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User guide for PICO STATION

1. Introduction.

Pico Station 5 operates in IEEE 802.11a mode, while the Pico Station 2 operates in IEEE 802.11b/g modes. Before using your device, check the wireless mode you want to set-up in order to use the proper device.

2. Connecting hardware.

Connecting your device to your network is very easy, as it's using the POE (Power Over Ethernet) technology. For this you will need two direct Ethernet cable (RJ45) and the power adaptor provided.

First of all connect one cable to the POE entry and connect the other end to the device. The other cable is connected between the LAN entry and your Ethernet computer access.

Now just connect the power adaptor to the DC plug

3. Applications.

This device can be set up and used for different applications:

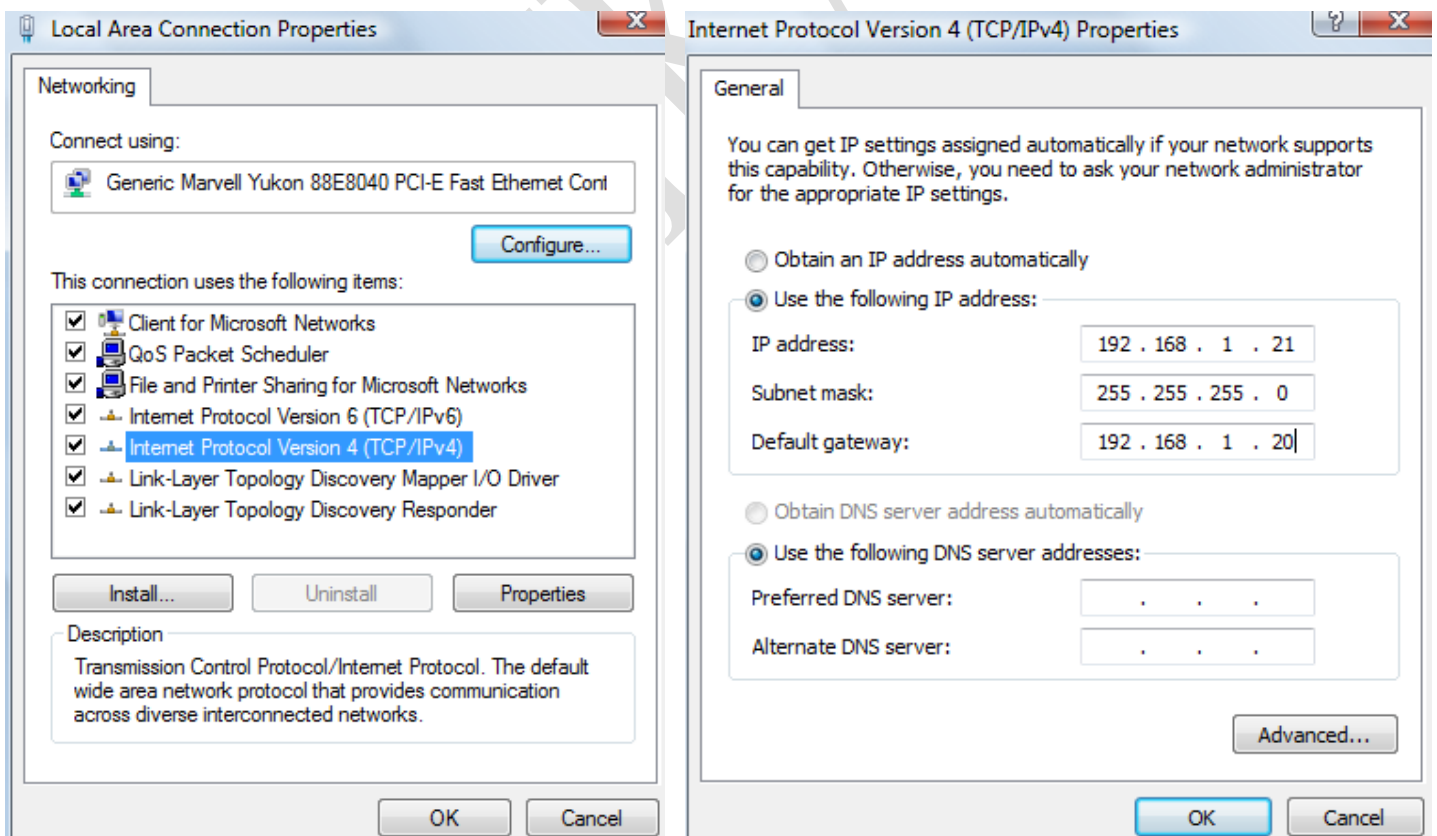
- Simple AP (Access Point)
- Wireless Repeater
- Bridge

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4. Configuring your computer in able to set up your device.

This chapter will explain you how to set up your network connection to get access to the device.

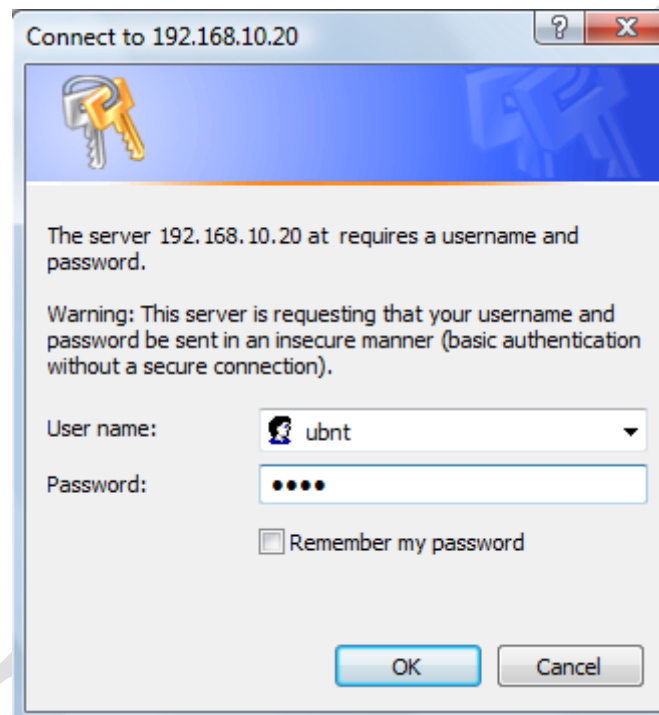
- In your computer, open Control Panel > Network Connections > Local AreaConnection.
- In Local Area Connection Status > General, click **Properties**.
- In Local Area Connection Properties > General, select **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** and click **Properties**.
- In Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties > General, select **Use the following IP address**.
- Enter your **IP address** and **Subnet Mask**. The default IP address of the radio is **192.168.1.21**, which cannot be used here. **So type IP address 192.168.1.21 and gateway 192.168.1.20**
- Click **OK** and **Close**



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Open your browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera, etc.) and type in address bar: **http://192.168.1.20** (The default address of the Pico) then press the Enter key.

When the connect page appears type the default username “ubnt” and password “ubnt” below:



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5. Configuration

- **Simple AP (Access Point)**

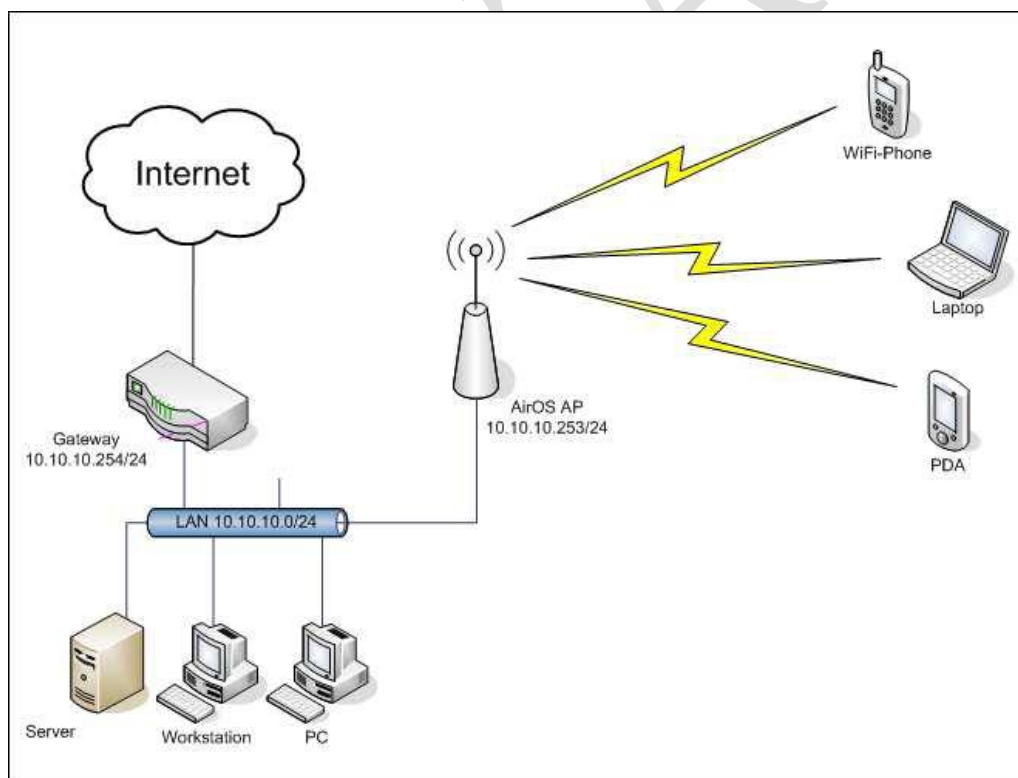
We consider this simply network topology:

One Router/Gateway connected to Internet and/or private LAN (IP Address: 10.10.10.254/24)

One AP AirOS device directly connected to Router (IP Address: 10.10.10.253/24)

One or more Wireless Clients (Notebook, WiFi-Phone, other Wireless devices...)

The Router assigns IP Address to network devices by DHCP Server. Alternatively, if you prefer, you can set static IP Address on Client.

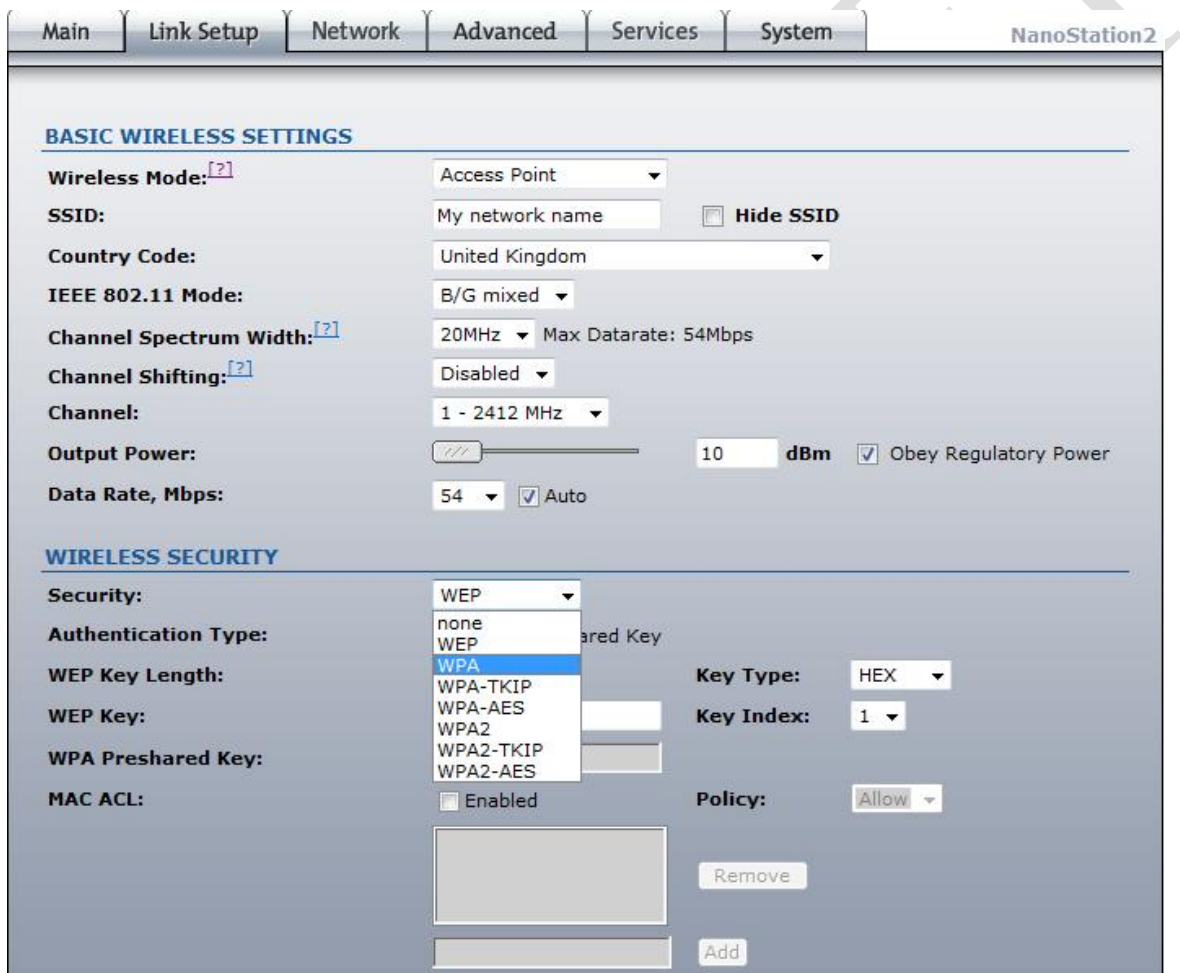


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In LINK SETUP Tab, set:

Wireless Mode: **Access Point**

- SSID: **yourSSID** (or any other string to identify your WLAN)
- Country Code: set according your country
- IEEE 802.11 Mode: **B/G mixed** (assuming devices running in 2.4 GHz)
- Channel: **1 - 2412 MHz** (or any other free channel)
- Output Power: **10 dBm** (or check *Obey Regulatory Power* according your country law)
- Data Rate, Mbps: **54, Auto**
- Security: **WPA** (or any other, supported by Wireless Client)



The screenshot shows the 'Link Setup' tab of the NanoStation2 configuration interface. It is divided into two main sections: 'BASIC WIRELESS SETTINGS' and 'WIRELESS SECURITY'.

BASIC WIRELESS SETTINGS:

- Wireless Mode:** Access Point
- SSID:** My network name (with a 'Hide SSID' checkbox)
- Country Code:** United Kingdom
- IEEE 802.11 Mode:** B/G mixed
- Channel Spectrum Width:** 20MHz (Max Datarate: 54Mbps)
- Channel Shifting:** Disabled
- Channel:** 1 - 2412 MHz
- Output Power:** 10 dBm (with a slider and 'Obey Regulatory Power' checkbox)
- Data Rate, Mbps:** 54 (with 'Auto' checkbox)

WIRELESS SECURITY:

- Security:** WPA (selected from a dropdown menu)
- Authentication Type:** WPA (selected from a dropdown menu)
- WEP Key Length:** (field)
- WEP Key:** (field)
- WPA Preshared Key:** (field)
- MAC ACL:** (checkbox) Enabled
- Key Type:** HEX
- Key Index:** 1
- Policy:** Allow

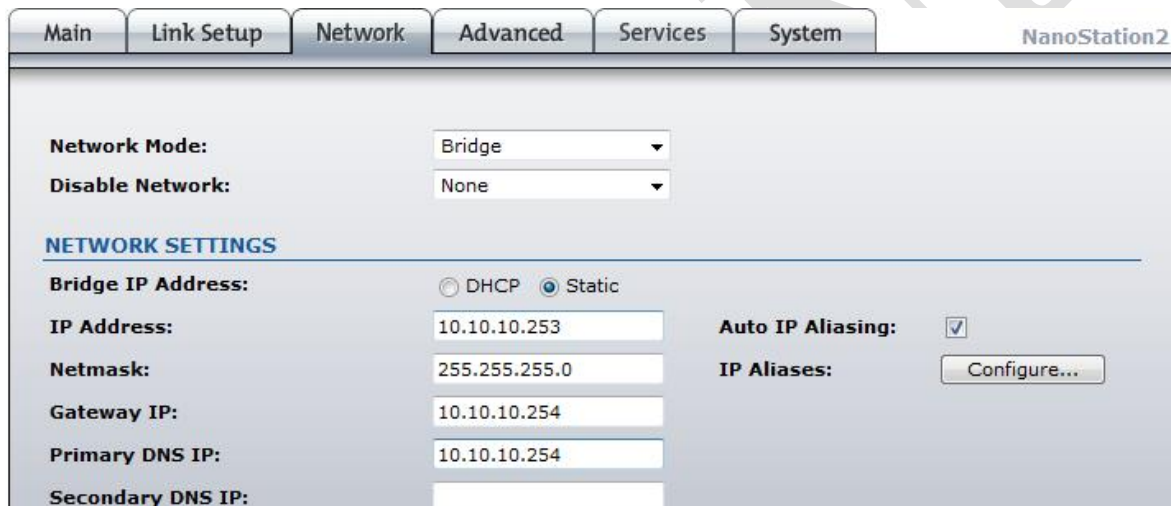
Buttons for 'Remove' and 'Add' are visible at the bottom of the security section.

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The device is now ready as an AP, the next step concerns setting up the network after your router/gateway. The AP has to communicate with your router in order to spread your wireless connection.

In **NETWORK TAB**, set:

- Network Mode: Bridge
- IP Address: **10.10.10.253** **New IP address for the AP**
- Netmask: **255.255.255.0**
- Gateway IP: **10.10.10.254** **IP address of your router/gateway**
- Primary DNS IP: **10.10.10.254** (or DNS IP provided from your ISP)
- Secondary DNS IP: as Primary DNS IP



Main | Link Setup | **Network** | Advanced | Services | System | NanoStation2

Network Mode: Bridge

Disable Network: None

NETWORK SETTINGS

Bridge IP Address: DHCP Static

IP Address: 10.10.10.253 **Auto IP Aliasing:**

Netmask: 255.255.255.0 **IP Aliases:**

Gateway IP: 10.10.10.254

Primary DNS IP: 10.10.10.254

Secondary DNS IP:

Click "Change" wait until process is complete and click "Apply" to confirm new configuration

Now the devices should be reachable on new IP Address **10.10.10.254**. Remember to assign to your PC an IP of Subnet 10.10.10.x (e.g **10.10.10.200/255.255.255.0**)

Client Setup

In TCP/IP Network Section:

If supported, set device to obtain Address IP automatically

Otherwise set statically:

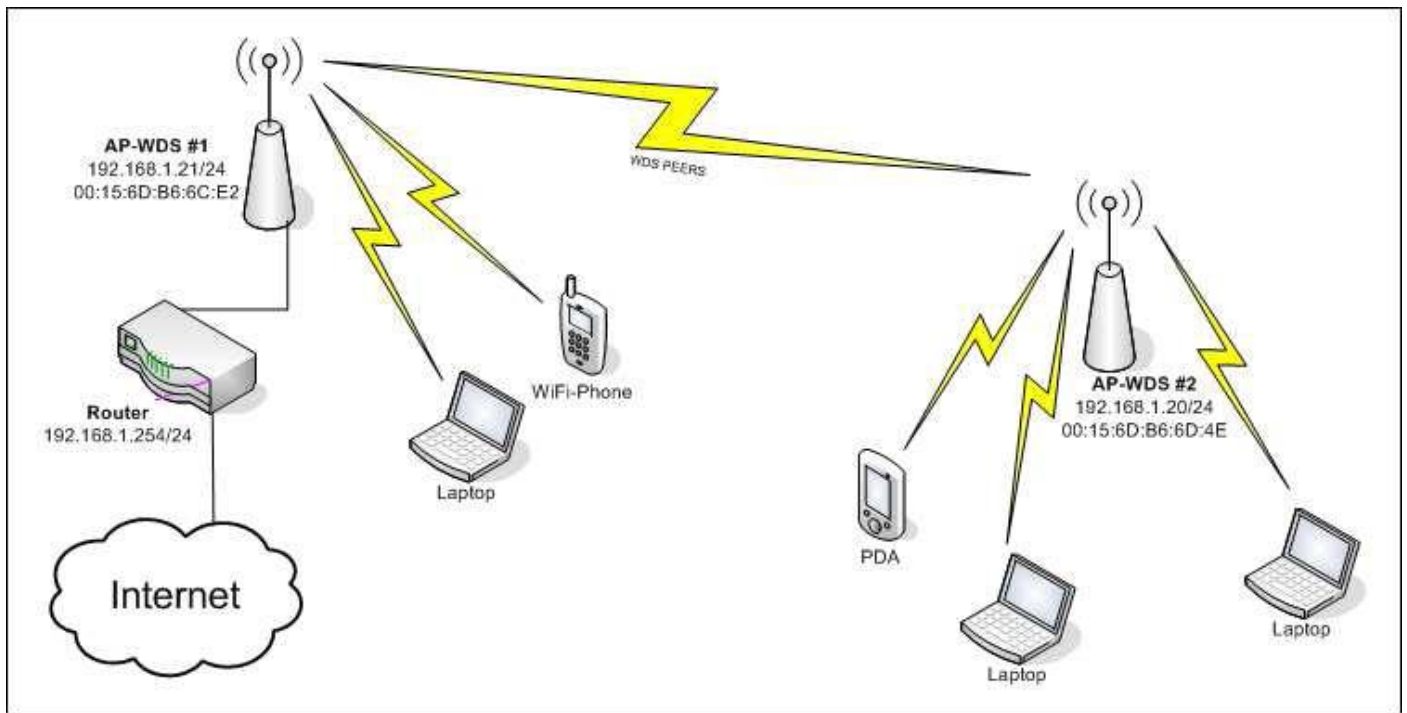
IP Address: any free IP 10.10.10.x/255.255.255.0

Gateway: 10.10.10.254

DNS: 10.10.10.254 (or DNS provided by your ISP).

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- **Wireless Repeater**



As you have previously set up your device as a AP, you are now able to set up another device as a repeater. This allows you to extend your coverage up to 4 kms.



First AP: 4kms and 4kms more with the second AP.

We will explain below how to setup your both devices.

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- **AP #1 Setup**

Login into AirOS WEB User Interface of **AP #1** and set as below:

NETWORK Tab

- Network Mode: **Bridge**
- IP Address: **10.10.10.253**
- Netmask: **255.255.255.0**
- Gateway IP: **10.10.10.254**
- Bridge IP Address: **Static**

New IP address for the AP

IP address of your router/gateway

Click *Change* button to confirm
Click *Apply* button to apply changes
Wait until process is complete

LINK SETUP Tab

- Wireless Mode: **Access Point WDS**
- **WDS Peers: 22:22:22:22:22:22**
WLAN MAC of AP #2, you can see on MAIN Tab of AP #2
- SSID: **my wlan** (or any string to identify your WLAN, but the same for all WDS Peers)
- Country Code: set according your location
- IEEE 802.11 Mode: **B/G mixed** (assuming devices running in 2.4 GHz band)
- Channel Spectrum Width **20MHz**
- Channel: **1 - 2412 MHz** (or any other free channel, but the same for all WDS Peers)
- Output Power: **10 dBm** (or check *Obey Regulatory Power* according your country law)
- Data Rate, Mbps: **54, Auto**



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BASIC WIRELESS SETTINGS

Wireless Mode: Auto

WDS Peers:

SSID: Hide SSID

Country Code:

IEEE 802.11 Mode:

Channel Spectrum Width: Max Datarate: 54Mbps

Channel Shifting:

Channel:

Output Power: dBm Obey Regulatory Power

Data Rate, Mbps: Auto

WIRELESS SECURITY

Security:

Click *Change* button to confirm
Click *Apply* button to apply changes
Wait until process is complete

AP #2 Setup

NETWORK Tab

- Network Mode: **Bridge**
- IP Address: **10.10.10.253**
- Netmask: **255.255.255.0**
- Gateway IP: **10.10.10.254**
- Bridge IP Address: **Static**

New IP address for the AP

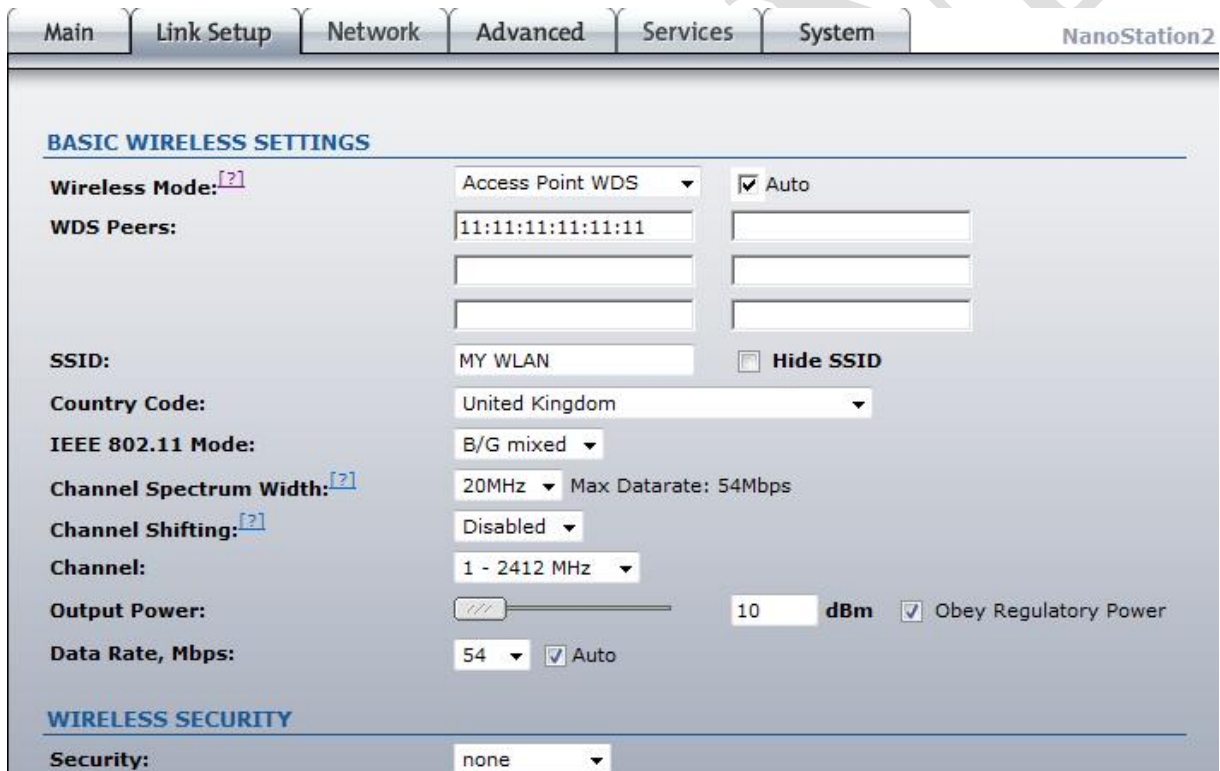
IP address of your router/gateway

Click *Change* button to confirm
Click *Apply* button to apply changes
Wait until process is complete

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LINK SETUP Tab

- Wireless Mode: **Access Point WDS**
- Auto: **enable** check box
- **WDS Peers: 11:11:11:11:11:11**
WLAN MAC of AP #1, you can see on MAIN Tab of AP #1
- SSID: **my wlan** (or any string to identify your WLAN, but the same for all WDS Peers)
- Country Code: set according your location
- IEEE 802.11 Mode: **B/G mixed** (assuming devices running in 2.4 GHz band)
- Channel Spectrum Width: **20MHz**
- Channel: **1 - 2412 MHz** (or any other free channel, but the same for all WDS Peers)
- Output Power: **10 dBm** (or check *Obey Regulatory Power* according your country law)
- Data Rate, Mbps: **54, Auto**



The screenshot shows the NanoStation2 web interface with the 'Link Setup' tab selected. The 'BASIC WIRELESS SETTINGS' section is expanded, displaying the following configuration:

- Wireless Mode:** Access Point WDS (dropdown), Auto
- WDS Peers:** 11:11:11:11:11:11 (text input)
- SSID:** MY WLAN (text input), Hide SSID
- Country Code:** United Kingdom (dropdown)
- IEEE 802.11 Mode:** B/G mixed (dropdown)
- Channel Spectrum Width:** 20MHz (dropdown), Max Datarate: 54Mbps
- Channel Shifting:** Disabled (dropdown)
- Channel:** 1 - 2412 MHz (dropdown)
- Output Power:** 10 dBm (slider and text input), Obey Regulatory Power
- Data Rate, Mbps:** 54 (dropdown), Auto

The 'WIRELESS SECURITY' section is also visible, showing **Security:** none (dropdown).

Click *Change* button to confirm
 Click *Apply* button to apply changes
 Wait until process is complete

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- **Bridge**

This mode allows you to:

- Share a neighbors internet connection from across the street (must have there permission and must be legal from there provider).
- Bridge your internet/local area network with another building.
- Make a standard layer 2 transparent bridge for joining two LAN networks.

For this mode, you need two devices, in order to setup a point to point connection (PxP).

AP #1 Setup (the side with the internet connection)

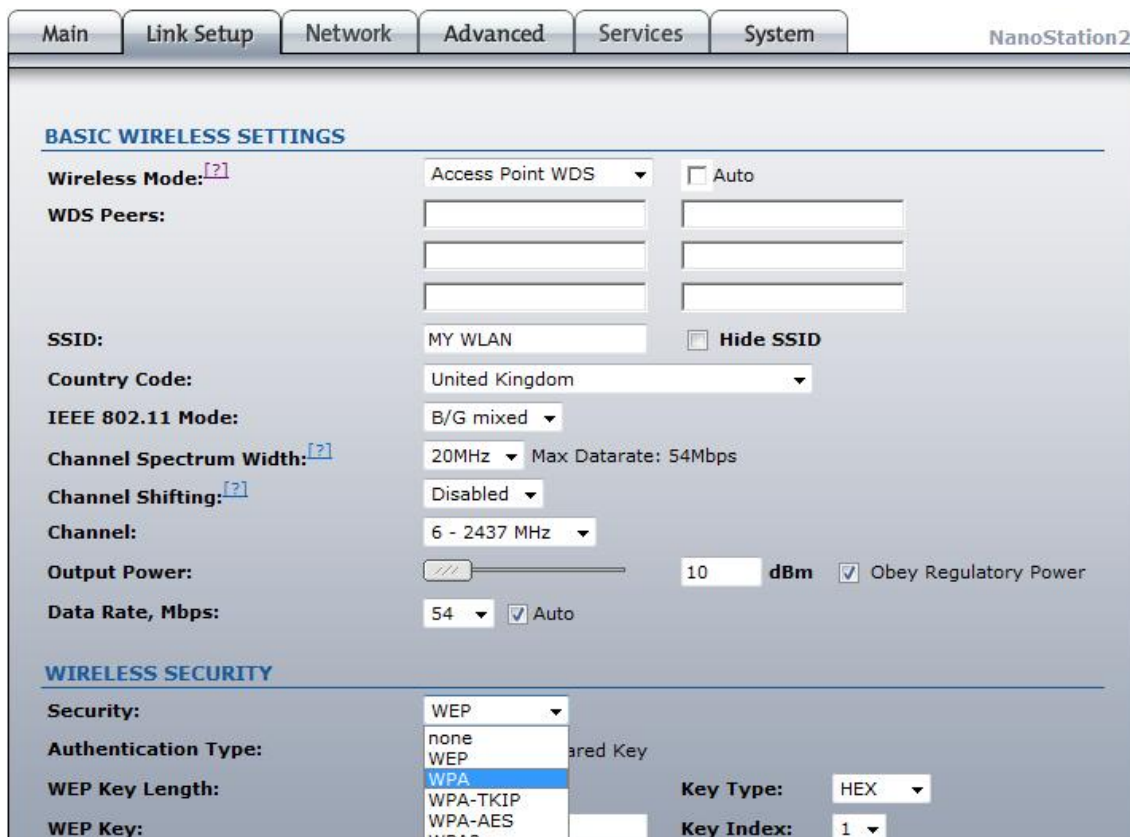
Login into AirOS WEB User Interface of **AP #1** and set as below

LINK SETUP Tab

Wireless Mode: **Access Point WDS**

- SSID: **MY WLAN** (or any other string to identify your WLAN)
- Country Code: set according your country
- IEEE 802.11 Mode: **B/G mixed** (assuming devices running in 2.4 GHz)
- Channel: **6 - 2437 MHz** (or any other free channel)
- Output Power: **10 dBm** (or check *Obey Regulatory Power* according your country law)
- Data Rate, Mbps: **54, Auto**
- Security: **WPA** (or any other, supported by Wireless Client)

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BASIC WIRELESS SETTINGS

Wireless Mode: [?] Access Point WDS Auto

WDS Peers:

SSID: MY WLAN Hide SSID

Country Code: United Kingdom

IEEE 802.11 Mode: B/G mixed

Channel Spectrum Width: [?] 20MHz Max Datarate: 54Mbps

Channel Shifting: [?] Disabled

Channel: 6 - 2437 MHz

Output Power: 10 dBm Obey Regulatory Power

Data Rate, Mbps: 54 Auto

WIRELESS SECURITY

Security: WEP

Authentication Type: none WEP Shared Key WPA WPA-TKIP WPA-AES WPA2

WEP Key Length:

WEP Key:

Key Type: HEX

Key Index: 1

Once you have changed all settings, hit the Change button at the bottom of the screen. DO NOT HIT the apply button that appears at the top of the screen just yet.

NETWORK Tab

- Network Mode: **Bridge**
- **Bridge IP Address:** Set this to DHCP
- **Auto Fallback IP:** Leave this setting to default. If for some reason the unit does not get an IP address you will use this fallback IP to access the unit.

Click *Change* button to confirm
Click *Apply* button to apply changes
Wait until process is complete

Now that the unit has rebooted, unplug the Ethernet from your computer and plug the device into an open LAN port of your router. Once this is done the unit is setup and ready to accept the station side of the bridge.

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AP #1 Setup (the side to bring the internet connection)

Login into AirOS WEB User Interface of **AP #2** and set as below

LINK SETUP Tab

Wireless Mode: **Station**

- SSID: **MY WLAN** (or any other string to identify your WLAN)
- Country Code: set according your country
- IEEE 802.11 Mode: **B/G mixed** (assuming devices running in 2.4 GHz)
- Output Power: **10 dBm** (or check *Obey Regulatory Power* according your country law)
- Data Rate, Mbps: **54, Auto**
- Security: **WPA or WEP** (or any other, supported by Wireless Client)

NETWORK Tab

- Network Mode: **Bridge**
- **Bridge IP Address:** Set this to DHCP
- **Auto Fallback IP:** Leave this setting to default. If for some reason the unit does not get an IP address you will use this fallback IP to access the unit.

Click *Change* button to confirm
Click *Apply* button to apply changes
Wait until process is complete

Now that the unit has rebooted, unplug the Ethernet from your computer and plug the device into an open WAN port of your router, or directly into the computer you want to have access to the internet. This completes the bridging setup of the UBNT device. If you cannot get it to work following the provided instructions please visit:

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Use antenna alignment tool to adjust the device antenna to get better link with the wireless device. The antenna of wireless client has to be adjusted to get maximum signal strength.

Click the **Align Antenna...** button and the new pop-up window with signal strength indicator will appear. **RSSI Range** slider can be used to change an offset of the maximum indicator value.

Window reloads every second displaying current value of the signal strength: **TX Rate**

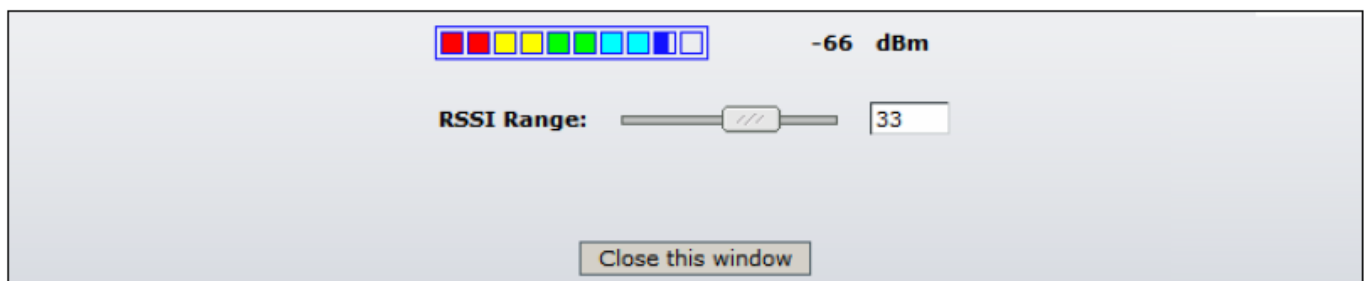


Figure 3 – Antenna alignment Tool

RX Rate: displays the current data reception rate while operating in *Station* mode.

Channel: displays the channel used by device to transmit and receive data.

Frequency: displays the frequency used by device to transmit and receive data.

Antenna Polarity: displays the current Antenna Polarity setting.

Security: displays the security method, which is set on the device.

ACK Timeout: displays current ACK Timeout value, which is set on the device manually or adjusted automatically.

QoS Status: displays the QoS Status, which is set on the device.

Uptime: indicates the time, expressed in days, hours, minutes and seconds since last hard-reboot.

LAN Cable: displays the current status of the Ethernet port connection.

LAN MAC: displays the MAC address of the LAN (Ethernet) interface.

WLAN MAC: displays the MAC address of the WLAN (Wireless) interface.

LAN IP address: displays the current IP address of the LAN (Ethernet) interface while operating in *Router* mode.

WLAN IP address: displays the current IP address of the WLAN (Wireless) interface while operating in *Router* mode.

LAN IP address and WLAN IP address displays the same value - current IP address of the virtual bridge interface, while operating in *Bridge* mode.



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Show Stations... selection lists the stations which are connected to the device while operating in Access Point mode. Each station **RSSI**, **Tx Rate** and **Idle** time (sec) can be updated using the **Reload** button:

Station MAC	RSSI	Tx Rate	Idle (sec)
00:15:6D:A6:00:1E	51	54M	30

Figure 4 – Current Status of the Associated Stations

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6. Specification



PicoStation2

Limitless Applications

Pico2 DATASHEET



SYSTEM INFORMATION							
Processor Specs		Atheros MIPS 4KC, 180MHz					
Memory Information		32MB SDRAM, 8MB Flash					
Networking Interface		1 X 10/100 BASE-TX (Cat. 5, RJ-45) Ethernet Interface					
REGULATORY / COMPLIANCE INFORMATION							
Wireless Approvals		FCC Part 15.247, IC RS210, CE					
RoHS Compliance		YES					
RADIO OPERATING FREQUENCY 2412-2462 MHz							
TX SPECIFICATIONS				RX SPECIFICATIONS			
	DataRate	TX Power	Tolerance		DataRate	Sensitivity	Tolerance
802.11b	1Mbps	20 dBm	+/-1dB	802.11b	1Mbps	-95 dBm	+/-1dB
	2Mbps	20 dBm	+/-1dB		2Mbps	-94 dBm	+/-1dB
	5.5Mbps	20 dBm	+/-1dB		5.5Mbps	-93 dBm	+/-1dB
	11Mbps	20 dBm	+/-1dB		11Mbps	-90 dBm	+/-1dB
802.11g OFDM	6Mbps	20 dBm	+/-1dB	802.11g OFDM	6Mbps	-92 dBm	+/-1dB
	9Mbps	20 dBm	+/-1dB		9Mbps	-91 dBm	+/-1dB
	12Mbps	20 dBm	+/-1dB		12Mbps	-89 dBm	+/-1dB
	18Mbps	20 dBm	+/-1dB		18Mbps	-88 dBm	+/-1dB
	24Mbps	20 dBm	+/-1dB		24Mbps	-84 dBm	+/-1dB
	36Mbps	18 dBm	+/-1dB		36Mbps	-81 dBm	+/-1dB
	48Mbps	16 dBm	+/-1dB		48Mbps	-75 dBm	+/-1dB
	54Mbps	15 dBm	+/-1dB		54Mbps	-72 dBm	+/-1dB




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5MHz	10MHZ	20MHz
ANTENNA & RANGE PERFORMANCE		
RP-SMA Antenna Included	Outdoor Omni-directional. 6dBi (U.S.), 0dBi (EU Version)	
Indoor/Outdoor Range	Over 50m / 150m	
PHYSICAL / ELECTRICAL / ENVIRONMENTAL		
Enclosure Size	13.6 cm. length x 2.0 cm. height x 3.9cm. width	
Weight	0.10kg	
Enclosure Characteristics	Outdoor UV Stabilized Plastic	
Max Power Consumption	4 Watts	
Power Rating	12V, 1A (12 Watts). Supply and injector included	
Power Method	Passive Power over Ethernet (pairs 4,5+; 7,8 return)	
Operating Temperature	-20C to +70C	
Operating Humidity	5 to 95% Condensing	
Shock and Vibration	ETSI300-019-1.4	
SOFTWARE		
		
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