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User Guide

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300Mbps High Gain Wireless USB Adapter



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		This subsection does not apply for the geographical
Croatia	Not implemented	area within a radius of 20 km from the centre of
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naiy		the respective service provider
		1. SRD with FHSS modulation
		1.1. Maximum 2.5 mW e.i.r.p.
		1.2. Maximum 100 mW e.i.r.p. Permitted for use SRD
		for outdoor applications without restriction on
		installation height only for purposes of gathering
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		resources accounting systems. Permitted to use SRD
		for other purposes for outdoor applications only when
		the installation height is not exceeding 10 m above the
		ground surface.
		1.3.Maximum 100 mW e.i.r.p. Indoor applications

	2. SRD with DSSS and other than FHSS wideband
	modulation
	2.1. Maximum mean e.i.r.p. density is 2 mW/MHz.
	Maximum 100 mW e.i.r.p.
	2.2. Maximum mean e.i.r.p. density is 20 mW/MHz.
	Maximum 100 mW e.i.r.p. It is permitted to use SRD for
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	telemetry information for automated monitoring and
	resources accounting systems or security systems.
	2.3. Maximum mean e.i.r.p. density is 10 mW/MHz.
	Maximum 100 mW e.i.r.p. Indoor applications
Lilleraina	e.i.r.p. \leq 100 mW with built-in antenna with amplification
Ukraine	factor up to 6 dBi

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Product Description: 300Mbps High Gain Wireless USB Adapter

Model No.: TL-WN822N

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Chapter 1 Product Overview

1.1 Introduction

The TP-LINK TL-WN822N 300Mbps High Gain Wireless USB Adapter connects your notebook or desktop computer over Wi-Fi to an 11n or other network for applications such as lag-free video streaming, online gaming, and secure Internet surfing.

1.2 Features

- Complies with IEEE 802.11n, IEEE 802.11g, IEEE 802.11b standards
- Supports WPA/WPA2 data security, IEEE802.1x authentication, TKIP/AES encryption, WEP encryption
- Supports high rate of up to 300Mbps for maximum throughput, supports automatically adjust to lower speeds due to distance or other operating limitations
- Provides Mini USB interface
- > Supports Ad Hoc and Infrastructure modes
- > Good capability on anti-jamming
- > Supports roaming between access points when configured under Infrastructure mode
- > Easy to configure and provides monitoring information
- Provides two external antennas which are listed in a format of 2x2 for two receivers and two transmitters
- Supports Windows 8.1/8/7/XP/Vista 32/64bit, Mac OS X 10.7 10.10, Linux

1.3 LED Status

Status	Working Status					
Off	The driver has not been installed. The adapter's radio has been disabled.					
Flashing Slowly	The driver has been installed but no data is being transmitted or received.					
Flashing Quickly	Data is being transmitted or received.					

Note:

When the card failed to connect to a wireless network, the LED may be off. Please choose your network and try to connect again.

Chapter 2 Connect to a Computer

- 1. Locate an available USB interface on your computer.
- 2. Connect the adapter and your computer with the USB cable contained in the package.



Note:

• In Windows XP, a Found New Hardware Wizard window will appear when the adapter is detected. Please click Cancel.

After connecting your adapter to the computer, please follow the instructions in the appropriate chapter for your operating system: <u>Windows</u>, <u>Mac OS X</u>, <u>Linux</u>.

Chapter 3 Windows

3.1 Install Driver and Utility

The Setup Wizard will guide you through the installation procedures. We use the procedures in Windows 7 as an example - the procedures may vary slightly for other versions of Windows.

1. Insert the resource CD into your CD drive and run the **Autorun.exe** from the pop-up AutoPlay window. Select **TL-WN822N** and click **Install Driver and Utility** to begin.



Note:

- The CD is included in the package. If your CD does not work or your computer doesn't support the CD, you can also download the driver and utility from the TP-LINK website (www.tp-link.com).
- In some operating systems, the CD screen will pop up automatically. Otherwise, run the CD manually.
- 2. The InstallShield Wizard window displays. Click Next to continue.



3. Choose a setup type. It is recommended to select **Install TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver**. Click **Next**.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard							
Setup Type Select the setup type that best suits your needs.	TP-LINK						
Click the type of setup you prefer. Install Driver Only Install TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver	Description Choose this option to install TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and driver. This is the recommended option.						
InstallShield	ck Next> Cancel						

4. If you want to change install location, click **Change** to specify the location for the software installation. Or you can leave it default. Click **Next**.

TP-LINK Wire	less Configuration Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard	X
Select the	e folder where setup will install files.	TP-LINK
	Install TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver to:	
	C\\TP-LINK\TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility	Change
InstallShield -		
	< Back Next >	Cancel

5. Click Install. After a few minutes, the installation completes. Click Finish.

TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility and Driver - InstallShield Wizard	X
Ready to Install the Program	
The wizard is ready to begin installation.	
Click Install to begin the installation.	
If you want to review or change any of your installation settings, click Back. Click Cancel to exit the wizard.	
InstallShield	
< <u>B</u> ack Install Cance	



6. TP-LINK utility pops up after installation. Its icon appears on the desktop as and in the Windows system tray as . You can use the TP-LINK utility to join a Wi-Fi network with your adapter. For more guidance, please refer to <u>Join a Wireless Network</u>.

The Re							-	X
:	Status	WPS	Netwo	ork	Profile	Advanced		
Ν	letwork Name(SSI	D) - (C		Security -		Channel 👻	Signal 🥆	
Т	P-LINK_7CA926			None		4 (2.4G)	at l	^
Т	P-LINK_Network		6	WPA2-Perso	onal	13 (2.4G)		
Т	P-LINK_130969			None		6 (2.4G)	.etf	=
Т	P-LINK_BF134C		6	WPA/WPA2	-Enterprise	4 (2.4G)	at l	
Т	P-LINK_130919			None		7 (2.4G)	100	
Т	P-LINK_1043C2		6	WPA/WPA2	-Personal	11 (2.4G)	100	
Т	PLINK_DATA_TRA	NS	8	WPA-Persor	nal	11 (2.4G)	100	
Т	P-LINK_D94F73		6	WEP		7 (2.4G)	.atl	-
							Rescan	

3.2 Join a Wireless Network

There are three options of using the adapter to join a Wi-Fi network.

Option 1: TP-LINK Utility

TP-LINK Utility lets you easily connect the adapter to a Wi-Fi network and manage the adapter.

Option 2: WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup)

WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) is a network security standard for easily adding computers and other devices to a home network. Use this method if your wireless router or access point supports WPS.

Option 3: Windows Wireless Utility

You can use the Windows built-in wireless utility to join a Wi-Fi network.

3.2.1 TP-LINK Utility

1. Double-click *(TP-LINK Utility icon)*. The **Network** screen displays.

П	P-LIN	К				=	x
	Status	WPS	Notwo	rk Profile	Advanced		
	Network Nam	e(SSID)	1101110	Security -	Channel -	Signal 🥆	
	TP-LINK_7CA	4926		None	4 (2.4G)	all	^
	TP-LINK_Net	work	6	WPA2-Personal	13 (2.4G)	att	
	TP-LINK_130	969		None	6 (2.4G)	at l	E
	TP-LINK_BF1	34C	6	WPA/WPA2-Enterpr	ise 4 (2.4G)	at l	
	TP-LINK_130	919		None	7 (2.4G)	100	
	TP-LINK_104	3C2	6	WPA/WPA2-Persona	al 11 (2.4G)	100	
	TPLINK_DAT	A_TRANS	6	WPA-Personal	11 (2.4G)	100	
	TP-LINK_D94	F73	6	WEP	7 (2.4G)	at l	-
						Rescan	

Select the network you want to join from the list on this screen and click Connect. If you
want the adapter to automatically connect to the network next time, select the Connect
automatically checkbox. Enter your Wi-Fi password when prompted.

Т	P-LIN	К				=	x
	Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced		
	Network Nam	e(SSID) 👻	Secur	ity 👻	Channel 👻	Signal 🤜	
	TP-LINK_7CA	4926	None		4 (2.4G)	-10-	^
	TP-LINK_Net	work	WPA2-	Personal	9 (2.4G)	all.	
			Connect	automatically	Conn	lect	=
	TP-LINK_130	969	None		6 (2.4G)	-01	
	TP-LINK_BF1	34C	🖬 WPA/V	VPA2-Enterpris	e 4 (2.4G)	-10	
	TP-LINK_130	919	None		7 (2.4G)	1000	
	TP-LINK_104	3C2	WPA/V	VPA2-Personal	11 (2.4G)	100	
	TPLINK_DAT	A_TRANS	WPA-F	ersonal	11 (2.4G)	-01	-
						Rescan	

Note:

If your Wi-Fi network is not displayed in the list, you can try to join it by <u>WPS</u> or by adding a profile in the <u>Profile</u> screen.

3.2.2 WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup)

WPS can be activated via PBC (Push Button Configuration) and PIN code. Please refer to <u>PBC</u> or <u>PIN</u> below.

> PBC

Option 1

1. Press the **WPS/QSS** button on your router or AP. Within 2 minutes, press and hold the **WPS** button on the adapter until the following screen appears.



2. The following screen indicates a successful connection by WPS. Click **OK**.



Option 2

1. Press the **WPS/QSS** button on your router or AP.



2. Open TP-LINK Utility and click **WPS** tab. Select **Push the button on my access point or wireless router** and click **Connect**.

TP-LIN	к				- x			
	WPS		<u>.</u>	1				
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced				
(((WPS)) Please cho	((WPS))) This application will guide you through configuring your wireless network.							
© Enter the	PIN of my acces	s point or wireless	router.					
Enter the	e PIN of this devic	e into my access p	ooint or wireless r	outer.				
					Connect			

3. The following screen indicates a successful connection by WPS. Click **OK**.

Configuring the wireless network.					
(((WPS)))					
Successfully connected to the network by WPS !					
ОК					

> PIN

Option 1

1. Open TP-LINK Utility and click **WPS** tab. Select **Enter the PIN of my access point or wireless router**. Enter the PIN of your router or AP. Click **Connect**.

TP-LIN	к				- *
	WPS		¢	1	
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
Please cho Push the Enter th PIN: 1349 C Enter th	This applicat pose a method to e button on my acc e PIN of my accee 92564 e PIN of this devic	ion will guide you th join a wireless netw ccess point or wirele ss point or wireless point or wireless e into my access p	rrough configuring ork: iss router. router. oint or wireless m	g your wireless networ	k.
					Connect

Note:

The default PIN of your router or AP is printed on the product label of your router or AP. If you generated a new PIN for your router, please enter the new one.

2. The following screen indicates a successful connection by WPS. Click **OK**.

Configuring the wireless network.
Successfully connected to the network by WPS !
OK

Option 2

1. Open TP-LINK Utility and click **WPS** tab. Select **Enter the PIN of this device into my access point or wireless router**. The screen displays a PIN of the adapter, which is generated randomly. Click **Connect**.

TP-LIN	К				- *
	VPS		¢	1	
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
((WPS) Please cho Push the Enter the PIN: 1934	This applicat nose a method to j e button on my ac e PIN of my acces e PIN of this devic	ion will guide you th oin a wireless netw cess point or wirele ss point or wireless e into my access p	rough configuring ork: ess router. router. ioint or wireless ri	y your wireless netwo	rk.
					Connect

- 2. Log into the Web Management page of your router or AP. Go to the **WPS** page, enter the PIN of the adapter in the corresponding field and click **Connect**.
- 3. The following screen indicates a successful connection by WPS. Click **OK**.



3.2.3 Windows Wireless Utility

Follow the instructions in the appropriate section below to use your computer system's built-in wireless utility: Windows 8.1/8/7, Windows XP, Windows Vista.

Windows 8.1/8/7

1. Click and or and (Network icon) on the system tray. Select the network you want to join, and click **Connect**. Enter your Wi-Fi password when prompted.

Note:

If you do not want to enter the Wi-Fi password, you can also join a wireless network either by pushing the WPS or QSS button on your router or AP, or entering the PIN of your router when the screen prompts you to do so, and click **Next**.

2. When **Connected** displays next to the network name (SSID) on the screen, it indicates a successful network connection.

> Windows XP

1. Right-click [1] (TP-LINK Utility icon) on the system tray. (If you do not see the icon, click the hidden icons arrow on the system tray.) Select **Switch to Windows wireless** configuration tool.

Open	
Radio OFF	
Switch to Windows wireless configuration tool	
 Switch to SoftAP mode	
About	
Exit	
en 🕥 🛗	1 - 🗙 🍉 -

Or you can open the TP-LINK Utility and select **Advanced** tab. Select **Use Windows wireless configuration tool** the following figure shows. Click **OK** when it prompts.

The Reliable Choice	К				
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
Select wire O Use TH Wireless n Please c	lless configuration P-LINK Wireless C etwork adapter sy hoose a wireless	n tool configuration Utility witch network adapter :	⊙ Use Windo Wireless Network	ws wireless configuratio	n tool
SoftAP mo	de			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	TOLLIN .
SoftAP mo	de	⊙ OFF			



2. Right-click

(Windows XP Wireless Zero Configuration Utility icon) on the system tray,

and select View Available Wireless Networks.

Change Windows Firewall settings		224
Open Network Connections	The Association	
Repair	estimated)	
View Available Wireless Networks		81.5.1
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- 3. Select the network you want to join, and click **Connect**. Enter your Wi-Fi password when prompted.
- Windows Vista
- 1. Click **(Network icon)** on the system tray, and select **Connect to a network**.



2. Select the network you want to join, and click **Connect**. Enter your Wi-Fi password when prompted.

3.3 Management

TP-LINK Utility provides you with an easy way to manage your adapter. It includes the following sections:

<u>Status</u> - View the information of the current Wi-Fi network connection and of the adapter.

Profile - Save or manage various Wi-Fi network connection settings.

<u>Advanced</u> - Turn on or off the SoftAP mode and power saving mode, switch between TP-LINK Utility and Windows Wireless Utility (for Windows XP only).

<u>SoftAP</u> - Configure the settings of the network shared by your adapter, and view the IP address of your adapter when it works on SoftAP mode.

About – View your adapter's Utility version and its Driver version.

Double-click **CP-LINK** Utility icon) and click the **Status**, **Profile** or **Advanced** tab to manage the corresponding section of your adapter.

3.3.1 Status

You can view the IP address and MAC address of the adapter, the signal strength of the Wi-Fi network, and other information of the network status as shown in the following figure.

P-LINK	C				
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
Profile Name Network Nam	: ne(SSID):	TP-LINK_Network TP-LINK_Network			
Network Type	e:	Infrastructure	Rate:	300Mbps	
Channel:		9 (2.4G)	Encryptic	on Type: AES	
AP MAC:		00-55-46-50-02-01	Wireless	Mode: 802.11n	
IP Address:		192.168.0.101			
Signal Streng	gth: 💼			100% Excel	llent

3.3.2 Profile

The **Profile** screen lets you save and manage different Wi-Fi network connection settings as profiles so that you can quickly and simply connect to your network. Moreover, you can join a hidden Wi-Fi network that does not broadcast its SSID by adding a profile, provided that you know its wireless settings, such as SSID, security type, and encryption type. For more details, please refer to the instructions below: <u>To add a new profile</u>, <u>To join a Wi-Fi network</u>, <u>To manage an existing profile</u>.



> To add a new profile

- 1. Click the **Add** button, and then a new window will open.
- 2. Complete the settings as shown in the following figure, and click Save.

Profile Name:	Home		
SSID:	TP-LINK_Network1	¥	
Network Type:	Infrastructure) ad hoc	
Security Type:	WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK	~	
Encryption Type:	TKIP/AES	¥	
Security Key:	******	Show characters	
Start this connec	tion automatically.		
		Save Cancel]

Profile Name - Enter a name for your profile, such as Home, Office, Coffeehouse. Do not enter the profile name that already exists.

SSID - Select your Wi-Fi network from the drop-down list or enter your Wi-Fi network name manually.

Network Type - Select **Infrastructure** if you want to connect to a wireless router or an access point. Select **ad hoc** if you want to connect to another wireless client, such as an adapter.

Infrastructure

If you select **Infrastructure**, you are asked to select or enter the corresponding wireless settings, which should be the same as those of your Wi-Fi network.

ad hoc

If you select **ad hoc**, you are asked to configure the wireless settings for your network, including choosing the operating frequency band, the security type, the encryption type and setting a security key.

Profile Name:	Home 2
SSID:	TP-LINK_Network2 -
Network Type:	 Infrastructure ad hoc
Security Type:	WEP
Encryption Type:	Open 👻
Key Index:	1 - ASCII_64 -
Security Key:	***** Show characters
Start this connect	ztion automatically.
	Save Cancel

Note:

As for Key Index, you can select ASCII or Hexadecimal format from the drop-down list.

ASCII_64 - Please enter 5 ASCII characters.

ASCII_128 - Please enter 13 ASCII characters.

Hexadecimal_64 - Please enter 10 Hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, A-F, excluded space).

Hexadecimal_128 - Please enter 26 Hexadecimal digits (any combination of 0-9, a-f, A-F, excluded space).

> To join a Wi-Fi network

If you want to join a Wi-Fi network that listed in the profile screen, select the profile and click **Connect** button in the bottom corner.

> To manage an existing profile

If you want to change the name or the wireless settings of an existing profile, select it and click the **Modify** button in the bottom corner of the Profile screen, then you can edit the settings of this profile. If you want to delete a profile that you no longer use, select it and click the **Remove** button.

3.3.3 Advanced

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	WPS				
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	
Select wirele	ess configuratior	n tool			
Use TP-	-LINK Wireless C	onfiguration Utility	O Use Windov	vs wireless configurati	on tool
Wireless ne	twork adapter sv	witch			
Please ch	oose a wireless	network adapter :	Wireless Network	TL-WN821N(C)_TL-W	/N822N -
SoftAP mod	le				
ON (OFF			
Power Save	mode				
ON (OFF			

Select wireless configuration tool - In Windows XP. You can either use TP-LINK Utility or Windows wireless configuration tool. While in other operating systems, since you can use both TP-LINK Utility and Windows wireless configuration tool at the same time, this function is disabled.

Wireless network adapter switch - If you've installed several adapters in your computer, you can switch to another adapter among the drop-down list.

SoftAP mode - Once ON is selected, the adapter will work as an AP.

Power Save mode - Once **ON** is selected, the adapter will automatically reduce its power consumption when not being used.

3.3.4 SoftAP

SoftAP is short for Software enabled Access Point. When the adapter works in SoftAP mode, it allows the computer to create a wireless hotspot that other wireless devices nearby can use.

To switch to SoftAP mode, right-click the utility icon **...** in the system tray and select **Switch to SoftAP mode**.



After switching to SoftAP mode, the SoftAP icon appears in the utility. Click the **SoftAP** tab, and complete the settings, then click **Apply** for the settings to take effect.

	JK.				- x
Status	WPS	Network	Profile	Advanced	Soft AP
SoftAP m Internet C SSID: Security Encryptic Security IP Addres	iode: Connecting Share(IC Type: in Type: Key: is:	 ON Local Area SoftAP WPA2-PSI AES 12345678 192.168.13 	OFF Connection Connection 37.1	▼ ▼ ▼ Ø Show c	haracters
					Apply

- > Soft AP mode: Select ON or OFF to enable or disable this function.
- Internet Connecting Share(ICS): Select a network connection that can access to the Internet from the drop-down list. For example, if your computer is connecting to the Internet via an Ethernet cable, you should select the corresponding Local Area Connection so as to share the network with other wireless devices.
- > **SSID:** Set a name for the wireless network shared by your adapter. The default is SoftAP.
- Security Type: The security type here is set to be WPA2-PSK which is based on 802.11i and uses AES (Advanced Encryption Standard).
- > **Encryption Type:** The encryption type here is set to be AES.
- Security Key: Set a security key for the wireless network that shared by your adapter. It is recommended that you specify another key instead of the default key 12345678. When another wireless device connects to the network shared by your adapter, it will be asked to enter the corresponding security key.
- IP Address: Displays the IP address of the adapter when it works in SoftAP mode. You can also check if the network shared by your adapter is working properly by checking this

IP Address. For example, if the IP Address is 0.0.0.0, it means that the Internet connection is failed.

3.3.5 About



3.4 Uninstall Driver and Utility

The software uninstallation steps vary a bit in different systems, please follow the appropriate instructions for your Windows operating system: <u>Windows 8/8.1</u>, <u>Windows XP/Vista/7</u>.

• Windows 8/8.1

Uninstall driver:

Go to **Start > Apps**, and find the **TP-LINK** application. Click **Uninstall - TP-LINK TL-WN821N(C)_TL-WN822N_TL-WN823N Driver**, then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the uninstallation.

Uninstall utility:

Go to **Start > Apps**, and find the **TP-LINK** application. Click **Uninstall - TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility**, then follow the on-screen instructions to complete the uninstallation.

• Windows XP/Vista/7

Uninstall driver:

Go to Start > All Programs > TP-LINK > Uninstall - TP-LINK TL-WN821N(C)_TL-WN822N_TL-WN823N Driver. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the uninstallation.

Uninstall utility:

Go to **Start > All Programs > TP-LINK > Uninstall - TP-LINK Wireless Configuration Utility**. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the uninstallation.

Chapter 4 Mac OS X

4.1 Install Driver and Utility

We take the procedures in Mac OS X 10.10 as an example - the procedures may vary slightly for other versions of Mac OS.

1. Insert the CD and run it manually. Open the **TL-WN822N** folder.



Note:

The CD is included in the package. If your CD does not work or your computer doesn't support the CD, you can also download the driver and utility from the TP-LINK website (<u>www.tp-link.com</u>).

2. Open the Mac OS X Driver folder.

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iavorites and II My Files iCloud Drive and AirDrop Ar Applications besktop Documents Documents		Driver Files	Mac OS X Driver	Setup.exe	TL-WN822N_User Guide.pdf	Utility
Downloads Devices Untitled Remote Disc CD184A4	۵	Linux Driver				

3. Double-click the **Mac OS X 10.7_10.10.zip** file. It will be unzipped into the **Download** folder automatically.

• • •	Mac OS X D	Driver
< >		Q, Search
Favorites All My Files Could Drive Alt/Drop Alt/Drop Alt/Drop Documents Downloads Devices Childe	<u>др</u> Mae OS X 10.7_10.10.zip	

4. Open the **Mac OS X 10.7_10.10** folder, double click the **Installer.pkg** file to open the installation wizard.



5. The Install TP-LINK Wireless USB Adapter Utility and Driver Wizard window will appear. Click Continue and follow the wizard to continue the installation.

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	Welcome to TP-LINK Wireless world
Introduction	
Read Me	
License	
Destination Select	
Installation Type	
Installation	
Summary	
	Go Back Continue

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	This is the Mac OS X driver for TP-LINK Wireless USB Adapter. If you have
Introduction	already installed an older version of software, please uninstall it first by executing
Read Me	Otherwise, this software can not be upgraded successfully. The system is
License	required to reboot after the driver is installed, so please close all the other applications before installing this software. After the system boots up and you
Destination Select	enter the system, please follow the following steps to configure the network: 1. Select the "System Preference" from the system menu.
Installation Type	 Select and launch the "Network" item in the "System Preference" folder. From the "Configure" list, select the correct adapter and configure it.
Installation	4. Configure the settings.
Summary	Then you can connect to the WLAN.

	Software License Agreement
Introduction	English
Read Me	Copyright (c) 2015 TP-LINK TECHNOLOGIES CO. All rights reserved.
License	
Destination Select	
Installation Type	
Installation	
Summary	

Note:

The language of this utility is in accordance with the language of your computer by default, and any change of it is invalid.

	the software license agreem	ent.	
 Introdu 	Click Agree to continue or clic	k Disagree to cancel the installation and	
Read I	quit the Installer.		
Licens			
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Installation	1		
Summary			
		On Dealth On	

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	This will take 5.9 MB of space on your computer.
Read Me	Click Install to perform a standard installation of this software for all
License	users of this computer. All users of this computer will be able to use
 Destination Select 	
Installation Type	
Installation	
Summary	
	Go Back Insta



	Installing TP-LINK Wireless USB Adapter Utility and Driver
Introduction Read Me License Destination Select Installation Type Installation Summary	Registering updated components
	Go Back Continue

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Introduction	
Read Me	
License	
 Destination Select 	
 Installation Type 	The installation was successful.
Installation	The software was installed.
Summary	
	Click Restart to finish installing the software.
	Go Back Resta

 After restarting the computer, the TP-LINK utility will pop up automatically. You can use the utility to join a Wi-Fi network with your adapter. For more guidance, please refer to <u>Join a</u> <u>Wireless Network</u>.

Link Status	Profiles	Available Network	WPS	Information	
Ellik Otatus	Tronics	Available Network		mormation	
MAC Address :	c4e984190	70b			
SSID :					
BSSID :					
Security :	None				
Connection :	Disconnect	ed			
Network Type :					
Channel :					
Link Speed(Mbps) :	тх	RX			
HT Info :					
Signal Strength :					⇒ 0%
				Turn Radi	o OF

Note:

If the TP-LINK Utility does not pop up automatically, make sure the USB wireless network adapter is connected properly and the LED is on.

4.2 Join a Wireless Network

There are two options of using the adapter to join a Wi-Fi network.

Option 1: TP-LINK Utility

TP-LINK Utility lets you easily connect the adapter to a Wi-Fi network and manage the adapter.

Option 2: WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup)

WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup) is a network security standard for easily adding computers and other devices to a home network. Use this method if your wireless router or access point supports WPS.

4.2.1 TP-LINK Utility

1. Open TP-LINK Utility and select **Available Network** tab. Then select the network you want to join from the list and click **Connect**.

	Link Otatus Fion		able Network	iniomation	
Associated	SSID	✓ Channel	Network Type	Encryption	BSSID
	TP-LINK_9839	4	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	0020000698
	TP-LINK_8786	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	c490467387
	TP-LINK_82D0haha	1	Infrastructure	No Encryption	fa96951fca2
	TP-LINK_7AFF_4	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	1e0aeb147a
	TP-LINK_7AFF_3	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	1e0aeb147a
	TP-LINK_7AFF_2	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	1e0aeb147a
	TP-LINK_7AFF_1	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	000aeb147a
	TP-LINK_68CEEA	11	Infrastructure	No Encryption	60e32768ce
	TP-LINK_5F79	1	Infrastructure	No Encryption	6466b3865f
	TP-LINK_2.4GHz_0969	9 1	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	000aeb1309
	TP-LINK_2	1	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	6261860102
	TP-LINK_0C451A	6	Infrastructure	No Encryption	3c46d80c45
	TP-LINK_07D4	6	Infrastructure	No Encryption	fcd733ab07
	TP-LINK_0690	1	Infrastructure	No Encryption	fcd733ab06
	TP-LINK_0507	12	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	0002030405
	TP-LINK_050607	1	Infrastructure	No Encryption	0c8268401e
	Refresh	1		Conr	nect

 The wireless network security properties screen displays. If your network uses wireless security, you will be prompted to enter the Wi-Fi password of the network in the blank field next to Network key, and enter it again in the blank field next to Confirm network key. Click OK.

			,		
Profile Name : TP-LINK	_9839				
SSID : TP-LINK	_9839				
Wireless Network Security Prope	erties				
Network Authentication :	WPA2_PSK	0			
Data Encryption :	AES	0			
ASCII					
Key index (advanced) :	1	0			
Network key :					
Confirm network key :	•••••				
				Cancel	ОК

3. After successfully connecting to your network, it will switch to **Link Status** screen automatically, which will show the network status. If you select **Available Network** tab, you will see a symbol in front of your network's SSID, which indicates a successful connection.

Associated	SSID	Channel	Network Type	Encryption	BSSID
(\cdot)	TP-LINK_9839	4	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	00200069839
\smile	TP-LINK_8786	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	c49046738786
	TP-LINK_82D0haha	1	Infrastructure	No Encryption	fa96951fca21
	TP-LINK_7AFF_4	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	1e0aeb147af5
	TP-LINK_7AFF_3	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	1e0aeb147af3
	TP-LINK_7AFF_2	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	1e0aeb147af1
	TP-LINK_7AFF_1	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	000aeb147aff
	TP-LINK_68CEEA	11	Infrastructure	No Encryption	60e32768ceea
	TP-LINK_5F79	1	Infrastructure	No Encryption	6466b3865f79
	TP-LINK_2B2B	6	Infrastructure	No Encryption	000c432b2
	TP-LINK_2.4GHz_0969	11	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	000aeb130969
	TP-LINK_1B28	7	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	001966081b28
	TP-LINK_07D4	6	Infrastructure	No Encryption	fcd733ab07d4
	TP-LINK_0690	1	Infrastructure	No Encryption	fcd733ab0690
	TP-LINK_0507	12	Infrastructure	WPA2-PSK AES	000203040507
	TP-LINK_050607	1	Infrastructure	No Encryption	0c8268401e10
	TO LINE OFFERO	~	1-1	No Francisco	0-010-015500
	Refresh			Con	nect

4.2.2 WPS (Wi-Fi Protected Setup)

WPS can be activated via PBC (Push Button Configuration) and PIN. Please refer to <u>PBC</u> or <u>PIN</u> below.

- > PBC
- Option 1
- 1. Press the **WPS/QSS** button on your router or AP. Within 2 minutes, press and hold the **WPS** button on the adapter until the following screen appears.



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0	TP-LI	NK Wireless Configuration Utility
Link S	tatus Profile	Available Network WPS Information
SSID	Channel	Security BSSID
TP-LINK_9839	4	WPA2-PSK AES 00200069839
TP-LINK_5F79	1	No Encryption 6466b3865f79
ABCDE	3	No Encryption 841b5ed7daed
TP-LINK_7AFF_1	11	WPA2-PSK AES 000aeb147aff
TP-LINK_0507	12	WPA2-PSK AES 000203040507
TP-LINK_7AFF_2	11	WPA2-PSK AES 1e0aeb147af1
TP-LINK_7AFF_3	11	WPA2-PSK AES 1e0aeb147af3
TP-LINK_68CEEA	11	Encryption 60e32768ceea
TP-LINK_E837	1	No Encryption f81a672ee837
TP-LINK_1B28	7	WPA2-PSK AES 001966081b28
TP-I INK 8786	11	W/PA2_PSK AFS c/90/6738786
Refresh	Please key th PIN: 8485	ne PIN code into your AP's config page PIN 18689 PBC
WPS Progress :	Exchange V	VPS Message
		2 sec Cancel

2. The following screen indicates a successful connection by WPS. Click **OK**.



Option 2

1. Press the **WPS/QSS** button on your router or AP.



2. Within 2 minutes, open TP-LINK Utility and click **WPS** tab. Click **PBC**.

Link St	atus	Profiles	Available Network	WPS	Information	
8810	Char	nel	Convritu	Dec		
TD-LINK 0920	d Gnar	inei	M/DA2_DSK A	ES 000	000069839	
TP-LINK 5E79	1		No Encryption	n 646	6b3865f79	
ABCDE	3		No Encryption	n 841	b5ed7daed	
TP-LINK 7AFF 1	11		WPA2-PSK A	ES 000	aeb147aff	
TP-LINK_0507	12		WPA2-PSK A	ES 000	203040507	
TP-LINK 7AFF 2	11		WPA2-PSK A	ES 1e0	aeb147af1	
TP-LINK_7AFF_3	11		WPA2-PSK A	ES 1e0	aeb147af3	
TP-LINK_68CEEA	11		No Encryption	n 60e	32768ceea	
TP-LINK_E837	1		No Encryption	n f81	a672ee837	
TP-LINK_1B28	7		WPA2-PSK A	ES 001	966081b28	
TP_I INK 8786	11		WP40-PSK 4	FS c40	046738786	
Befresh	Pleas	e kev the F	PIN code into your AP	's confia r	age	PIN
	DINI	040500	00			
	PIN:	646066	09			PBC
						Cancel

3. The following screen indicates a successful connection by WPS. Click **OK**.



- > PIN
- 1. Open TP-LINK Utility and click **WPS** tab. Mark down the PIN displayed on the screen, and click **PIN**.



- 2. Within 2 minutes, log in to the Web Management page of your router or AP. Go to its **WPS** page, enter the PIN of the adapter in the corresponding field and click **Connect**.
- 3. The following screen indicates a successful connection by WPS. Click OK.

6	WPS Protocol Finished !! It will connect to WPS AP automatically.	
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		UK

4.3 Management

TP-LINK Utility provides you with an easy way to manage your adapter. It includes the following sections:

Link Status - View the information of the current Wi-Fi network connection and of the adapter.

Profiles - Save or manage various Wi-Fi network connection settings.

Information - View the utility version and the driver version of your adapter.

Open TP-LINK Utility and click the **Link Status**, **Profiles** or **Information** tab to manage the corresponding section of your adapter.

4.3.1 Link Status

You can view the signal strength of the Wi-Fi network, the MAC address of the adapter and other information of the link status as shown in the following figure.

Link Status	Profiles	Available Network	WPS	Information
MAC Address :	c4e9841907	'0b		
SSID :	TP-LINK_98	39		
BSSID :	0020000698	339		
Security :	WPA2-PSK	AES		
Connection :	Connected			
Network Type :	Infrastructu	re		
Channel :	4			
Link Speed(Mbps) :	TX 144	RX 144		
HT Info :	BW:20MHz	MCS:14		
Signal Strength :				100%
				Turn Padio OEE
				Turn Hadio OFF

4.3.2 Profiles

The **Profiles** screen lets you save and manage different Wi-Fi network connection settings as profiles so that you can quickly and simply connect to your network. Moreover, you can join a hidden Wi-Fi network that does not broadcast its SSID by adding a profile, provided that you know its wireless settings, such as SSID, security type, and encryption type. For details, please refer to the instructions below: <u>To add a new profile</u>, <u>To join a Wi-Fi network</u>, <u>To manage an existing profile</u>.

	LINK Status Pro	files Available Network W	VPS Information
State	Profile Name	SSID	Network Type
\checkmark	TP-LINK_9839	TP-LINK_9839	Infrastructure
	Home	TP-LINK_Network	Infrastructure
	Add Edit	Remove	Apply

> To add a new profile

- 1. Click the Add button, and then a new window will open.
- 2. Complete the settings as shown in the following figure, and click **OK**.

	Wireless Network Security Properties	
Profile Name : Home		
SSID : TP-LIN	K_Network	
Wireless Network Security Prop	perties	
Network Authentication :	WPA2_PSK C	
Data Encryption :	AES	
ASCII		
Key index (advanced) :	1 0	
Network key :		
Confirm network key :		
	Cancel	

Profile Name - Enter a name for your profile, such as Home, Office, Coffeehouse. Do not enter the profile name that already exists.

SSID - Enter the name of your Wi-Fi network.

Wireless Network Security Properties:

Select or enter the corresponding wireless settings, including **Network Authentication**, **Data Encryption** and **Network key**, which should be the same as those of your Wi-Fi network. Then click **OK**.

> To join a Wi-Fi network

If you want to join a Wi-Fi network that listed in the profile screen, select the profile and click **Apply** button in the bottom corner.

> To manage an existing profile

If you want to change the name or the wireless settings of an existing profile, select it and click the **Edit** button in the bottom corner of the Profile screen, then you can edit the settings of this profile. If you want to delete a profile that you no longer use, select it and click the **Remove** button.

4.4 Uninstall Driver and Utility

- 1. Insert the CD and run it manually.
- 2. Go to TL-WN822N > Mac OS X Driver > Mac OS X 10.7_10.10.zip > Uninstall.command.



- 3. A command window will pop up, please type the password of the root user to uninstall the software.
- 4. Wait till the "**Process completed**" shows up, then restart your computer to finish the uninstallation.

PNote:

The CD is included in the package. If your CD does not work or your computer doesn't support the CD, you can also download the driver and utility from the TP-LINK website (<u>www.tp-link.com</u>).

Chapter 5 Linux

Please visit the TP-LINK support website, find and download the compatible version of driver for your TL-WN822N at <u>www.tp-link.com</u>.

Appendix A: Specifications

Normal						
Interface	Mini USB Interface					
Standards	IEEE 802.11n, IEEE 802.11g, IEEE 802.11b					
Button	Wi-fi Protected Setup (WPS) Button (QSS Compatible)					
Operating System	Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1 32/64bit					
	Mac OS X 10.7 - 10.10					
	Linux					
Throughput	300Mbps (Maximal)					
	11b: 1/2/5.5/11Mbps					
Padia Data Pata	11g: 6/9/12/18/24/36/48/54Mbps					
	11n: Up to 300Mbps					
	11b:CCK,QPSK,BPSK					
Modulation	11g:OFDM					
	11n: QPSK, BPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM					
Media Access Protocol	CSMA/CA with ACK					
Data Security	WEP; WPA/WPA2; WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK					
Frequency*	2.4 ~ 2.4835GHz					
Spread Spectrum	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)					
Safety & Emissions	FCC, CE					

Environmental and Physical			
Working Temperature	0℃~40℃ (32°F~104°F)		
Storage Temperature	-40℃~70℃(-40°F~158°F)		
Working Humidity	10% ~ 90% RH, Non-condensing		
Storage Humidity	5% ~ 90% RH, Non-condensing		

* Only 2.412GHz \sim 2.462GHz is allowed to be used in USA, which means only channel 1 \sim 11 is available for American users to choose.

Appendix B: Glossary

- 802.11b The 802.11b standard specifies a wireless product networking at 11 Mbps using direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) technology and operating in the unlicensed radio spectrum at 2.4GHz, and WEP encryption for security. 802.11b networks are also referred to as Wi-Fi networks.
- 802.11g specification for wireless networking at 54 Mbps using direct-sequence spread-spectrum (DSSS) technology, using OFDM modulation and operating in the unlicensed radio spectrum at 2.4GHz, and backward compatibility with IEEE 802.11b devices, and WEP encryption for security.
- 802.11n 802.11n builds upon previous 802.11 standards by adding MIMO (multiple-input multiple-output). MIMO uses multiple transmitter and receiver antennas to allow for increased data throughput via spatial multiplexing and increased range by exploiting the spatial diversity, perhaps through coding schemes like Alamouti coding. The Enhanced Wireless Consortium (EWC) was formed to help accelerate the IEEE 802.11n development process and promote a technology specification for interoperability of next-generation wireless local area networking (WLAN) products.
- Ad hoc Network An ad hoc network is a group of computers, each with a Wireless Adapter, connected as an independent 802.11 wireless LAN. Ad hoc wireless computers operate on a peer-to-peer basis, communicating directly with each other without the use of an access point. Ad hoc mode is also referred to as an Independent Basic Service Set (IBSS) or as peer-to-peer mode, and is useful at a departmental scale or SOHO operation.
- DSSS (Direct-Sequence Spread Spectrum) DSSS generates a redundant bit pattern for all data transmitted. This bit pattern is called a chip (or chipping code). Even if one or more bits in the chip are damaged during transmission, statistical techniques embedded in the receiver can recover the original data without the need of retransmission. To an unintended receiver, DSSS appears as low power wideband noise and is rejected (ignored) by most narrowband receivers. However, to an intended receiver (i.e. another wireless LAN endpoint), the DSSS signal is recognized as the only valid signal, and interference is inherently rejected (ignored).
- FHSS (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum) FHSS continuously changes (hops) the carrier frequency of a conventional carrier several times per second according to a pseudo-random set of channels. Because a fixed frequency is not used, and only the transmitter and receiver know the hop patterns, interception of FHSS is extremely difficult.
- Infrastructure Network An infrastructure network is a group of computers or other devices, each with a Wireless Adapter, connected as an 802.11 wireless LAN. In infrastructure mode, the wireless devices communicate with each other and to a wired network by first going through an access point. An infrastructure wireless network connected to a wired network is referred to as a Basic Service Set (BSS). A set of two or more BSS in a single network is referred to as an Extended Service Set (ESS). Infrastructure mode is useful at a corporation scale, or when it is necessary to connect the wired and wireless networks.

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- Spread Spectrum Spread Spectrum technology is a wideband radio frequency technique developed by the military for use in reliable, secure, mission-critical communications systems. It is designed to trade off bandwidth efficiency for reliability, integrity, and security. In other words, more bandwidth is consumed than in the case of narrowband transmission, but the trade off produces a signal that is, in effect, louder and thus easier to detect, provided that the receiver knows the parameters of the spread-spectrum signal being broadcast. If a receiver is not tuned to the right frequency, a spread-spectrum signal looks like background noise. There are two main alternatives, Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) and Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS).
- SSID A Service Set Identification is a thirty-two character (maximum) alphanumeric key identifying a wireless local area network. For the wireless devices in a network to communicate with each other, all devices must be configured with the same SSID. This is typically the configuration parameter for a wireless PC card. It corresponds to the ESSID in the wireless Access Point and to the wireless network name. See also Wireless Network Name and ESSID.
- WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) A data privacy mechanism based on a 64-bit or 128-bit or 152-bit shared key algorithm, as described in the IEEE 802.11 standard. To gain access to a WEP network, you must know the key. The key is a string of characters that you create. When using WEP, you must determine the level of encryption. The type of encryption determines the key length. 128-bit encryption requires a longer key than 64-bit encryption. Keys are defined by entering in a string in HEX (hexadecimal using characters 0-9, A-F) or ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange alphanumeric characters) format. ASCII format is provided so you can enter a string that is easier to remember. The ASCII string is converted to HEX for use over the network. Four keys can be defined so that you can change keys easily.
- Wi-Fi A trade name for the 802.11b wireless networking standard, given by the Wireless Ethernet Compatibility Alliance (WECA, see http://www.wi-fi.net), an industry standards group promoting interoperability among 802.11b devices.
- WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network) A group of computers and associated devices communicate with each other wirelessly, which network serving users are limited in a local area.
- WPA (Wi-Fi Protected Access) A wireless security protocol uses TKIP (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol) encryption, which can be used in conjunction with a RADIUS server.