



User Guide

AC1900 Wireless MU-MIMO Gigabit Router
Archer A9

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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, Advanced > Wireless > MAC Filtering means the MAC Filtering function page is under the Wireless menu that is located in the Advanced tab.
 Note:	Ignoring this type of note might result in a malfunction or damage to the device.
 Tips:	Indicates important information that helps you make better use of your device.
symbols on the web page	 click to edit the corresponding entry.  click to delete the corresponding entry.  click to enable or disable the corresponding entry.  click to view more information about items on the page.

More Info

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

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

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

A Technical Support Forum is provided for you to discuss our products at <https://forum.tp-link.com>.

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

Speed/Coverage Disclaimer

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

MU-MIMO Disclaimer

Use of MU-MIMO requires clients to also support MU-MIMO.

Chapter 1

Get to Know About Your Router

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

It contains the following sections:

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

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 and the powerful Tether app.

1.2. Appearance

1.2.1. Front Panel



The router's LEDs (view from left to right) are located on the front panel. 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.

Name	Status	Indication
 (2.4GHz Wireless)	On	The 2.4GHz wireless band is enabled.
	Off	The 2.4GHz wireless band is disabled.
 (5GHz Wireless)	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	A powered-on device is connected to the router's corresponding Ethernet port.
	Off	No powered-on device is connected to the router's corresponding Ethernet 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. Back Panel



The router's ports (view from left to right) are located on the rear panel.

Item	Description
Power Port	For connecting the router to a power socket via the provided power adapter.
Power On/Off Button	Press this button to power on or off the router.
Reset Button	Press and hold this button for more than 5 seconds to reset the router to its factory default settings.
USB Port	For connecting to a USB device.
Internet Port	For connecting to a DSL/Cable modem, or an Ethernet jack.
Ethernet Ports (1/2/3/4)	For connecting your PC or other Ethernet network devices to the router.
WPS/Wi-Fi On/Off	Press this button, and immediately press the WPS button on your device. The WPS LED of the router should change from flashing to solid on, indicating successful WPS connection.
	Press and hold this button for about 2 seconds to turn on or off the wireless function of your router.
Antennas	Used for wireless operation and data transmit. Upright them for the best Wi-Fi performance.

Chapter 2

Connect the Hardware

This chapter contains the following sections:

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

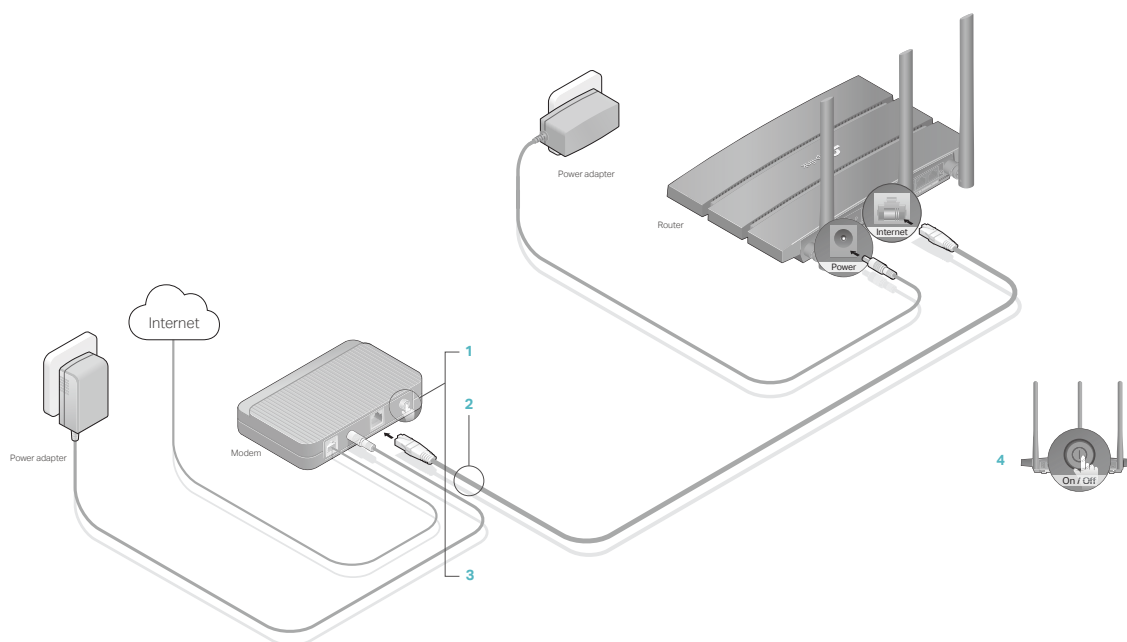
2.1. Position Your Router

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



5. Verify that the following LEDs are on and solid to confirm the hardware is connected correctly.



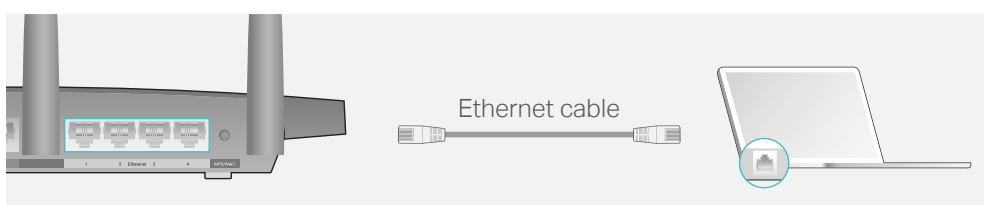
Note:

If the 2.4G LED and 5G LED are off, press and hold the WPS/Wi-Fi button on the back for more than 2 seconds. Both the LEDs should turn solid on.

6. Connect your computer to the router.

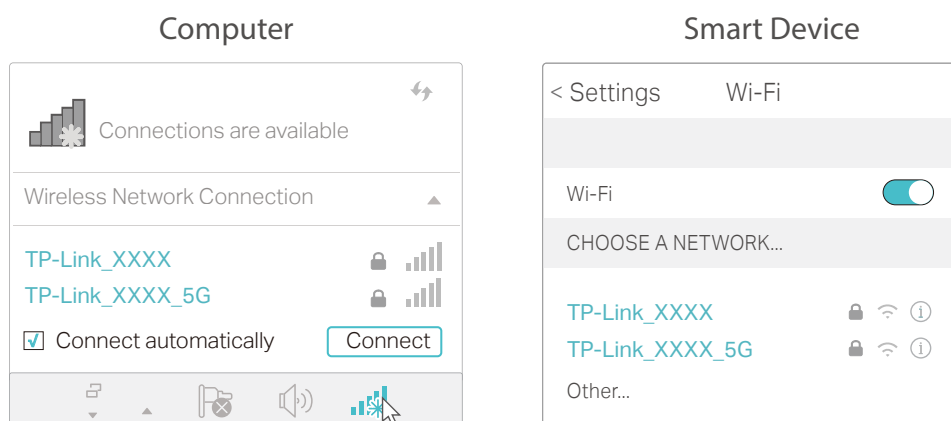
• **Method 1: Wired**

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.



• **Method 3: Use the WPS button**

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

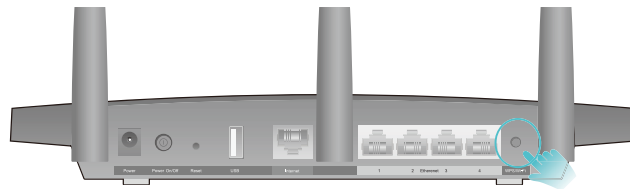
Note:

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

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



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Chapter 3

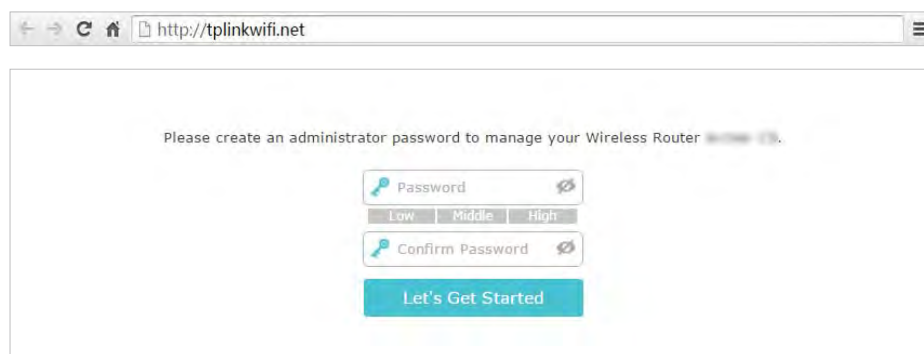
Log In to Your Router

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

Follow the steps below to log in to your router.

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

■ **Note:** If the login window does not appear, please refer to the [FAQ](#) Section.



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Please create an administrator password to manage your Wireless Router.



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[Let's Get Started](#)

Chapter 4

Set Up Internet Connection

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](#)
- [Set Up an IPv6 Internet Connection](#)
- [Configure the Router in Access Point Mode](#)

4.1. Use Quick Setup Wizard

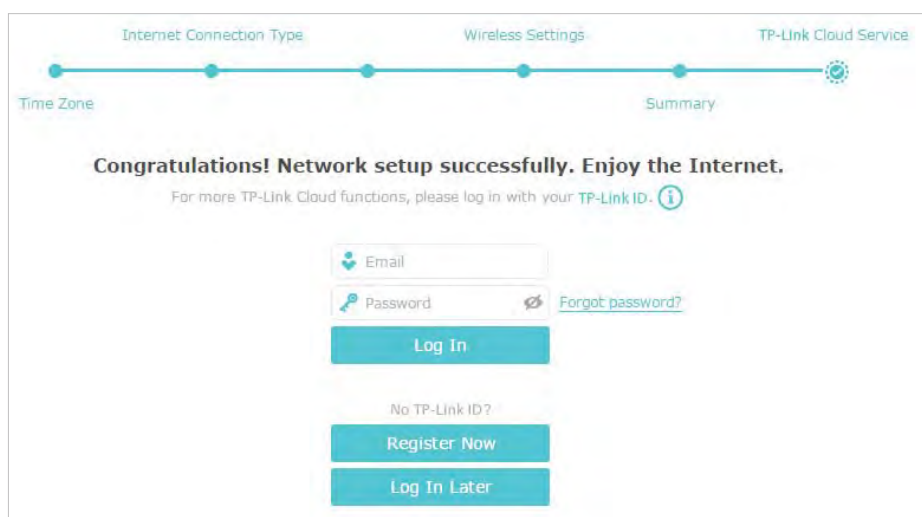
The Quick Setup Wizard will guide you to set up your router.

Tips:

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

Follow the steps below to set up your router.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Click **Quick Setup** on the top of the page. Then follow the step-by-step instructions to connect your router to the internet.
3. To enjoy a more complete service from TP-Link (remote management, TP-Link DDNS, etc.), log in with your TP-Link ID or click **Register Now** to get one. Then follow the instructions to bind the cloud router to your TP-Link ID.



Note:

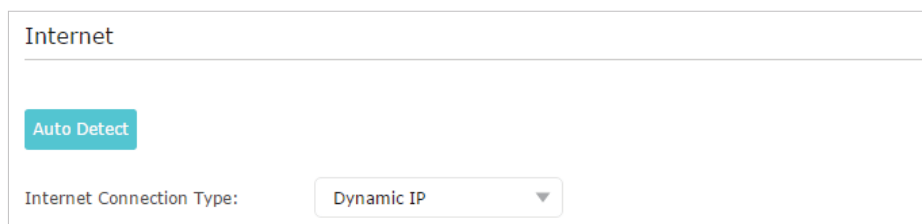
- To learn more about the TP-Link Cloud service, please refer to the [TP-Link Cloud Service](#) section.
- If you do not want to register a TP-Link ID now, you may click **Log In Later** to proceed.
- If you have changed the preset wireless network name (SSID) and wireless password during the Quick Setup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

4.2. Manually Set up Your Internet Connection

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

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

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



Internet

Auto Detect

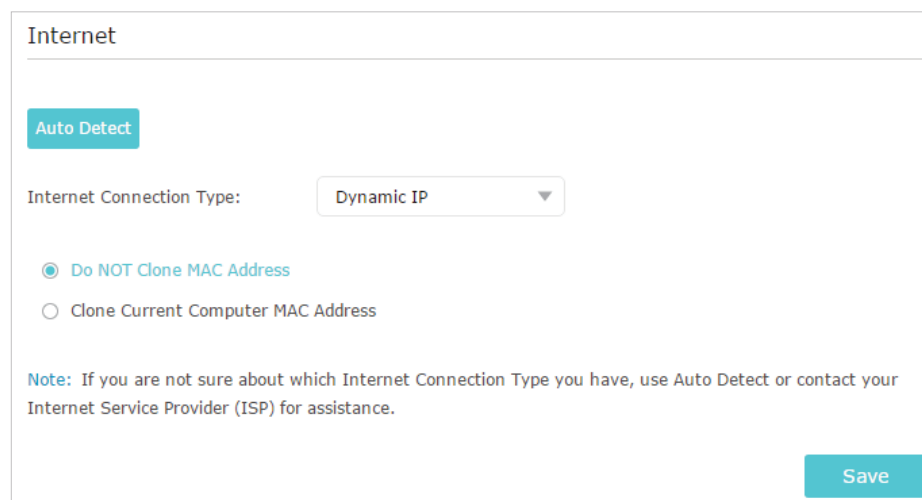
Internet Connection Type: Dynamic IP ▼

Note:

If you are unsure of what your connection type is, click [Auto Detect](#). Since different connection types require different cables and connection information, you can also refer to the demonstrations in Step 4 to determine your connection type.

4. Follow the instructions on the page to continue the configuration. Parameters on the figures are just used for demonstration.

- 1) If you choose [Dynamic IP](#), you need to select whether to clone the MAC address. Dynamic IP users are usually equipped with a cable TV or fiber cable.



Internet

Auto Detect

Internet Connection Type: Dynamic IP ▼

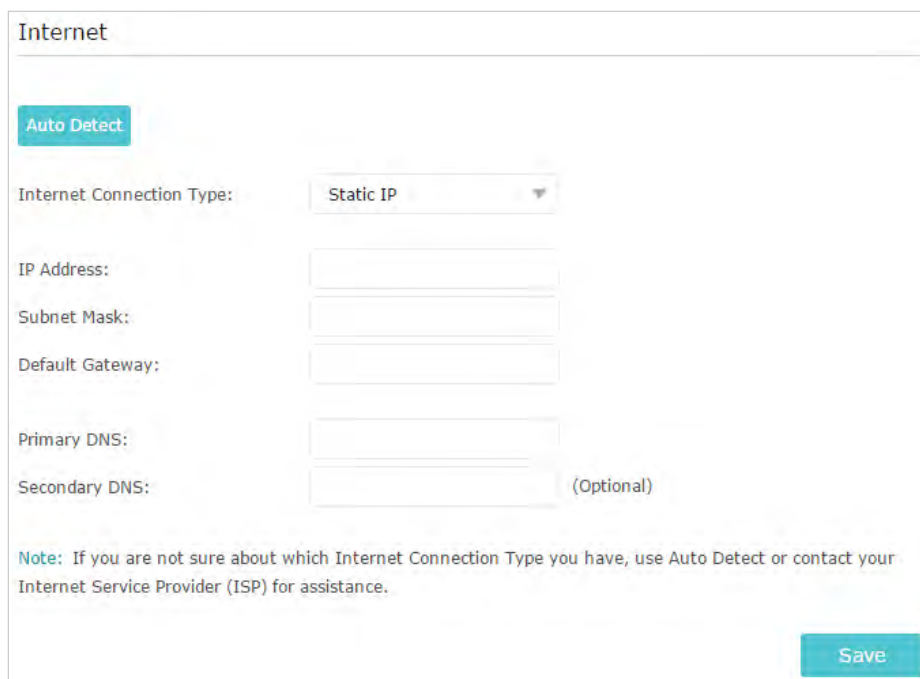
☒ Do NOT Clone MAC Address

☐ Clone Current Computer MAC Address

Note: If you are not sure about which Internet Connection Type you have, use Auto Detect or contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) for assistance.

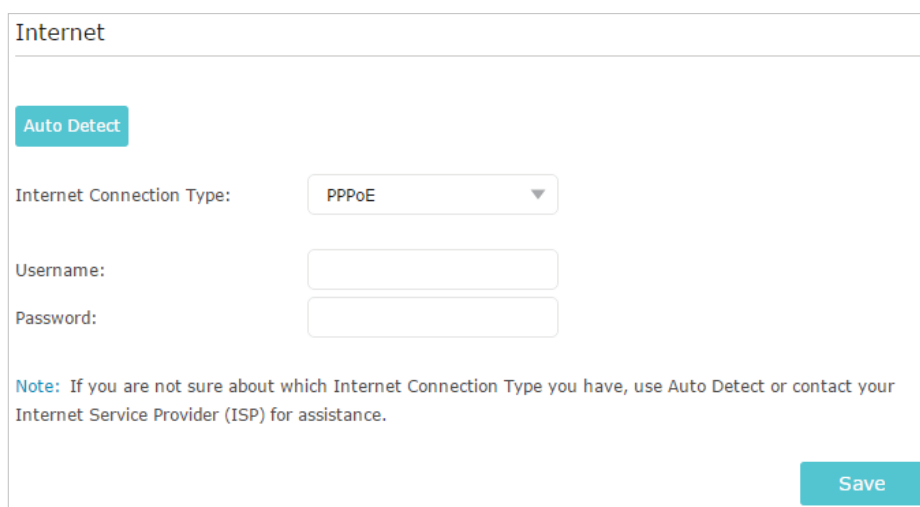
Save

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



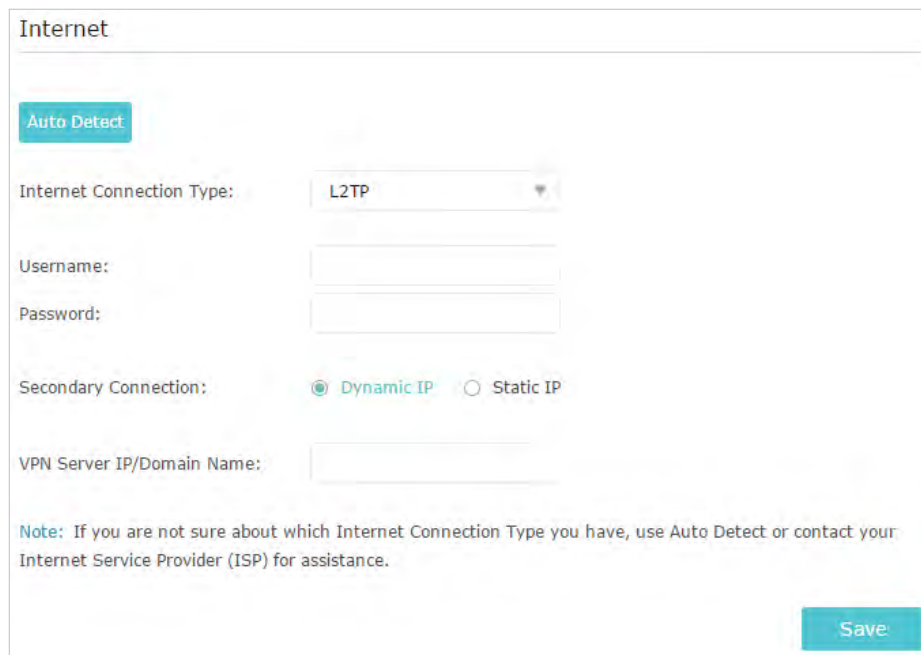
The screenshot shows the 'Internet' configuration page. At the top left is an 'Auto Detect' button. Below it, the 'Internet Connection Type' is set to 'Static IP' in a dropdown menu. There are five input fields: 'IP Address:', 'Subnet Mask:', 'Default Gateway:', 'Primary DNS:', and 'Secondary DNS:'. The 'Secondary DNS' field has '(Optional)' text to its right. A blue note at the bottom states: 'Note: If you are not sure about which Internet Connection Type you have, use Auto Detect or contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) for assistance.' A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

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



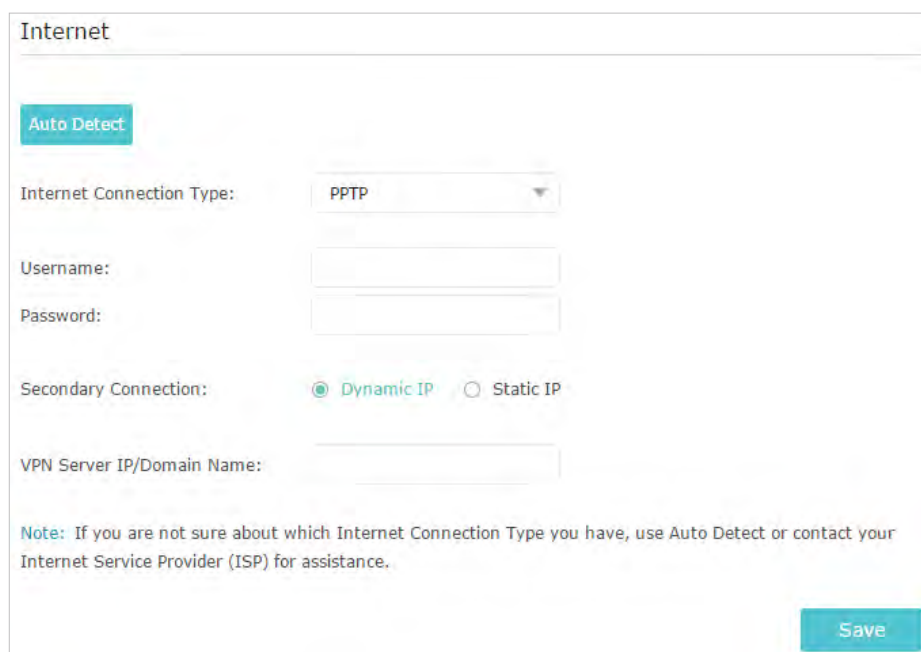
The screenshot shows the 'Internet' configuration page. At the top left is an 'Auto Detect' button. Below it, the 'Internet Connection Type' is set to 'PPPoE' in a dropdown menu. There are two input fields: 'Username:' and 'Password:'. A blue note at the bottom states: 'Note: If you are not sure about which Internet Connection Type you have, use Auto Detect or contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) for assistance.' A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

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



The screenshot shows the 'Internet' configuration page. At the top left is an 'Auto Detect' button. Below it, the 'Internet Connection Type:' dropdown menu is set to 'L2TP'. There are empty input fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:'. The 'Secondary Connection:' section has two radio buttons: 'Dynamic IP' (which is selected) and 'Static IP'. Below that is an empty input field for 'VPN Server IP/Domain Name:'. A note at the bottom states: 'Note: If you are not sure about which Internet Connection Type you have, use Auto Detect or contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) for assistance.' A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right.

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

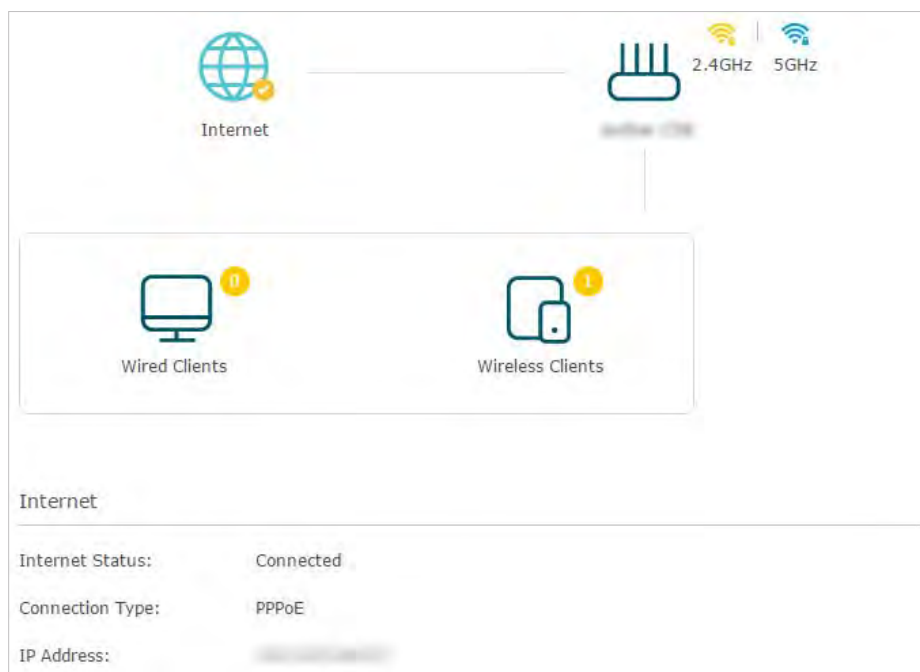


This screenshot is identical to the one above, but the 'Internet Connection Type:' dropdown menu is now set to 'PPTP'. The 'Dynamic IP' radio button remains selected under 'Secondary Connection:'.

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 [FAQ](#) section for further instructions.

4.3. Set Up an IPv6 Internet Connection

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

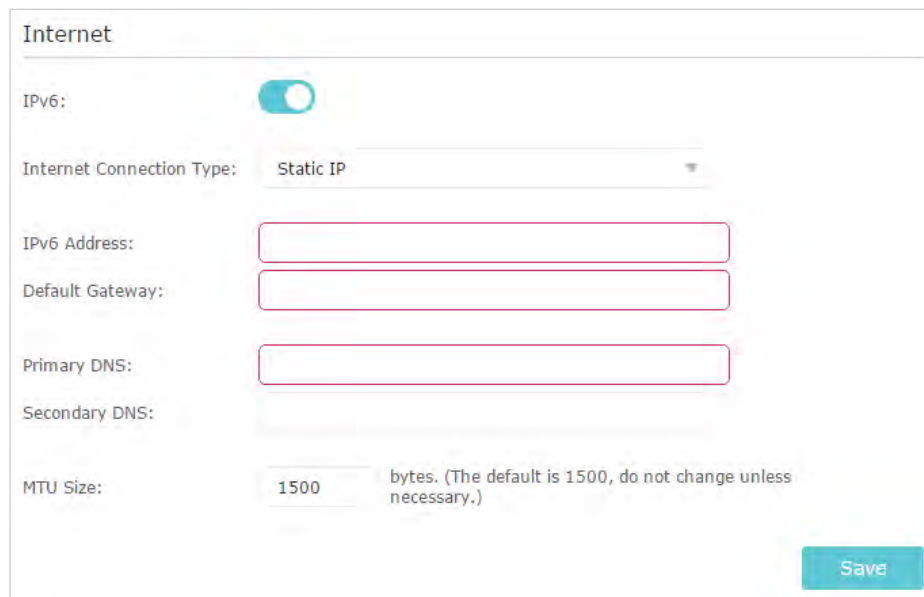
1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced > IPv6](#).
3. Enable IPv6 and select the internet connection type provided by your ISP.

Tips:

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

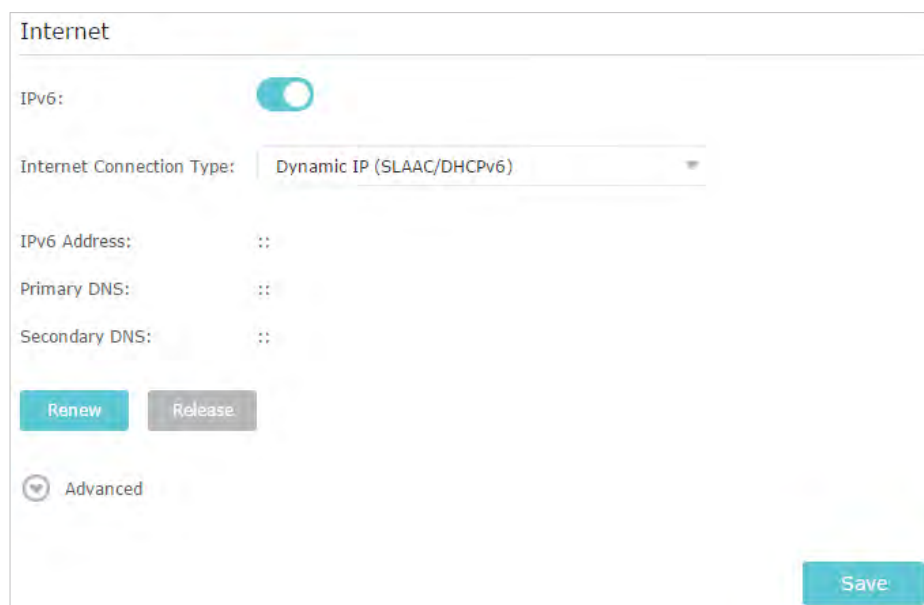
4. Fill in information as required by different connection types. Red blanks must be filled in.

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



The screenshot shows the 'Internet' configuration window. At the top, the title is 'Internet'. Below it, there is a toggle switch for 'IPv6' which is turned on. Underneath, the 'Internet Connection Type' is set to 'Static IP'. There are three empty text input fields for 'IPv6 Address:', 'Default Gateway:', and 'Primary DNS:'. Below these is a field for 'Secondary DNS:'. At the bottom left, the 'MTU Size' is set to '1500' bytes, with a note: '(The default is 1500, do not change unless necessary.)'. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right.

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



The screenshot shows the 'Internet' configuration window with 'Dynamic IP (SLAAC/DHCPv6)' selected. The 'IPv6' toggle is on. The 'Internet Connection Type' dropdown shows 'Dynamic IP (SLAAC/DHCPv6)'. The 'IPv6 Address:', 'Primary DNS:', and 'Secondary DNS:' fields all contain '::'. Below these fields are 'Renew' and 'Release' buttons. At the bottom left, there is a heart icon and the text 'Advanced'. A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

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

Note:

If your ISP provides two separate accounts for the IPv4 and IPv6 connections, deselect the [Use the same session with IPv4 connection](#) checkbox and manually enter the username and password for the IPv6 connection.

The screenshot shows the 'Internet' configuration window. At the top, the title is 'Internet'. Below it, the 'IPv6' toggle is turned on. The 'Internet Connection Type' dropdown is set to 'PPPoE'. A checkbox labeled 'PPPoE same session with IPv4 connection' is checked. The 'IPv6 Address' field shows '::'. There is an 'Advanced' link with a heart icon. At the bottom left are 'Connect' and 'Disconnect' buttons. At the bottom right is a 'Save' button.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Internet' configuration window for '6to4 Tunnel'. The 'IPv6' toggle is turned on. The 'Internet Connection Type' dropdown is set to '6to4 Tunnel'. Below this, there are four fields: 'IPv4 Address' (0.0.0.0), 'IPv4 Subnet Mask' (0.0.0.0), 'IPv4 Default Gateway' (0.0.0.0), and 'TUNNEL ADDRESS' (::). There is an 'Advanced' link with a heart icon. At the bottom left are 'Connect' and 'Disconnect' buttons. At the bottom right is a 'Save' button.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Internet' configuration window for 'Pass-Through (Bridge)'. The 'IPv6' toggle is turned on. The 'Internet Connection Type' dropdown is set to 'Pass-Through (Bridge)'. At the bottom right is a 'Save' button.

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

🔗 **Tips:**

Find [Help](#) on the management interface to know more about items.

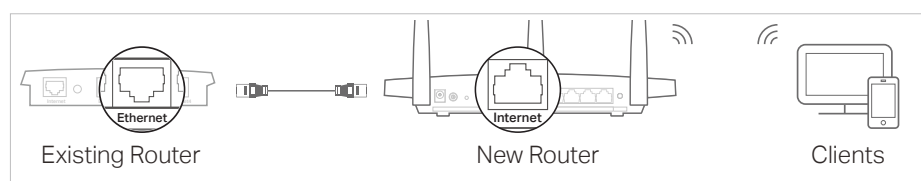
6. Click [Status](#) to check whether you have successfully set up an IPv6 connection. The following figure is an example of a successful PPPoE configuration.

🔗 **Tips:**

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

4.4. Configure the Router in Access Point Mode

In this mode, your router connects to an existing wired or wireless router via an Ethernet cable and extends the wireless coverage of your existing network. Advanced functions like NAT, Parental Controls and QoS are not supported in this mode.



1. Connect the router's **Internet** port to the existing router's Ethernet port via an Ethernet cable.

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](#) > [Operation Mode](#), select [Access Point](#) and click [Save](#).
4. Log in to the router via <http://tplinkwifi.net> after the router reboots.
5. Go to [Quick Setup](#) or [Settings](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#) and set the SSIDs and passwords for the wireless network.

Now, you can connect to the SSIDs and enjoy your existing network.

Chapter 5

TP-Link Cloud Service

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

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

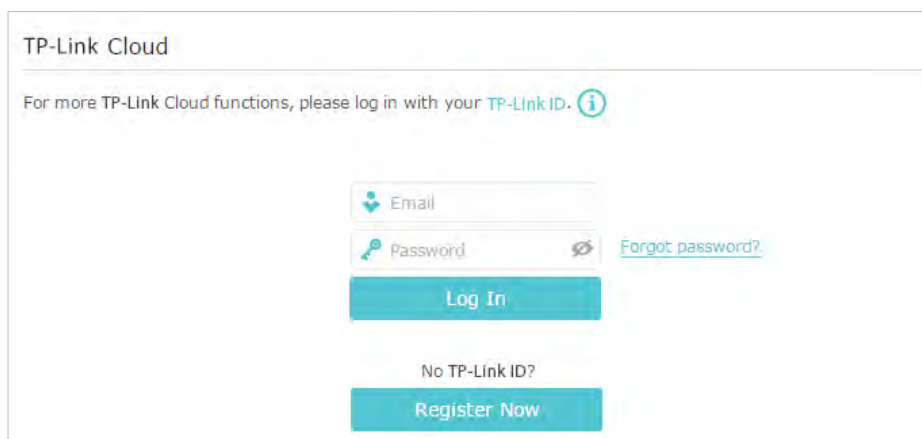
It contains the following sections:

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

5. 1. Register a TP-Link ID

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

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Basic > TP-Link Cloud](#).
3. Click [Register Now](#) and follow the instructions to register a TP-Link ID.

The screenshot shows the TP-Link Cloud login page. At the top, it says "TP-Link Cloud". Below that, a message states: "For more TP-Link Cloud functions, please log in with your TP-Link ID." followed by an information icon. There are two input fields: "Email" and "Password". To the right of the Password field is a link that says "Forgot password?". Below the input fields is a blue "Log In" button. Underneath the "Log In" button, there is a link that says "No TP-Link ID?" and a blue "Register Now" button.

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

■ Note:

- To learn more about the Admin and User TP-Link ID, refer to [Manage the User TP-Link IDs](#).
- You can register another TP-Link ID via the Tether APP. Please refer to [Manage the Router via the TP-Link Tether App](#) to install the app and register a new one
- If you want to unbind the admin TP-Link ID from your router, please go to [Basic > TP-Link Cloud](#), click [Unbind](#) in the Device Information section.

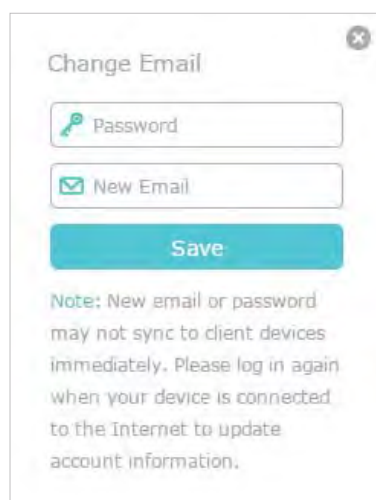
5. 2. Change Your TP-Link ID Information

Follow the steps below to modify your TP-Link ID as needed.

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

➤ **To change your email address**

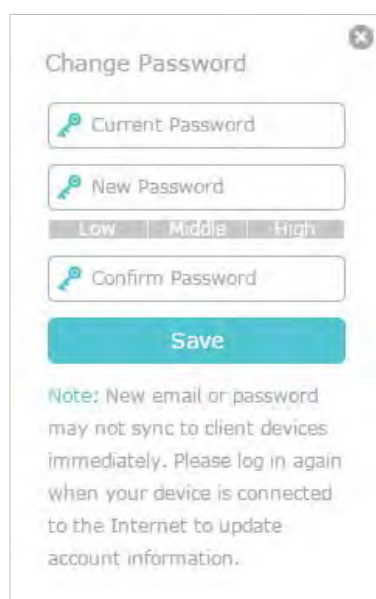
1. Click  behind the Email.
2. Enter the password of your TP-Link ID, then a new email address. And click [Save](#).



A dialog box titled "Change Email" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains two input fields: "Password" with a key icon and "New Email" with an envelope icon. Below the fields is a blue "Save" button. At the bottom, a note states: "Note: New email or password may not sync to client devices immediately. Please log in again when your device is connected to the Internet to update account information."

➤ **To change your password**

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



A dialog box titled "Change Password" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains three input fields: "Current Password", "New Password", and "Confirm Password", each with a key icon. Below the "New Password" field are three tabs: "Low", "Middle", and "High". Below the fields is a blue "Save" button. At the bottom, a note states: "Note: New email or password may not sync to client devices immediately. Please log in again when your device is connected to the Internet to update account information."

5.3. Manage the User TP-Link IDs

The first-time login TP-Link ID will be bound automatically to your router as an [Admin](#) account. An admin account can add or remove other TP-Link IDs to the same router as [Users](#). The admin account and User accounts both can monitor and manage the router locally or remotely, but user accounts cannot:

- Reset the router to its factory default settings either on the web management page or in the Tether app.

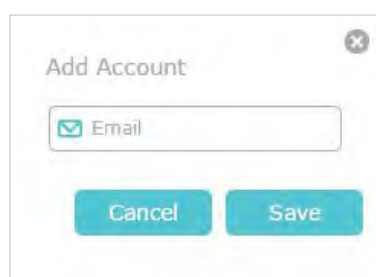
- Add/remove other TP-Link IDs to/from the router.

5.3.1. Add TP-Link ID to Manage the Router

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

Note:

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



The image shows a modal dialog box titled "Add Account". It contains a text input field with a green checkmark icon and the label "Email". Below the input field are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Save".

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

Bound Accounts				
+ Bind - Unbind				
☐	ID	Email	Binding Date	Role
☐	1	shengqi_li@tp-link.com	16/11/2016	Admin
☐	2	shengqi_li@tp-link.com	16/11/2016	User

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

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

Bound Accounts				
+ Bind - Unbind				
☐	ID	Email	Binding Date	Role
☐	1	shengqi_li@tp-link.com	16/11/2016	Admin
☒	2	shengqi_li@tp-link.com	16/11/2016	User

5. 4. Manage the Router via the TP-Link Tether App

The Tether app runs on iOS and Android devices like smartphones and tablets.

1. Open the Apple App Store or Google Play and search the key word "TP-Link Tether" or simply scan the QR code to download and install the app.



2. Connect your device to the router's wireless network.
3. Launch the Tether app, select the model of your router and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
4. Manage your router as needed.

Chapter 6

Guest Network

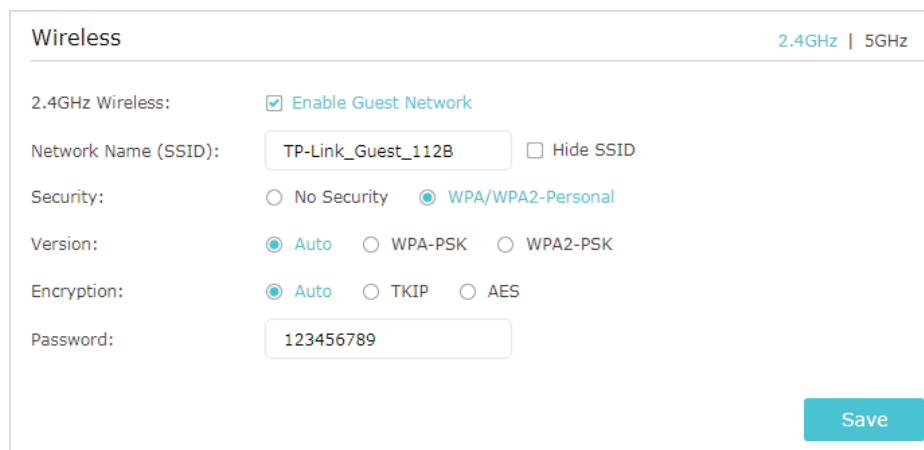
This function allows you to provide Wi-Fi access for guests without disclosing your main network. When you have guests in your house, apartment, or workplace, you can create a guest network for them. In addition, you can customize guest network options to ensure network security and privacy.

It contains the following sections:

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

6. 1. Create a Network for Guests

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Guest Network](#). Locate the [Wireless](#) section.
3. Create a guest network as needed.
 - 1) Select [2.4GHz](#) or [5GHz](#) network and tick the [Enable Guest Network](#) checkbox.
 - 2) Customize the SSID. Don't select [Hide SSID](#) unless you want your guests to manually input the SSID for guest network access.
 - 3) Set [Security](#) to [WPA/WPA2 Personal](#), keep the default [Version](#) and [Encryption](#) values, and customize your own password.



The screenshot shows the 'Wireless' configuration page for a TP-Link router. At the top right, there are tabs for '2.4GHz' and '5GHz', with '2.4GHz' currently selected. The page contains several settings for the 2.4GHz wireless network:

- 2.4GHz Wireless:** A checkbox labeled 'Enable Guest Network' is checked.
- Network Name (SSID):** A text box contains 'TP-Link_Guest_112B'. To its right is an unchecked checkbox labeled 'Hide SSID'.
- Security:** Three radio buttons are present: 'No Security' (unchecked), 'WPA/WPA2-Personal' (checked), and 'WPA2-PSK' (unchecked).
- Version:** Three radio buttons are present: 'Auto' (checked), 'WPA-PSK' (unchecked), and 'WPA2-PSK' (unchecked).
- Encryption:** Three radio buttons are present: 'Auto' (checked), 'TKIP' (unchecked), and 'AES' (unchecked).
- Password:** A text box contains '123456789'.
- Save:** A blue button labeled 'Save' is located at the bottom right of the form.

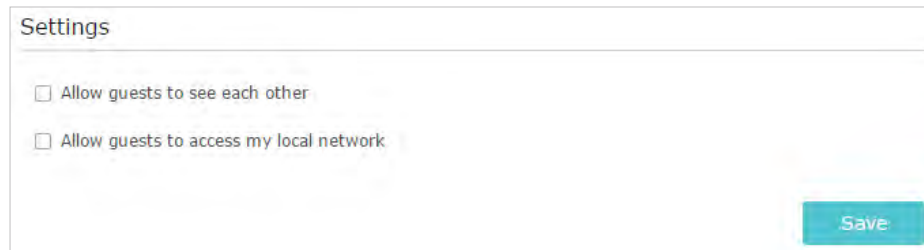
4. Click [Save](#). Now your guests can access your guest network using the SSID and password you set!

 Tips:

To view guest network information, go to [Advanced](#) > [Status](#) and locate the [Guest Network](#) section.

6.2. Customize Guest Network Options

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



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

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

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

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

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

 Tips:

To view guest network information, go to [Advanced](#) > [Status](#) and locate the [Guest Network](#) section.

Chapter 7

USB Settings

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

The router supports USB external flash drives and hard drives.

It contains the following sections:

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

7. 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 or NTFS.
- Before you physically disconnect a USB device from the router, safely remove it to avoid data damage: Go to [Advanced](#) > [USB Settings](#) > [Device Settings](#) and click [Safety Remove](#).

7. 1. 1. Access the USB Device Locally

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

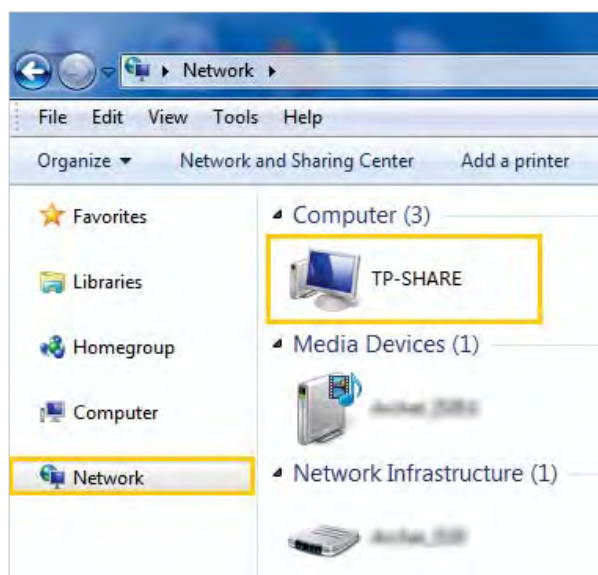
Windows computer

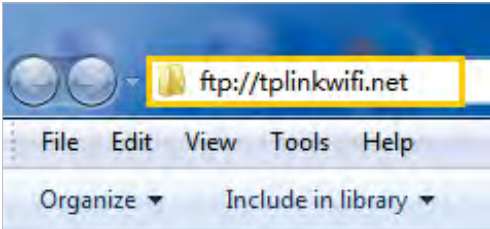
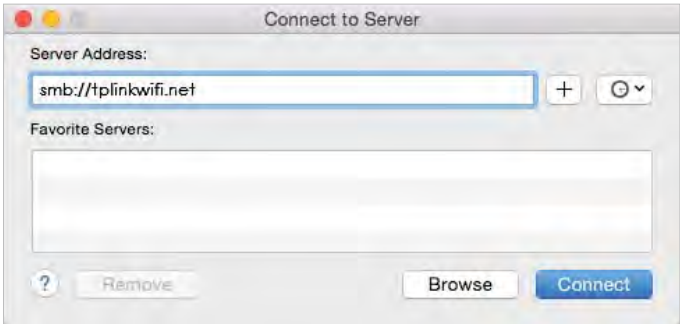
➤ **Method 1:**

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

■ **Note:**

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



Windows computer	➤ Method 2: Open the Windows Explorer (or go to Computer) and type the server address \\tplinkwifi.net or ftp://tplinkwifi.net in the address bar, then press Enter. 
Mac	1) Select Go > Connect to Server. 2) Type the server address smb://tplinkwifi.net. 3) Click Connect.  4) When prompted, select the Guest radio box. (If you have set up a username and a password to deny anonymous access to the USB disks, you should select the Registered User radio box. To learn how to set up an account for the access, refer to To Set up Authentication for Data Security.)
Tablet	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.

7.1.2. Access the USB Device Remotely

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

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

Note:

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

Follow the steps below to configure remote access settings.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [USB Settings](#) > [Sharing Access](#) page.
3. Tick the [FTP\(via Internet\)](#) checkbox, and then click [Save](#).

Sharing Settings

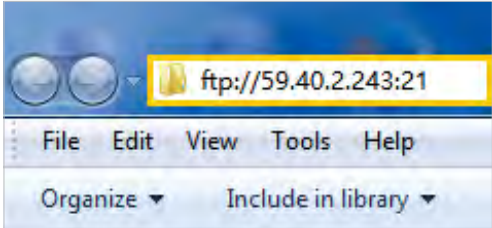
Network/Media Server Name:

TP-Share

Enable	Access Method	Link	Port
☒	Network Neighborhood	\\TP-Share	---
☒	FTP	ftp://192.168.0.99:21	21
☒	FTP (Via Internet)	ftp://0.0.0.0:21 Edit	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: 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)  3) Press Enter on the keyboard. 4) 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.
Tablet	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 you router.

7.1.3. Customize the Access Settings

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

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

MyShare

Enable	Access Method	Link	Port
☒	Network Neighborhood	\\MyShare	---
☒	FTP	ftp://192.168.0.99:21	21
☐	FTP (Via Internet)	ftp://0.0.0.0:21 Edit	21

Save

2. Now you can access the USB disk by visiting `\\MyShare` (for Windows) or `smb://MyShare` (for Mac).

➤ **To Only Share Specific Content**

1. 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:

☐

Toggle On to share all files and folders or keep it Off to only share the specified folders.

Volume Name:

G:

Folder Path:

G:/Test

Browse

Folder Name:

Test

☐ Allow Guest Network Access

☒ [Enable Authentication](#)

☒ [Enable Write Access](#)

☐ Enable Media Sharing

Cancel

OK

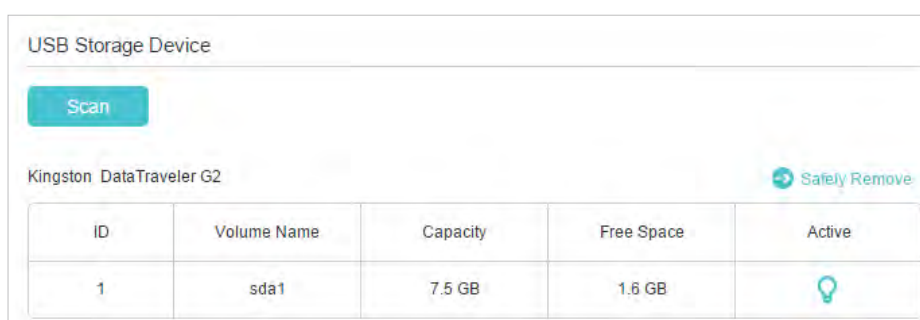
2. Select the **Volume Name** and **Folder Path**, then enter a **Folder Name** as you like.
3. Decide the way you share the folder:

- **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 **OK**.

Tips:

The router can share 32 volumes at most. You can click  on the page to detach the corresponding volume you do not need to share.

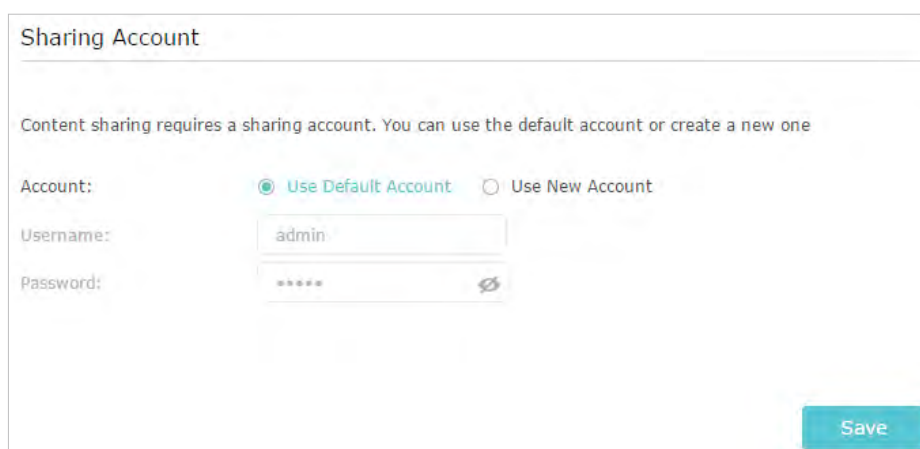


ID	Volume Name	Capacity	Free Space	Active
1	sda1	7.5 GB	1.6 GB	

➤ **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 and password are both [admin](#) for default account. If you choose [Use New Account](#), you have to customize the username and a password.



Sharing Account

Content sharing requires a sharing account. You can use the default account or create a new one

Account: ☒ Use Default Account ☐ Use New Account

Username:

Password:

Save

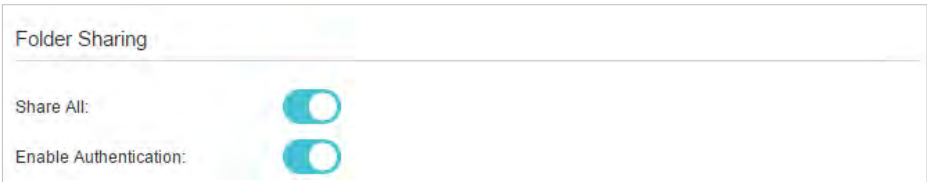
Note:

For Windows users, do not set the sharing username the same as the Windows username. Otherwise, Windows credential mechanism may cause the following problems:

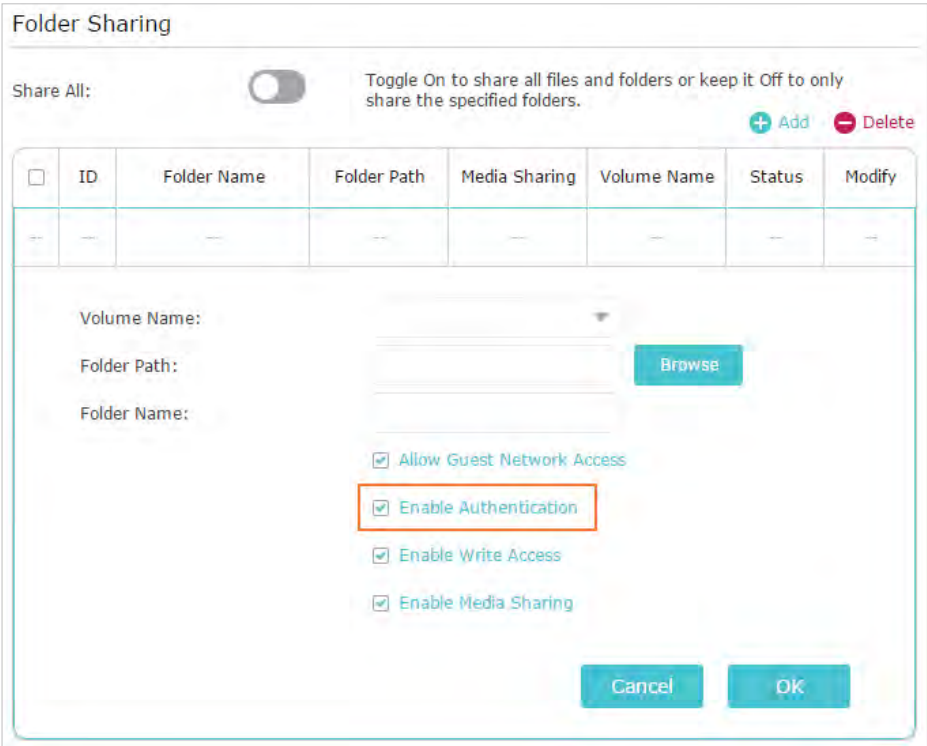
- If the sharing password is also the same as the Windows password, authentication will not work since the Windows will automatically use its account information for USB access.
- If the sharing password is different from the Windows password, the Windows will be unable to remember your credentials and 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.



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



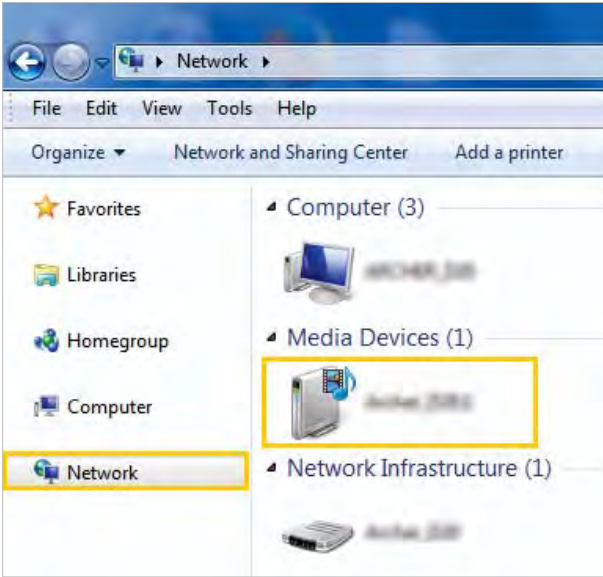
Note:

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](#).

7. 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.

Windows Computer	• Go to Computer > Network, then click the Media Server Name (Model number-share by default) in the Media Devices section. Note: Here we take Windows 7 as an example. 
Tablet	• Use a third-party DLNA-supported player.

Chapter 8

Parental Controls

This function allows you to set up unique restrictions on internet access for each member of your family. You can block inappropriate content, set daily limits for the total time spent online and restrict internet access to certain times of the day.

It contains the following sections:

- [Set Up Access Restrictions](#)
- [Monitor Internet Usage](#)

8.1. Set Up Access Restrictions

I want to:

Block access to inappropriate online content for my child's devices, restrict internet access to 2 hours every day and block internet access during bed time (10 PM to 7 AM) on school nights (Sunday to Thursday).

How can I do that?

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Basic** > **Parental Controls** or **Advanced** > **Parental Controls**.
3. Click **+ Add** to create a profile for a family member.
4. Add basic profile information.

- 1) Enter a **Name** for the profile to make it easier to identify.
- 2) Under **Devices**, click **+**.
- 3) Select the devices that belong to this family member. Access restrictions will be applied to these devices. Click **Save** when finished.
- 4) Click **Next**.
5. Customize the block content for this profile according to your needs.

Note: Only devices that have previously been connected to your router's network are listed here. If you are unable to find the device you want to add, connect it to your network and then try again.

Profiles + Add

Name	Time Limits	Devices	Insights	Internet Access	Modify
--	--	--	--	--	--

Basic Info Blocked Content Time Controls

Blocked Content

Block all websites that contain a specific keyword.

Add a New Keyword: Add

Cancel Back Next

5) Add one or more keywords. All websites containing the keywords will be blocked.

6) Click [Next](#).

6. Set time restrictions on internet access.

Profiles + Add

Name	Time Limits	Devices	Insights	Internet Access	Modify
--	--	--	--	--	--

Basic Info Blocked Content Time Controls

Time Limits

Set daily time limits for the total time spent online.

Mon to Fri ☒ Enable 2h

Sat & Sun ☒ Enable 2h

Bed Time

Set a time period when this profile cannot access the internet.

School Nights (Sunday - Thursday) ☒ Enable From: 10 : 00 PM To: 07 : 00 AM

Weekend (Friday and Saturday) ☐ Enable

Cancel Back Save

- 1) Enable **Time Limits** on Monday to Friday and Saturday & Sunday, then set the allowed online time to 2 hours each day.
- 2) Enable **Bed Time** on School Nights and use the up/down arrows or enter times in the fields. Devices under this profile will be unable to access the internet during this time period.
- 3) Click **Save**.

Done!

The amount of time your child spends online is controlled and inappropriate content is blocked on their devices.

8. 2. Monitor Internet Usage

I want to:

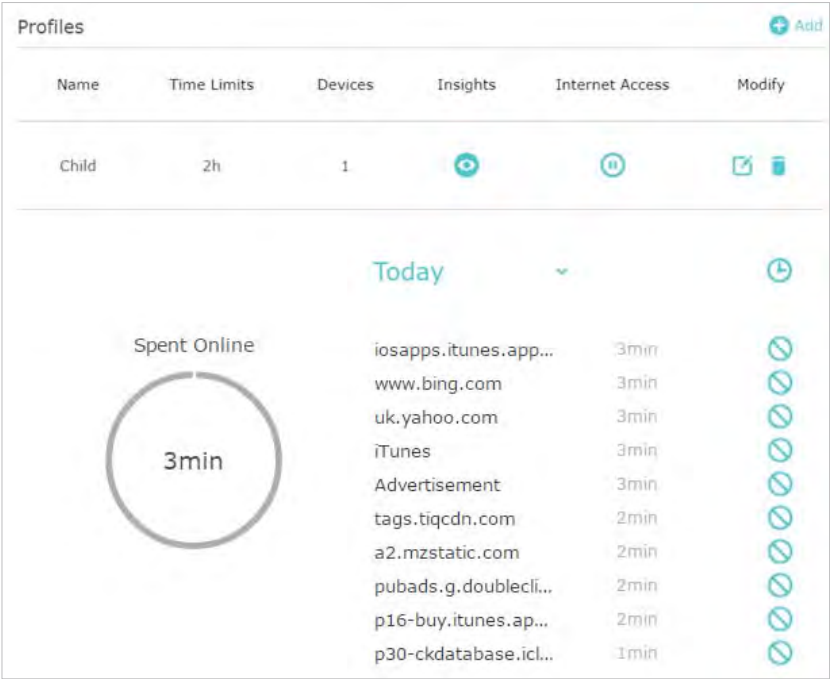
Check which websites my child has visited and how much time they have spent online recently.

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

2. Go to **Basic** > **Parental Controls** or **Advanced** > **Parental Controls**.

3. Set up a profile for your child. Refer to [Set Up Access Restrictions](#) for detailed instructions.

4. Find the profile and click  in the **Insights** column.



5. Use the drop-down menu behind **Today** to view the websites visited and time spent online for any of the last 7 days. Click  to view a complete history. Click  to block the corresponding content for this profile.

Done!

You can now check up on your child's online activities.

Chapter 9

QoS

QoS (Quality of Service) allows you to prioritize the internet traffic of specific devices to guarantee a faster connection when you need it the most. Devices set as high priority will be allocated more bandwidth even when there is heavy traffic on the network.

I want to: Ensure a fast connection while I use my computer for the next 2 hours.

- How can I do that?**
- 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](#) > [QoS](#).
 - 3. Enable [QoS](#).
 - 4. Enter the upload and download bandwidth provided by your internet service provider. Click [Save](#).

Global Settings

QoS:

☒ Enable QoS

Upload Bandwidth:

1000

Mbps

Download Bandwidth:

1000

Mbps

Save

- 5. Under [Device Priority](#), find your computer and toggle on [Priority](#). Click the entry in the [Timing](#) column and select 2 hours as the duration you want the device to be prioritized for.

Device Priority					
Type	Information	Real-time Rate		Traffic Usage	Priority
					Timing
	FC-AA-14-55-FB-5D	↑ 0KB/s ↓ 0KB/s		9.8MB	☒ 2 hours
	C4-61-8B-CE-BF-32	↑ 0KB/s ↓ 0KB/s		14.3MB	☐ 1 h 59 min Remaining

Done! You can now use your computer without lag for the next 2 hours.

Chapter 10

Network Security

This chapter guides you on how to protect your home network from cyber attacks and unauthorized users by implementing these three network security functions. You can protect your home network against DoS (Denial of Service) attacks from flooding your network with server requests using DoS Protection, block or allow specific client devices to access your network using Access Control, or you can prevent ARP spoofing and ARP attacks using IP & MAC Binding.

It contains the following sections:

- [Protect the Network from Cyber Attacks](#)
- [Access Control](#)
- [IP & MAC Binding](#)

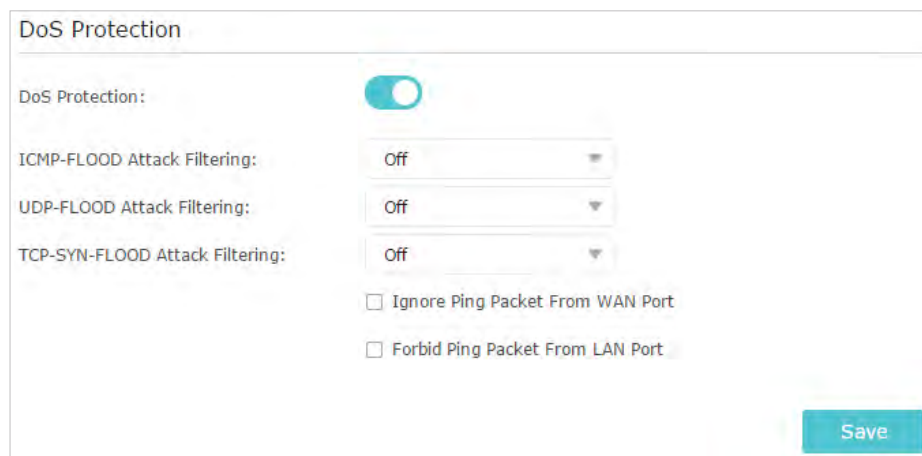
10.1. Protect the Network from Cyber Attacks

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 your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Security](#) > [Settings](#).



3. Enable [DoS Protection](#).
4. Set the level ([Off](#), [Low](#), [Middle](#) or [High](#)) of protection for [ICMP-FLOOD Attack Filtering](#), [UDP-FLOOD Attack Filtering](#) and [TCP-SYN-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-SYN-FLOOD Attack Filtering](#) - Enable to prevent the TCP-SYN (Transmission Control Protocol-Synchronize) flood attack.

 Tips:

The level of protection is based on the number of traffic packets. The protection will be triggered immediately when the number of packets exceeds the preset threshold value (the value can be set on [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [System Parameters](#) > [DoS Protection Level Settings](#)), and the vicious host will be displayed in the [Blocked DoS Host List](#).

Blocked DoS Host List

Host Number: 0 [Refresh](#) [Delete](#)

☐	ID	IP Address	MAC Address
☐	--	--	--

5. If you want to ignore the ping packets from the WAN port, select [Ignore Ping Packet From WAN Port](#); if you want to ignore the ping packets from the LAN port, select [Ignore Ping Packet From LAN Port](#).
6. Click [Save](#).

10.2. 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 your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Security](#) > [Access Control](#).
3. Enable [Access Control](#).

Access Control

Access Control: ☒

4. 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](#).

Access Mode

Default Access Mode: ☒ [Blacklist](#) ☐ [Whitelist](#)

[Save](#)

- 2) Select the device(s) to be blocked in the [Online Devices](#) table by ticking the box.

- 3) Click **Block** above the **Online Devices** table. The selected devices will be added to **Devices in Blacklist** automatically.

Online Devices						
					Refresh	Block
☒	ID	Device Name	IP Address	MAC Address	Connection Type	Modify
☒	1	Roses-iPhone	192.168.0.175	1C-1A-C0-3B-28-4B	Wireless	
☐	2	ADMIN-PC	192.168.0.157	C0-4A-00-1A-C3-45	Wireless	

To allow specific device(s)

- 1) Select **Whitelist** and click **Save**.

Access Mode	
Default Access Mode:	☐ Blacklist ☒ Whitelist
Save	

- 2) Click **Add** in the **Devices in Whitelist** section. Enter the **Device Name** and **MAC Address** (You can copy and paste the information from the **Online Devices** list if the device is connected to your network).

Devices in Whitelist				
				+ Add - Delete
☐	ID	Device Name	MAC Address	Modify
☐	—	—	—	—
Device Name: MAC Address: Cancel OK				

- 3) Click **OK**.

Done!

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

10.3. 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 an 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 your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Security](#) > [IP & MAC Binding](#).
3. Enable [ARP Binding](#).



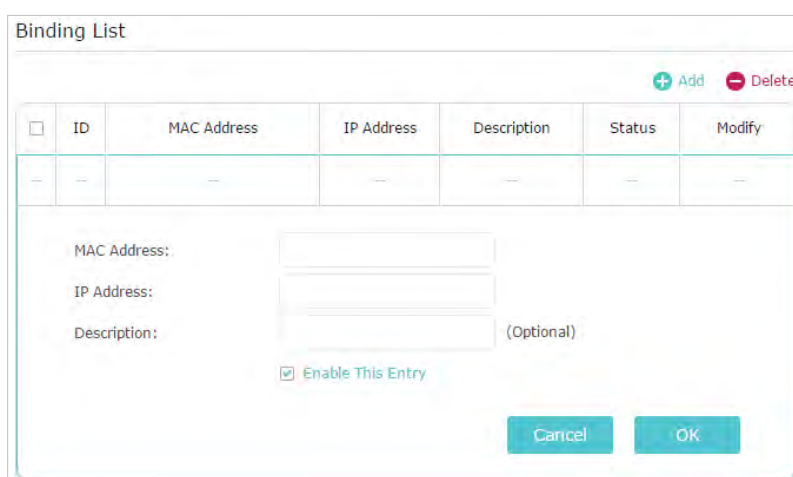
Settings

ARP Binding: ☒

4. Bind your device(s) according to your need.

To bind the connected device(s):Click  to add the corresponding device to the [Binding List](#).**To bind the unconnected device**

- 1) Click [Add](#) in the [Binding List](#) section.



Binding List

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

☐	ID	MAC Address	IP Address	Description	Status	Modify
☐	—	—	—	—	—	—

MAC Address:

IP Address:

Description: (Optional)

☒ [Enable This Entry](#)

[Cancel](#) [OK](#)

- 2) Enter the [MAC address](#) and [IP address](#) that you want to bind. Enter a [Description](#) for this binding entry.
- 3) Tick the [Enable This Entry](#) checkbox and click [OK](#).

Done!

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

Chapter 11

NAT Forwarding

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:

- [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](#)

11. 1. Share Local Resources on the Internet by Virtual Servers

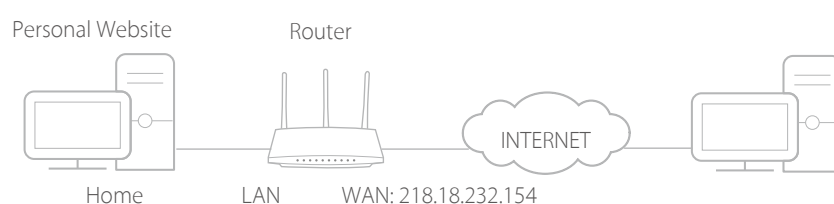
When you build up a server on the local network and want to share it on the internet, Virtual Servers can realize the service and provide it to internet users. At the same time Virtual Servers can keep the local network safe as other services are still invisible from the internet.

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 with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
3. Go to **Advanced > NAT Forwarding > Virtual Servers**.
4. Click **Add**. Click **View Existing Services** and select **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 **OK**.

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.

11.2. 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**.

3. Click [View Existing Applications](#), and select the desired application. The [Triggering Port](#), [External Port](#) and [Protocol](#) will be automatically filled in. The following picture takes application [MSN Gaming Zone](#) as an example.
4. Click [OK](#).

Port Triggering

+ Add - Delete

ID	Application	Triggering Port	Triggering Protocol	External Port	External Protocol	Status	Modify
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Application: MSN Gaming Zone [View Existing Applications](#)

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 OK

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.

11.3. 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:

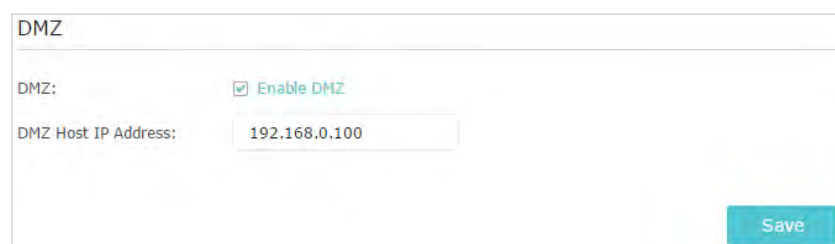
When DMZ is enabled, the DMZ host is totally exposed to the internet, which may bring some potential safety hazards. If DMZ is not in use, please disable it in time.

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

DMZ Host IP Address:

Save

5. Click **Save**.

Done!

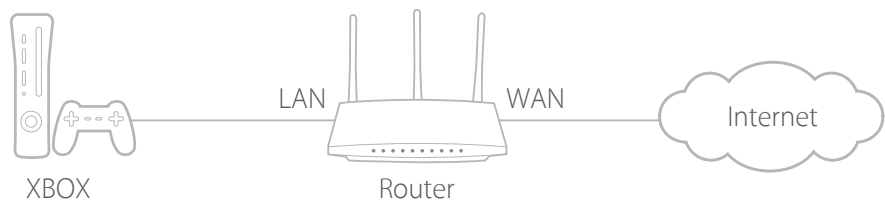
The configuration is completed. You've set your PC to a DMZ host and now you can make a team to game with other players.

11.4. 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
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Chapter 12

VPN Server

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 setup 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.

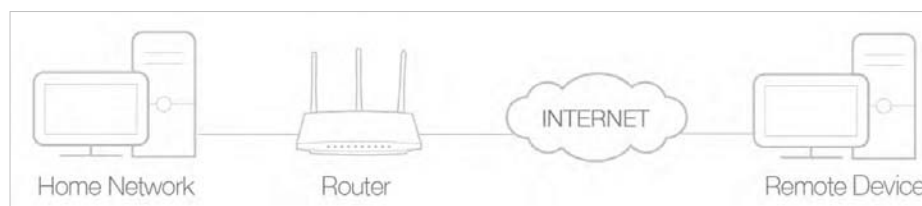
PPTP VPN is more easily used and its speed is faster, it's compatible with most operating systems and also supports mobile devices. Its security is poor and your packets may be cracked easily, and PPTP VPN connection may be prevented by some ISP.

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

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

12. 1. Use OpenVPN 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.



12. 1. 1. Step1. Set up OpenVPN Server on Your Router

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 > VPN Server > OpenVPN**, and select **Enable VPN Server**.

OpenVPN

Note: No certificate currently, please **Generate** one before enabling VPN Server.

☒ **Enable VPN Server**

Service Type: ☒ **UDP** ☐ TCP

Service Port:

VPN Subnet/Netmask:

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

12.1.2. 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.

12.2. 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.

12.2.1. Step 1. Set up PPTP VPN Server on Your Router

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](#) > [VPN Server](#) > [PPTP VPN](#), and select [Enable VPN Server](#).



■ **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. Click [Advanced](#) to set the PPTP connection permission according to your needs.
 - Select [Allow Samba \(Network Place\) access](#) to allow your VPN device to access your local Samba server.
 - Select [Allow NetBIOS passthrough](#) to allow your VPN device to access your Samba server using NetBIOS name.
 - Select [Allow Unencrypted connections](#) to allow unencrypted connections to your VPN server.
5. Click [Save](#).
6. Configure the PPTP VPN connection account for the remote device, you can create up to 16 accounts.

Account List (up to 16 users)

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

☐	ID	Username	Password	Modify
☐	1	admin	admin	☐ ☐

Username:

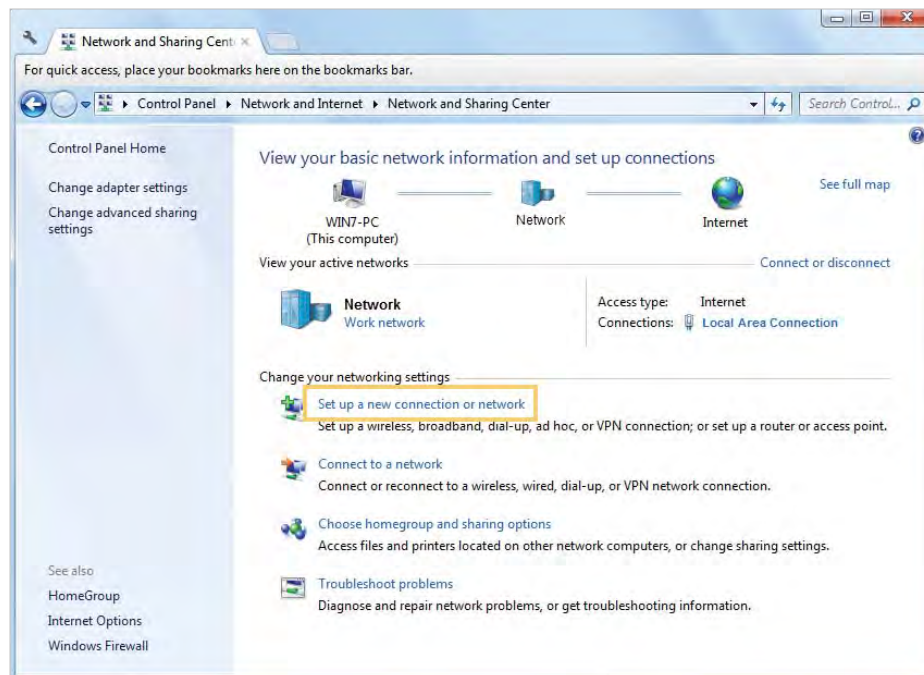
Password:

- 1) Click [Add](#).
- 2) Enter the [Username](#) and [Password](#) to authenticate devices to the PPTP VPN Server.
- 3) Click [OK](#).

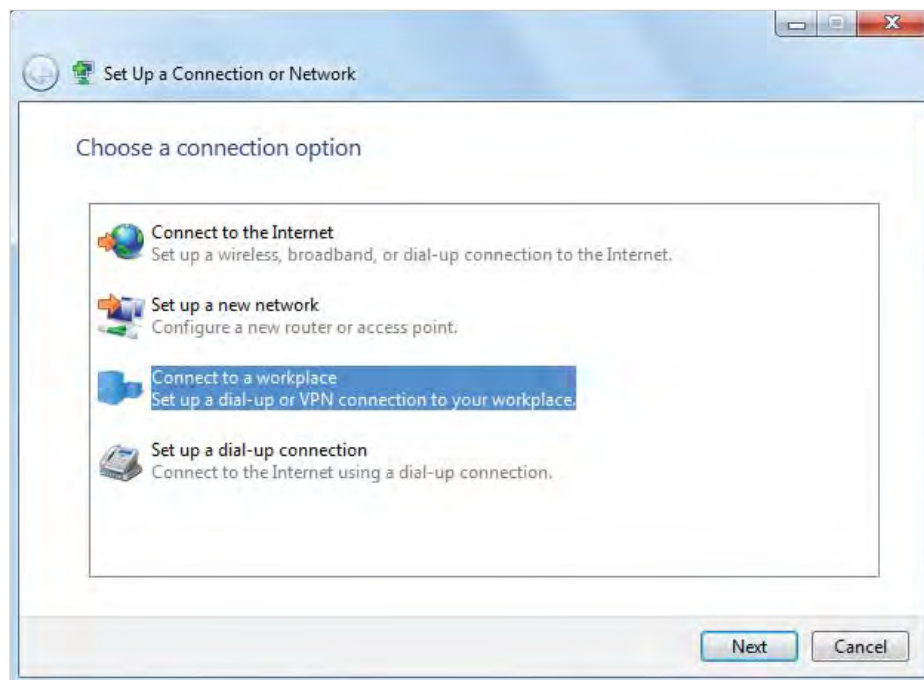
12.2.2. Step 2. Configure PPTP VPN Connection on Your Remote Device

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.

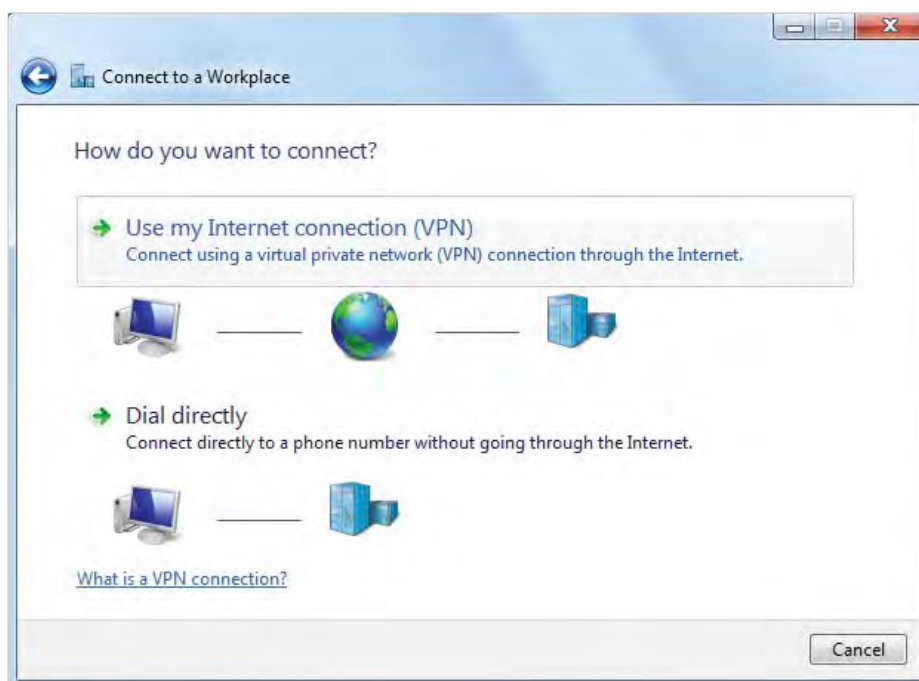
1. Go to [Start > Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center](#).
2. Select [Set up a new connection or network](#).



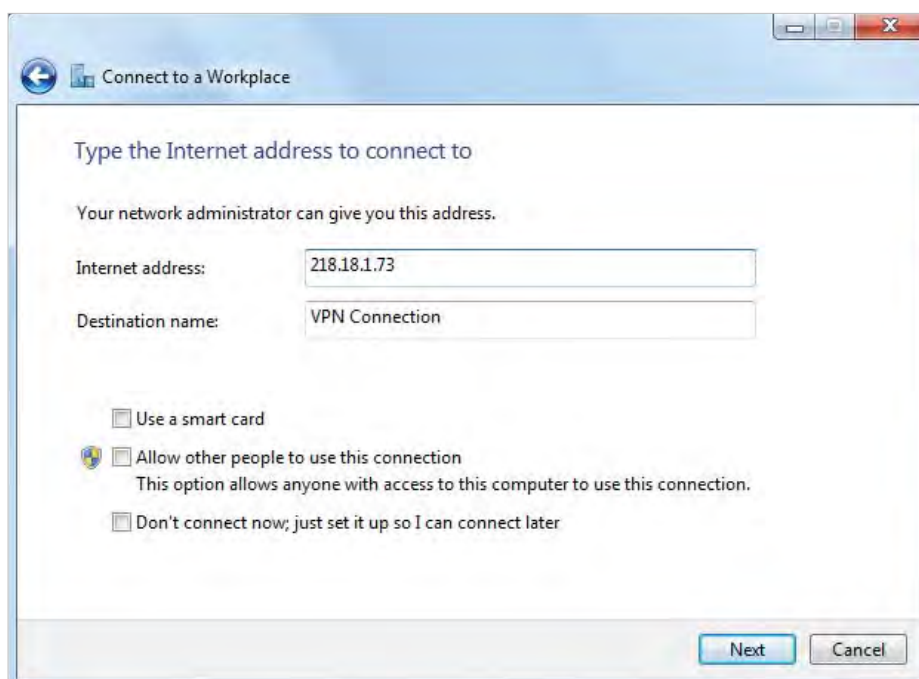
3. Select [Connect to a workplace](#) and click [Next](#).



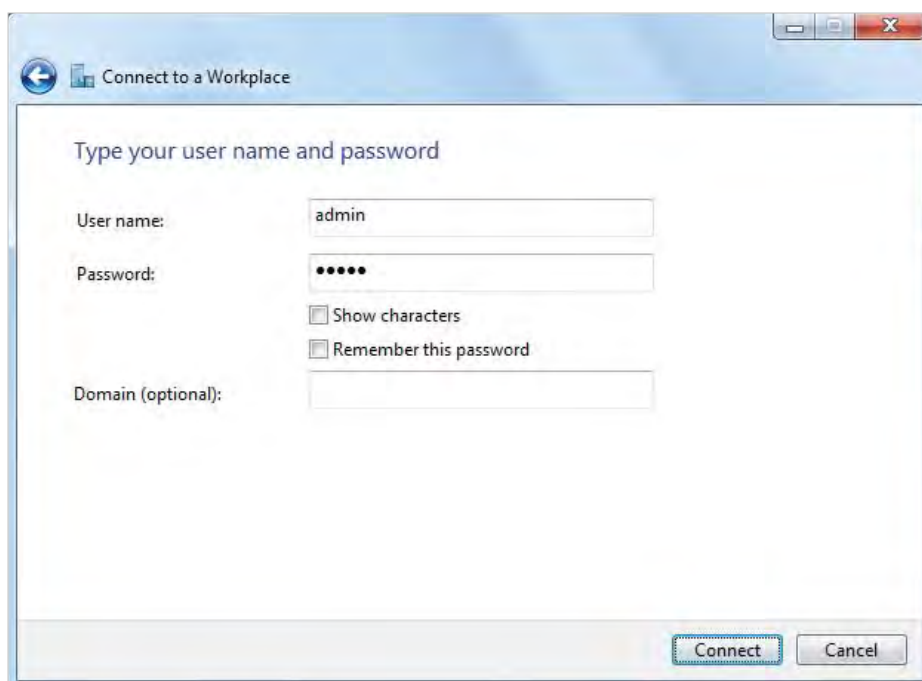
4. Select [Use my Internet connection \(VPN\)](#).



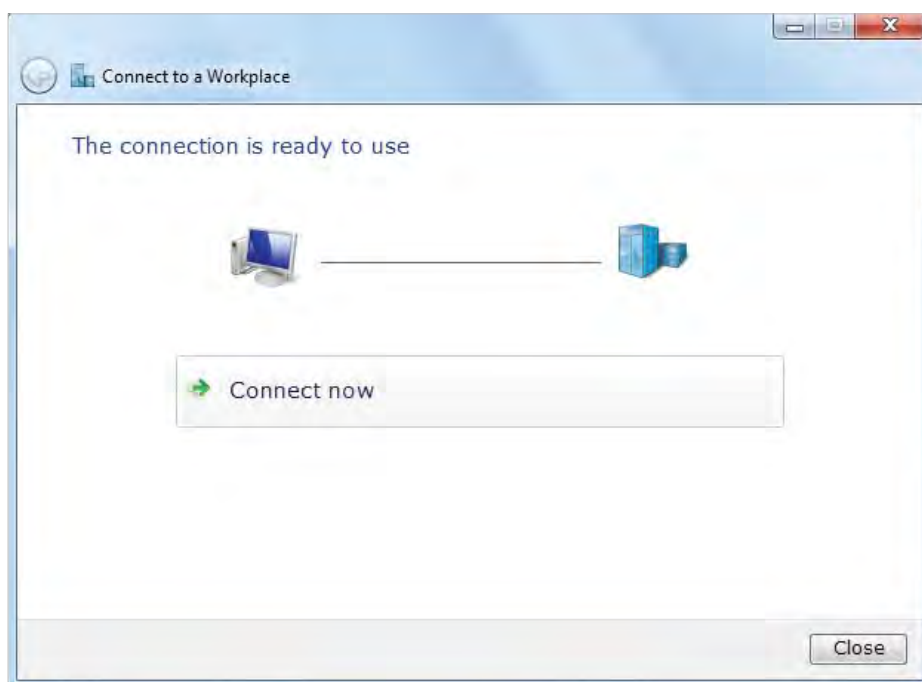
5. Enter the internet IP address of the router (for example: 218.18.1.73) in the **Internet address** field. Click **Next**.



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 13

Customize Your Network Settings

This chapter guides you on how to configure advanced network features.

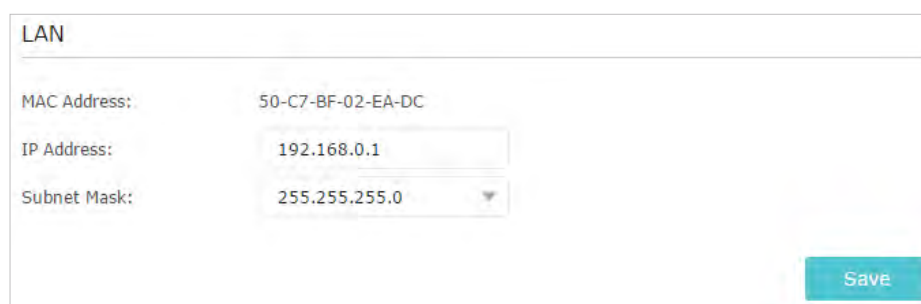
It contains the following sections:

- [Change the LAN Settings](#)
- [Configure to Support IPTV Service](#)
- [Specify DHCP Server Settings](#)
- [Set Up a Dynamic DNS Service Account](#)
- [Create Static Routes](#)
- [Specify Wireless Settings](#)
- [Use WPS for Wireless Connection](#)

13.1. Change the LAN Settings

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 on your local network or your network requires a specific IP subnet, you can change it.

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](#) > [Network](#) > [LAN](#).
3. Type in a new IP Address appropriate to your needs. And leave the [Subnet Mask](#) as the default settings.



LAN

MAC Address: 50-C7-BF-02-EA-DC

IP Address: 192.168.0.1

Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0

Save

4. Click [Save](#).

Note:

If you have set the Virtual Server, DMZ or DHCP address reservation, and the new LAN IP address is not in the same subnet with the old one, then you should reconfigure these features.

13.2. Configure to Support IPTV Service

I want to: Configure IPTV setup to enable Internet/IPTV/Phone service provided by my internet service provider (ISP).

How can I do that?

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](#) > [Network](#) > [IPTV/VLAN](#).
3. **If your ISP provides the networking service based on IGMP technology, e.g., British Telecom(BT) and Talk Talk in UK:**
 - 1) Tick the [IGMP Proxy](#) checkbox and select the [IGMP Version](#), either V2 or V3, as required by your ISP.

The screenshot shows a 'Settings' box with the following options:

- IGMP Snooping: ☐ Enable
- IGMP Proxy: ☒ Enable
- IGMP Version: V2 (selected from a dropdown menu)

2) Click [Save](#).

3) After configuring IGMP proxy, IPTV can work behind your router now. You can connect your set-top box to any of the router's Ethernet port.

If IGMP is not the technology your ISP applies to provide IPTV service:

1) Tick [Enable IPTV/VLAN](#).

2) Select the appropriate [Mode](#) according to your ISP.

- Select [Bridge](#) if your ISP is not listed and no other parameters are required.
- Select [Custom](#) if your ISP is not listed but provides necessary parameters.

The screenshot shows the 'IPTV/VLAN' configuration section with the following details:

- IPTV/VLAN:** ☒ Enable IPTV/VLAN
- Mode:** Bridge (selected from a dropdown menu)
- LAN1:** Singapore-Singtel
- LAN2:** Malaysia-Unifi
- LAN3:** Malaysia-Maxis-1
- LAN4:** Malaysia-Maxis-2
- LAN5:** Vietnam-Viettel
- LAN6:** Portugal-MEO
- LAN7:** Portugal-Vodafone
- Save** button

3) After you have selected a mode, the necessary parameters, including the LAN port for IPTV connection, are predetermined. If not, select the LAN type to determine which port is used to support IPTV service.

4) Click [Save](#).

5) Connect the set-top box to the corresponding LAN port which is predetermined or you have specified in Step 3.

Done!

Your IPTV setup is done now! You may need to configure your set-top box before enjoying your TV.

13.3. Specify DHCP Server Settings

By default, the DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) Server is enabled and the router acts as a DHCP server; it dynamically assigns TCP/IP parameters to client devices from the IP Address Pool. You can change the settings of the DHCP Server if necessary, and you can reserve LAN IP addresses for specified client devices.

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](#) > [Network](#) > [DHCP Server](#).

➤ **To specify the IP address that the router assigns:**

Settings

DHCP Server: ☒ [Enable DHCP Server](#)

IP Address Pool: 192.168.0.100 - 192.168.0.249

Address Lease Time: 120 minutes. (2-2880. The default value is 120.)

Default Gateway: 192.168.0.1 (Optional)

Primary DNS: (Optional)

Secondary DNS: (Optional)

[Save](#)

1. Tick the [Enable DHCP Server](#) checkbox.
2. Enter the starting and ending IP addresses in the [IP Address Pool](#).
3. Enter other parameters if the ISP offers. The [Default Gateway](#) is automatically filled in and is the same as the LAN IP address of the router.
4. Click [Save](#).

➤ **To reserve an IP address for a specified client device:**

1. Click [Add](#) in the [Address Reservation](#) section.

Address Reservation

+ Add - Delete

ID	MAC Address	Reserved IP Address	Description	Status	Modify
—	—	—	—	—	—

MAC Address:

IP Address:

Description:

☐ Enable This Entry

Cancel OK

2. Click [View Existing Devices](#) or enter the [MAC address](#) of the client device.
3. Enter the [IP address](#) to reserve for the client device.
4. Enter the [Description](#) for this entry.
5. Tick the [Enable This Entry](#) checkbox and click [OK](#).

13.4. Set Up a Dynamic DNS Service Account

Most ISPs 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 from time to time and you don't know when it changes. In this case, you might apply 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 a domain name without checking and remembering the IP address.

Note:

DDNS does not work if the ISP assigns a private WAN IP address (such as 192.168.1.x) to the router.

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](#) > [Network](#) > [Dynamic DNS](#).
3. Select the DDNS [Service Provider](#): TP-Link, NO-IP or DynDNS. It is recommended to select TP-Link so that you can enjoy TP-Link's superior DDNS service. Otherwise, please select NO-IP or DynDNS. If you don't have a DDNS account, you have to register first by clicking [Go to register](#).

Dynamic DNS

Service Provider:

☒ TP-Link ☐ NO-IP ☐ DynDNS

Current Domain Name:

Domain Name List

+ Register - Delete

☐	Domain Name	Registered Date	Status	Operation	Modify
☐	--	--	--	--	--

Note:

To enjoy TP-Link's DDNS service, you have to log in with a TP-Link ID. If you have not logged in with one, click [Log in](#).

Dynamic DNS

Service Provider:

☒ TP-Link

☐ NO-IP

☐ DynDNS

DDNS Unavailable

To use our superior TP-LINK DDNS service, please [Log in](#) with your TP-LINK Cloud account, or choose another service provider.

4. Click **Register** in the **Domain Name List** if you have selected TP-Link, and enter the **Domain Name** as needed.

Dynamic DNS

Service Provider:

☒ TP-Link

☐ NO-IP

☐ DynDNS

Current Domain Name:

Domain Name List

+ Register - Delete

☐	Domain Name	Registered Date	Status	Operation	Modify
☐	--	--	--	--	--

If you have selected NO-IP or DynDNS, enter the username, password and domain name of your account.

Dynamic DNS

Service Provider:

☐ TP-Link

☒ NO-IP

☐ DynDNS

[Go to register...](#)

Username:

Password:

Domain Name:

Update Interval:

1 hour

WAN IP binding:

☒ Disable

☐ Enable

Login and Save

Logout

✖

Not launching

5. Click [Login and Save](#).

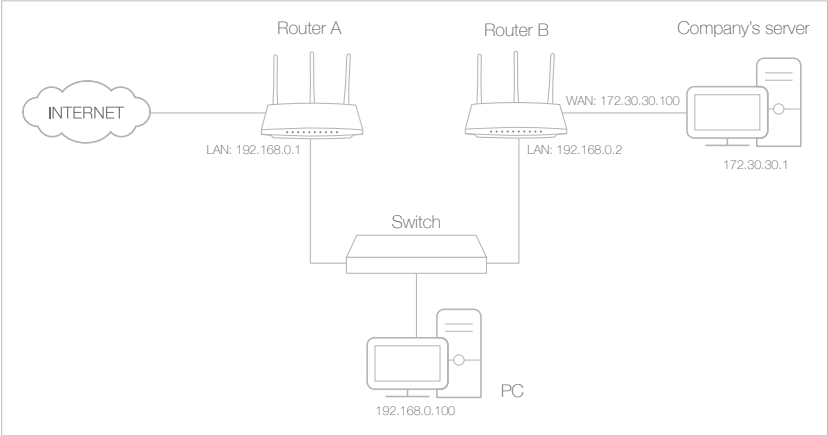
Tips:
If you want to use a new DDNS account, please click [logout](#) first, and then log in with a new account.

13.5. Create Static Routes

Static routing is a form of routing that is configured manually by a network administrator or a user by adding entries into a routing table. The manually-configured routing information guides the router in forwarding data packets to the specific destination.

I want to: Visit multiple networks and 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?

- 1. Change the routers' LAN IP addresses to two different IP addresses on the same subnet. Disable Router B's DHCP function.
- 2. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for Router A.
- 3. Go to [Network > Advanced Routing](#).
- 4. Click [Add](#) and finish the settings according to the following explanations:

Static Routing

Network Destination:

172.30.31.1

Subnet Mask:

255.255.255.255

Default Gateway:

192.168.0.2

Interface:

LAN

Description:

company's network

☒ Enable This Entry

Cancel

OK

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.

Default 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 data. In the example, the data packets will be sent to the LAN port of Router B 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

data packets. In the example, the data are sent to the gateway through the LAN port of Router A, so **LAN** should be selected.

Description: Enter a description for this static routing entry.

5. Click **OK**.
6. Check the **System Routing Table** below. If you can find the entry you've set, the static routing is set successfully.

System Routing Table				
Active Routes Number: 1				 Refresh
ID	Network Destination	Subnet Mask	Gateway	Interface
1	192.168.0.0	255.255.255.0	0.0.0.0	lan

Done!

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

13.6. Specify Wireless Settings

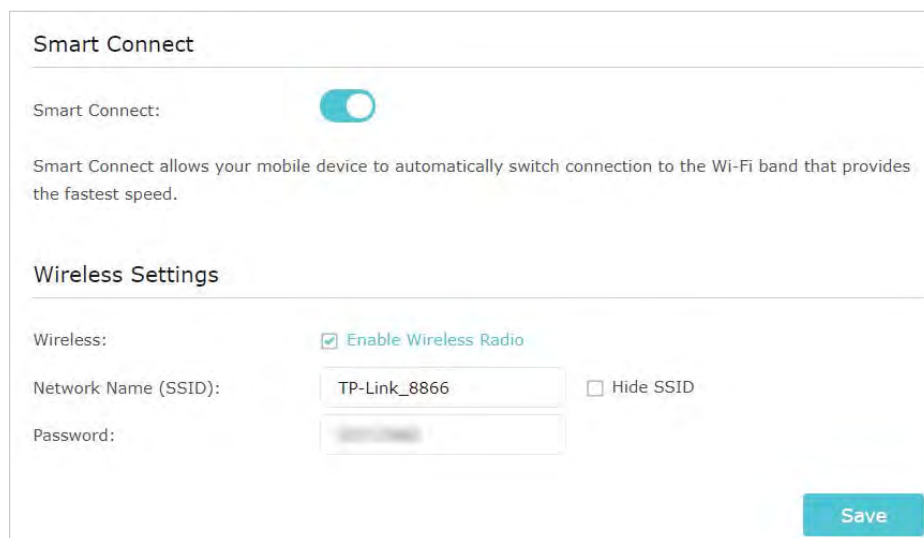
The router's wireless network name (SSID) and password, and security option are preset in the factory. The preset SSID and password can be found on the label of the router. You can customize the wireless settings according to your needs.

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

➤ To use the Smart Connect function

Smart Connect allows each of the router's wireless bands to use the same wireless settings. The router can balance network demand and assign devices to the optimum band.

1. Go to **Basic > Wireless**.
2. Enable **Smart Connect**.



The screenshot shows a web interface with two sections. The top section, titled "Smart Connect", has a toggle switch that is turned on. Below the toggle, a text box explains: "Smart Connect allows your mobile device to automatically switch connection to the Wi-Fi band that provides the fastest speed." The bottom section, titled "Wireless Settings", contains a "Wireless:" label followed by a checked checkbox labeled "Enable Wireless Radio". Below this are three input fields: "Network Name (SSID)" with the value "TP-Link_8866", "Password" (which is masked with dots), and a "Hide SSID" checkbox which is currently unchecked. A blue "Save" button is located at the bottom right of the "Wireless Settings" section.

3. Keep the default or set a new SSID and password, and click [Save](#). This SSID and password will be applied both for 2.4GHz and 5GHz wireless networks.

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

1. Go to [Basic](#) > [Wireless](#).
2. The wireless radio is enabled by default. If you want to disable the wireless function, just deselect the [Enable Wireless Radio](#) checkbox. In this case, all the wireless settings will be invalid.

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

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

■ **Note:**

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

➤ **To hide SSID:**

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

➤ **To change the security option:**

1. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Select the [2.4GHz](#) or [5GHz](#) wireless network.

Wireless Settings 2.4GHz | 5GHz

☒ Enable Wireless Radio

Network Name (SSID): TP-Link_8866 ☐ Hide SSID

Security: WPA/WPA2-Personal (Recommended)

Version: ☒ Auto ☐ WPA-PSK ☐ WPA2-PSK

Encryption: ☒ Auto ☐ TKIP ☐ AES

Password: 03717660

Mode: 802.11a/n/ac mixed

Channel Width: Auto

Channel: Auto

Transmit Power: ☐ Low ☐ Middle ☒ High

Airtime Fairness Feature: ☐ Enable Airtime Fairness

Multi-User MIMO Feature: ☐ Enable Multi-User MIMO

To use this feature, you need to have a network adaptor that support Multi-User MIMO

Save

3. Select an option from the [Security](#) drop-down list. We recommend you don't change the default settings unless necessary. If you select other options, configure the related parameters according to the help page.

In addition

- [Mode](#) - Select a transmission mode according to your wireless client devices. It is recommended to just leave it as default.
- [Channel Width](#) - Select a channel width (bandwidth) for the wireless network.
- [Channel](#) - Select an operating channel for the wireless network. It is recommended to leave the channel to [Auto](#), if you are not experiencing the intermittent wireless connection issue.
- [Transmit Power](#) - Select either [High](#), [Middle](#) or [Low](#) to specify the data transmit power. The default and recommended setting is [High](#).

➤ To use the Airtime Fairness function

Airtime Fairness prevents the devices with older Wi-Fi standards from slowing down your home network, improving overall Wi-Fi performance and reliability.

1. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Select the [2.4GHz](#) or [5GHz](#) wireless network.
3. Enable [Airtime Fairness](#).
4. Click [Save](#).

➤ To use the Multi-User MIMO function

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

1. Go to [Advanced](#) > [Wireless](#) > [Wireless Settings](#).
2. Select the [5GHz](#) wireless network.
3. Enable [Multi-User MIMO](#).
4. Click [Save](#).

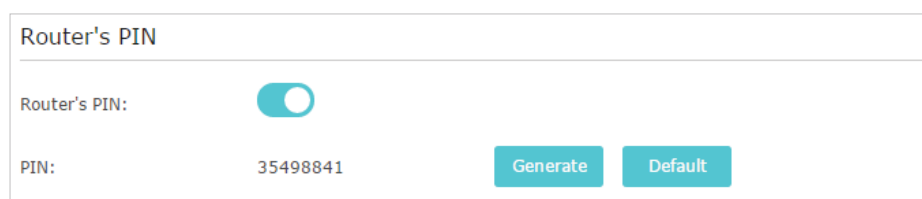
13.7. Use WPS for Wireless Connection

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

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

13.7.1. Set the Router's PIN

Router's PIN is enabled by default to allow wireless devices to connect to the router using the PIN. You can use the default one or generate a new one.



Note:

- If you want to enable/disable the WPS feature, go to [System Tools](#) > [System Parameters](#) > [WPS](#), tick or untick the [Enable WPS](#) checkbox.
- PIN (Personal Identification Number) is an eight-character identification number preset to each router. WPS supported devices can connect to your router with the PIN. The default PIN is printed on the label of the router.

13.7.2. Use the WPS Wizard for Wi-Fi Connections

1. Select a setup method:
 - **Push Button(Recommended):** Click [Connect](#) on the screen. Within two minutes, press the WPS button on the client device.
 - **PIN:** Enter the client's PIN, and click [Connect](#).

WPS Wizard

Select a WPS connection method: ☐ Push Button (Recommended) ☒ PIN

Enter the client's PIN:

[Connect](#)

2. **Success** will appear on the above screen and the WPS LED on the router will keep on for five minutes if the client has been successfully added to the network.

Chapter 14

Manage the Router

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

It contains the following sections:

- [Set Up System Time](#)
- [Control LEDs](#)
- [Test the Network Connectivity](#)
- [Upgrade the Firmware](#)
- [Backup and Restore Configuration Settings](#)
- [Set the Router to Reboot Regularly](#)
- [Change the Login Password](#)
- [Password Recovery](#)
- [Local Management](#)
- [Remote Management](#)
- [System Log](#)
- [Monitor the Internet Traffic Statistics](#)

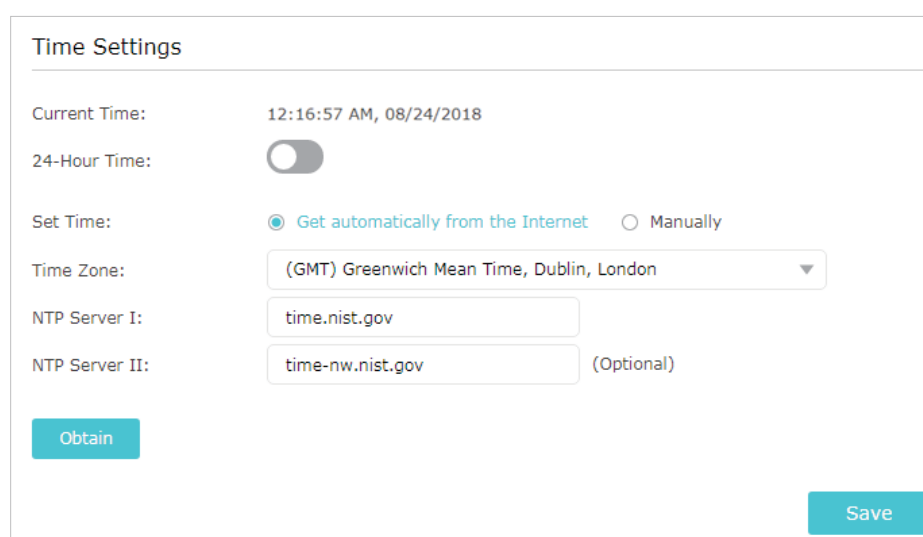
14. 1. Set Up System Time

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 your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Time Settings](#). It is 12-hour time by default, and you can toggle on to change to 24-hour time.

➤ **To get time from the internet:**

1. In the [Set Time](#) field, select [Get automatically from the Internet](#).



The screenshot shows the 'Time Settings' page. At the top, it displays 'Current Time: 12:16:57 AM, 08/24/2018'. Below this is a '24-Hour Time' toggle switch, which is currently turned off. The 'Set Time' section has two radio buttons: 'Get automatically from the Internet' (which is selected) and 'Manually'. The 'Time Zone' is set to '(GMT) Greenwich Mean Time, Dublin, London' in a dropdown menu. There are two text input fields for NTP servers: 'NTP Server I' with the value 'time.nist.gov' and 'NTP Server II' with the value 'time-nw.nist.gov' (labeled as optional). At the bottom left is an 'Obtain' button, and at the bottom right is a 'Save' button.

2. Select your local [Time Zone](#) from the drop-down list.
3. In the [NTP Server I](#) field, enter the IP address or domain name of your desired NTP Server.
4. (Optional) In the [NTP Server II](#) field, enter the IP address or domain name of the second NTP Server.
5. Click [Obtain](#) to get the current Internet time and click [Save](#).

➤ **To manually set the date and time:**

1. In the [Set Time](#) field, select [Manually](#).

2. Set the current **Date** (In **MM/DD/YYYY** format).
3. Set the current **Time** (In **HH/MM/SS** format).
4. Click **Save**.

➤ **To set up Daylight Saving Time:**

1. Select **Enable Daylight Saving Time**.

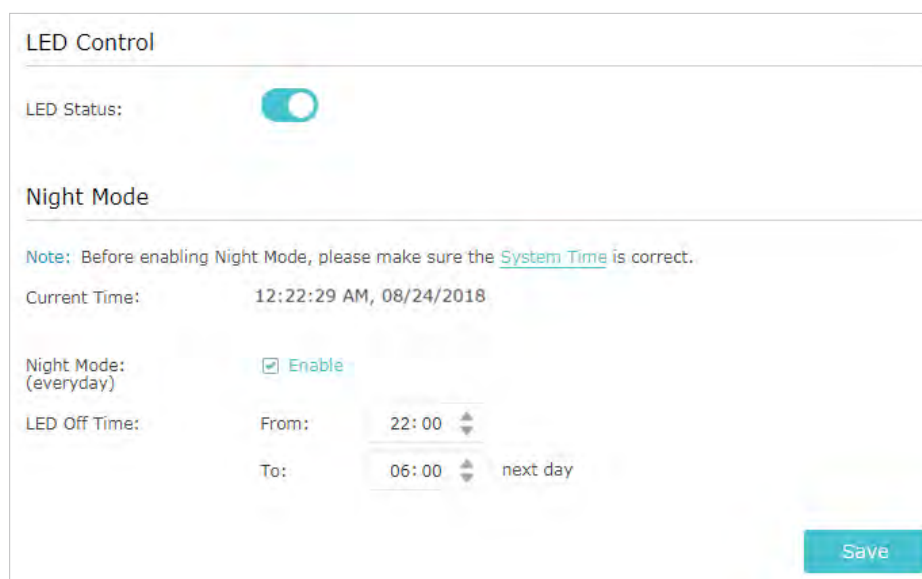
2. Select the correct **Start** date and time when daylight saving time starts at your local time zone.
3. Select the correct **End** date and time when daylight saving time ends at your local time zone.
4. Click **Save**.

14.2. Control LEDs

The router's LEDs indicate router's activities and status. You can turn on or turn off the LEDs either from the web management page or by pressing the LED button.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > System Parameters**.
3. In the **LED Control** section, toggle to turn on / off the LED.

4. You can enable **Night Mode** if needed, and set a time period, and then the LEDs will be off during this period.



The screenshot shows the 'LED Control' section with a toggle switch for 'LED Status' turned on. Below it is the 'Night Mode' section. A note states: 'Note: Before enabling Night Mode, please make sure the [System Time](#) is correct.' The 'Current Time' is displayed as '12:22:29 AM, 08/24/2018'. The 'Night Mode: (everyday)' checkbox is checked and labeled 'Enable'. The 'LED Off Time' is set from '22:00' to '06:00' next day. A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

5. Click **Save**.

14.3. Test the Network Connectivity

Diagnostics is used to test the connectivity between the router and the host or other network devices.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > Diagnostics**.



The screenshot shows the 'Diagnostics' page. The 'Diagnostic Tool' section has two radio buttons: 'Ping' (selected) and 'Traceroute'. Below it is a text input field for 'IP Address/Domain Name:'. A 'Start' button is at the bottom left.

3. Enter the information with the help of page tips:
 - 1) Choose **Ping** or **Traceroute** as the diagnostic tool to test the connectivity;
 - **Ping** is used to test the connectivity between the router and the tested host, and measure the round-trip time.
 - **Traceroute** is used to display the route (path) your router has passed to reach the tested host, and measure transit delays of packets across an Internet Protocol network.

2) Enter the **IP Address** or **Domain Name** of the tested host.

4. Click **Start** to begin the diagnostics.

Tips:

Click **Advanced**, you can modify the ping count, ping packet size or the Traceroute Max TTL. It's recommended to keep the default value.

The figure below indicates the proper connection between the router and the Yahoo server (www.Yahoo.com) tested through **Ping**.

```
PING www.Yahoo.com (116.214.12.74): 64 data bytes
Reply from 116.214.12.74: bytes=64 ttl=50 seq=1 time=51.640 ms
Reply from 116.214.12.74: bytes=64 ttl=50 seq=2 time=53.671 ms
Reply from 116.214.12.74: bytes=64 ttl=50 seq=3 time=56.045 ms
Reply from 116.214.12.74: bytes=64 ttl=50 seq=4 time=57.857 ms

--- Ping Statistic "www.Yahoo.com" ---
Packets: Sent=4, Received=4, Lost=0 (0.00% loss)
Round-trip min/avg/max = 51.640/54.803/57.857 ms
```

The figure below indicates the proper connection between the router and the Yahoo server (www.Yahoo.com) tested through **Traceroute**.

```
traceroute to www.Yahoo.com (116.214.12.74), 20 hops max, 38 byte packets
 1 219.133.12.1 (219.133.12.1) 19.556 ms 22.274 ms 22.024 ms
 2 113.106.38.77 (113.106.38.77) 30.115 ms 22.649 ms 20.931 ms
 3 * * *
 4 183.56.65.14 (183.56.65.14) 26.210 ms 29.428 ms 28.272 ms
 5 * 202.97.60.25 (202.97.60.25) 29.272 ms 25.461 ms
 6 202.97.60.46 (202.97.60.46) 27.335 ms 27.616 ms 28.272 ms
 7 202.97.60.149 (202.97.60.149) 22.805 ms 24.024 ms 24.711 ms
 8 202.97.6.30 (202.97.6.30) 47.610 ms 54.452 ms 61.137 ms
 9 r4105-s2.tp.hinet.net (220.128.6.110) 51.171 ms 50.515 ms 56.107 ms
10 220.128.11.190 (220.128.11.190) 60.950 ms 60.200 ms 60.419 ms
```

14. 4. Upgrade the Firmware

TP-Link aims at providing better network experience for users.

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 the TP-Link official website www.tp-link.com, and you can download it from the **Support** page for free.

Note:

- Make sure you remove all attached USB devices from the router before the firmware upgrade to prevent data loss.
- Backup your router configuration before firmware upgrade.
- Do NOT turn off the router during the firmware upgrade.

14. 4. 1. Online Upgrade

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

- When the latest firmware is available for your router, the update icon  will display in the top-right corner of the page. Click the icon to go to the [Firmware Upgrade](#) page. Alternatively, you can go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Firmware Upgrade](#), and click [Check for upgrade](#) to see whether the latest firmware is released.



- Focus on the [Online Upgrade](#) section, and click [Upgrade](#).



- Wait a few minutes for the upgrade and reboot to complete.

 Tips:

If there's a new and important firmware update for your router, you will see the notification (similar as shown below) on your computer as long as a web browser is opened. Click [Upgrade now](#), and log into the web management page with the username and password you set for the router. You will see the [Firmware Upgrade](#) page.



14. 4. 2. Manual Upgrade

- Download the latest firmware file for the router from www.tp-link.com.
- Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
- Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Firmware Upgrade](#).
- Focus on the Device Information section. Make sure the downloaded firmware file is matched with the [Hardware Version](#).
- Focus on the [Manual Upgrade](#) section. Click [Browse](#) to locate the downloaded new firmware file, and click [Upgrade](#).

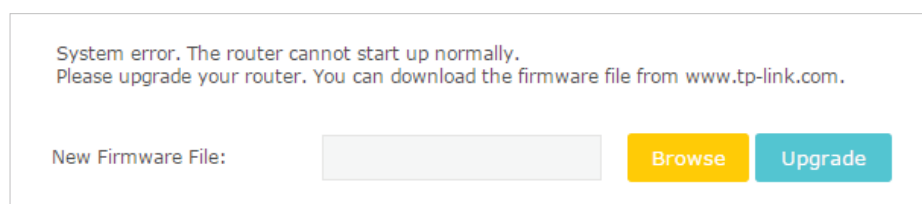
A screenshot of the 'Manual Upgrade' web interface. It features a title 'Manual Upgrade' at the top. Below it, there is a label 'New Firmware File:' followed by a text input field. To the right of the input field is a blue button labeled 'Browse'. Further to the right is another blue button labeled 'Upgrade'.

6. Wait a few minutes for the upgrade and reboot to complete.

14. 4. 3. Restore Interrupted Upgrade after Power Failure

If your router cannot start up after an upgrade interruption due to power failure, follow the steps below to restore the interrupted upgrade. Otherwise, your router cannot work again.

1. Make sure you have the latest firmware file in your computer. If not, try another way to connect your computer to the Internet and download the latest firmware file from www.tp-link.com.
2. Connect your computer to the router with an Ethernet cable.
3. Visit 192.168.0.1 and you will see the following upgrade page.

A screenshot of a web interface showing a system error message. The message reads: 'System error. The router cannot start up normally. Please upgrade your router. You can download the firmware file from www.tp-link.com.' Below the message, there is a label 'New Firmware File:' followed by a text input field. To the right of the input field are two buttons: a yellow button labeled 'Browse' and a blue button labeled 'Upgrade'.

4. Click **Browse** and select the downloaded firmware file.
5. Click **Upgrade** and wait for a few minutes until the router completes the upgrading and restarts.

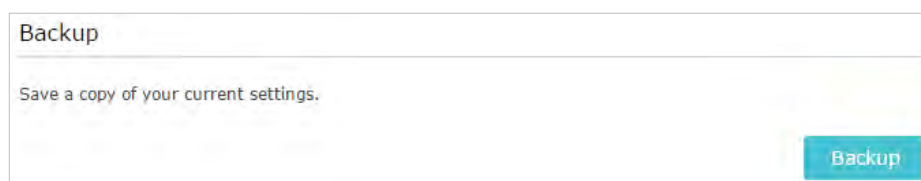
14. 5. Backup and Restore Configuration Settings

The configuration settings are stored as a configuration file in the router. You can backup 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 necessary you can erase the current settings and reset the router to the default factory settings.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > Backup & Restore**.

➤ To backup configuration settings:

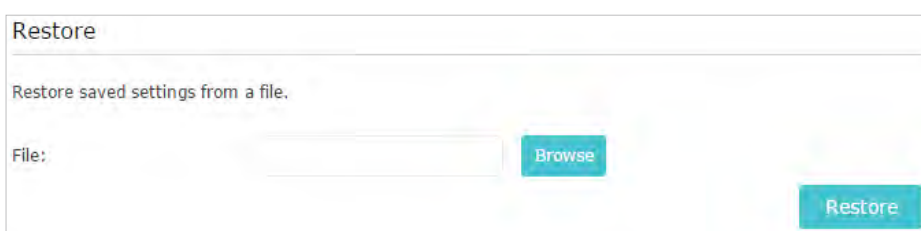
Click **Backup** to save a copy of the current settings to your local computer. A '.bin' file of the current settings will be stored to your computer.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Backup". Below the title is a text box containing the instruction "Save a copy of your current settings." To the right of the text box is a teal button labeled "Backup".

➤ **To restore configuration settings:**

1. Click [Browse](#) to locate the backup configuration file stored on your computer, and click [Restore](#).



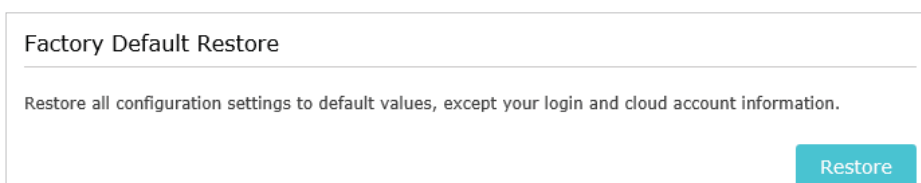
The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Restore". Below the title is a text box containing the instruction "Restore saved settings from a file." Below this is a label "File:" followed by a text input field and a teal button labeled "Browse". To the right of the input field and "Browse" button is another teal button labeled "Restore".

2. Wait a few minutes for the restoring and rebooting.

📘 **Note:** During the restoring process, do not turn off or reset the router.

➤ **To reset the router except your login password and TP-Link ID:**

1. Click [Restore](#) under the [Factory Default Restore](#) session.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Factory Default Restore". Below the title is a text box containing the instruction "Restore all configuration settings to default values, except your login and cloud account information." To the right of the text box is a teal button labeled "Restore".

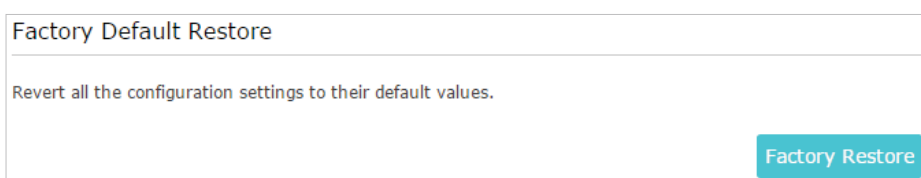
2. Wait a few minutes for the resetting and rebooting.

📘 **Note:**

- During the resetting process, do not turn off the router.
- After reset, you can still use the current login password or the TP-Link ID to log in to the web management page.

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

1. Click [Factory Restore](#) to reset the router.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Factory Default Restore". Below the title is a text box containing the instruction "Revert all the configuration settings to their default values." To the right of the text box is a teal button labeled "Factory Restore".

2. Wait a few minutes for the resetting and rebooting.

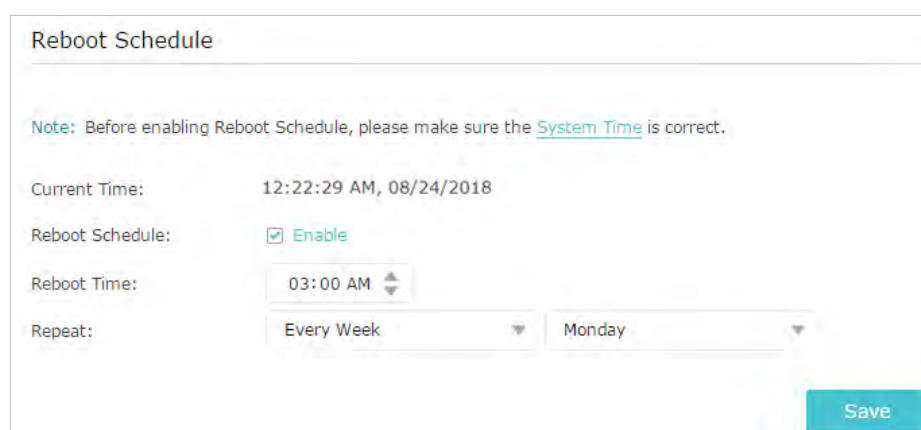
📘 **Note:**

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

14.6. Set the Router to Reboot Regularly

The Scheduled Reboot feature cleans the cache to enhance the running performance of the router.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > Reboot Schedule**.
3. Enable **Reboot Schedule**.



The screenshot shows the 'Reboot Schedule' configuration page. At the top, there is a note: 'Note: Before enabling Reboot Schedule, please make sure the [System Time](#) is correct.' Below the note, the 'Current Time' is displayed as '12:22:29 AM, 08/24/2018'. The 'Reboot Schedule' is set to 'Enable' with a checked checkbox. The 'Reboot Time' is set to '03:00 AM' using a time picker. The 'Repeat' frequency is set to 'Every Week' and the day is set to 'Monday'. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

4. Specify the **Reboot Time** when the router reboots and **Repeat** to decide how often it reboots.
5. Click **Save**.

14.7. Change the Login Password

The account management feature allows you to change your login password of the web management page.

Note:

If you are using a TP-Link ID to log in to the web management page, the account management feature will be disabled. To manage the TP-Link ID, go to **Basic > TP-Link Cloud**.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > Administration** and focus on the **Account Management** section.



3. Enter the old password, then a new password twice (both case-sensitive). Click [Save](#).
4. Use the new password for future logins.

14.8. Password Recovery

This feature allows you to recover the login password you set for your router in case you forget it.

Note:

If you are using a TP-Link ID to log in to the web management page, the Password Recovery feature will be disabled. To manage the TP-Link ID, go to [Basic](#) > [TP-Link Cloud](#).

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [Administration](#) and focus on the [Password Recovery](#) section.
3. Tick the [Enable Password Recovery](#) checkbox.
4. Specify a [mailbox \(From\)](#) for sending the recovery letter and enter its [SMTP Server](#) address. Specify a [mailbox \(To\)](#) for receiving the recovery letter. If the mailbox (From) to send the recovery letter requires encryption, select [Enable Authentication](#) and enter its username and password.

Tips:

- SMTP server is available for users in most webmail systems. For example, the SMTP server address of Gmail is smtp.gmail.com. You can refer to their Help page to learn the SMTP server address.
- Generally, Enable Authentication should be selected if the login of the mailbox requires username and password.

5. Click **Save**.

You can click **Test Email** to test whether the configuration is successful.

To recover the login password, please visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, click **Forgot Password?** on the login page and follow the instructions to set a new password.

14.9. Local Management

This feature allows you to limit the number of client devices on your LAN from accessing the router by using the MAC address-based authentication.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > Administration** and complete the settings in **Local Management** section as needed.

➤ Enable Local Management via HTTPS

Toggle on **Local Management via HTTPS** if you want to access the router via HTTPS and HTTP, or keep it disabled if you only want to access the router via HTTP.

➤ Allow all LAN connected devices to manage the router:

Toggle on **Access for All LAN Connected Devices**.

➤ **Allow specific devices to manage the router:**

1. Toggle off [Access for All LAN Connected Devices](#).
2. Click [Add](#).

Access for All LAN Connected Devices: ☐ Toggle On to enable the management for all devices on LAN or keep it Off to enable the management for a specific device.

+ Add - Delete

☐	ID	MAC Address	Description	Status	Modify
☐	--	--	--	--	--

MAC Address:

Description:

☐ Enable This Entry

[View Existing Devices](#)
[Cancel](#)
[OK](#)

☐	1	C0-4A-00-1A-C3-45	Your PC!		
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3. Click [View Existing Devices](#) and select the device to manage the router from the Existing Devices list, or enter the MAC address of the device manually.
4. Specify a [Description](#) for this entry.
5. Tick the [Enable This Entry](#) checkbox.
6. Click [OK](#).

14. 10. Remote Management

This feature allows you to control remote devices' authority to manage the router.

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

Remote Management

Remote Management: ☒ Enable

Web Address for Management: https://[IP]:443

HTTPS Port: 443

HTTP Port: 80

Remote Managers: All Devices ▼

Save

4. Keep the HTTPS Port and HTTP Port as the default settings.
5. Decide which remote device can access the router remotely. Select **All Devices** to allow all remote devices to access the router, or select **Specified Device** and enter an IP address to allow only the remote device using the specified IP address.
6. Click **Save**.

Now the specified remote device(s) can access the router from the internet via the displayed **Web Address for Management**.

Note:

If a warning pops up when you visit the above address remotely, click Trust (or a similar option) to continue.

14. 11. System Log

When the router does not work normally, you can save the system log and send it to the technical support for troubleshooting.

➤ **To save the system log in local:**

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > System Log**.
3. Choose the type and level of the system logs as needed.
4. Click **Save Log** to save the system logs to local.

System Log

Log Filter: Type= ALL and Level= ALL

Refresh Delete All

ID	Time	Type	Level	Log Content
1	2018-08-24 02:44:52	Locale	INFO	[16736] Language is changed to 'en_US'
2	2018-08-24 02:44:33	Locale	INFO	[16123] Language is changed to 'es_ES'

Mail Settings

Mail Log Save Log

➤ To send the system log to a mailbox at a fixed time:

For example, I want to check my router's working status at a fixed time every day, however, it's too troublesome to log in to the web management page every time I want to go checking. It would be great if the system logs could be sent to my mailbox at 8 a.m. every day.

1. Visit <http://tplinkwifi.net>, and log in with your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [System Log](#).
3. Click [Mail Settings](#).
4. Enter the information required:

Mail Settings

From:

To:

SMTP Server:

☒ Enable Authentication

Username:

Password:

☒ Enable Auto Mail

☒ Log at 00 : 00 (HH:MM) everyday

☐ Log every 24 hours

Save

- 1) **From:** Enter the email address used for sending the system log.

2) **To:** Enter the recipient's email address, which can be the same as or different from the sender's email address.

3) **SMTP Server:** Enter the SMTP server address.

☞ **Tips:** SMTP server is available for users in most webmail systems. For example, the SMTP server address of Hotmail is smtp-mail.outlook.com. You can refer to their Help page to learn the SMTP server address.

4) Select **Enable Authentication**.

☞ **Tips:** Generally, Enable Authentication should be selected if the login of the mailbox requires username and password.

5) **Username:** Enter the email address used for sending the system log.

6) **Password:** Enter the password to login the sender's email address.

7) Select **Enable Auto Mail**.

☞ **Tips:** The router will send the system log to the designated email address if this option is enabled.

8) Set a fixed time. The recipient will receive the system log sent at this time every day.

5. Click **Save**.

14. 12. 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 your TP-Link ID or the password you set for the router.
2. Go to **Advanced > System Tools > Traffic Statistics**.
3. Toggle on **Traffic Statistics**, and then you can monitor the traffic statistics in **Traffic Statistics List** section.

Traffic Statistics

Traffic Statistics:

Traffic Statistics List

Refresh

Reset All

Delete All

IP Address/MAC Address	Total Packets	Total Bytes	Current Packets	Current Bytes	Modify
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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.

Click  to reset the statistic information of the specific device.

Click  to delete the specific device item in the list.

FAQ

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 with your TP-Link ID or 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 are using a TP-Link ID to log in, or 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 blinks to reset it, and then visit <http://tplinkwifi.net> to create a new login password.

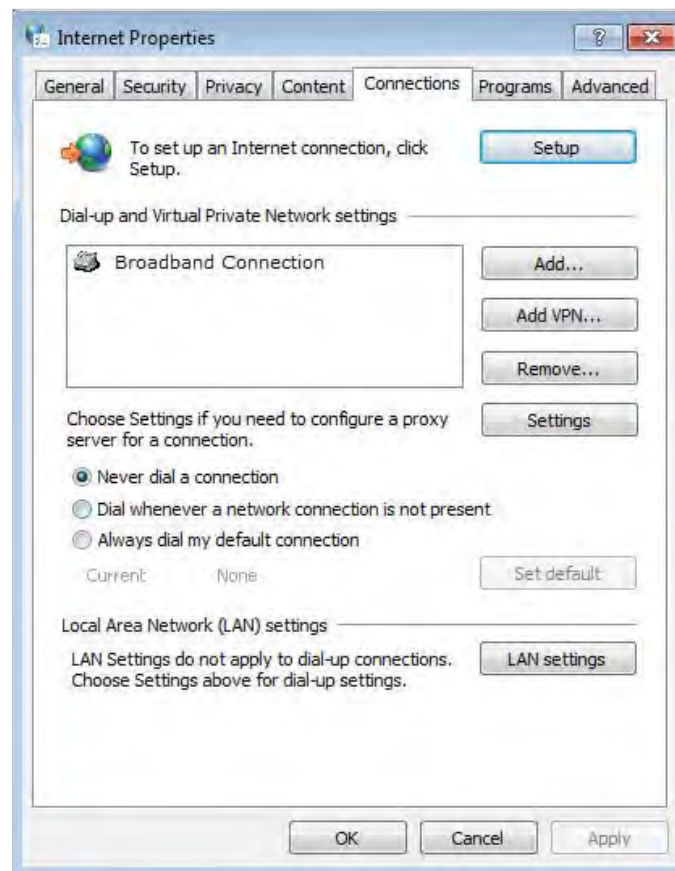
Note:

- Please refer to [Password Recovery](#) to learn how to configure Password Recovery.
- 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.

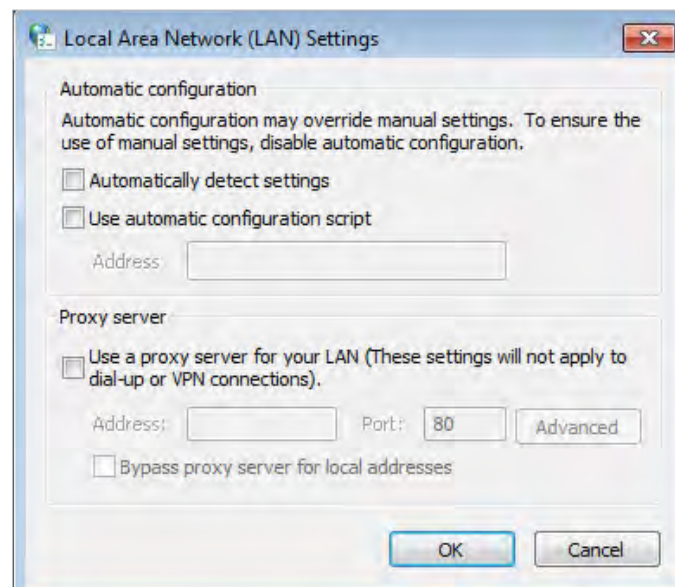
Q3. What should I do if I cannot log in to the router's web management page?

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

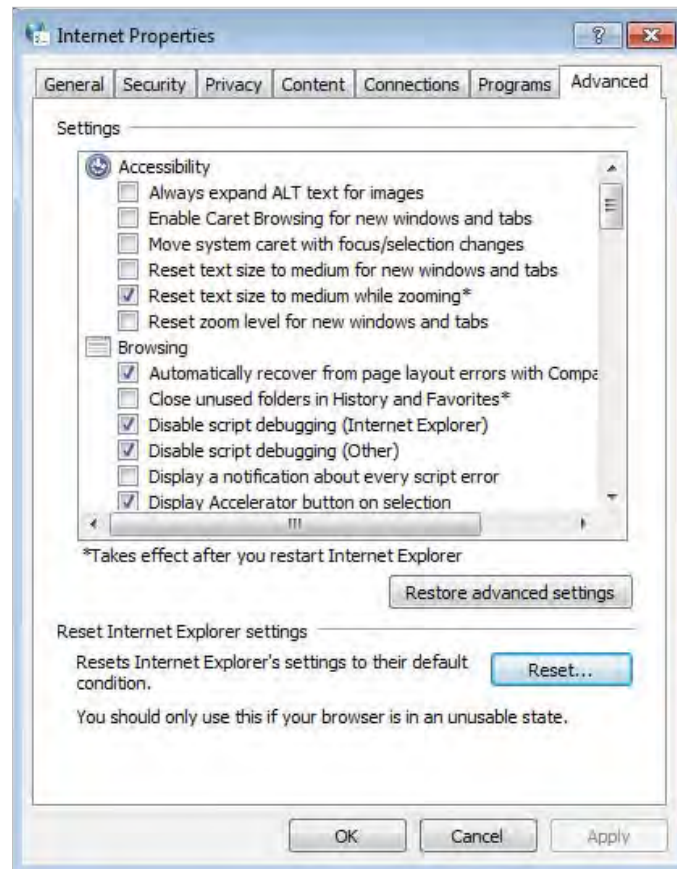
- Make sure your computer is connected to the router correctly and the corresponding LED indicator(s) light up.
- Make sure the IP address of your computer is configured as [Obtain an IP address automatically](#) and [Obtain DNS server address automatically](#).
- Make sure <http://tplinkwifi.net> or <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.How do I use the WDS Bridging function to extend my wireless network?

For example, my house covers a large area. The wireless 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 root router.

Note:

- WDS bridging only requires configuration on the extended router.
- WDS bridging function can be enabled either in 2.4GHz frequency or 5GHz frequency for a dual-band router. We use the WDS bridging function in 2.4GHz frequency as example.

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

2. Configure the IP address of the router:

- 1) Go to **Advanced > Network > LAN**, configure the IP address of the extended router to be in the same subnet with the root router; (For example, the IP address

of the root router is 192.168.0.1, the IP address of the extended router can be 192.168.0.2~192.168.0.254. We take 192.168.0.2 as example.)

2) Click [Save](#).

■ **Note:** Log in to the web management page again if the IP address of the router is altered.



LAN

MAC Address: 50-C7-BF-02-EA-DC

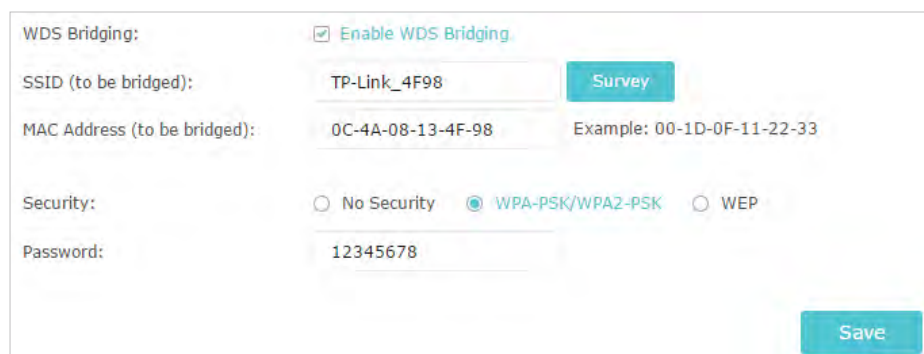
IP Address: 192.168.0.2

Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0

Save

3. Survey the SSID to be bridged:

- 1) Go to [Advanced](#) > [System Tools](#) > [System Parameters](#) and focus on the [2.4GHz WDS](#) section, click [Enable WDS Bridging](#).
- 2) Click [Survey](#), locate the root router's SSID and click [Choose](#) (Here we take TP-Link_4F98 as example).
- 3) If the root router has wireless password, you should enter the wireless password of the root router.
- 4) Click [Save](#).



WDS Bridging: ☒ [Enable WDS Bridging](#)

SSID (to be bridged): TP-Link_4F98 [Survey](#)

MAC Address (to be bridged): 0C-4A-08-13-4F-98 Example: 00-1D-0F-11-22-33

Security: ☐ No Security ☒ WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK ☐ WEP

Password: 12345678

Save

4. Disable DHCP:

- 1) Go to [Network](#) > [DHCP Server](#).
- 2) Deselect [Enable DHCP Server](#) and click [Save](#).

Now you can go to [Advanced](#) > [Status](#) > [Wireless](#) to check the WDS status. When the [WDS status](#) is [Run](#), it means WDS bridging is successfully built.

Q5. What should I do if I cannot access the internet even though the

configuration is finished?

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](#) > [Status](#) to check internet status:

As the follow picture shows, if IP address is a valid one, please try the methods below and try again:



- Your computer might not recognize any DNS server addresses. Please manually configure the DNS server.

- 1) Go to [Advanced](#) > [Network](#) > [DHCP Server](#).
- 2) Enter 8.8.8.8 as Primary DNS, click [Save](#).

Tips: 8.8.8.8 is a safe and public DNS server operated by Google.

Settings

DHCP Server:

☒ [Enable DHCP Server](#)

IP Address Pool:

192.168.0.100 - 192.168.0.199

Address Lease Time:

120 minutes. (1-2880. The default value is 120.)

Default Gateway:

192.168.0.2 (Optional)

Primary DNS:

8.8.8.8 (Optional)

Secondary DNS:

(Optional)

Save

- Restart the modem and the router.
 - 1) Power off your modem and router, and leave them off for 1 minute.
 - 2) Power on your modem first, and wait about 2 minutes until it gets a solid cable or Internet light.
 - 3) Power on the router.
 - 4) Wait another 1 or 2 minutes and check the internet access.
- Reset the router to factory default settings and reconfigure the router.
- Upgrade the firmware of the router.
- Check the TCP/IP settings on the particular device if all other devices can get internet from the router.

As the picture below shows, if the IP address is 0.0.0.0, please try the methods below and try again:



- Make sure the physical connection between the router and the modem is proper.
- Clone the MAC address of your computer.
 - 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](#) > [Network](#) > [Internet](#) and focus on the [MAC Clone](#) section.
 - 3) Choose an option as needed (enter the MAC address if [Use Custom MAC Address](#) is selected), and click [Save](#).

Tips:

- Some ISP will register the MAC address of your computer when you access the internet for the first time through their Cable modem, if you add a router into your network to share your internet connection, the ISP will not accept it as the MAC address is changed, so we need to clone your computer's MAC address to the router.
- The MAC addresses of a computer in wired connection and wireless connection are different.

• **Modify the LAN IP address of the router.**

Note:

Most TP-Link routers use 192.168.0.1/192.168.1.1 as their default LAN IP address, which may conflict with the IP range of your existing ADSL modem/router. If so, the router is not able to communicate with your modem and you can't access the internet. To resolve this problem, we need to change the LAN IP address of the router to avoid such conflict, for example, 192.168.2.1.

- 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](#) > [Network](#) > [LAN](#).
- 3) Modify the LAN IP address as the follow picture shows. Here we take 192.168.2.1 as an example.
- 4) Click [Save](#).

• **Restart the modem and the router.**

- 1) Power off your modem and router, and leave them off for 1 minute.
- 2) Power on your modem first, and wait about 2 minutes until it get a solid cable or Internet light.
- 3) Power on the router.
- 4) Wait another 1 or 2 minutes and check the internet access.

• **Double check the internet connection type.**

- 1) Confirm your internet connection type, which can be learned from the ISP.
- 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](#) > [Network](#) > [Internet](#).
- 4) Select your [Internet Connection Type](#) and fill in other parameters.
- 5) Click [Save](#).

IPv4

Internet Connection Type: Dynamic IP

Static IP

Dynamic IP

PPPoE

BigPond Cable

L2TP

PPTP

IP Address:

Subnet Mask:

Default Gateway:

Primary DNS:

Secondary DNS: 0.0.0.0

Renew Release WAN port is unplugged.

Advanced

Save

6) Restart the modem and the router again.

- Please upgrade the firmware of the router.

If you've tried every method above but still cannot access the internet, please contact the technical support.

Q6. What should I do if I cannot find my wireless network or I cannot connect the wireless network?

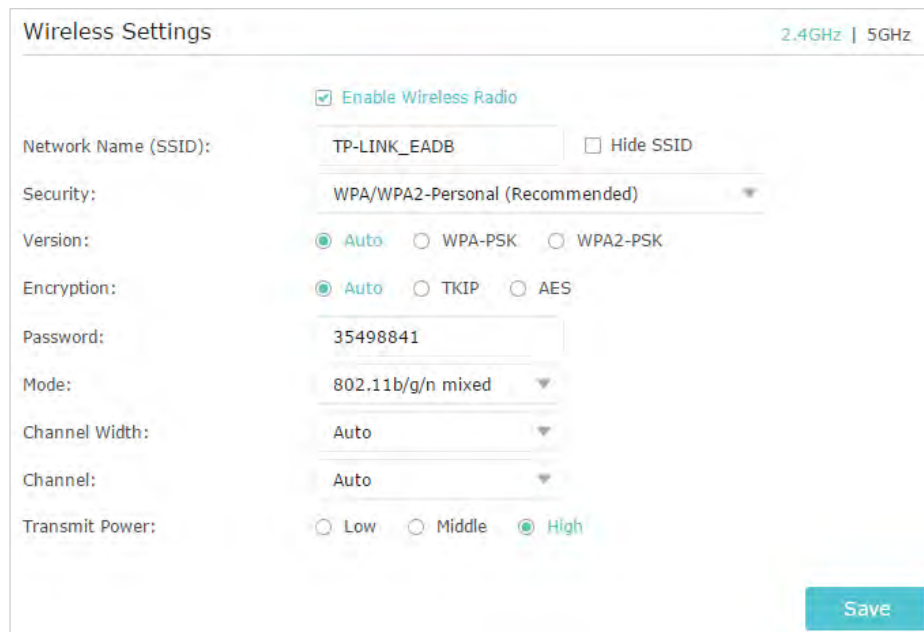
If you fail to find any wireless network, please follow the steps below:

- 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. You can refer to the relevant document or contact the wireless adapter manufacturer.

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 hidden.



The image shows a 'Wireless Settings' configuration window. At the top right, there are tabs for '2.4GHz' and '5GHz'. The 'Enable Wireless Radio' checkbox is checked. The 'Network Name (SSID)' is 'TP-LINK_EADB' and the 'Hide SSID' checkbox is unchecked. The 'Security' is set to 'WPA/WPA2-Personal (Recommended)'. The 'Version' is set to 'Auto'. The 'Encryption' is set to 'Auto'. The 'Password' is '35498841'. The 'Mode' is '802.11b/g/n mixed'. The 'Channel Width' is 'Auto'. The 'Channel' is 'Auto'. The 'Transmit Power' is set to 'High'. A 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

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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FCC compliance information statement



Product Name: AC1900 Wireless MU-MIMO Gigabit Router

Model Number: Archer A9

Component Name	Model
I.T.E. Power	T120150-2B1

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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."

The device is restricted in indoor environment only.

We, **TP-Link USA Corporation**, has determined that the equipment shown as above has been shown to comply with the applicable technical standards, FCC part 15. There is no unauthorized change is made in the equipment and the equipment is properly maintained and operated.

Issue Date: 2018-11-01

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)

2400 MHz -2483.5 MHz(20dBm)

5150 MHz -5250 MHz(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.

Canadian Compliance Statement

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause interference, and
2. This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

1. l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage;
2. l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement

Caution:

1. The device for operation in the band 5150–5250 MHz is only for indoor use to reduce the potential for harmful interference to co-channel mobile satellite systems;
2. For devices with detachable antenna(s), the maximum antenna gain permitted for devices in the band 5725-5850 MHz shall be such that the equipment still complies

with the e.i.r.p. limits specified for point-to-point and non-point-to-point operation as appropriate.

The high-power radars are allocated as primary users (i.e. priority users) of the bands 5250-5350 MHz and 5650-5850 MHz and that these radars could cause interference and/or damage to LE-LAN devices.

Avertissement:

1. Le dispositif fonctionnant dans la bande 5150-5250 MHz est réservé uniquement pour une utilisation à l'intérieur afin de réduire les risques de brouillage préjudiciable aux systèmes de satellites mobiles utilisant les mêmes canaux;
2. Le gain maximal d'antenne permis pour les dispositifs avec antenne(s) amovible(s) utilisant la bande 5725-5850 MHz doit se conformer à la limitation P.I.R.E spécifiée pour l'exploitation point à point et non point à point.

En outre, les utilisateurs devraient aussi être avisés que les utilisateurs de radars de haute puissance sont désignés utilisateurs principaux (c.-à-d., qu'ils ont la priorité) pour les bandes 5250-5350 MHz et 5650-5850 MHz et que ces radars pourraient causer du brouillage et/ou des dommages aux dispositifs LAN-EL.

Radiation Exposure Statement:

This equipment complies with IC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 21cm between the radiator & your body.

Déclaration d'exposition aux radiations:

Cet équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements IC établies pour un environnement non contrôlé. Cet équipement doit être installé et utilisé avec un minimum de 21 cm de distance entre la source de rayonnement et votre corps.

Industry Canada Statement

CAN ICES-3 (B)/NMB-3(B)

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NCC Notice & BSMI Notice:

注意！

依據 低功率電波輻射性電機管理辦法

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- 請使用原裝電源供應器或只能按照本產品注明的電源類型使用本產品。
- 清潔本產品之前請先拔掉電源線。請勿使用液體、噴霧清潔劑或濕布進行清潔。
- 注意防潮，請勿將水或其他液體潑灑到本產品上。
- 插槽與開口供通風使用，以確保本產品的操作可靠並防止過熱，請勿堵塞或覆蓋開口。
- 請勿將本產品置放於靠近熱源的地方。除非有正常的通風，否則不可放在密閉位置中。
- 請不要私自打開機殼，不要嘗試自行維修本產品，請由授權的專業人士進行此項工作。

限用物質含有情況標示聲明書

產品元件名稱	限用物質及其化學符號					
	鉛 Pb	鎘 Cd	汞 Hg	六價鉻 CrVI	多溴聯苯 PBB	多溴二苯醚 PBDE
PCB	○	○	○	○	○	○
外殼	○	○	○	○	○	○
電源適配器	-	○	○	○	○	○
備考1. 超出0.1 wt %” 及 “超出0.01 wt %” 系指限用物質之百分比含量超出百分比含量基準值。						
備考2. “○” 系指該項限用物質之百分比含量未超出百分比含量基準值。						
備考3. “ - ” 系指該項限用物質為排除項目。						



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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. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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

Explanations of the symbols on the product label

Symbol	Explanation
	DC voltage
	Indoor use only
	RECYCLING 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.