes when a WPS connection is established, then turns off.                |
|                                                                                            | Flashing  | WPS connection is in progress. This may take up to 2 minutes.                                            |

1. 2. 2.    The Back Panel



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

| Item                     | Description                                                                                             |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WPS/Wi-Fi On/Off Button  | Press and hold this button for less than 5 seconds to enable the WPS function.                          |
|                          | Press and hold this button for about 2 seconds to turn on or off the wireless function of your router.  |
| Reset Button             | Press and hold this button for more than 5 seconds to reset the router to its factory default settings. |
| Ethernet Ports (1/2/3/4) | For connecting your wired devices to the router.                                                        |
| WAN Port                 | For connecting to a DSL/Cable modem, or an Ethernet jack.                                               |
| USB Port                 | For connecting to a USB device.                                                                         |
| 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.                             |
| Antennas                 | Used for wireless operation and data transmit. Upright them for the best Wi-Fi performance.             |

## 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](#)

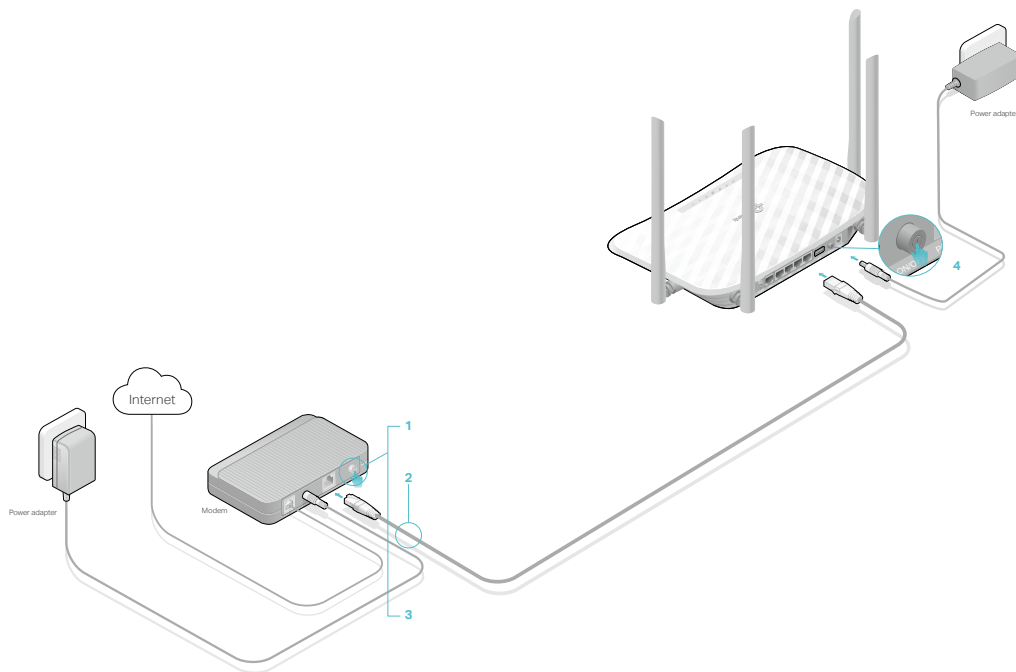
## 2.1. Position Your Router

- 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 reference, such as Bluetooth devices, cordless phones and microwaves.

## 2.2. Connect Your Router

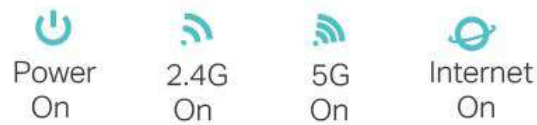
Follow the steps below to connect your router.

If your internet connection is through an Ethernet cable from the wall instead of through a DSL / Cable / Satellite modem, connect the Ethernet cable directly to the router's WAN port, and then follow Step 4 and 5 to complete the hardware connection.



1. Turn off the modem, and remove the backup battery if it has one.
2. Connect the modem to your router's WAN port with an Ethernet cable.
3. Turn on the modem, and then wait about **2 minutes** for it to restart.
4. Connect the power adapter to the router and turn on the router.

5. Verify that the following LEDs are on and solid before continuing with the configuration.



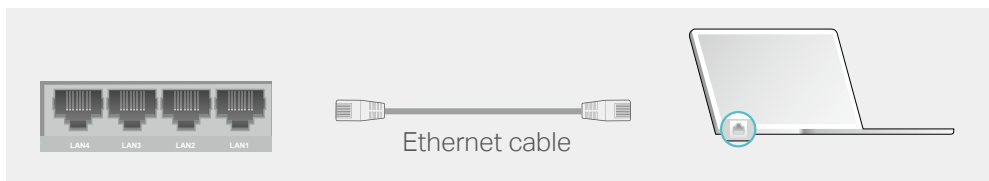
**Note:**

If the 2.4G LED  and 5G LED  are off, please press the WPS/Wi-Fi On/Off button for 2 seconds and check the LEDs again a few seconds later.

6. Connect your computer to the router.

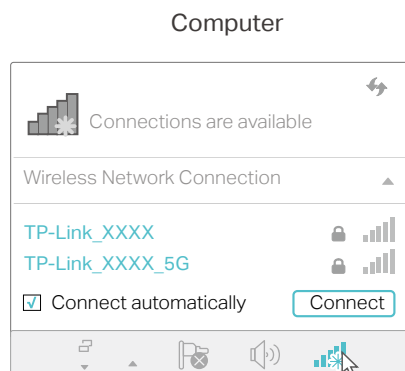
• **Method 1: Wired**

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

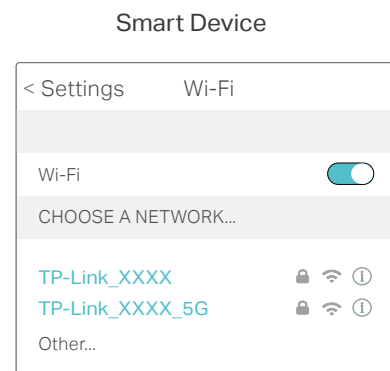


• **Method 2: Wirelessly**

- 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.



OR



- **Method 3: Use the WPS button**

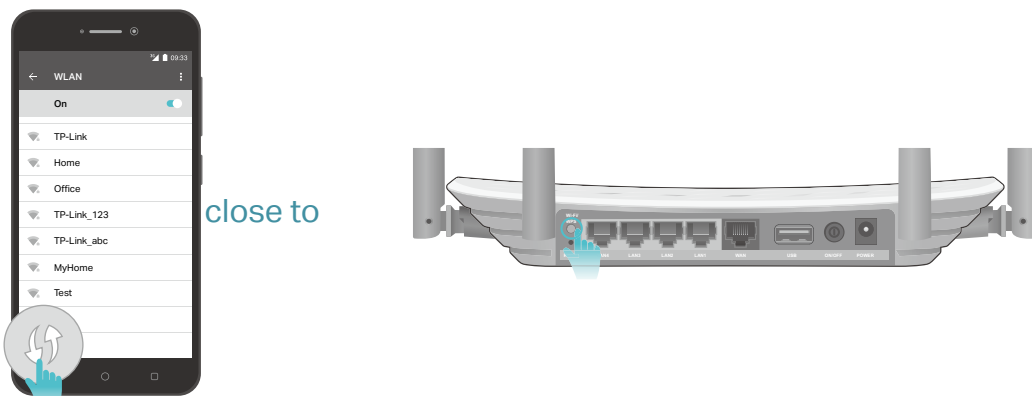
Wireless devices that support WPS, including Android phones, tablets, and most USB network adapters, can be connected to your router through this method.

**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) Tab 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 On/Off button on your router.



## Chapter 3

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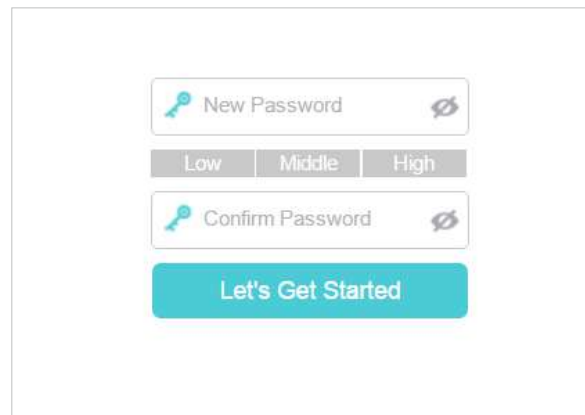
# Log In to Your Router

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

Follow the steps below to log into your router.

1. If the TCP/IP Protocol on your computer is set to the static (fixed) IP address, you need to change it to obtain an IP address automatically. Refer to [Troubleshooting](#) to configure your computer.
2. Launch a web browser and go to <http://tplinkwifi.net> or <http://192.168.0.1>. Create a strong password and click **Let's Get Started** to log in.



The screenshot shows a web form for creating a new password. It features two input fields: 'New Password' and 'Confirm Password', each with a key icon on the left and an eye icon on the right. Between these fields is a strength indicator with three buttons: 'Low', 'Middle', and 'High'. Below the 'Confirm Password' field is a large blue button labeled 'Let's Get Started'.

## 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](#)
- [Manually Set Up Your Internet Connection](#)
- [Test Internet Connectivity](#)
- [Set Up an IPv6 Internet Connection](#)

## 4.1. Use Quick Setup Wizard

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

Follow the steps below to set up your router.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net> or <http://192.168.0.1>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Click **Quick Setup** on the top of the page. Then follow the step-by-step instructions to connect your router to the internet.

**Note:**

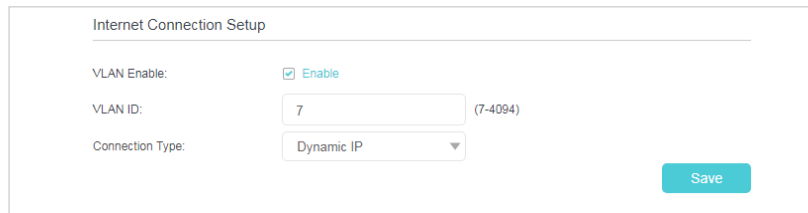
- If you have changed the preset wireless network name (SSID) and wireless password during the Quick Setup process, all your wireless devices must use the new SSID and password to connect to the router.

## 4.2. 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> or <http://192.168.0.1>, and log in with your the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Basic > Internet**.
3. Select your internet connection type from the drop-down list.



Internet Connection Setup

VLAN Enable: ☒ Enable

VLAN ID:  (7-4094)

Connection Type:

Save

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 don't need to set any parameters. Dynamic IP users are usually equipped with a cable TV or fiber cable.
  - 2) If you choose **Static IP**, enter the information provided by your ISP in the corresponding fields.

Internet Connection Setup

VLAN Enable: ☒ Enable

VLAN ID:  (7-4094)

Connection Type:

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 Connection Setup

VLAN Enable: ☒ Enable

VLAN ID:  (7-4094)

Connection Type:

Username:

Password:

- 4) If you choose **L2TP**, enter the **Username** and **Password** and choose the **IP Address Type** provided by your ISP. Different parameters are needed according to the IP Address Type you have chosen.

Internet Connection Setup

VLAN Enable: ☒ Enable

VLAN ID:  (7-4094)

Connection Type:

Username:

Password:

IP Address Type: ☒ Dynamic IP ☐ Static IP

Server IP Address/Name:

- 5) If you choose **PPTP**, enter the **Username** and **Password**, and choose the **IP Address Type** provided by your ISP. Different parameters are needed according to the IP Address Type you have chosen.

Internet Connection Setup

VLAN Enable: ☒ Enable

VLAN ID:  (7-4094)

Connection Type:

Username:

Password:

IP Address Type: ☒ Dynamic IP ☐ Static IP

Server IP Address/Name:

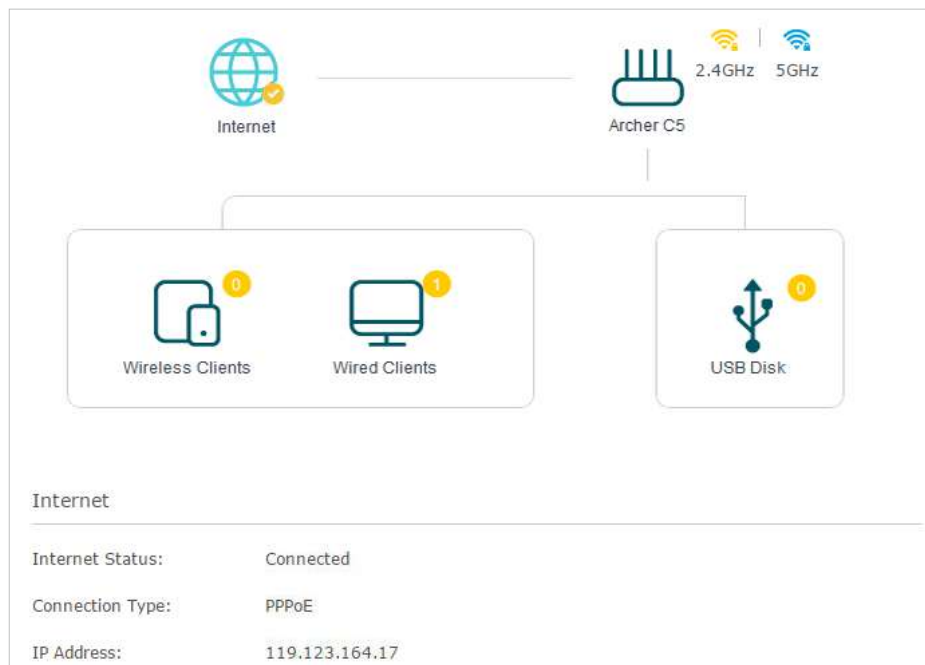
Save

5. Click [Save](#).

6. To check your internet connection, click [Network Map](#) on the left of the page. After the connection succeeds, the screen will display as follows. Here we take PPPoE as an example.

**Note:**

It may take 1-2 minutes to make the settings valid.



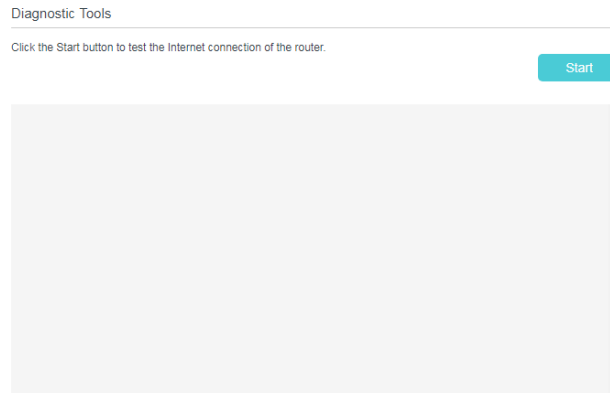
**Tips:**

- If your internet connection type is [BigPond Cable](#), please go to [Advanced > Network > Internet](#) to set your router.
- 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 [Troubleshooting](#) section for further instructions.

### 4.3. Test Internet Connectivity

After manually setting up the Internet connection, you need to test the Internet connectivity. The router provides a diagnostic tool to help you locate the malfunction.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net> or <http://192.168.0.1>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced** > **System Tools** > **Diagnostics** Page.



3. Click **Start** to test the Internet connectivity and you will see the test result in the gray box.

### 4.4. Set Up an IPv6 Internet Connection

If your ISP provides IPv6 connection and some detailed IPv6 parameters, you can manually set up an IPv6 connection.

If your ISP provides an IPv4-only connection or IPv6 tunnel service, permit IPv6 connection by referring to [Set Up the IPv6 Tunnel](#).

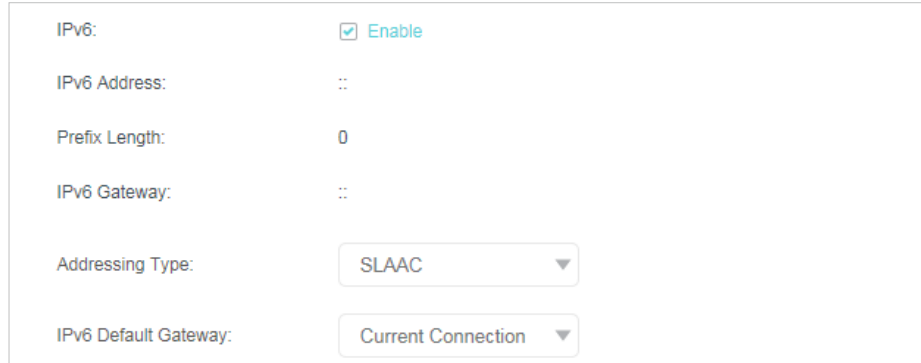
Follow the steps below to set up an IPv6 connection:

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net> or <http://192.168.0.1>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced** > **Network** > **Internet** page.

| <div> <span>Refresh</span> <span>Add</span> <span>Delete All</span> </div> |         |           |            |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WAN Interface Name                                                         | VLAN ID | Status    | Operation  | Modify                                                                                                                                                                      |
| ipoe_eth_0_7_d                                                             | 7       | Connected | Disconnect |   |

3. Select your WAN Interface Name (**Status** should be **Connected**) and click the  (Edit) icon.

4. Scroll down the page, enable [IPv6](#), and configure the IPv6 parameters.

A screenshot of a network configuration interface for IPv6. It contains several fields: 'IPv6:' with a checked checkbox and the word 'Enable' in blue; 'IPv6 Address:' with a double colon '::'; 'Prefix Length:' with the value '0'; 'IPv6 Gateway:' with a double colon '::'; 'Addressing Type:' with a dropdown menu showing 'SLAAC'; and 'IPv6 Default Gateway:' with a dropdown menu showing 'Current Connection'.

- [Addressing Type](#): Consult your ISP for the addressing type, DHCPv6 or SLAAC. SLAAC is the most commonly used addressing type.

■ **Note:** If your ISP has provided the IPv6 address, click [Advanced](#) to reveal more settings. Check to use IPv6 specified by ISP and enter the parameters provided by your ISP.

5. Click [Save](#) to make the settings effective. Now IPv6 service is available for your network.

## Chapter 5

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# USB Settings

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

The router supports USB external flash drives, hard drives and USB printers.

It contains the following sections:

- [Access the USB Storage Device](#)
- [Media Sharing](#)
- [3G/4G Settings](#)

## 5. 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 Sharings](#) > [USB Storage Devices](#) and click [Remove](#) .

### 5. 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.

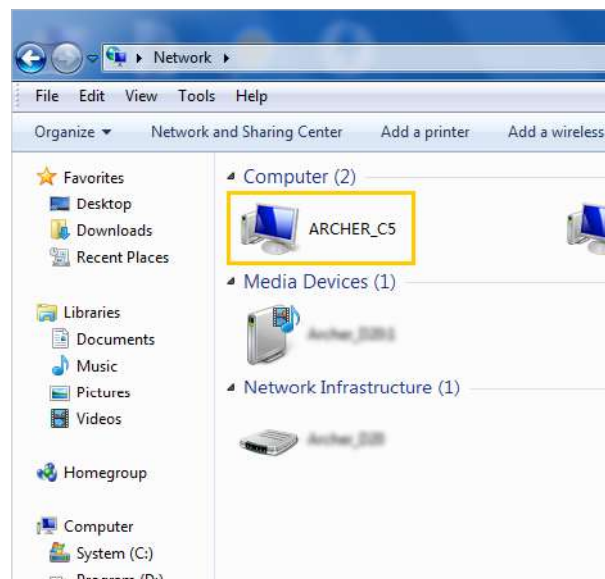
#### Windows computer

➤ **Method 1:**

Go to [Computer](#) > [Network](#), then click the Network Server Name ([ARCHER\\_model number](#) by default) in the [Computer](#) section.

■ **Note:**

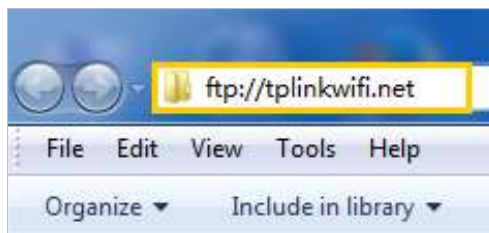
Operations in different systems are similar. Here we take Windows 7 as an example.



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](#).)

Smart  
device

Use a third-party app for network files management.

## 🔗 Tips:

You can also access your USB disk by using your Network/Media Server Name as the server address. Refer to [To customize the address of the USB disk](#) to learn more.

### 5. 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 the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > USB Sharing > USB Storage Device** page.
3. Tick the **FTP (via Internet)** checkbox, and then click **Save**.

Sharing Settings

Network/Media Server Name:

Archer\_C5

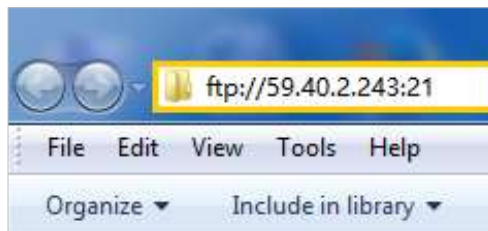
| Enable                              | Access Method        | Access Address       | Port          |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Media Server         | --                   | --            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Network Neighborhood | \\MyShare            | --            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FTP                  | ftp://192.168.0.1:21 | <div>21</div> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FTP(via Internet)    | ftp://0.0.0.0:21     | 21            |

Save

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

## Computer

- 1) Open the [Windows Explorer](#) (or go to [Computer](#), only for Windows users) or open a web browser.
- 2) Type the server address in the address bar:
- 3) Type in [ftp://<WAN IP address of the router>:<port number>](#) (such as [ftp://59.40.2.243:21](#)). If you have specified the domain name of the router, you can also type in [ftp://<domain name>:<port number>](#) (such as [ftp://MyDomainName:21](#))



- 4) Press [Enter](#) on the keyboard.
- 5) Access with the username and password you set in [To set up authentication for data security](#).

 **Tips:**

You can also access the USB disk via a third-party app for network files management, which can resume broken file transfers.

## Smart device

Use a third-party app for network files management.

 **Tips:**

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

### 5.1.3. 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 the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [USB Sharing](#) > [USB Storage Device](#) page.

➤ **To customize the address of the USB disk:**

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

1. On the Sharing Settings part, make sure [Network Neighborhood](#) is ticked, and enter a Network/Media Server Name as you like, such as [MyShare](#), then click [Save](#).

Sharing Settings

Network/Media Server Name:

| Enable                              | Access Method        | Access Address       | Port                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Media Server         | --                   | --                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Network Neighborhood | \\MyShare            | --                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FTP                  | ftp://192.168.0.1:21 | <input type="text" value="21"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | FTP(via Internet)    | ftp://0.0.0.0:21     | 21                              |

[Save](#)

- Now you can access the USB disk by visiting [\\MyShare](#) (for Windows) or [smb://MyShare](#) (for Mac).

➤ **To only share specific content:**

- Focus on the [Folder Sharing](#) section. Click the button to disable [Share All](#), then click [Add](#) to add a new sharing folder.

Folder Sharing

Share All: ☐

[+ Add](#) [- Delete](#)

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Folder Name | Folder Path | Media Sharing | Volume Name | Status | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | -- | --          | --          | --            | --          | --     | --     |

Volume Name:

Folder Path:  [Browse](#)

Folder Name:

☐ Enable Authentication

☒ [Enable Write Access](#)

☒ [Enable Media Sharing](#)

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

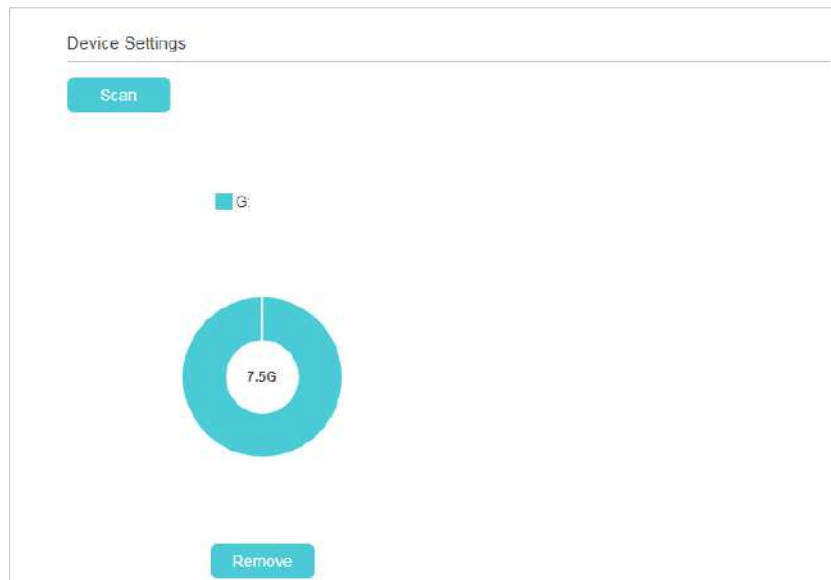
- Select the [Volume Name](#) and [Folder Path](#), then enter a [Folder Name](#) as you like.
- Decide the way you share the folder:
  - [Enable Authentication](#): Tick to enable authentication for this folder sharing, and you will be required to log in to the Sharing Account to access the USB disk. Refer to [To set up authentication for data security](#) to learn more.

- **Enable Write Access:** If you tick this checkbox, network clients can modify this folder.
- **Enable Media Sharing:** Tick to enable media sharing for this folder, and you can view photos, play music and watch movies stored on the USB disk directly from DLNA-supported devices. Click [Media Sharing](#) to learn more.

4. Click **Save**.

 **Tips:**

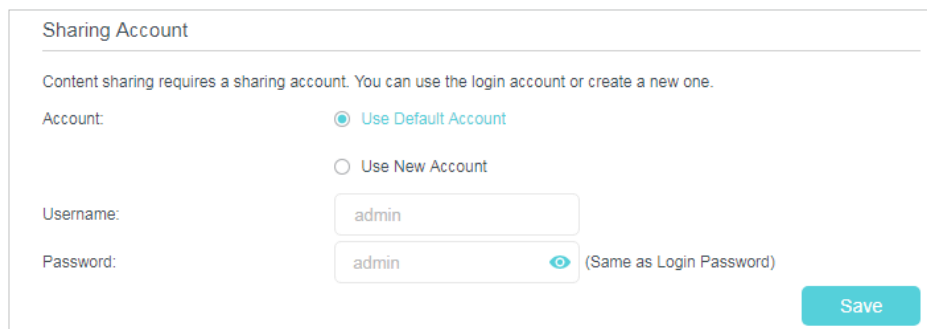
The router can share 32 volumes at most.



➤ **To set up authentication for data security:**

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

1. On the Sharing Account part, Choose [Use Default Account](#) or [Use New Account](#). The username is admin and the password is admin for Default Account. If you choose [Use New Account](#), you have to customize the username and a password.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Sharing Account". Below the title is a line of text: "Content sharing requires a sharing account. You can use the login account or create a new one." There are two radio button options: "Use Default Account" (which is selected) and "Use New Account". Below these are input fields for "Username:" and "Password:". The "Username:" field contains the text "admin". The "Password:" field contains the text "admin" and has a small teal eye icon to its right. To the right of the password field is the text "(Same as Login Password)". At the bottom right of the form is a teal "Save" button.

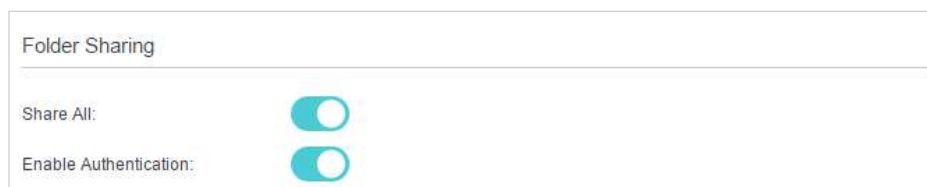
**Note:**

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.

## 2. Enable **Authentication** to apply the account you just set.

- If you leave **Share All** enabled, click the button to enable **Authentication** for all folders.

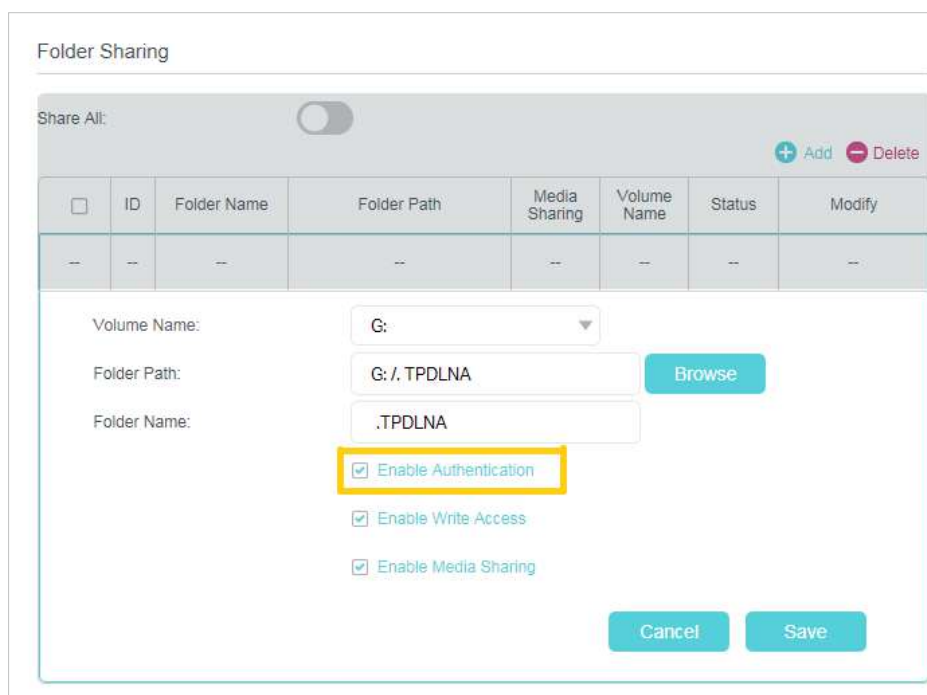


Folder Sharing

Share All: ☒

Enable Authentication: ☒

- If **Share All** is disabled, enable **Authentication** for specific folders.



Folder Sharing

Share All: ☐

+ Add - Delete

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Folder Name | Folder Path | Media Sharing | Volume Name | Status | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| --                       | -- | --          | --          | --            | --          | --     | --     |

Volume Name: G:

Folder Path: G: / .TPDLNA

Folder Name: .TPDLNA

☒ Enable Authentication

☒ Enable Write Access

☒ Enable Media Sharing

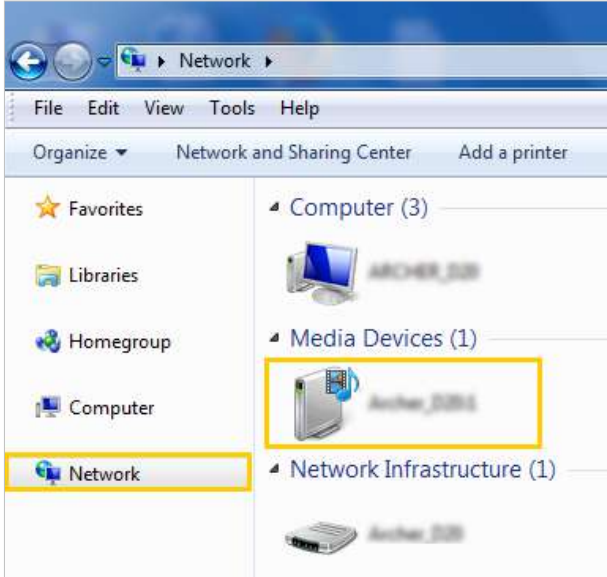
**Note:**

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 disk](#).

## 5.2. Media Sharing

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

1. When your USB disk 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 disks.
2. Refer to the following table for detailed instructions.

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>Windows Computer</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go to <a href="#">Computer</a> &gt; <a href="#">Network</a>, then click the Media Server Name (<a href="#">Model number-share</a> by default) in the <a href="#">Media Devices</a> section.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b><br/>Here we take Windows 7 as an example.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows the Windows 7 Network window. The left sidebar has 'Network' selected and highlighted with a yellow box. The main pane shows three sections: 'Computer (3)' with 'Archer_200' and a computer icon; 'Media Devices (1)' with 'Archer_2001' and a media server icon, which is highlighted with a yellow box; and 'Network Infrastructure (1)' with 'Archer_200' and a network device icon.</p> |
| <p><b>Smart device</b></p>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a third-party DLNA-supported player.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

## 5.3. 3G/4G Settings

The router can be used as a 3G/4G wireless router if you have a 3G/4G USB modem. You can use your 3G/4G network as a backup solution for Internet access:

### 5.3.1. As a Backup Solution for Internet Access

Using 3G/4G network as a backup solution for Internet access, your router will be directly connected to the 3G/4G network when the original network service fails. When the WAN port is not connected, 3G/4G network is the only way to access the Internet.

Follow the steps below to set your 3G/4G network as a backup for Internet access:

1. Plug your USB modem into the USB port of your router.
2. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, then log in with the password you set for the router.
3. Go to **Advanced > USB Sharing > 3G/4G Settings**, and select the box of **Enable 3G/4G as a backup solution for Internet access**.

#### 3G/4G Settings

Note: 3G or 4G access is unavailable in the current operation mode. Please enable 3G/4G backup or change the operation mode to 3G/4G Router mode.

☒ **Enable 3G/4G as a backup solution for Internet access**

3G/4G USB Modem: Unplugged

PIN Status: Unknown

Mobile ISP: AT&T

☒ **Set Dial Number, APN, Username and Password manually**

Dial Number: \*99#

APN: broadband

Username: WAP@CINGULAR.COM (Optional)

Password: CINGULAR1 (Optional)

Authentication Type: Auto

Connection Status: Disconnected

☒ Advanced

[3G/4G USB Modem Settings](#)

**Save**

4. Verify that your **3G/4G USB Modem** is successfully identified.

■ **Note:**

The 3G/4G USB modem will not be identified if it is incompatible with the router. Find the 3G/4G Compatibility List on the web page: <http://www.tp-link.com/en/comp-list.html>. If your USB modem is incompatible, contact our technical support.

5. Verify that the router has correctly recognized your [Mobile ISP](#). When your [Mobile ISP](#) is correct, you have successfully set 3G/4G network as a backup solution for Internet access. Otherwise, select the box of [Set the Dial Number, APN, Username and Password manually](#) and enter the information provided by your 3G/4G network service provider.
6. Click [Advanced](#) to have more configurations if needed.
7. Click [Save](#) to make the settings effective.

## Chapter 6

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# Parental Controls

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This function allows you to block inappropriate, explicit and malicious websites, and control access to specified websites at specified time.

**I want to:**

Control what types of websites my children or other home network users can visit and even the time of day they are allowed to access the Internet.

For example, I want to allow my children's devices (e.g. a computer or a tablet) to access only [www.tp-link.com](http://www.tp-link.com) and [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org) from 18:00 (6PM) to 22:00 (10PM) on weekdays and not other time.

**How can I do that?**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Basic](#) or [Advanced](#) > [Parental Controls](#) and enable [Parental Controls](#).

Parental Controls

Parental Controls: ☒

Devices Under Parental Controls

The Effective Time is based on the time of the router. The time can be set in "Advanced > System Tools > Time Settings".

[Refresh](#) [Add](#) [Delete](#)

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Device Name | MAC Address | Effective Time | Description | Status | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| --                       | -- | --          | --          | --             | --          | --     | --     |

Content Restriction

Content Restriction: ☒

Restriction Policy: ☒ Blacklist ☐ Whitelist

[+ Add a New Keyword](#)

[Save](#)

3. Click [Add](#).

Devices Under Parental Controls

The Effective Time is based on the time of the router. The time can be set in "Advanced > System Tools > Time Settings".

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Device Name | MAC Address | Effective Time | Description | Status | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| --                       | -- | --          | --          | --             | --          | --     | --     |

Device Name:  Scan  
 MAC Address:   
 Effective Time:   
 Description:   
☒ Enable This Entry

Cancel Save

- Click **Scan**, and add the device to be controlled. Or, enter the **Device Name** and **MAC Address** manually.
- Click the icon to set the Effective Time. Drag the cursor over the appropriate cell(s) and click **Save**.

System Time: 01/01/2016 00:48:22

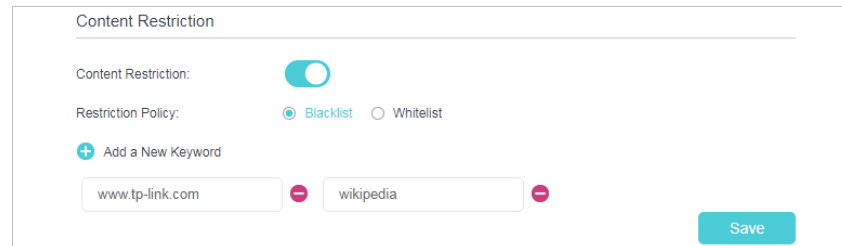
|       | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 0:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 1:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 2:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 3:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 4:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 5:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 6:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 7:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 8:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 9:00  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 10:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 11:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 12:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 13:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 14:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 15:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 16:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 17:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 18:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 19:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 20:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 21:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 22:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 23:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 24:00 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

Effective Time

Reset OK

- Enter a **Description** for the entry.
- Select the checkbox to enable this entry and click **Save**.
- Enable **Content Restriction** and select the restriction mode.

- 1) In **Blacklist** mode, the controlled devices cannot access any websites containing the specified keywords during the Internet Access Time period.
- 2) In **Whitelist** mode, the controlled devices can only access websites containing the specified keywords during the Effective Time period.



The screenshot shows the 'Content Restriction' settings page. At the top, the title 'Content Restriction' is followed by a horizontal line. Below this, there is a toggle switch for 'Content Restriction' which is currently turned on. Underneath the toggle, the 'Restriction Policy' is set to 'Blacklist' (indicated by a selected radio button) with 'Whitelist' as an alternative option. A link with a plus icon and the text 'Add a New Keyword' is present. Below this link, there are two input fields: the first contains 'www.tp-link.com' and the second contains 'wikipedia'. Each input field has a red minus icon to its right. A blue 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

9. Click **Add a New Keyword**. You can add many keywords for both Blacklist and Whitelist. Below are some sample entries to allow access.
  - 1) Enter a web address (e.g. www.tp-link.com) or a web address keyword (e.g. wikipedia) to only allow or block access to the websites containing that keyword.
  - 2) Specify the domain suffix (eg. .edu or .org) to allow access only to the websites with that suffix.
10. Enter the keywords or websites you want to add and click **Save**.

**Done!**

Now you can control your children's Internet access according to your needs.

## Chapter 7

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# Bandwidth Control

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This chapter describes how to use the Bandwidth Control function to control the bandwidth by configuring rules for limiting various data flows. In this way, the network bandwidth can be reasonably distributed and utilized.

It contains the following sections:

- [Configure the Bandwidth Control](#)
- [Controlling rules](#)

## 7.1. Configure the Bandwidth Control

Bandwidth Control allows you to configure the Upstream Bandwidth and Downstream Bandwidth of the network, follow the steps below to configure the Bandwidth Control.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Bandwidth Control](#) page and enable [Bandwidth Control](#).
3. Input the total upload and download speed through the WAN port in the [Total Upstream Bandwidth](#) and [Total Downstream Bandwidth](#) field. For optimal bandwidth control, please consult your ISP for the total allowed bandwidth for upstream and downstream.

4. Click [Save](#).

## 7.2. Controlling rules

To add a new rule for the Bandwidth Control.

1. Click [Add](#).

2. Enter a range of IP addresses and port numbers to be controlled.

3. Select the protocol type for this rule.
4. Select a priority level for this rule. 1 is the highest priority level and 8 is the lowest priority level. The total upload and download bandwidth will be allocated to guarantee the minimal rate of all bandwidth control rules.
5. Enter the minimum and maximum upload bandwidth and download bandwidth through the WAN port.
6. Select [Enable This Entry](#).
7. Click [Save](#).

## Chapter 8

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# Network Security

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This chapter guides you on how to protect your home network from unauthorized users by implementing these two network security functions. you can use Access Control for wired and wierless networks, or you can prevent ARP spoofing and ARP attacks using IP & MAC Binding.

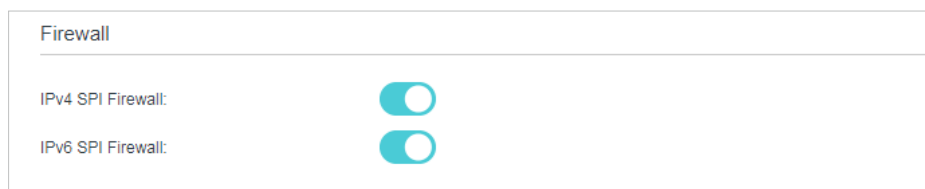
It contains the following sections:

- [Firewall & DoS Protection](#)
- [Service Filtering](#)
- [Access Control](#)
- [IP & MAC Binding](#)

## 8.1. Firewall & DoS Protection

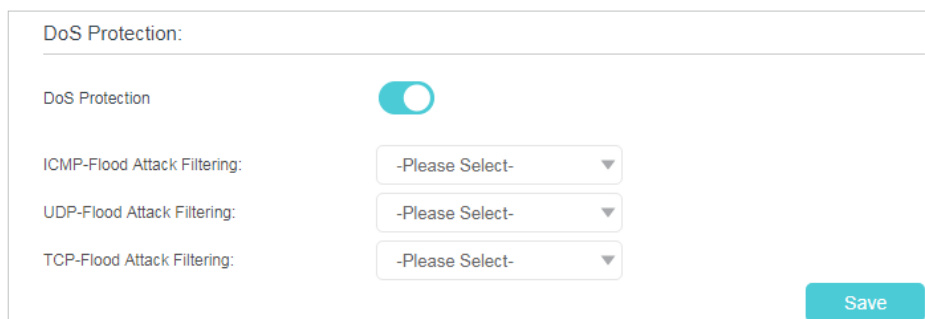
The SPI (Stateful Packet Inspection) Firewall and DoS (Denial of Service) Protection protect the router from cyber attacks.

The SPI Firewall can prevent cyber attacks and validate the traffic that is passing through the router based on the protocol. This function is enabled by default, and it's recommended to keep the default settings.



DoS Protection can protect your home network against DoS attacks from flooding your network with server requests. Follow the steps below to configure DoS Protection.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > Security > Firewall & DoS Protection**.



3. Enable **DoS Protection**.
4. Set the level (**Low**, **Middle** or **High**) of protection for **ICMP-FLOOD Attack Filtering**, **UDP-FLOOD Attack Filtering** and **TCP-FLOOD Attack Filtering**.
  - **ICMP-FLOOD Attack Filtering** - Enable to prevent the ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) flood attack.
  - **UDP-FLOOD Attack Filtering** - Enable to prevent the UDP (User Datagram Protocol) flood attack.
  - **TCP-FLOOD Attack Filtering** - Enable to prevent the TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) flood attack.
5. Click **Save**.

 **Tips:**

1. The level of protection is based on the number of traffic packets. Specify the level at [DoS Protection Level Settings](#).

### Dos Protection Level Settings

|                                 |         |      |                      |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|----------------------|
| ICMP-Flood Protection Level:    | Low:    | 1200 | (5-3600) packets/sec |
|                                 | Middle: | 2400 | (5-3600) packets/sec |
|                                 | High:   | 3600 | (5-3600) packets/sec |
| UDP-Flood Protection Level:     | Low:    | 1200 | (5-3600) packets/sec |
|                                 | Middle: | 2400 | (5-3600) packets/sec |
|                                 | High:   | 3600 | (5-3600) packets/sec |
| TCP-SYN-Flood Protection Level: | Low:    | 1200 | (5-3600) packets/sec |
|                                 | Middle: | 2400 | (5-3600) packets/sec |
|                                 | High:   | 3600 | (5-3600) packets/sec |

Save

2. The protection will be triggered immediately when the number of packets exceeds the preset threshold value, and the vicious host will be displayed in the [Blocked DoS Host List](#).

| Blocked DoS Host List    |    |                                                                                                                                  |             |
|--------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Host Number: 0           |    | <span style="color: #00a0c0; font-size: 1.2em;">↻</span> Refresh <span style="color: #a00040; font-size: 1.2em;">✖</span> Delete |             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | IP Address                                                                                                                       | MAC Address |
| --                       | -- | --                                                                                                                               | --          |

## 8.2. Service Filtering

With Service Filtering, you can prevent certain users from accessing the specified service, even block internet access completely.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Security](#) > [Service Filtering](#).
3. Toggle On [Service Filtering](#).
4. Click [Add](#).

Filtering List

Refresh Add Delete

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Service Type | Port | IP Address | Status | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|--------------|------|------------|--------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | -- | --           | --   | --         | --     | --     |

Service Type: Any(ALL)

Protocol: TCP/UDP

Starting Port: 1 (1-65535)

Ending Port: 65535 (1-65535)

Service Type: Any(ALL)

Filter Service For: ☐ Single IP Address ☐ IP Address Range ☒ All IP Addresses

Cancel Save

5. Select a **Service Type** from the drop-down list and the following four fields will be auto-populated. Select **Custom** when your desired service type is not listed, and enter the information manually.
6. Specify the IP address(es) that this filtering rule will apply to.
7. Click **Save**.

Note: If you want to disable this entry, click the Bulb icon .

### 8.3. Access Control

Access Control is used to block or allow specific client devices to access your network (via wired or wireless) based on a list of blocked devices (Blacklist) or a list of allowed devices (Whitelist).

**I want to:** Block or allow specific client devices to access my network (via wired or wireless).

**How can I do that?**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced** > **Security** > **Access Control** and enable **Access Control**.

**Access Control**

Access Control: ☒

Access Mode:

Access Mode: ☒ Blacklist ☐ Whitelist

[Save](#)

**Devices in Blacklist**

[+ Add](#) [- Delete](#)

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Device Name | MAC Address | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|-------------|-------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | -- | --          | --          | --     |

**Online Devices**

[Refresh](#) [Block](#)

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Device Name     | IP Address    | MAC Address       | Connection Type |
|--------------------------|----|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1  | WIN-BLQCU7BK4S8 | 192.168.0.100 | 74-D4-35-9F-D8-7C | Wired           |

1. Select the access mode to either block (recommended) or allow the device(s) in the list.

#### To block specific device(s)

- 1) Select [Blacklist](#) and click [Save](#).
- 2) Select the device(s) to be blocked in the [Online Devices](#) table.
- 3) Click [Block](#) above the [Online Devices](#) table. The selected devices will be added to [Devices in Blacklist](#) automatically.

#### To allow specific device(s)

- 1) Select [Whitelist](#) and click [Save](#).
- 2) Click [Add](#).

**Devices in Whitelist**

[+ Add](#) [- Delete](#)

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Device Name | MAC Address | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|-------------|-------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | -- | --          | --          | --     |

Device Name:

MAC Address:

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

- 3) Enter the [Device Name](#) and [MAC Address](#) (You can copy and paste the information from [Devices Online](#) table if the device is connected to your network).

- 4) Click [Save](#).

**Done!**

Now you can block or allow specific client devices to access your network (via wired or wireless) using the [Blacklist](#) or [Whitelist](#).

## 8.4. IP & MAC Binding

IP & MAC Binding, namely, ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) Binding, is used to bind network device's IP address to its MAC address. This will prevent ARP spoofing and other ARP attacks by denying network access to a device with matching IP address in the Binding list, but unrecognized MAC address.

**I want to:**

Prevent ARP spoofing and ARP attacks.

**How can I do that?**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Security](#) > [IP & MAC Binding](#) and enable [IP & MAC Binding](#).

IP & MAC Binding

IP & MAC Binding:



Binding List

 Add  Delete

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | MAC Address | IP Address | Status | Enable | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|-------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | -- | --          | --         | --     | --     | --     |

ARP List

 Refresh  Bind

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | MAC Address       | IP Address    | Bound    | Modify                                                                                |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1  | 74-D4-35-9F-D8-7C | 192.168.0.100 | Unloaded |  |

3. Bind your device(s) according to your needs.

**To bind the connected device(s)**

- 1) Select the device(s) to be bound in the [ARP List](#).
- 2) Click [Bind](#) to add to the [Binding List](#).

**To bind the unconnected device**

- 1) Click [Add](#).

The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Binding List". At the top right, there are "Add" and "Delete" buttons. Below this is a table with the following columns: a checkbox, ID, MAC Address, IP Address, Status, Enable, and Modify. The table contains one row with dashes in each cell. Below the table, there are input fields for "MAC Address:" and "IP Address:". Below these fields is a checkbox labeled "Enable This Entry" which is checked. At the bottom right, there are "Cancel" and "Save" buttons.

- 2) Enter the **MAC address** and **IP address** that you want to bind.
- 3) Select the check box to enable the entry and click **Save**.

**Done!**

Now you don't need to worry about ARP spoofing and ARP attacks.

## Chapter 9

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# NAT Forwarding

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The router's NAT (Network Address Translation) feature makes devices on the LAN use the same public IP address to communicate with devices on the internet, which protects the local network by hiding IP addresses of the devices. However, it also brings about the problem that an external host cannot initiatively communicate with a specified device on the local network.

With the forwarding feature the router can penetrate the isolation of NAT and allows devices on the internet to initiatively communicate with devices on the local network, thus realizing some special functions.

The TP-Link router supports four forwarding rules. If two or more rules are set, the priority of implementation from high to low is Virtual Servers, Port Triggering, UPnP and DMZ.

It contains the following sections:

- [Translate Address and Port by ALG](#)
- [Share Local Resources on the Internet by Virtual Servers](#)
- [Open Ports Dynamically by Port Triggering](#)
- [Make Applications Free from Port Restriction by DMZ](#)
- [Make Xbox Online Games Run Smoothly by UPnP](#)

## 9.1. Translate Address and Port by ALG

ALG (Application Layer Gateway) allows customized NAT (Network Address Translation) traversal filters to be plugged into the gateway to support address and port translation for certain application layer “control/data” protocols: FTP, TFTP, H323 etc. Enabling ALG is recommended.

### ALG

|                     |                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| PPTP Pass-through:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| L2TP Pass-through:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| IPSec Pass-through: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| FTP ALG:            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| TFTP ALG:           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| H323 ALG:           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable |
| SIP ALG:            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable |

Save

- **PPTP Pass-through:** If enabled, it allows Point-to-Point sessions to be tunneled through an IP network and passed through the router.
- **L2TP Pass-through:** If enabled, it allows Layer 2 Point-to-Point sessions to be tunneled through an IP network and passed through the router.
- **IPSec Pass-through:** If enabled, it allows IPSec (Internet Protocol Security) to be tunneled through an IP network and passed through the router. IPSec uses cryptographic security services to ensure private and secure communications over IP networks.
- **FTP ALG:** If enabled, it allows FTP (File Transfer Protocol) clients and servers to transfer data via NAT.
- **TFTP ALG:** If enabled, it allows TFTP (Trivial File Transfer Protocol) clients and servers to transfer data via NAT.
- **H323 ALG:** If enabled, it allows Microsoft NetMeeting clients to communicate via NAT.
- **SIP ALG:** If enabled, it allows clients communicate with SIP (Session Initiation Protocol) servers via NAT.

## 9.2. Share Local Resources on the Internet by Virtual Servers

When you build up a server on the local network and want to share it on the internet, Virtual Servers can realize the service and provide it to internet users. At the same time Virtual Servers can keep the local network safe as other services are still invisible from the internet.

Virtual Servers can be used for setting up public services on your local network, such as HTTP, FTP, DNS, POP3/SMTP and Telnet. Different services use different service ports. Port 80 is used in HTTP service, port 21 in FTP service, port 25 in SMTP service and port 110 in POP3 service. Please verify the service port number before the configuration.

**I want to:** Share my personal website I've built in local network with my friends through the internet.

For example, the personal website has been built on my home PC (192.168.0.100). I hope that my friends on the internet can visit my website in some way. The PC is connected to the router with the WAN IP address 218.18.232.154.



**How can I do that?**

1. Assign a static IP address to your PC, for example 192.168.0.100.
2. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in the password you set for the router.
3. Go to **Advanced > NAT Forwarding > Virtual Servers**.
4. Click **Add**. Click **Scan** and choose **HTTP**. The **External Port**, **Internal Port** and **Protocol** will be automatically filled in. Enter the PC's IP address 192.168.0.100 in the **Internal IP** field.
5. Click **Save**.

Virtual Servers

| ID | Service Type | External Port | Internal IP | Internal Port | Protocol | Status | Modify |
|----|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------|--------|--------|
| -- | --           | --            | --          | --            | --       | --     | --     |

Note: Virtual Server can be configured only when there is an available interface. If the external port is already used for Remote Management or CWMP, Virtual Server will not take effect.

Interface Name:

Service Type:

External Port:  (XX-XX or XX)

Internal IP:  .  .  .

Internal Port:  (XX or Blank, 1-65535)

Protocol:

☒ Enable This Entry

**Tips:**

- It is recommended to keep the default settings of [Internal Port](#) and [Protocol](#) if you are not clear about which port and protocol to use.
- If the service you want to use is not in the [Service Type](#), you can enter the corresponding parameters manually. You should verify the port number that the service needs.
- You can add multiple virtual server rules if you want to provide several services in a router. Please note that the [External Port](#) should not be overlapped.

**Done!**

Users on the internet can enter [http:// WAN IP](http://WAN IP) (in this example: [http:// 218.18.232.154](http://218.18.232.154)) to visit your personal website.

**Tips:**

- The WAN IP should be a public IP address. For the WAN IP is assigned dynamically by the ISP, it is recommended to apply and register a domain name for the WAN referring to [Set Up a Dynamic DNS Service Account](#). Then users on the internet can use [http:// domain name](http://domain name) to visit the website.
- If you have changed the default [External Port](#), you should use [http:// WAN IP: External Port](http://WAN IP: External Port) or [http:// domain name: External Port](http://domain name: External Port) to visit the website.

## 9.3. Open Ports Dynamically by Port Triggering

Port Triggering can specify a triggering port and its corresponding external ports. When a host on the local network initiates a connection to the triggering port, all the external ports will be opened for subsequent connections. The router can record the IP address of the host. When the data from the internet return to the external ports, the router can forward them to the corresponding host. Port Triggering is mainly applied to online games, VoIPs, video players and common applications including MSN Gaming Zone, Dialpad and Quick Time 4 players, etc.

Follow the steps below to configure the Port Triggering rules:

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](#) > [NAT Forwarding](#) > [Port Triggering](#) and click [Add](#).

- Click [Scan](#), and select the desired application. The triggering port and protocol, the external port and protocol will be automatically filled with contents. The following picture takes application [MSN Gaming Zone](#) as an example.
- Click [Save](#).

Port Triggering

+ Add - Delete

| ID | Application | Triggering Port | Triggering Protocol | External Port | External Protocol | Status | Modify |
|----|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------|--------|
| -- | --          | --              | --                  | --            | --                | --     | --     |

Interface Name: ipoe\_eth\_0\_2\_d

Application: MSN Gaming Zone [Scan](#)

Triggering Port: 47624 (XX, 1-65535)

Triggering Protocol: ALL

External Port: 2300-2400,28800-29000 (XX or XX-XX, 1-65535, at most 5 pairs)

External Protocol: ALL

☒ Enable This Entry

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

**Tips:**

- You can add multiple port triggering rules according to your network need.
- The triggering ports can not be overlapped.
- If the application you need is not listed in the [Existing Applications](#) list, please enter the parameters manually. You should verify the external ports the application uses first and enter them into [External Port](#) field according to the format the page displays.

## 9.4. Make Applications Free from Port Restriction by DMZ

When a PC is set to be a DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) host on the local network, it is totally exposed to the internet, which can realize the unlimited bidirectional communication between internal hosts and external hosts. The DMZ host becomes a virtual server with all ports opened. When you are not clear about which ports to open in some special applications, such as IP camera and database software, you can set the PC to be a DMZ host.

**Note:**

DMZ is more applicable in the situation that users are not clear about which ports to open. When it is enabled, the DMZ host is totally exposed to the Internet, which may bring some potential safety hazard. If DMZ is not in use, please disable it in time.

**I want to:**

Make the home PC join the internet online game without port restriction.

For example, due to some port restriction, when playing the online games, you can login normally but cannot join a team with other players. To solve this problem, set your PC as a DMZ host with all ports open.

**How can I do that?**

1. Assign a static IP address to your PC, for example 192.168.0.100.
2. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
3. Go to **Advanced > NAT Forwarding > DMZ** and select **Enable DMZ**.
4. Enter the IP address 192.168.0.100 in the **DMZ Host IP Address** field.



DMZ

DMZ: ☒ Enable

DMZ Host IP Address: 192 . 168 . 1 . 100

Save

5. Click **Save**.

**Done!**

The configuration is completed. You've set your PC to a DMZ host and now you can make a team to game with other players.

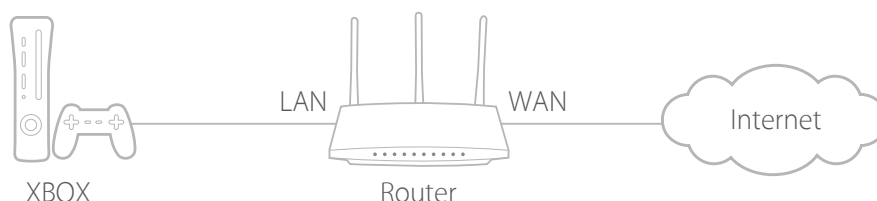
## 9.5. Make Xbox Online Games Run Smoothly by UPnP

The UPnP (Universal Plug and Play) protocol allows applications or host devices to automatically find the front-end NAT device and send request to it to open the corresponding ports. With UPnP enabled, the applications or host devices on the local network and the internet can freely communicate with each other thus realizing the seamless connection of the network. You may need to enable the UPnP if you want to use applications for multiplayer gaming, peer-to-peer connections, real-time communication (such as VoIP or telephone conference) or remote assistance, etc.

**Tips:**

- UPnP is enabled by default in this router.
- Only the application supporting UPnP protocol can use this feature.
- UPnP feature needs the support of operating system (e.g. Windows Vista/ Windows 7/ Windows 8, etc. Some of operating system need to install the UPnP components).

For example, when you connect your Xbox to the router which has connected to the internet to play online games, UPnP will send request to the router to open the corresponding ports allowing the following data penetrating the NAT to transmit. Therefore, you can play Xbox online games without a hitch.



If necessary, you can follow the steps to change the status of UPnP.

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** > **NAT Forwarding** > **UPnP** and toggle on or off according to your needs.

UPnP

UPnP:
☒

UPnP Service List

Total Clients: 0
Refresh

| ID | Service Description | External Port | Protocol | Internal IP Address | Internal Port |
|----|---------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------|---------------|
| -- | --                  | --            | --       | --                  | --            |

## Chapter 10

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# VPN Server

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The VPN (Virtual Private Networking) Server allows you to access your home network in a secured way through internet when you are out of home. The router offers two ways to set up VPN connection: OpenVPN and PPTP (Point to Point Tunneling Protocol) VPN.

OpenVPN is somewhat complex but with greater security and more stable. It is suitable for restricted environment, such as campus network and company intranet.

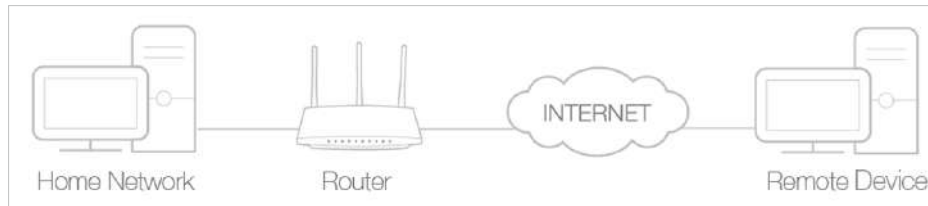
PPTP VPN is more easily used and its speed is faster, it's compatible with most operating systems and also supports mobile devices. Its security is poor and your packets may be cracked easily, and PPTP VPN connection may be prevented by some ISP.

It contains the following sections, please choose the appropriate VPN server connection type as needed.

- [Use Open VPN to Access Your Home Network](#)
- [Use PPTP VPN to Access Your Home Network](#)

## 10.1. Use Open VPN to Access Your Home Network

In the OpenVPN connection, the home network can act as a server, and the remote device can access the server through the router which acts as an OpenVPN Server gateway. To use the VPN feature, you should enable OpenVPN Server on your router, and install and run VPN client software on the remote device. Please follow the steps below to set up an OpenVPN connection.



### 10.1.1. Step1. Set up OpenVPN Server on Your Router

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > VPN Server > OpenVPN**, and select **Enable VPN Server**.

OpenVPN

☒ Enable VPN Server

Service Type: ☒ UDP ☐ TCP

Service Port: 1194

VPN Subnet/Netmask: 10 . 8 . 0 . 0 255 . 255 . 255 . 0

Client Access: ☒ Home Network Only ☐ Internet and Home Network

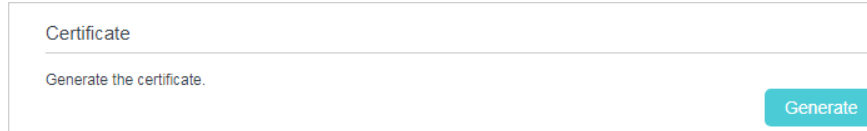
Save

**Note:**

- Before you enable VPN Server, we recommend you configure Dynamic DNS Service (recommended) or assign a static IP address for router's WAN port and synchronize your System Time with internet.
- The first time you configure the OpenVPN Server, you may need to [Generate](#) a certificate before you enable the VPN Server.

3. Select the **Service Type** (communication protocol) for OpenVPN Server: UDP, TCP.
4. Enter a VPN **Service Port** to which a VPN device connects, and the port number should be between 1024 and 65535.
5. In the **VPN Subnet/Netmask** fields, enter the range of IP addresses that can be leased to the device by the OpenVPN server.
6. Select your **Client Access** type. Select **Home Network Only** if you only want the remote device to access your home network; select **Internet and Home Network** if you also want the remote device to access internet through the VPN Server.
7. Click **Save**.

8. Click **Generate** to get a new certificate.



Certificate

Generate the certificate.

Generate

**Note:**

If you have already generated one, please skip this step, or click **Generate** to update the certificate.

9. Click **Export** to save the OpenVPN configuration file which will be used by the remote device to access your router.



Configuration File

Export the configuration.

Export

## 10.1.2. Step 2. Configure OpenVPN Connection on Your Remote Device

1. Visit <http://openvpn.net/index.php/download/community-downloads.html> to download the OpenVPN software, and install it on your device where you want to run the OpenVPN client utility.

**Note:**

You need to install the **OpenVPN** client utility on each device that you plan to apply the VPN function to access your router. Mobile devices should download a third-party app from Google Play or Apple App Store.

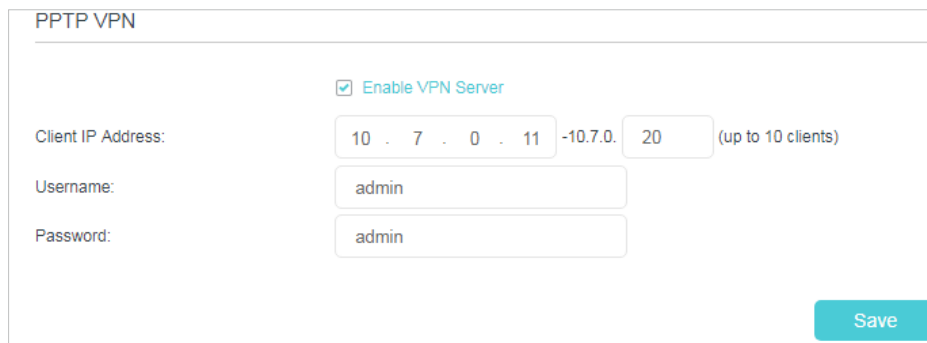
2. After the installation, copy the file exported from your router to the OpenVPN client utility's "config" folder (for example, **C:\Program Files\OpenVPN\config** on Windows). The path depends on where the OpenVPN client utility is installed.
3. Run the OpenVPN client utility and connect it to OpenVPN Server.

## 10.2. Use PPTP VPN to Access Your Home Network

PPTP VPN Server is used to create a VPN connection for remote device. To use the VPN feature, you should enable PPTP VPN Server on your router, and configure the PPTP connection on the remote device. Please follow the steps below to set up a PPTP VPN connection.

### 10.2.1. Step 1. Set up PPTP VPN Server on Your Router

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > VPN Server > PPTP VPN**, and select **Enable VPN Server**.



PPTP VPN

☒ Enable VPN Server

Client IP Address: 10 . 7 . 0 . 11 -10.7.0. 20 (up to 10 clients)

Username: admin

Password: admin

Save

**Note:**

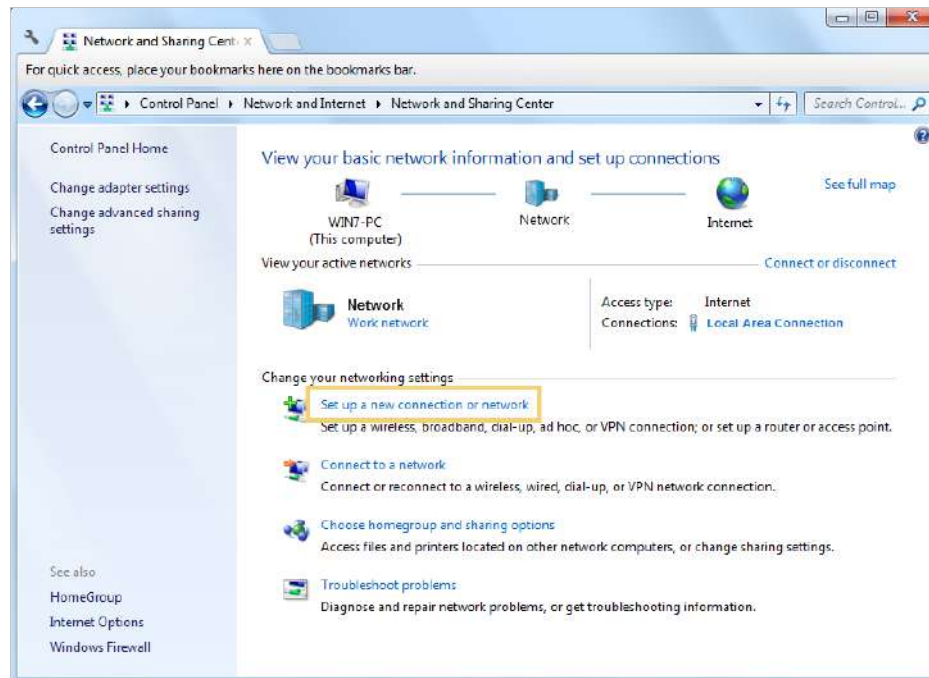
Before you enable [VPN Server](#), we recommend you configure Dynamic DNS Service (recommended) or assign a static IP address for router's WAN port and synchronize your [System Time](#) with internet.

3. In the [Client IP Address](#) field, enter the range of IP addresses (up to 10) that can be leased to the devices by the PPTP VPN server.
4. Enter [Username](#) and [Password](#) to authenticate clients to the PPTP VPN server.
5. Click [Save](#).

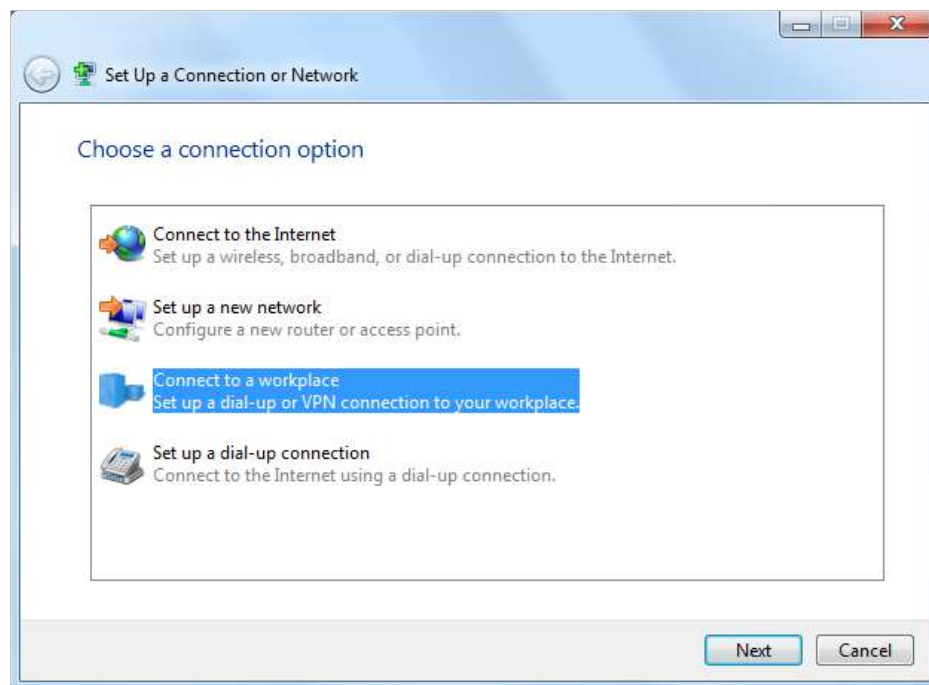
### 10.2.2. Step 2. Configure PPTP VPN Connection on Your Remote Device

The remote device can use the Windows built-in PPTP software or a third-party PPTP software to connect to PPTP Server. Here we use the [Windows built-in PPTP software](#) as an example.

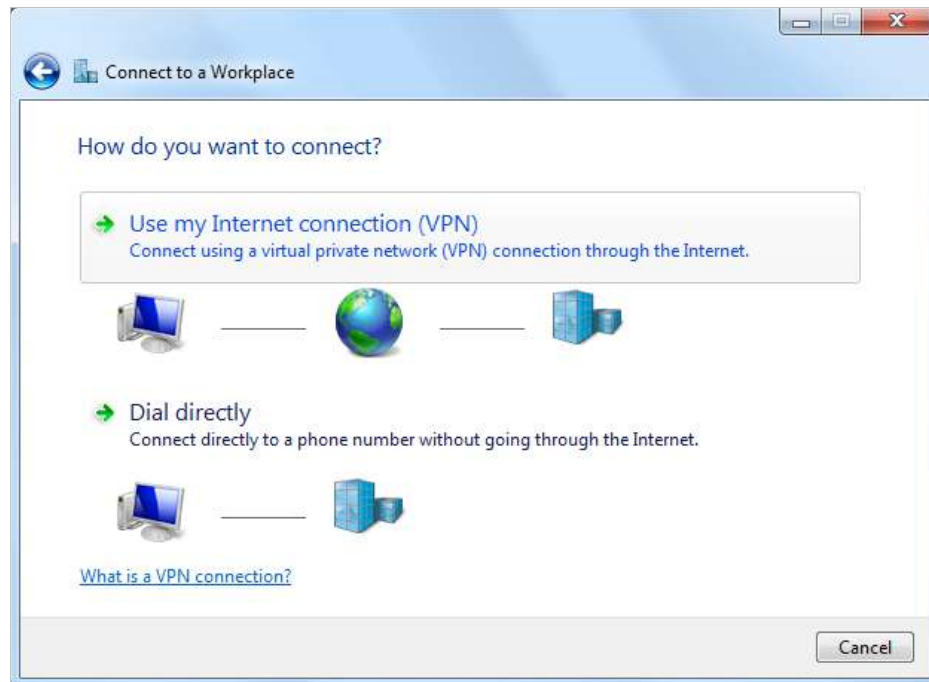
1. Go to [Start > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center](#).
2. Select [Set up a new connection or network](#).



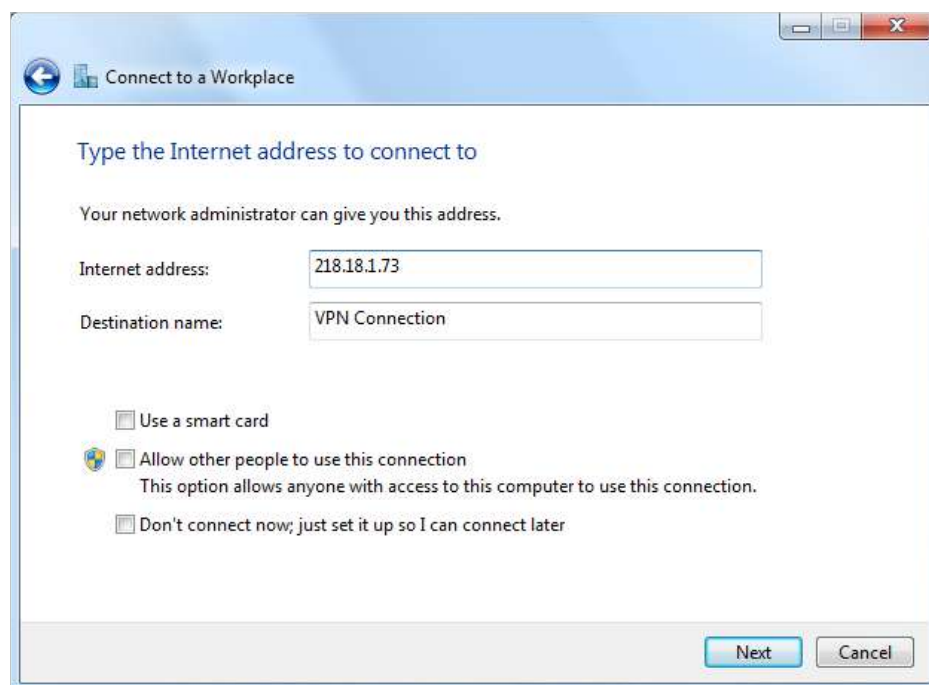
3. Select [Connect to a workplace](#) and click [Next](#).



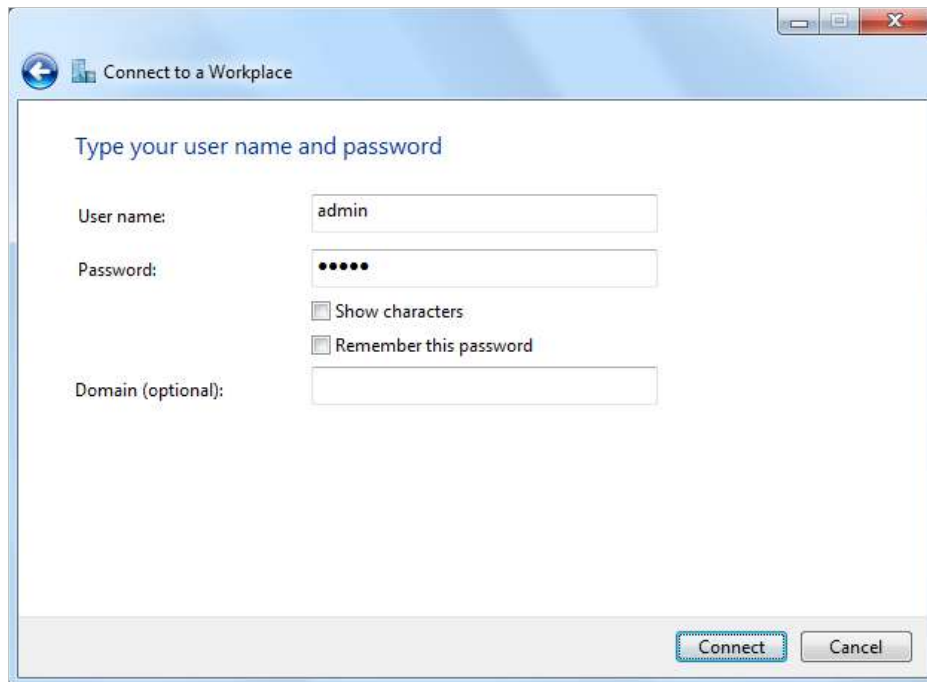
4. Select [Use my Internet connection \(VPN\)](#).



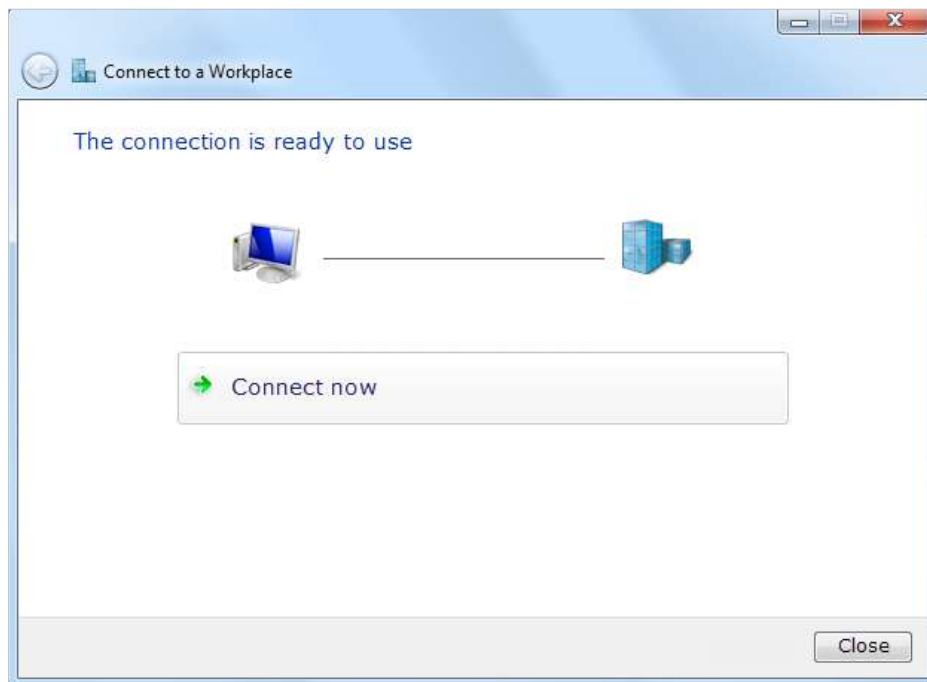
5. Enter the internet IP address of the router (for example: 218.18.1.73) in the **Internet address** field. Click **Next**.



6. Enter the **User name** and **Password** you have set for the PPTP VPN server on your router, and click **Connect**.



7. The PPTP VPN connection is created and ready to use.



## Chapter 11

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# Specify Your Network Settings

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This chapter introduces how to change the default settings or adjust the basic configuration of the router using the web management page.

It contains the following sections:

- [LAN Settings](#)
- [IPv6 LAN Settings](#)
- [Wireless Settings](#)
- [Set Up a Dynamic DNS Service Account](#)
- [Interface Grouping](#)
- [Create Static Routes](#)
- [Set Up the IPv6 Tunnel](#)

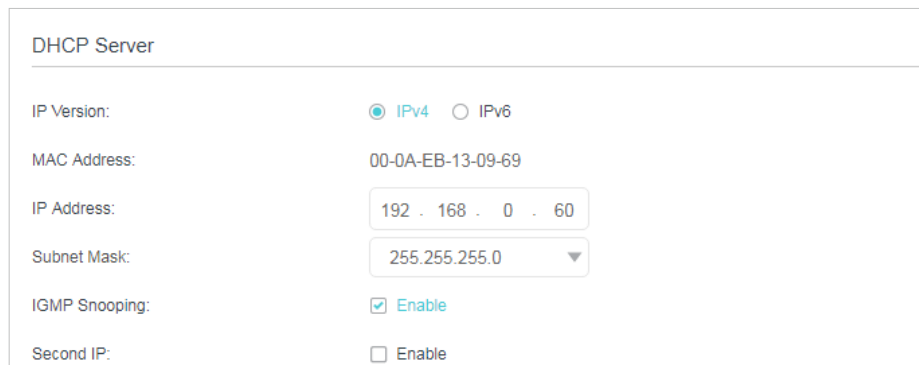
## 11.1. LAN Settings

### 11.1.1. Change the LAN IP Address

The router is preset with a default LAN IP 192.168.0.1, which you can use to log in to its web management page. The LAN IP address together with the Subnet Mask also defines the subnet that the connected devices are on. If the IP address conflicts with another device in your local network or your network requires a specific IP subnet, you can change it.

Follow the steps below to change your IP address.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [LAN Settings](#) page and select [IPv4](#).



| DHCP Server    |                                                                  |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| IP Version:    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> IPv4 <input type="radio"/> IPv6 |
| MAC Address:   | 00-0A-EB-13-09-69                                                |
| IP Address:    | 192 . 168 . 0 . 60                                               |
| Subnet Mask:   | 255.255.255.0 ▼                                                  |
| IGMP Snooping: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enable                       |
| Second IP:     | <input type="checkbox"/> Enable                                  |

3. Type in a new [IP Address](#) appropriate to your needs.
4. Select the [Subnet Mask](#) from the drop-down list. The subnet mask together with the IP address identifies the local IP subnet.
5. Keep [IGMP Snooping](#) as enabled by default. IGMP snooping is the process of listening to IGMP (Internet Group Management Protocol) network traffic. The function prevents hosts on a local network from receiving traffic for a multicast group they have not explicitly joined.
6. You can configure the modem router's [Second IP](#) and [Subnet Mask](#) for LAN interface through which you can also access the web management page.
7. Leave the rest of the default settings as they are.
8. Click [Save](#) to make the settings effective.

### 11.1.2. Use the Router as a DHCP Server

You can configure the router to act as a DHCP server to assign IP addresses to its clients. To use the DHCP server function of the router, you must configure all computers on the LAN to obtain an IP Address automatically.

Follow the steps below to configure DHCP server.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [LAN Settings](#) page and select **IPv4**.

DHCP: ☒ Enable

☒ DHCP Server ☐ DHCP Relay

IP Address Pool: 192 . 168 . 0 . 100 - 192 . 168 . 0 . 199

Address Lease Time: 1440 minutes. (1-2880. The default value is 1440.)

Default Gateway: 192 . 168 . 0 . 60 (Optional)

Default Domain: (Optional)

Primary DNS: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0 (Optional)

Secondary DNS: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0 (Optional)

Save

3. Select **DHCP** to enable the DHCP function and select **DHCP Server**.
4. Specify the **IP Address Pool**, the start address and end address must be on the same subnet with LAN IP. The router will assign addresses within this specified range to its clients. It is from 192.168.0.100 to 192.168.0.199 by default.
5. Enter a value for the **Address Lease Time**. The **Address Lease Time** is the amount of time in which a DHCP client can lease its current dynamic IP address assigned by the modem router. After the dynamic IP address expires, the user will be automatically assigned a new dynamic IP address. The default is 1440 minutes.
6. Keep the rest of the settings as default and click **Save**.

**Note:**

1. The router can be configured to work as a **DHCP Relay**. A DHCP relay is a computer that forwards DHCP data between computers that request IP addresses and the DHCP server that assigns the addresses. Each of the device's interfaces can be configured as a DHCP relay. If it is enabled, the DHCP requests from local PCs will be forwarded to the DHCP server that runs on WAN side.
2. You can also appoint IP addresses within a specified range to devices of the same type by using **Condition Pool** feature. For example, you can assign IP addresses within the range (192.168.0.50 to 192.168.0.80) to Camera devices, thus facilitating the network management. Enable DHCP feature and configure the parameters according to your actual situation on [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [LAN Settings](#) page.

### 11. 1. 3. Reserve LAN IP Addresses

You can view and add a reserved address for a client. When you specify an IP address for a device on the LAN, that device will always receive the same IP address each time when it accesses the DHCP server. If there are some devices in the LAN that require permanent IP addresses, please configure Address Reservation on the router for the purpose.

Follow the steps below to reserve an IP address for your device.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [LAN Settings](#) page and select [IPv4](#).
3. Scroll down to locate the [Address Reservation](#) table and click [Add](#) to add an address reservation entry for your device.

Address Reservation

|                          | MAC Address | Reserved IP Address | Group | Status | Modify |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | --          | --                  | --    | --     | --     |

MAC Address:

IP Address:

Group:

☒ Enable This Entry

4. Enter the [MAC address](#) of the device for which you want to reserve IP address.
5. Specify the IP address which will be reserved by the router.
6. Check to [Enable this entry](#) and click [Save](#) to make the settings effective.

## 11.2. IPv6 LAN Settings

Based on the IPv6 protocol, the router provides two ways to assign IPv6 LAN addresses:

- Configure the RADVD (Router Advertisement Daemon) address type
- Configure the DHCPv6 Server address type

### 11.2.1. Configure the RADVD Address Type

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [LAN Settings](#).
3. Select [IPv6](#) to configure IPv6 LAN parameters.

DHCP Server

IP Version: ☐ IPv4 ☒ IPv6

Group: Default

Address Type: ☒ RADVD ☐ DHCPv6 Server

☐ Enable RDNSS

☐ Enable ULA Prefix

Site Prefix Type: ☒ Delegated ☐ Static

WAN Connection: No available interface ▼

Save

- 1) Select the **RADVD** address type to make the router assign IPv6 address prefixes to hosts.

■ Note:

Do not select the **Enable RDNSS** and **Enable ULA Prefix** check boxes unless required by your ISP. Otherwise you may not be able to access the IPv6 network. For more information about RDNSS and ULA Prefix, contact our technical support.

- 2) Keep **Site Prefix Type** as the default value **Delegated**. If your ISP has provided a specific IPv6 site prefix, select **Static** and enter the prefix.
- 3) Keep **WAN Connection** as the default value.
4. Click **Save** to make the settings effective.

## 11.2.2. Configure the DHCPv6 Server Address Type

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced** > **Network** > **LAN Settings**.
3. Select **IPv6** to configure IPv6 LAN parameters.

DHCP Server

IP Version: ☐ IPv4 ☒ IPv6

Group: Default

Address Type: ☐ RADVD ☒ DHCPv6 Server

Starting IPv6 Address: :: 1 (1~FFFE)

Ending IPv6 Address: :: FFFE (1~FFFE)

Address Lease Time: 86400 seconds

Site Prefix Type: ☒ Delegated ☐ Static

WAN Connection: No available interface ▼

Save

- 1) Select the **DHCPv6 Server** address type to make the router assign IPv6 addresses to hosts.
  - 2) Specify the **Start/End IPv6 Address** for the IPv6 suffixes. The router will generate IPv6 addresses within the specified range.
  - 3) Keep **Leased Time** as the default value.
  - 4) Keep **Site Prefix Type** as the default value **Delegated**. If your ISP has provided a specific IPv6 site prefix, select **Static** and enter the prefix.
  - 5) Keep **WAN Connection** as the default value.
4. Click **Save** to make the settings effective.

## 11.3. 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 product label. You can customize the wireless settings according to your needs.

Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router. Go to **Basic > Wireless** page.

The image shows a 'Wireless Settings' configuration page. It has two sections: '2.4GHz Wireless Network' and '5GHz Wireless Network'. Each section has a checkbox to 'Enable' (both are checked), a text field for 'Network Name (SSID)', a text field for 'Password', and a checkbox for 'Hide SSID'. The 2.4GHz SSID is 'TP-Link\_0969' and the 5GHz SSID is 'TP-Link\_0969\_5G'. Both passwords are '12345670'. A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

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

Enable the 2.4 GHz or 5GHz Wireless Network. If you don't want to use the wireless function, just deselect the box. If you disable the wireless function, all the wireless settings won't be effective.

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

Enter a new SSID using up to 32 characters. The value is case-sensitive.

■ **Note:**

If you use a wireless device to change the wireless settings, you will be disconnected after the new settings are effective. Please write down the new SSID and password for future use.

➤ **To hide SSID:**

Select Hide SSID, and your SSID will not broadcast. Your SSID won't display on your wireless device when you scan for local wireless network list and you need to manually join the network.

➤ **To change the mode or channel:**

Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#) page and select the wireless network 2.4GHz or 5GHz.

**Mode:** Select the desired mode.

- 802.11n only: Select only if all of your wireless clients are 802.11n devices.
- 802.11gn mixed: Select if you are using both 802.11g and 802.11n wireless clients.
- 802.11bgn mixed: Select if you are using a mix of 802.11b, 11g, and 11n wireless clients.

■ **Note:** When 802.11n only mode is selected, only 802.11n wireless stations can connect to the modem router. It is strongly recommended that you select 802.11bgn mixed, and all of 802.11b, 802.11g, and 802.11n wireless stations can connect to the modem router.

- 802.11ac/n mixed (5GHz): Select if you are using both 802.11ac and 802.11n wireless clients.

- 802.11a/n/ac mixed (5GHz): Select if you are using a mix of 802.11a, 802.11n and 802.11ac wireless clients. It is strongly recommended that you select 11a/n/ac mixed.

**Channel:** Select the channel you want to use from the drop-down list. This field determines which operating frequency will be used. It is not necessary to change the wireless channel unless you notice interference problems with another nearby access point.

**Channel Width:** Select the channel width from the drop-down list. The default setting is **Auto**, which can adjust the channel width for your clients automatically.

➤ **To change the security option:**

1. Go to **Advanced** > **Wireless** > **Wireless Settings** page.
2. Select the wireless network **2.4GHz** or **5GHz**.
3. Select an option from the **Security** drop-down list. The router provides four options, No Security, WPA/WPA2 Personal (Recommended), WPA/WPA2 Enterprise, WEP. WPA2 uses the newest standard and the security level is the highest. We recommend you don't change the default settings unless necessary.

### 11.3.1. Use WPS for Wireless Connection

You can use WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) feature to add a new wireless device to your existing network quickly.

#### Method 1 Use the WPS Button

Use this method if your client device has a WPS button.

1. Press the WPS button of the modem router for 1 second.
2. Press the WPS button of the client device directly.
3. The WPS LED flashes for about 2 minutes during the WPS process.
4. When the WPS LED is on, the client device has successfully connected to the modem router.

#### Method 2 Use the WPS Button on the Web Management Page

Use this method if your client device has a WPS button.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced** > **Wireless** > **WPS** page.

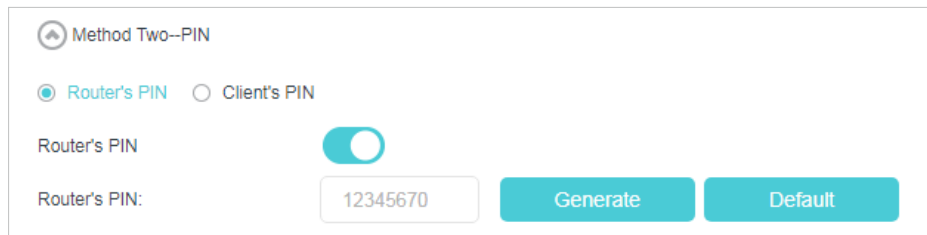


3. Click [Start WPS](#) on the page.
4. Press the WPS button of the client device directly.
5. The WPS LED of the router flashes for about 2 minutes during the WPS process.
6. When the WPS LED is on, the client device has successfully connected to the router.

### Method 3 Enter the router's PIN on your client device

Use this method if your client device asks for the router's PIN.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [WPS](#) page. Click [Method Two--PIN](#).



3. Take a note of the Current PIN of the router. You can also click the [Generate](#) button to get a new PIN.
4. On the client device, enter the router's PIN. (The default PIN is also printed on the label of the router.)
5. The WPS LED flashes for about two minutes during the WPS process.
6. When the WPS LED is on, the client device has successfully connected to the router.

#### Note:

1. The WPS LED on the router will light on for five minutes if the device has been successfully added to the network.
2. The WPS function cannot be configured if the wireless function of the modem router is disabled. Please make sure the wireless function is enabled before configuring the WPS.

### Method 4 Enter the client device's PIN on the router

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [WPS](#) page. Click [Method Two--PIN](#).

Method Two--PIN

☐ Router's PIN ☒ Client's PIN

Enter the client's PIN:

[Connect](#)

3. Select [Client's PIN](#).
4. Enter the client device's PIN in the field. Then click the [Connect](#) button.
5. [Connect successfully](#) will appear on the above screen, which means the client device has successfully connected to the router.

### 11.3.2. Schedule Your Wireless Function

You can automatically turn off your wireless network (both 2.4GHz and 5GHz) when you do not need the wireless connection.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Schedule](#) page.
3. Toggle on the button to enable the Wireless Schedule feature.

Wireless Schedule

Wireless Schedule: ☒

Wireless Off Time

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Wireless Off Time | Repeat | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------|--------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | -- | --                | --     | --     |

From:

To:

Repeat: ☐ Every Day ☒ Selected Day

Selected Day: ☐ Sun ☒ Mon ☒ Tue ☒ Wed ☒ Thu ☒ Fri ☐ Sat

[Cancel](#) [Save](#)

4. Click [Add](#) to set the Wireless Off Time, and click [Save](#) to save the settings.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to set another entry.

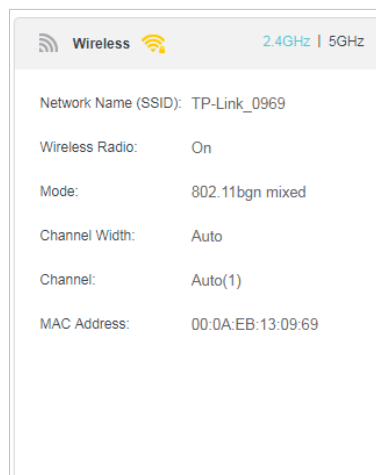
**Note:**

1. Make sure that the time of the router is correct before using this function. For details, refer to [Set System Time](#).
2. If you just set time for one wireless band, the other wireless band is still always on, so set time for both of the two bands to schedule your whole wireless network.
3. The wireless LED (2.4GHz , 5GHz) will turn off if the corresponding wireless network is disabled.
4. The wireless network will be automatically turned on after the time period you set.

### 11.3.3. View Wireless Information

➤ **To view the detailed wireless network settings:**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Status](#) page. You can see the [Wireless](#) box.
3. Select [2.4GHz](#) or [5GHz](#) to view the wireless details.



💡 **Tips:** You can also see the wireless details by clicking the router icon on [Basic](#) > [Network Map](#).

➤ **To view the detailed information of the connected wireless clients:**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Statistics](#) page.
3. You can view the detailed information of the wireless clients, including its connected wireless band and security option as well as the packets transmitted.

💡 **Tips:** You can also see the wireless details by clicking the wireless clients icon on [Basic](#) > [Network Map](#).

### 11.3.4. Advanced Wireless Settings

Advanced wireless settings are for those who have a network concept. If you are not familiar with the settings on this page, it's strongly recommended that you keep the provided default values; otherwise it may result in lower wireless network performance.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Settings' page for a wireless network, with tabs for '2.4GHz' and '5GHz'. The settings are organized into two sections: the top section for general wireless parameters and the bottom section for WDS (Wireless Distribution System) settings.

**Advanced Settings (2.4GHz | 5GHz)**

- Beacon Interval:** Input field with value '100' and range '(25-1000)'.
- RTS Threshold:** Input field with value '2347' and range '(1-2347)'.
- DTIM Interval:** Input field with value '1' and range '(1-255)'.
- Group Key Update Period:** Input field with value '0' and unit 'seconds'.
- WMM:** Check box labeled 'Enable' (checked).
- Short GI:** Check box labeled 'Enable' (checked).
- AP Isolation:** Check box labeled 'Enable' (unchecked).

**WDS (2.4GHz | 5GHz)**

- WDS Bridging:** Check box labeled 'Enable WDS Bridging' (unchecked).

There are 'Save' buttons at the bottom right of each section.

- **Beacon Interval:** Enter a value between 25 and 1000 in milliseconds to determine the duration between which beacon packets are broadcasted by the router to synchronize the wireless network. The default is 100 milliseconds.
- **RTS Threshold:** Enter a value between 1 and 2347 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 sends Request to Send frames to a particular receiving station and negotiates the sending of a data frame, or else the packet will be sent immediately.
- **DTIM Interval:** Enter a value between 1 and 255 to determine the interval of the Delivery Traffic Indication Message (DTIM). 1 indicates the DTIM Interval is the same as **Beacon Interval**.
- **Group Key Update Period:** Enter the number of seconds to control the time interval for the encryption key automatic renewal. The default is 0, indicating no key renewal.
- **WMM:** This feature guarantees the packets with high-priority messages being transmitted preferentially. WMM is enabled compulsively under 802.11n or 802.11ac mode. It is strongly recommended to enable WMM.
- **Short GI:** This feature is enabled by default and recommended to increase the data capacity by reducing the Guard Interval (GI) time.
- **AP Isolation:** Select this check box to enable the AP Isolation feature that allows you to confine and restrict all wireless devices on your network from interacting with each other, but still able to access the Internet. AP isolation is disabled by default.

- **WDS Bridging:** Select this check box to enable the WDS (Wireless Distribution System) Bridging feature to allow the router to bridge with another access point (AP) in a wireless local area network (WLAN). Refer to [Troubleshooting](#) for detailed instructions.

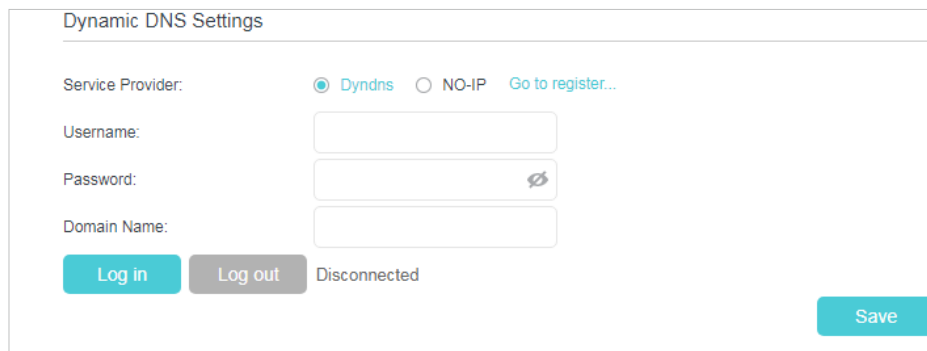
## 11.4. Set Up a Dynamic DNS Service Account

Most ISPs (Internet service providers) assign a dynamic IP address to the router and you can use this IP address to access your router remotely. However, the IP address can change any time and you don't know when it changes. In this case, you might need the DDNS (Dynamic Domain Name Server) feature on the router to allow you and your friends to access your router and local servers (FTP, HTTP, etc.) using domain name, in no need of checking and remembering the IP address.

■ **Note:** DDNS does not work if the ISP assigns a private WAN IP address (such as 192.168.0.x) to the router.

To set up DDNS, please follow the instructions below:

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > Network > Dynamic DNS**.
3. Select the **DDNS service provider** (DynDNS, NO-IP and many other DNS services).
4. Log in with your DDNS account, select a service provider and click **Go to register**. Enter the username, password and domain name of the account (such as lisa.ddns.net).



5. Click **Log in** and **Save**.

💡 **Tips:** If you want to use a new DDNS account, please Logout first, then login with the new account.

## 11.5. Interface Grouping

**I want to:** Divide my devices connected to the modem router into different groups and disallow devices' cross-group communication.

For example, in my house, devices connected to LAN1 and LAN3 are for work, while others for entertainment. I want to isolate working devices from others while keep all devices' access to the internet.

How can I do that?

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [Interface Grouping](#) to open the configuration page where some interfaces can be grouped together.

Interface Grouping

Add

| Group   | LAN Interface | WAN Interface | Delete |
|---------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| Default | LAN1          |               |        |
|         | LAN2          |               |        |
|         | LAN3          |               |        |
|         | LAN4          |               |        |
|         | Wi-Fi_2.4G    |               |        |
|         | Wi-Fi_5G      |               |        |

3. Click to [Add](#) a new group.

Add New Group

Group Name:

Available LAN

☐ LAN1

☐ LAN2

☐ LAN3

☐ LAN4

☐ Wi-Fi\_2.4G

☐ Wi-Fi\_5G

Available WAN

☐ Enable Group Isolation.

Cancel

Save

4. Name the group.
5. Check the boxes of [LAN1](#) and [LAN3](#) in Available LAN. Here [Wi-Fi 2.4G](#) network and [Wi-Fi 5G](#) network are viewed as a LAN interface respectively.
6. Click [Enable Group Isolation](#) to isolate working devices and disallow other devices from communicating with them.

- Click **Save** to save the settings.

## Done!

Now your working devices connected to LAN1 and LAN3 are in an isolated group!

■ **Note:** VLAN function is enabled by default. You cannot disable it when IPTV is enabled.

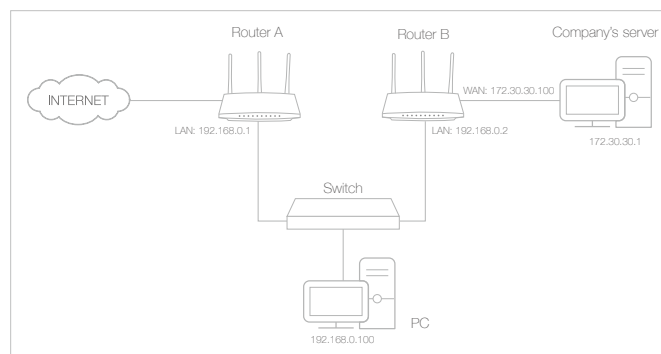
## 11.6. Create Static Routes

A static route is a pre-determined path that network information must travel to reach a specific host or network. Data from one point to another will always follow the same path regardless of other considerations. Normal Internet usage does not require this setting to be configured.

### I want to:

Visit multiple networks and multiple servers at the same time.

**For example,** in a small office, my PC can surf the internet through Router A, but I also want to visit my company's network. Now I have a switch and Router B. I connect the devices as shown in the following figure so that the physical connection between my PC and my company's server is established. To surf the internet and visit my company's network at the same time, I need to configure the static routing.



### How can I do that?

- Make sure the routers use different LAN IP addresses on the same subnet. Disable Router B's DHCP function.
- Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
- Go to **Advanced > Network > Static Routing**. Select your current **WAN Interface** and click **Save**.

Default Gateway Settings

IPv4 | IPv6

Select a WAN interface as the system default gateway.

Select WAN Interface: ipoe\_eth\_0\_2\_d

Save

Static Routing

+ Add - Delete

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Network Destination | Subnet Mask | Gateway | Status | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|---------------------|-------------|---------|--------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | -- | --                  | --          | --      | --     | --     |

4. Click [Add](#) to add a new static routing entry. Finish the settings according to the following explanations:

Static Routing

+ Add - Delete

| <input type="checkbox"/> | ID | Network Destination | Subnet Mask | Gateway | Status | Modify |
|--------------------------|----|---------------------|-------------|---------|--------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | -- | --                  | --          | --      | --     | --     |

Network Destination

172 . 30 . 30 . 1

Subnet Mask

255 . 255 . 255 . 255

Gateway

192 . 168 . 0 . 2

Interface

LAN

☒ Enable This Entry

Cancel Save

- **Network Destination:** The destination IP address that you want to assign to a static route. This IP address cannot be on the same subnet with the WAN IP or LAN IP of Router A. In the example, the IP address of the company network is the destination IP address, so here enter 172.30.30.1.
- **Subnet Mask:** Determines the destination network with the destination IP address. If the destination is a single IP address, enter 255.255.255.255; otherwise, enter the subnet mask of the corresponding network IP. In the example, the destination network is a single IP, so here enter 255.255.255.255.
- **Gateway:** The IP address of the gateway device to which the data packets will be sent. This IP address must be on the same subnet with the router’s IP which sends out the data. In the example, the data packets will be sent to the LAN port of

Router 2 and then to the Server, so the default gateway should be 192.168.0.2.

- **Interface:** Determined by the port (WAN/LAN) that sends out the data packets. In the example, the data is sent to the gateway through the LAN port, so LAN should be selected.
5. Select the check box to enable this entry.
  6. Click **Save** to save the settings.

### Done!

Open a web browser on your PC. Enter the company server's IP address to visit the company network.

## 11.7. Set Up the IPv6 Tunnel

The IPv6 Tunnel feature helps you obtain IPv6 resources based on an IPv4 WAN connection or vice versa.

IPv6 Tunnel is a transition mechanism that enables IPv6-only hosts to reach IPv4 services or vice versa and allows isolated IPv6 hosts and networks to reach each other over IPv4-only infrastructure before IPv6 completely supplants IPv4. It is a temporary solution for networks that do not support native dual-stack, where both IPv6 and IPv4 run independently.

The router provides three tunneling mechanisms: **6to4**, **6rd** and **DS-Lite**. The way to set up 6rd and DS-Lite tunnel are similar.

### 11.7.1. Use the Public IPv6 Tunnel Service-6to4

The 6to4 tunnel is a kind of public service. If there is any 6to4 server in your network, you can use this mechanism to access IPv6 service. If your ISP provides you with an IPv4-only connection but you want to visit IPv6 websites, you can try to set up a 6to4 tunnel.

#### I want to:

Set up the IPv6 tunnel though my ISP doesn't provide me with the tunnel service.

#### How can I do that?

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > Network > IPv6 Tunnel**.
3. Tick the check box, select **6to4** as the tunneling mechanism and select a WAN connection from the drop-down list, then click **Save**.

**Note:**

If there is no available WAN connection to choose, make sure you have connected to the Internet and the connection type is not Bridge.

## Done!

Now you can visit the IPv6 websites with the 6to4 tunnel.

**Note:**

Still not being able to access IPv6 resources means that not any 6to4 public server was found in your network. You can contact your ISP to sign up for IPv6 connection service.

## 11.7.2. Specify the 6rd Tunnel with Parameters Provided by Your ISP

### I want to:

Specify the 6rd tunnel with the parameters provided by my 6rd tunnel service provider.

### How can I do that?

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [IPv6 Tunnel](#).
3. Tick the check box, select [6rd](#) as the tunneling mechanism and select a WAN connection from the drop-down list.
4. According to the parameters provided by your ISP, choose [Auto](#) or [Manual](#). More parameters are needed if you choose [Manual](#).
5. Click [Save](#).

### IPv6 Tunnel

Note: You must reconfigure the IPv6 Tunnel settings every time you reboot the router. Make sure the desired WAN connection is connected before the configuration.

IPv6 Tunnel: ☒ Enable

Tunneling Mechanism:

WAN Connection:

Configuration Type: ☒ Auto ☐ Manual

IPv4 Mask Length:

6rd Prefix:

6rd Prefix Length:

Border Relay IPv4 Address:

Save

**Note:**

If there is no available WAN connection to choose, make sure you have connected to the Internet and the connection type is not Bridge.

**Done!**

Now you can visit the IPv6 websites with the 6rd tunnel.

**Tips:**

The way to set up DS-Lite tunnel is similar to that of 6rd tunnel. If you are provided with an IPv6-only WAN connection and have signed up for DS-Lite tunnel service, specify the DS-Lite tunnel by referring to the steps above.

## Chapter 12

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# Manage the Router

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This chapter will show you the configuration for managing and maintaining your router.

It contains the following sections:

- [Use OpenVPN to Access Your Home Network](#)
- [Update the Firmware](#)
- [Back up and Restore Configuration Settings](#)
- [Change the Administrator Account](#)
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- [System Log](#)
- [CWMP Settings](#)
- [SNMP Settings](#)
- [Monitor the Internet Traffic Statistics](#)

## 12.1. Use OpenVPN to Access Your Home Network

System time is the time displayed while the router is running. The system time you configure here will be used for other time-based functions like Parental Controls. You can choose the way to obtain the system time as needed.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Time Settings](#) page.

The screenshot shows the 'System Time' configuration page. At the top, it displays the 'Current Time' as 01/01/2016 01:13:56. Below this, there is a 'Time Zone' dropdown menu currently set to '(GMT) Greenwich Mean Time: Dublin, Edinburgh, London, Lisbon'. The 'Date' is set to 1/1/2016 (MM/DD/YY). The 'Time' is set to 1:13:39 using three separate dropdown menus for hours, minutes, and seconds. There are two optional NTP server fields, both currently set to 0.0.0.0. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Get from PC', 'Get from the Internet', and 'Save'.

3. Configure the system time using the following methods:  
[Manually](#): Select your time zone and enter your local time.  
[Get from PC](#): Click this button if you want to use the current managing PC's time.  
[Get from the Internet](#): Click this button if you want to get time from the Internet. Make sure your modem router can access the Internet before you select this way to get system time.
4. Click [Save](#).
5. After setting the system time, you can set [Daylight Saving Time](#) according to your needs. Tick the checkbox to enable [Daylight Saving Time](#), set the start and end time and then click [Save](#) to make the settings effective.

The screenshot shows the 'Daylight Saving Time' configuration page. At the top, there is a checkbox labeled 'Enable Daylight Saving Time' which is checked. Below this, there are two rows of configuration for 'Start' and 'End'. The 'Start' row is set for 2016, starting on March (Mar) Last (Last) Sunday (Sun) at 02:00. The 'End' row is set for 2016, ending on October (Oct) Last (Last) Sunday (Sun) at 03:00. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right.

## 12.2. Update the Firmware

TP-Link is dedicated to improving and enriching the product features, giving you a better network experience.

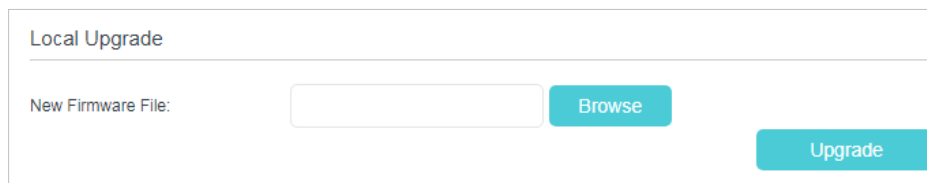
We will inform you through the web management page if there's any update firmware available for your router. Also, the latest firmware will be released at TP-Link official website, you can download it from the [Support](#) page of our website [www.tp-link.com](http://www.tp-link.com) for free.

**Note:**

1. Make sure that you have a stable connection between the router and your computer. It is NOT recommended to upgrade the firmware wirelessly.
2. Make sure you remove any USB storage device connected to the router before the firmware upgrade to prevent data loss.
3. Back up your router configuration before upgrading the firmware.
4. Do NOT turn off the router during the firmware upgrade.

### 12.2.1. Local Upgrade

1. Download the latest firmware file for the router from our website [www.tp-link.com](http://www.tp-link.com).
2. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
3. Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Firmware Upgrade](#).
4. Focus on the Device Information section. Make sure the downloaded firmware file matches with the [Hardware Version](#).
5. Focus on the [Local Upgrade](#) section. Click [Browse](#) to locate the downloaded new firmware file, and click [Upgrade](#).



Local Upgrade

New Firmware File:  [Browse](#)

[Upgrade](#)

6. Wait a few moments for the upgrading and rebooting.

## 12.3. Back up and Restore Configuration Settings

The configuration settings are stored as a configuration file in the router. You can back up the configuration file to your computer for future use and restore the router to a previous settings from the backup file when needed. Moreover, if needed you can erase the current settings and reset the modem router to the default factory settings.

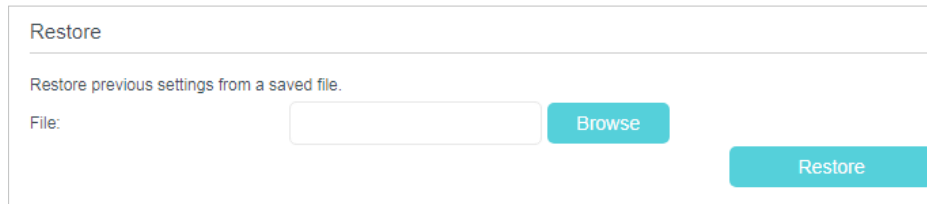
➤ **To back up configuration settings**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.

2. Click [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Backup & Restore](#) page.
3. Click [Backup](#) to save a copy of the current settings to your local computer. A conf. bin file will be stored to your computer.

➤ **To restore configuration settings**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Click [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Backup & Restore](#) page.



Restore

Restore previous settings from a saved file.

File:  [Browse](#)

[Restore](#)

3. Click [Browse](#) to locate the previous backup configuration file, and click [Restore](#).
4. Wait for the restoring and then the router will automatically reboot.

➤ **To reset the router to factory default settings**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Click [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Backup & Restore](#) page.
3. Click [Restore](#) to restore all configuration settings to default values, except your login. Click [Factory Restore](#) to reset the router.
4. Wait for the resetting and then the router will automatically reboot.

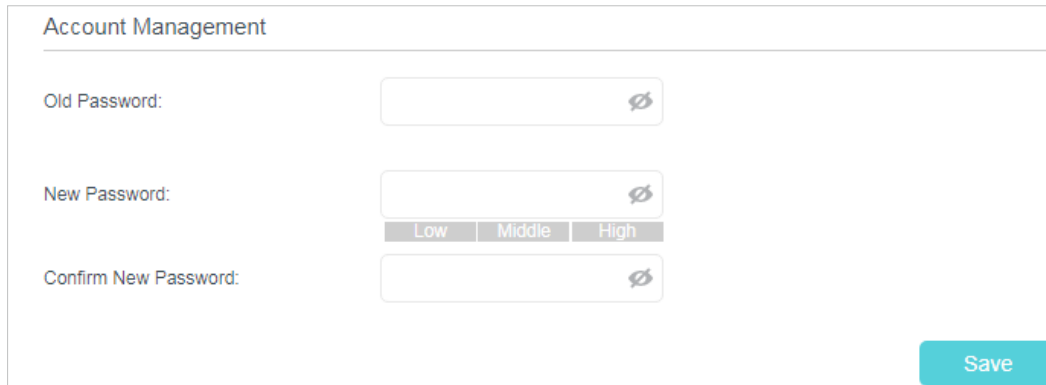
■ **Note:**

1. During the resetting process, do not turn off the router.
2. We strongly recommend you back up the current configuration settings before resetting the router.

## 12.4. Change the Administrator Account

Admin account is used to log in to the router's web management page. You are required to set the admin account at first login. You can also change it on the web page.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Administration](#) page. Locate the [Account Management](#) section.



The screenshot shows the 'Account Management' section of a router's web interface. It contains three password input fields: 'Old Password:', 'New Password:', and 'Confirm New Password:'. Each field has a small 'x' icon to its right. Below the 'New Password:' field, there are three tabs labeled 'Low', 'Middle', and 'High'. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

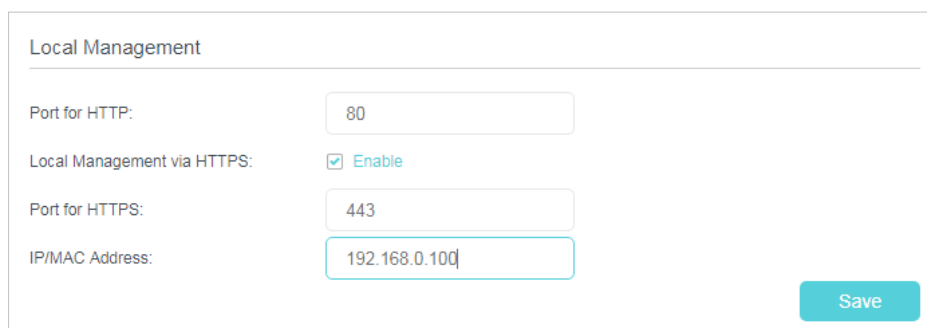
3. Enter the old password. Enter the new password and enter again to confirm.
4. Click [Save](#) to make the settings effective.

## 12.5. Local Management

You can control the local devices' authority to manage the router via Local Management feature. By default all local connected devices are allowed to manage the router. You can also allow only one device to manage the router and enable local management over a more secure way, HTTPS.

➤ **To allow only the specific device to manage the router via the local management over HTTPS**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Administration](#) page. Locate the [Local Management](#) section.
3. Keep the Port as the default setting. Enable Management over HTTPS and keep the Port for HTTPS as the default setting. Enter the [IP address](#) or [MAC address](#) of the local device to manage the router.



The screenshot shows the 'Local Management' section of a router's web interface. It contains four settings: 'Port for HTTP:' with a value of 80, 'Local Management via HTTPS:' with a checked checkbox and the word 'Enable' in blue, 'Port for HTTPS:' with a value of 443, and 'IP/MAC Address:' with a value of 192.168.0.100. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

4. Click [Save](#).

Now, you can manage the router over both HTTP (<http://tplinkwifi.net>) and HTTPS (<https://tplinkwifi.net>).

**Note:**

If you want that all local devices can manage the router, just leave the [IP/MAC Address](#) field blank.

## 12.6. Remote Management

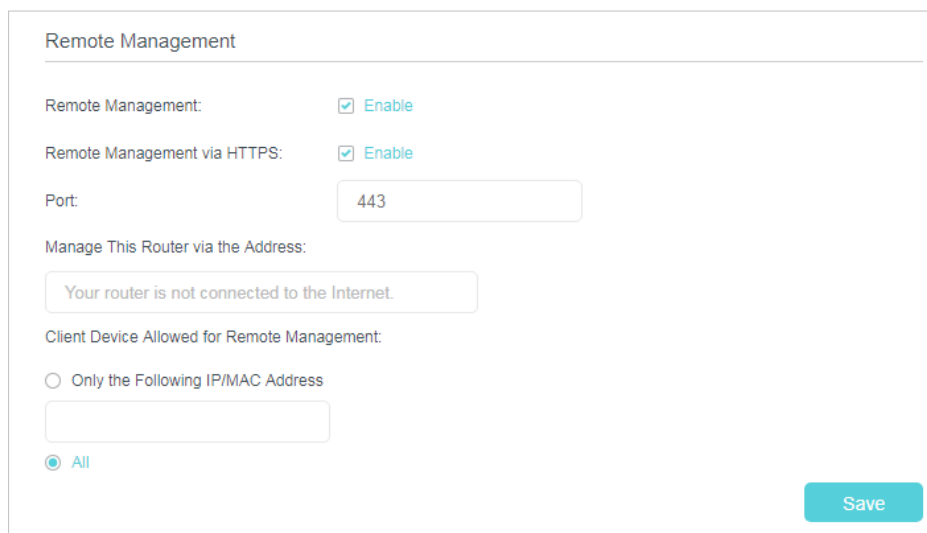
By default, the remote devices are not allowed to manage the router from the internet. You can enable remote management over HTTP and/or HTTPS if needed. HTTPS is a more secure way to access the router.

**Note:**

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

Follow the steps below to allow remote devices to manage the router over HTTPS.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Administration](#) page. Locate the [Remote Management](#) section.



The screenshot shows the 'Remote Management' configuration page. It includes the following fields and options:

- Remote Management:** A checkbox labeled 'Enable' which is checked.
- Remote Management via HTTPS:** A checkbox labeled 'Enable' which is checked.
- Port:** A text input field containing the value '443'.
- Manage This Router via the Address:** A text input field containing the message 'Your router is not connected to the Internet.'
- Client Device Allowed for Remote Management:** Two radio button options: 'Only the Following IP/MAC Address' (unselected) and 'All' (selected). Below the 'Only the Following IP/MAC Address' option is an empty text input field.
- Save:** A blue button located at the bottom right of the form.

3. Tick the checkbox to enable [Remote Management](#). Enable [Remote Management via HTTPS](#) to allow for HTTPS connection. Keep the [Port](#) as the default setting.
4. Set the client device allowed for remote management. Select [All](#) to allow all remote devices to manage the router. If you just want to allow a specific device to manage the router, select [Only the Following IP/MAC Address](#) and enter the IP/MAC address of the remote device.
5. Click [Save](#).

All devices or the specific device on the internet can log in to your router using the address displayed on the [Manage This Router via the Address](#) field to manage the router.

 **Tips:**

1. If you were warned about the certificate when visiting the web management page remotely, click [Trust](#) (or a similar option) to continue. To avoid this warning, you can download and install the certificate on the router's web management page at [Advanced > System Tools > Administration](#).

#### Certificate

Install the Certificate in your browser for Local/Remote Management via HTTPS.

[Download Certificate](#)

2. The router's WAN IP is usually a dynamic IP. Please refer to [Set Up a Dynamic DNS Service Account](#) if you want to log in to the router through a domain name.

## 12.7. System Log

System Log can help you know what happened to your router, facilitating you to locate the malfunctions. For example when your router does not work properly, you will need to save the system log and send it to the technical support for troubleshooting.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Click [Advanced > System Tools > System Log](#) page.

System Log

Type:

ALL

Level:

Debug

Refresh

Delete All

| ID | Time                | Type  | Level  | Log Content |
|----|---------------------|-------|--------|-------------|
| 1  | 2016-01-01 02:36:30 | HTTPD | Notice | Clear log.  |

Log Settings

Save Log

➤ **To view the system logs:**

You can view specific system logs by selecting the log Type and Level.

Click [Refresh](#) to refresh the log list.

➤ **To save the system logs:**

You can choose to save the system logs to your local computer or a remote server.

Click [Save Log](#) to save the logs in a txt file to your computer.

Click [Log Settings](#) to set the storage path of logs.

Log Settings

☒ Save Locally

Minimum Level: Information

☒ Save Remotely

Minimum Level: Warning

Server IP: 192.168.1.100

Server Port: 514

Local Facility Name: User

Back Save

- **Save Locally:** Select this option to cache the system log to the router's local memory, select the minimum level of system log to be saved from the drop-down list. The logs will be shown in the table in descending order on the System Log page.
- **Save Remotely:** Select this option to send the system log to a remote server, select the minimum level of system log to be saved from the drop-down list and enter the information of the remote server. If the remote server has a log viewer client or a sniffer tool implemented, you can view and analyze the system log remotely in real-time.

## 12.8. CWMP Settings

The router offers CWMP feature. The function supports TR-069 protocol which collects information, diagnoses the devices and configures the devices automatically via ACS (Auto-Configuration Server).

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the account you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > CWMP Settings** page.

### CWMP Settings

CWMP:

☐

Inform:

☐

Inform Interval:

(seconds)

ACS URL:

ACS Username:

ACS Password:

Interface used by TR-069 client:

Display SOAP messages on serial console:

☐

☒ Connection Request Authentication

Username:

Password:

Path:

Port:

URL:

Get RPC Methods

Save

- **CWMP:** Toggle On to enable the CWMP (CPE WAN Management Protocol) feature.
- **Inform:** Enable this feature to send an Inform message to the ACS (Auto Configuration Server) periodically.
- **Inform Interval:** Enter the time interval in seconds when the Inform message will be sent to the ACS.
- **ACS URL:** Enter the web address of the ACS which is provided by your ISP.
- **ACS Username/Password:** Enter the username/password to log in to the ACS server.
- **Interface used by TR-069 client:** Select which interface to be used by the TR-069 client.
- **Display SOAP messages on serial console:** Toggle to enable or disable this feature.
- **Connection Request Authentication:** Select this checkbox to enable authentication for the connection request.
- **Username/Password:** Enter the username/password for the ACS server to log in to the router.
- **Path:** Enter the path for the ACS server to log in to the router.

- **Port:** Enter the port that connects to the ACS server.
- **URL:** Enter the URL that connects to the ACS server.
- **Get RPC methods:** Click to get the methods to support CWMP.

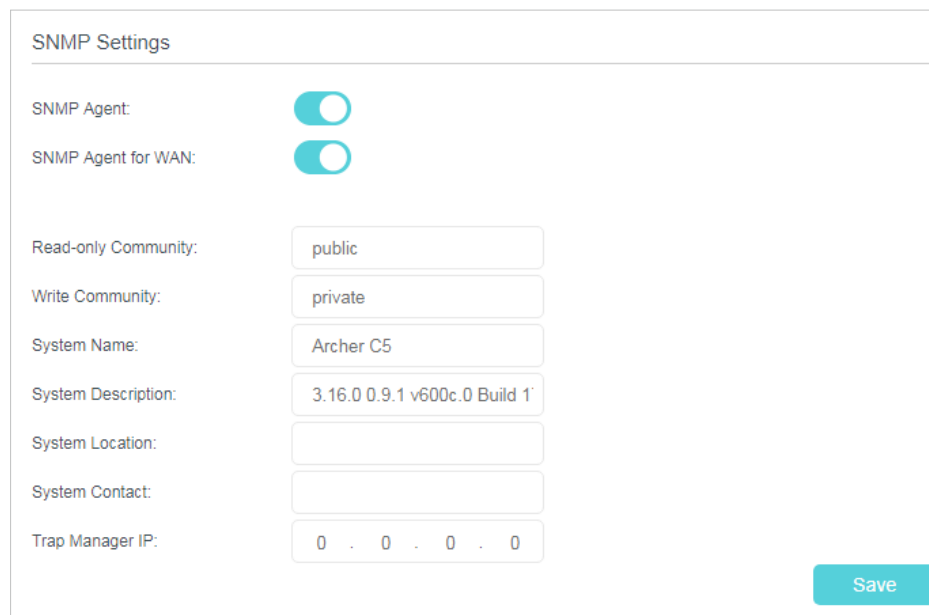
Click **Save** to make the settings effective.

## 12.9. SNMP Settings

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) has been widely applied in the computer networks currently, which is used for ensuring the transmission of the management information between two nodes. In this way, network administrators can easily search and modify the information on any node on the network. Meanwhile, they can locate faults promptly and implement the fault diagnosis, capacity planning and report generating.

An **SNMP Agent** is an application running on the router that performs the operational role of receiving and processing SNMP messages, sending responses to the SNMP manager, and sending traps when an event occurs. So a router contains SNMP "agent" software can be monitored and/or controlled by SNMP Manager using SNMP messages.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced** > **System Tools** > **SNMP Settings** page.



The screenshot shows the 'SNMP Settings' page. It features two toggle switches at the top: 'SNMP Agent' and 'SNMP Agent for WAN', both of which are turned on. Below these are several text input fields: 'Read-only Community' (containing 'public'), 'Write Community' (containing 'private'), 'System Name' (containing 'Archer C5'), 'System Description' (containing '3.16.0 0.9.1 v600c.0 Build 1'), 'System Location' (empty), 'System Contact' (empty), and 'Trap Manager IP' (displayed as a series of six boxes, each containing a '0'). A blue 'Save' button is located in the bottom right corner of the form.

- **SNMP Agent:** Toggle On to enable the built-in SNMP agent that allows the router to operate as the operational role in receiving and processing of SNMP messages, sending responses to the SNMP manager, and triggering SNMP traps when an event occurs.

- **Read-only Community:** Displays the default public community string that protects the router from unauthorized access.
- **Write Community:** Displays the default write community string that protects the router from unauthorized changes.
- **System Name:** Displays the administratively-assigned name for this managed device.
- **System Description:** Displays the textual description of the managed device. This value should include the full name and version identification of the system's hardware type, software operating-system, and networking software.
- **System Location:** Displays the physical location of this device (e.g., telephone closet, 3rd floor).
- **System Contact:** Displays the textual identification of the contact person for this managed device, together with information on how to contact this person.
- **Trap Manager IP:** Displays the IP address of the host to receive the traps.

You are suggested to keep the default settings. Click **Save** to make the settings effective.

## 12. 10. Monitor the Internet Traffic Statistics

The Traffic Statistics page displays the network traffic of the LAN, WAN and WLAN sent and received packets, allowing you to monitor the volume of internet traffic statistics.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > Statistics**.
3. Toggle on **Traffic Statistics**, and then you can monitor the traffic statistics in **Traffic Statistics List** section.

Traffic Statistics

Enable Traffic Statistics: ☒

Statistics Interval: 10 seconds

**Save**

Traffic Statistics List

[Refresh](#) [Reset All](#) [Delete All](#)

| IP Address/ MAC Address | Total Packets | Total Bytes | Current Packets | Current Bytes | Current ICMP Tx | Current UDP Tx | Current SYN Tx | Modify |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| --                      | --            | --          | --              | --            | --              | --             | --             | --     |

Click **Refresh** to update the statistic information on the page.

Click **Reset All** to reset all statistic values in the list to zero.

Click **Delete All** to delete all statistic information in the list.

# Troubleshooting

## Q1. What should I do if I forget my wireless password?

The default wireless password is printed on the label of the router. If the password has been altered:

1. Connect your computer to the router using an Ethernet cable.
2. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in the password you set for the router.
3. Go to [Basic](#) > [Wireless](#) to retrieve or reset your wireless password.

## Q2. What should I do if I forget my web management password?

- If you have enabled the Password Recovery feature of the router, click [Forgot password](#) on the login page and then follow the instructions to reset it.
- Alternatively, press and hold the Reset button of the router until the Power LED binks to reset it, and then visit <http://tplinkwifi.net> to create a new login password.

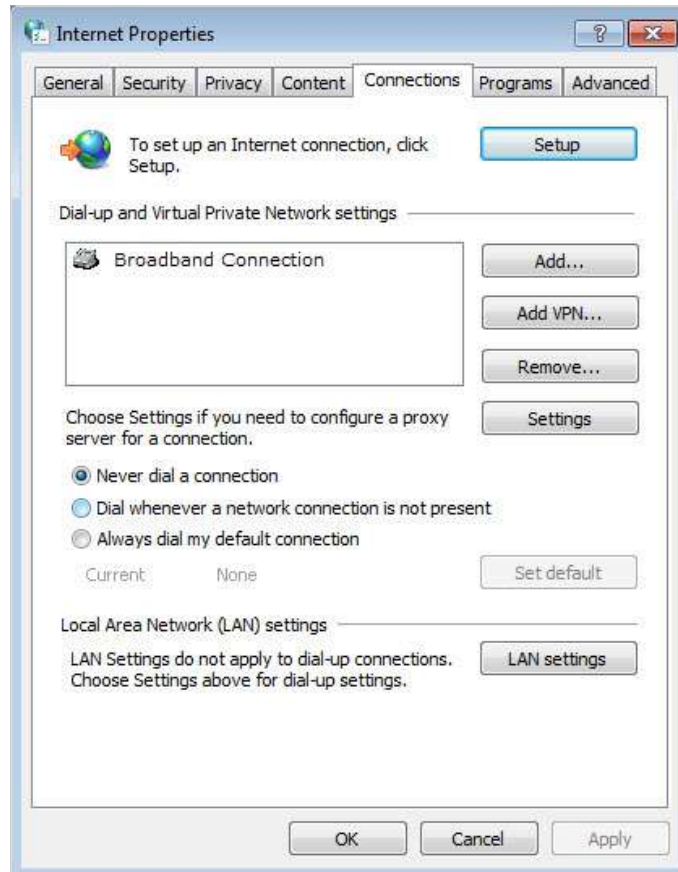
**Note:**

- You'll need to reconfigure the router to surf the internet once the router is reset, and please mark down your new password for future use.

## Q3. What should I do if I cannot log in to the router's web management page?

This can happen for a variety of reasons. Please try the methods below to log in again.

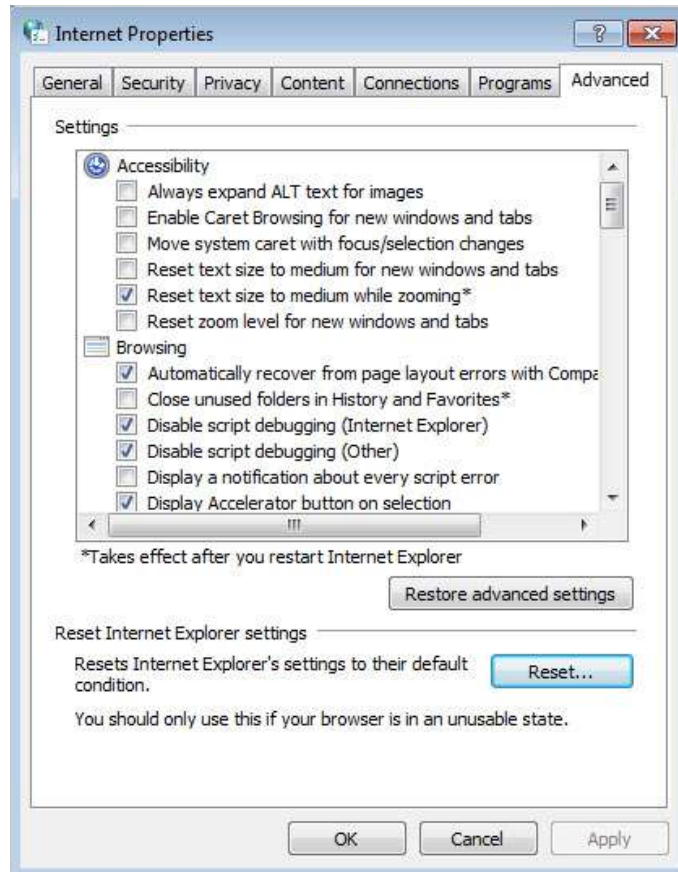
- Make sure your computer is connected to the router correctly and the corresponding LED indicator(s) light up.
- Make sure the IP address of your computer is configured as [Obtain an IP address automatically](#) and [Obtain DNS server address automatically](#).
- Make sure <http://tplinkwifi.net> or <http://192.168.0.1> is correctly entered.
- Check your computer's settings:
  - 1) Go to [Start](#) > [Control Panel](#) > [Network and Internet](#), and click [View network status and tasks](#).
  - 2) Click [Internet Options](#) on the bottom left.
  - 3) Click [Connections](#) and select [Never dial a connection](#).



4) Click [LAN settings](#) and deselect the following three options and click [OK](#).



5) Go to [Advanced](#) > [Restore advanced settings](#), click [OK](#) to save the settings.



- Use another web browser or computer to log in again.
- Reset the router to factory default settings and try again. If login still fails, please contact the technical support.

**Note:** You'll need to reconfigure the router to surf the internet once the router is reset.

#### Q4. What should I do if I cannot access the internet?

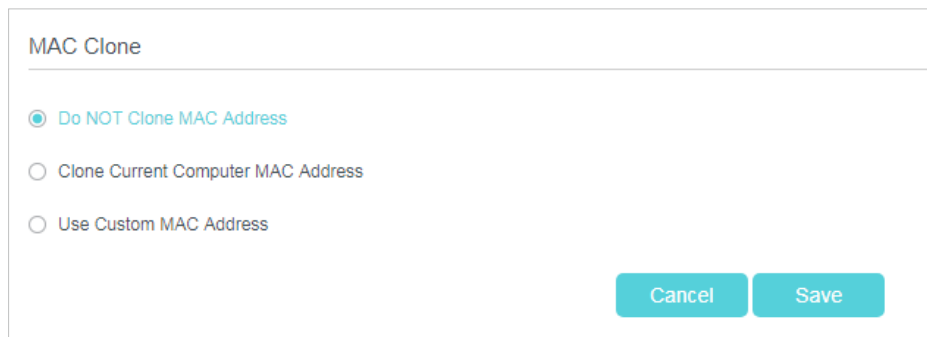
1. Check to see if all the connectors are connected well, including the Ethernet cables/modem and power adapter.
2. Check to see if you can log in to the web management page of the router. If you can, try the following steps. If you cannot, please set your computer referring to Q3 and then try to see if you can access the Internet. If the problem persists, please go to the next step.
3. Consult your ISP and make sure all the VPI/VCI, Connection Type, account username and password are correct. If there are any mistakes, please correct the settings and try again.
4. Refer to Q5 to clone the MAC address.

5. If you still cannot access the Internet, please restore your router to its factory default settings and reconfigure your router by following the instructions in [Use Quick Setup Wizard](#).
6. Please contact our Technical Support if the problem still exists.

## Q5. How to configure MAC Clone?

You can manually change the MAC address of the router. It is helpful when your Internet access account provided by your ISP is bound to one specific MAC address, in other words, your ISP just permits only one computer with the authenticated MAC address to access the Internet. In this case, you can use MAC Clone to allow more computers to access the Internet via the same account.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [Internet](#) page. Click the [Add](#) icon, and scroll down to get the [MAC Clone](#) section.



MAC Clone

☒ Do NOT Clone MAC Address

☐ Clone Current Computer MAC Address

☐ Use Custom MAC Address

Cancel Save

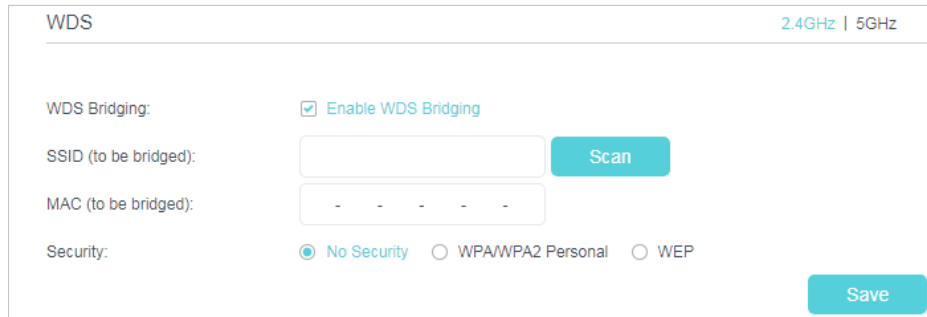
- If you are using the computer with the authenticated MAC address to access the modem router, please select [Clone Current Computer MAC Address](#).
  - If you know the authenticated MAC address, please select [Use Custom MAC Address](#) and then enter the address.
3. Click [Save](#) to make the settings effective.

## Q6. How to use the WDS Bridging function to extend my wireless network?

My house covers a large area. The wireless network coverage of the router I'm using (the root router) is limited. I want to use an extended router to extend the wireless network of the primary router. Follow the steps to configure the router.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with account you set for the router.
2. Configure the [LAN IP address](#) of the router in the same subnet as the root router. For example, the IP address of the root router is 192.168.0.1, the IP address of the extended router should be from 192.168.0.2 to 192.168.0.254.).

3. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Advanced Settings](#) page. Locate the [WDS](#) section and select the checkbox to enable the [WDS Bridging](#) function.



The image shows the 'WDS' configuration page. At the top right, it says '2.4GHz | 5GHz'. Under 'WDS Bridging:', the checkbox 'Enable WDS Bridging' is checked. Below this are two input fields: 'SSID (to be bridged):' and 'MAC (to be bridged):'. The 'MAC' field contains dashes. To the right of the SSID field is a 'Scan' button. Under 'Security:', there are three radio buttons: 'No Security' (selected), 'WPA/WPA2 Personal', and 'WEP'. A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

4. Click [Scan](#) to scan all the AP devices and choose the root AP to be bridged.

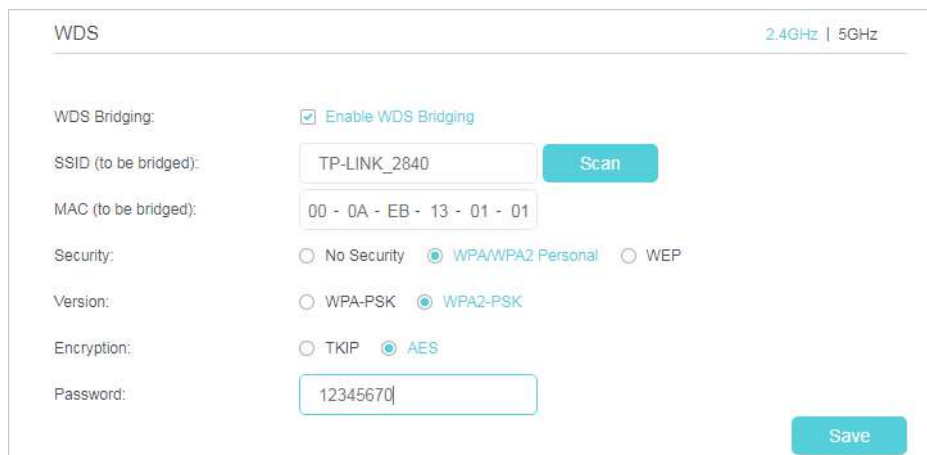


The image shows the 'AP List' table with a 'Refresh' button at the top right. The table has columns: ID, MAC Address, SSID, Signal Strength, Channel, Encryption, and Connect. The first row is highlighted with a red border.

| ID | MAC Address       | SSID            | Signal Strength | Channel | Encryption | Connect                                                                               |
|----|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | 40:16:9F:25:28:42 | TP-LINK_2840    | 40              | 36      | Encrypted  |    |
| 2  | 50:C7:BF:02:EA:DA | TP-LINK_EADA_5G | 28              | 44      | Encrypted  |   |
| 3  | 00:0A:EB:13:09:67 | TP-LINK_0969_5G | 21              | 36      | Encrypted  |  |
| 4  | 40:16:9F:BF:51:60 | TP-LINK_515E_5G | 19              | 44      | Encrypted  |  |

A 'Back' button is at the bottom right.

5. Click the connect icon and then the SSID and MAC will be automatically filled in. Configure the Security settings as the AP you choose to be bridged.



The image shows the 'WDS' configuration page after selecting an AP. The 'SSID (to be bridged):' field is now filled with 'TP-LINK\_2840'. The 'MAC (to be bridged):' field is filled with '00 - 0A - EB - 13 - 01 - 01'. Under 'Security:', 'WPA/WPA2 Personal' is now selected. Under 'Version:', 'WPA2-PSK' is selected. Under 'Encryption:', 'AES' is selected. The 'Password:' field is filled with '12345670'. The 'Scan' button is still present next to the SSID field. A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

6. Click [Save](#) to make the settings effective.
7. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [LAN Settings](#) page to disable DHCP.

Now, the root's wireless network is extended and you can use the router's SSID and password to enjoy the network.

■ **Note:** The extended router can have different SSID and password from the root router, you can change your router's SSID and password on [Basic > Wireless](#) page.

## **Q7. How can I change my computer's settings to obtain an IP address automatically?**

To change the computer's network settings, follow the steps below.

- For MAC OS X:
  - 1) Click the Apple icon, and select [System Preferences](#) from the drop-down list.
  - 2) Click the Network icon.
  - 3) Select [Ethernet](#) (for wired connection) or [Wi-Fi](#) (for wireless connection) in the left panel, then click [Advanced](#).
  - 4) Click [TCP/IP](#).
  - 5) From the [Configure IPv4](#) drop-down list, select [Using DHCP](#).
  - 6) Click [OK](#).
- For Windows 7/8/8.1/10:
  - 1) Right-click the Network icon on the system tray and select [Open Network and Sharing Center > Change adapter settings](#).
  - 2) Right-click your network connection (wired or wireless) and select [Properties](#).
  - 3) Double-click [Internet Protocol Version 4 \(TCP/IPv4\)](#).
  - 4) Select both [Obtain an IP address automatically](#) and [Obtain DNS server address automatically](#), then click [OK](#).
  - 5) Click [OK](#) again to save your configuration.
- For Windows XP:
  - 1) Right-click the Network icon on the system tray and select [Open Network Connections](#).
  - 2) Right-click your network connection (wired or wireless) and select [Properties](#).
  - 3) Double-click [Internet Protocol \(TCP/IP\)](#).
  - 4) Select both [Obtain an IP address automatically](#) and [Obtain DNS server address automatically](#), then click [OK](#).
  - 5) Click [OK](#) again to save your configuration.

## **Q8. What should I do if I cannot find my wireless network or I cannot connect the wireless network?**

If you fail to find any wireless network, please follow the steps below:

- Make sure the wireless function of your device is enabled if you're using a laptop with built-in wireless adapter. You can refer to the relevant document or contact the laptop manufacturer.
- Make sure the wireless adapter driver is installed successfully and the wireless adapter is enabled.
  - **On Windows 7**
    - 1) If you see the message [No connections are available](#), it is usually because the wireless function is disabled or blocked somehow.
    - 2) Click [Troubleshoot](#) and windows might be able to fix the problem by itself.
  - **On Windows XP**
    - 1) If you see the message [Windows cannot configure this wireless connection](#), this is usually because windows configuration utility is disabled or you are running another wireless configuration tool to connect the wireless.
    - 2) Exit the wireless configuration tool (the TP-Link Utility, for example).
    - 3) Select and right click on [My Computer](#) on desktop, select [Manage](#) to open Computer Management window.
    - 4) Expand [Services and Applications](#) > [Services](#), find and locate [Wireless Zero Configuration](#) in the Services list on the right side.
    - 5) Right click [Wireless Zero Configuration](#), and then select [Properties](#).
    - 6) Change [Startup type](#) to [Automatic](#), click on Start button and make sure the Service status is [Started](#). And then click [OK](#).

**If you can find other wireless network except your own, please follow the steps below:**

- Check the WLAN LED indicator on your wireless router/modem.
- Make sure your computer/device is still in the range of your router/modem. Move it closer if it is currently too far away.
- Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#), and check the wireless settings. Double check your Wireless Network Name and SSID is not hided.

Wireless Settings 2.4GHz | 5GHz

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☒ Enable Wireless Radio

Network Name (SSID):  ☐ Hide SSID

Security:

Version: ☐ Auto ☒ WPA2-PSK

Encryption: ☐ Auto ☐ TKIP ☒ AES

Password:

Mode:

Channel:

Channel Width:

Transmit Power: ☐ Low ☐ Middle ☒ High

[Save](#)

If you can find your wireless network but fail to connect, please follow the steps below:

- **Authenticating problem/password mismatch:**

- 1) Sometimes you will be asked to type in a PIN number when you connect to the wireless network for the first time. This PIN number is different from the Wireless Password/Network Security Key, usually you can only find it on the label of your router.



- 2) If you cannot find the PIN or PIN failed, you may choose [Connecting using a security key instead](#), and then type in the [Wireless Password/Network Security Key](#).
- 3) If it continues to show note of [Network Security Key Mismatch](#), it is suggested to confirm the wireless password of your wireless router.

**Note:** Wireless Password/Network Security Key is case sensitive.

- **Windows unable to connect to XXXX / Can not join this network / Taking longer than usual to connect to this network:**

- Check the wireless signal strength of your network. If it is weak (1~3 bars), please move the router closer and try again.
- Change the wireless Channel of the router to 1, 6 or 11 to reduce interference from other networks.
- Re-install or update the driver for your wireless adapter of the computer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## FCC RF Radiation Exposure Statement

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.

"To comply with FCC RF exposure compliance requirements, this grant is applicable to only Mobile Configurations. The antennas used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter."

## 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.

OPERATING FREQUENCY(the maximum transmitted power)

2412MHz—2472MHz(20dBm)

5180MHz—5240MHz(23dBm)

EU declaration of conformity

TP-Link hereby declares that the device is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of directives 2014/53/EU, 2009/125/EC and 2011/65/EU.

The original EU declaration of conformity may be found at <http://www.tp-link.com/en/ce>

RF Exposure Information

This device meets the EU requirements (2014/53/EU Article 3.1a) on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields by way of health protection.

The device complies with RF specifications when the device used at 20 cm from your body.

Restricted to indoor use.



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## Safety Information

- Keep the device away from water, fire, humidity or hot environments.
- Do not attempt to disassemble, repair, or modify the device.
- Do not use damaged charger or USB cable to charge the device.
- Do not use any other chargers than those recommended
- Do not use the device where wireless devices are not allowed.
- Adapter shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.



Use only power supplies which are provided by manufacturer and in the original packing of this product.

Please read and follow the above safety information when operating the device. We cannot guarantee that no accidents or damage will occur due to improper use of the device. Please use this product with care and operate at your own risk.

For EU/EFTA, this product can be used in the following countries:

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| AT | BE | BG | CH | CY | CZ | DE | DK |
| EE | EL | ES | FI | FR | HR | HU | IE |
| IS | IT | LI | LT | LU | LV | MT | NL |
| NO | PL | PT | RO | SE | SI | SK | UK |

### Explanation of the symbols on the product label

| Symbol                                                                            | Explanation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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|  | DC voltage                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|  | Indoor use only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  | <p><b>RECYCLING</b></p> <p>This product bears the selective sorting symbol for Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). This means that this product must be handled pursuant to European directive 2012/19/EU in order to be recycled or dismantled to minimize its impact on the environment. User has the choice to give his product to a competent recycling organization or to the retailer when he buys a new electrical or electronic equipment.</p> |