

Cisco Aironet 802.11a/b/g Wireless CardBus Adapter



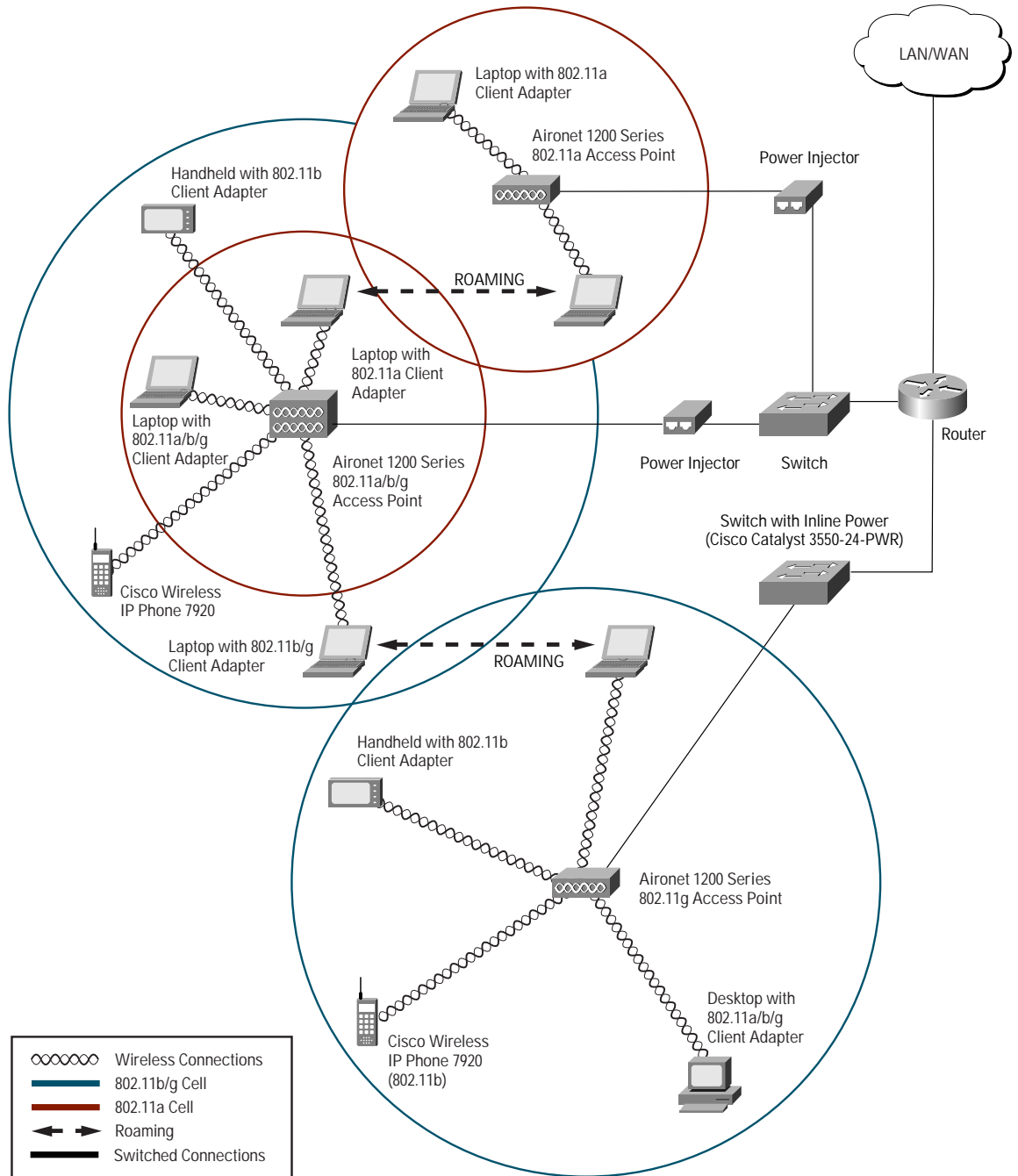
Product Overview

The Cisco[®] Aironet[®] IEEE 802.11a/b/g Wireless CardBus Adapter provides high-performance 54 Mbps connectivity in the 2.4 and 5 GHz bands. Whether configured to support single 802.11b coverage, single 802.11g coverage, single 802.11a coverage, dual-mode 802.11a/g coverage or tri-mode 802.11a/b/g coverage, the Cisco Aironet 802.11a/b/g Wireless Cardbus Adapter is Wi-Fi compliant and combines the freedom of wireless connectivity with the performance, security, and manageability that businesses require (Figure 1).



Figure 1

Client devices equipped with Cisco Aironet 802.11a/b/g Wireless Cardbus Adapters can roam freely throughout a facility via communications with multiple IEEE 801.11a/b/g access points





Features include:

- Superior range and throughput
- Secure network communications, with the Cisco Wireless Security Suite and support for Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA)
- Comprehensive utilities for flexible, easy configuration and management
- World mode for international roaming

Enterprise-Class Security Solution

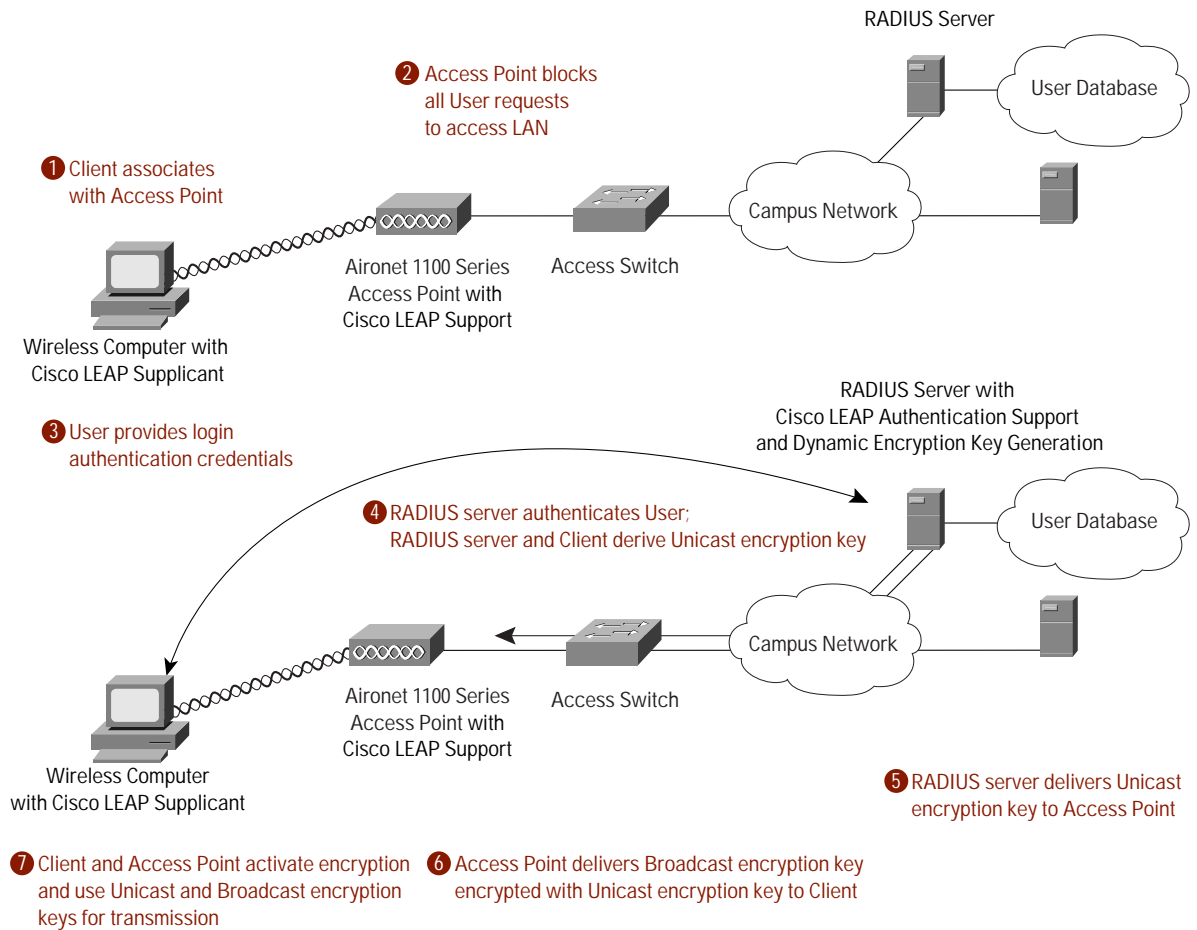
Designed with enterprise-class security requirements in mind, the Cisco Aironet 802.11a/b/g Wireless Cardbus Adapter is a key client-side component of the award-winning Cisco Wireless Security Suite. Based on the 802.1X standard for port-based network access, the Cisco Wireless Security Suite takes advantage of the Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) framework for user-based authentication (Figure 2). This solution also supports WPA, the Wi-Fi Alliance specification for interoperable, standards-based wireless LAN security.

The Cisco Aironet 802.11a/b/g Wireless Cardbus Adapter supports the most common 802.1X authentication types, including Cisco LEAP, Extensible Authentication Protocol Transport Layer Security (EAP-TLS), Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol (PEAP-GTC), and Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol Microsoft Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol Version 2 (PEAP-MSCHAP V2). A wide selection of RADIUS servers, such as the Cisco Secure Access Control Server (ACS) and Cisco Access Registrar (AR) server, can be used for enterprise-class centralized user management that includes:

- Strong, mutual authentication to ensure that only legitimate clients associate with legitimate and authorized network RADIUS servers via authorized access points
- Dynamic per-user, per-session encryption keys that automatically change on a configurable basis to protect the privacy of transmitted data
- Stronger encryption keys provided by Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP) enhancements such as message integrity check (MIC), per-packet keys via initialization vector hashing, and broadcast key rotation
- RADIUS accounting records for all authentication attempts



Figure 2
The Cisco Wireless Security Suite is an Enterprise-Class Security System Based on the 802.1X Architecture



Cisco Structured Wireless-Aware Network

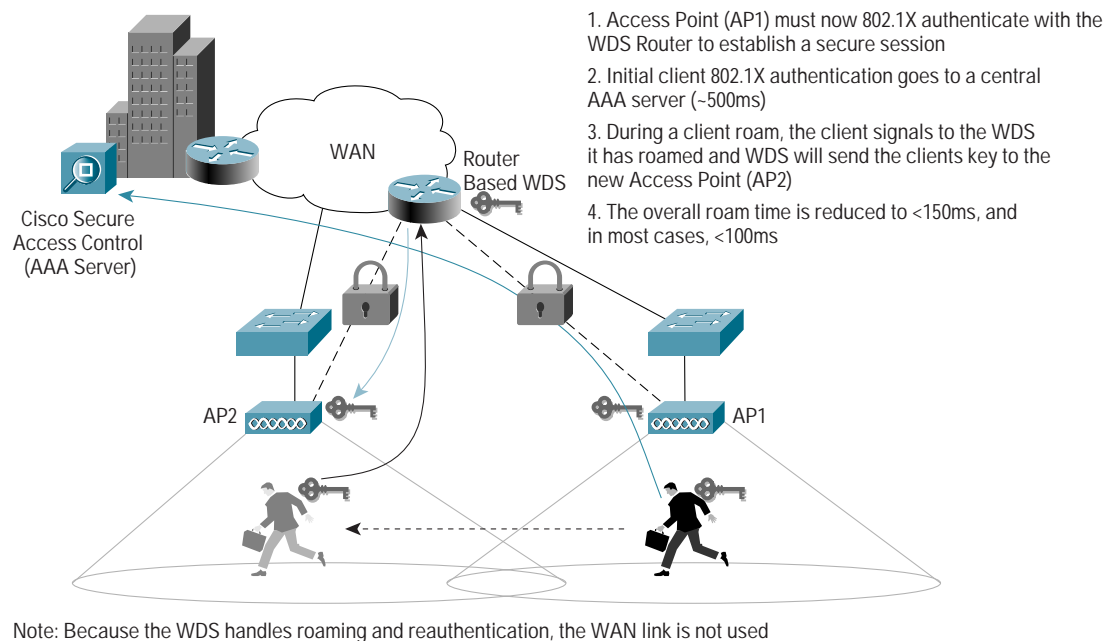
The Cisco Aironet 802.11a/b/g Wireless CardBus Adapter is a key component of the Cisco Structured Wireless-Aware Network (SWAN) an innovative, comprehensive Cisco solution for deploying, operating and managing a few to hundreds to thousands of Cisco Aironet access points using the Cisco infrastructure. Cisco SWAN provides the wireless LAN with the same level of security, scalability, and reliability that customers have come to expect in their wired LAN by introducing “wireless-aware” capabilities into the Cisco infrastructure. This solution is available on IEEE 802.11a and IEEE 802.11b Cisco and Cisco Compatible clients today and on IEEE 802.11g clients in 2004.

Wireless domain services (WDS) is introduced with Cisco SWAN. WDS is a collection of Cisco IOS Software features that expand WLAN client mobility, simplify WLAN deployment and management and enhance WLAN security. These services, supported on access points and client devices today and on specific Cisco LAN switches and routers in 2004, include radio management aggregation, fast secure roaming and WAN link remote site survivability. WDS radio management aggregation supports radio frequency (RF) managed services such as rogue access point detection, interference detection and assisted site surveys.



Fast secure roaming is supported by Cisco and Cisco Compatible client devices in conjunction with Cisco Aironet, Cisco IOS Software-based access points. With fast secure roaming, authenticated client devices can roam securely from one access point to another without any perceptible delay during reassociation. Fast secure roaming supports latency-sensitive applications such as wireless voice over IP (VoIP), enterprise resource planning (ERP), or Citrix-based solutions (Figure 3).

Figure 3
Fast Secure Roaming



Enhanced Client Network Management Features

A new and improved set of client utilities includes the Aironet Desktop Utility (ADU), Aironet System Tray Utility (ASTU), and Aironet Client Administration Utility (ACAU). Together, these utilities provide an intuitive graphical user interface (GUI) for easy configuration, monitoring, and management of the Cisco Aironet

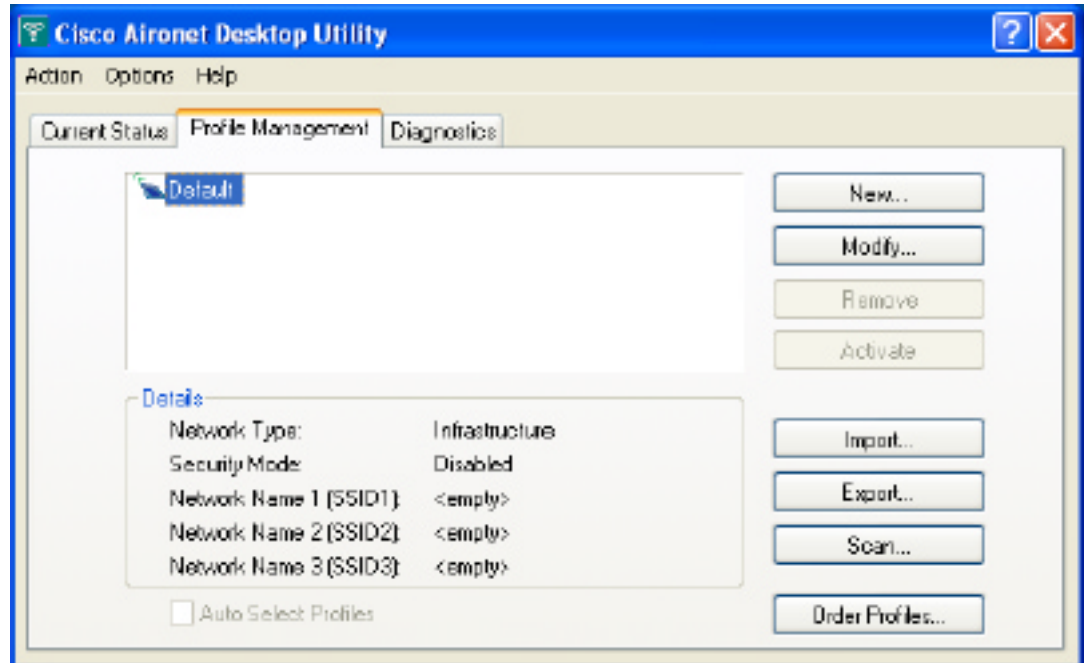
802.11a/b/g Cardbus Adapter. Enhanced client network management features include:

- Profile Manager—Allows users to create specific profile settings for various environments, such as the office and home, making it simple for telecommuters and business travelers to move from one environment to another (Figure 4)
- Customized Profile settings—Lets users individually select channel, service set identifier (SSID), Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) key, and the authentication method for different locations
- Cisco LEAP authentication status screen—Provides status updates regarding the Cisco LEAP authentication process
- Auto-selection of profiles, including Cisco LEAP profile—Provides automatic selection of established profiles, including Cisco LEAP profile, without requiring storage of the Cisco LEAP username and password in the profile
- System tray icon—Provides easy access to wireless LAN connection information and one-click access to common actions such as the manual selection a profile or turning the radio on or off
- Aironet Client Monitor—Provides a subset of ADU features, such as status information about the client adapter and access to basic tasks such as selecting a profile. This application runs from the system tray icon.



- Troubleshooting Utility—Provides step-by-step details on the process of connecting to an access point with highlights on why a connection failed. (Figure 5)
- Support for the most popular enterprise operating systems—Windows XP and Windows 2000

Figure 4
Cisco Aironet Desktop Utility (Profile Management) Screen



An Aironet Client Adapter installation wizard for Windows (CB21AG and PI21AG) is provided for easy installation of the client firmware, drivers, and utilities. The wizard offers several installation offers: install client Utilities and driver; install driver only; or make driver installation diskette(s). For ease of use, the installation wizard image file is a self-extracting (.exe) file.



Figure 5
Troubleshooting Utility Screen

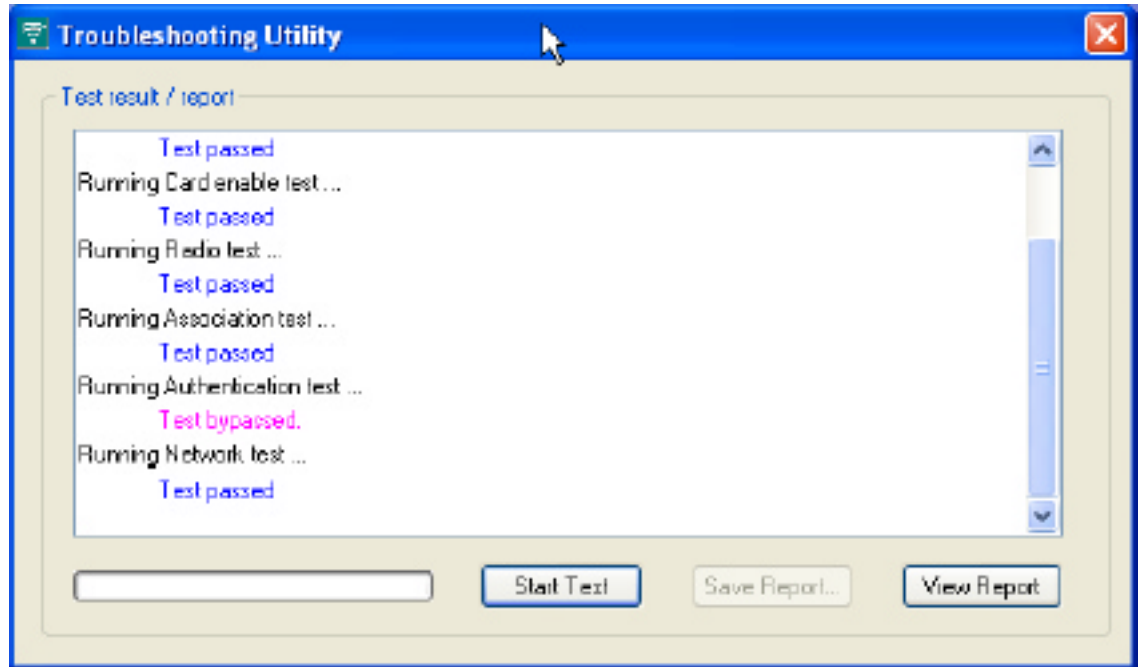


Table 1 Product Features and Benefits

Feature	Benefit
Cisco Wireless Security Suite	IEEE 802.1X support, including Cisco LEAP, PEAP-GTC, PEAP-MSCHAP V2, and EAP-TLS for mutual authentication with dynamic per-user, per-session encryption keys via TKIP enhancements. Full support for WPA.
Enhanced Client Network Management Features	Bundled with comprehensive, easy-to-use client network management utilities to provide a secure, intuitive, and convenient way to manage and configure the adapter.
Cisco LEAP Single Sign-On	Convenient option to utilize log-in credentials for LEAP sign-on on the user's network, thus eliminating the need to enter a second set of credentials.
Cisco SWAN	A comprehensive Cisco solution for deploying, operating and managing a few to hundreds to thousands of Cisco Aironet access points using the Cisco infrastructure. This solution extends to the wireless LAN the same level of security, scalability, and reliability that customers have come to expect in their wired LAN by introducing "wireless-aware" capabilities into the Cisco infrastructure.
Wireless Domain Services (WDS)	A component of Cisco SWAN, WDS is a collection of Cisco IOS Software features that enhance WLAN client mobility and simplify WLAN deployment and management. WDS includes radio management aggregation, fast secure roaming, and WAN link remote site survivability.
Fast Secure Roaming	Allows authenticated client devices to roam securely from one access point to another without any perceptible delay during reassociation. Provides support for latency-sensitive applications such as VoIP, ERP and Citrix.



Table 2 Product Specifications

Part Number
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AIR-CB21AG-A-K9• AIR-CB21AG-E-K9• AIR-CB21AG-J-K9• AIR-CB21AG-W-K9• AIR-CB21AG-A-K9-40 (40-unit bulk pack)
Regulatory Domains:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A=Americas• E=ETSI• J=TELEC (Japan)• W=Rest-of-world
Customers are responsible for verifying approval for use in their country. Please see http://www.cisco.com/go/aironet/compliance to verify approval and to identify the regulatory domain that corresponds to a particular country.
Form Factor
CardBus Type II
Interface
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32-bit Cardbus with standard 68-pin connector• PC-Card Rev. 7.0 compliant
Data Rates Supported
1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54 Mbps
Network Standard
IEEE 802.11a/b/g
Operating Voltage
3.3 V (0.3 V)
LED
Status (green) and Activity (amber)
Media Access Protocol
Carrier-Sense Multiple Access w/ Collision Avoidance (CSMA/CA)
Wireless Medium
802.11g:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) and Orthogonal Frequency Divisional Multiplexing (OFDM)
802.11a:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OFDM



Table 2 Product Specifications (Continued)

Modulation
802.11b: DSSS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Differential Binary Phase Shift Keying (DBPSK) @ 1 Mbps• Differential Quadrature Phase Shift Keying (DQPSK) @ 2 Mbps• Complementary Code Keying (CCK) @ 5.5 and 11 Mbps 802.11g and 802.11a: OFDM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BPSK @ 6 and 9 Mbps• QPSK @ 12 and 18 Mbps• 16-Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM) @ 24 and 36 Mbps• 64-QAM @ 48 and 54 Mbps
Frequency Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.40 to 2.4897 GHz• 5.15 to 5.35 GHz (FCC UNII 1 and UNII 2)• 5.725 to 5.85 GHz (FCC UNII 3)• 5.15 to 5.35 GHz (ETSI)• 5.470 to 5.725 (ETSI)• 5.15 to 5.25 GHz (Japan)
Delay Spread
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 350 ns @ 1 Mbps• 300 ns @ 2 Mbps• 200 ns @ 5.5 Mbps• 400 ns @ 6 Mbps• 250 ns @ 9 Mbps• 130 ns @ 11 Mbps• 250 ns @ 12 Mbps• 220 ns @ 18 Mbps• 160 ns @ 24 Mbps• 100 ns @ 36 Mbps• 90 ns @ 48 Mbps• 70 ns @ 54 Mbps



Table 2 Product Specifications (Continued)

Receive Sensitivity (typical)			
802.11g:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -94 dBm @ 1 Mbps • -93 dBm @ 2 Mbps • -92 dBm @ 5.5 Mbps • -86 dBm @ 6 Mbps • -86 dBm @ 9 Mbps • -90 dBm @ 11 Mbps • -86 dBm @ 12 Mbps • -86 dBm @ 18 Mbps • -84 dBm @ 24 Mbps • -80 dBm @ 36 Mbps • -75 dBm @ 48 Mbps • -71 dBm @ 54 Mbps 			
802.11a:			
5150 to 5250 MHz	5250 to 5350 MHz	5725 to 5805 MHz	5.470 -5.725 GHz
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -87 dBm @ 6 Mbps • -87 dBm @ 9 Mbps • -87 dBm @ 12 Mbps • -87 dBm @ 18 Mbps • -82 dBm @ 24 Mbps • -79 dBm @ 36 Mbps • -74 dBm @ 48 Mbps • -72 dBm @ 54 Mbps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -89 dBm @ 6 Mbps • -89 dBm @ 9 Mbps • -89 dBm @ 12 Mbps • -85 dBm @ 18 Mbps • -82 dBm @ 24 Mbps • -79 dBm @ 36 Mbps • -74 dBm @ 48 Mbps • -72 dBm @ 54 Mbps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -84 dBm @ 6 Mbps • -84 dBm @ 9 Mbps • -84 dBm @ 12 Mbps • -83 dBm @ 18 Mbps • -82 dBm @ 24 Mbps • -79 dBm @ 36 Mbps • -72 dBm @ 48 Mbps • -65 dBm @ 54 Mbps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -87 dBm @ 6 Mbps • -87 dBm @ 9 Mbps • -87 dBm @ 12 Mbps • -87 dBm @ 18 Mbps • -82 dBm @ 24 Mbps • -79 dBm @ 36 Mbps • -74 dBm @ 48 Mbps • -72 dBm @ 54 Mbps
Available Transmit Power Settings			
802.11b/g:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 dBm (100 mW) @ 1, 2, 5.5 and 11 Mbps • 18 dBm (63 mW) @ 1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18 and 24 Mbps • 17 dBm (50 mW) @ 1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18, 24 and 36 Mbps • 15 dBm (30 mW) @ 1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18, 24, 36 and 48 Mbps • 13 dBm (20 mW) @ 1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48 and 54 Mbps • 10 dBm (10 mW) @ 1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48 and 54 Mbps 			
802.11a:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 dBm (40 mW) @ 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 Mbps • 14 dBm (25 mW) @ 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 and 36 Mbps • 13 dBm (20 mW) @ 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48 and 54 Mbps • 11 dBm (13 mW) @ 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48 and 54 Mbps • 10 dBm (10 mW) @ 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48 and 54 Mbps 			
Maximum power setting will vary according to individual country regulations.			
Power Consumption Steady State			
	Transmit	Receive	Standby
802.11a	554 mA maximum	318 mA maximum	203 mA average
802.11b	539 mA maximum	327 mA maximum	203 mA average
802.11g	530 mA maximum	282 mA maximum	203 mA average




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Range (typical with CB21AG at maximum transmit power communicating with a AP1231AG configured with 2.2 dBi dipole antenna for 802.11g and 802.11b and 6 dBi gain patch for 802.11a)			
	802.11a	802.11b/g	
Indoor (typical)			
54 Mbps	45 ft (13 m)	90 ft (27 m)	
18 Mbps	110 ft (33 m)	180 ft (54m)	
11 Mbps	–	160 ft (48 m)	
6 Mbps	165 ft (50 m)	300 ft (91 m)	
1 Mbps	–	410 ft (124 m)	
Outdoor (typical)			
54 Mbps	100 ft (30 m)	250 ft (76 m)	
18 Mbps	600 ft (183 m)	600 ft (183 m)	
11 Mbps	–	1000 ft (304 m)	
6 Mbps	1000 ft (304 m)	1300 ft (396 m)	
1 Mbps	–	2000 ft (610 m)	
Compliance			
Safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UL 60950 • CSA 22.2 No. 60950 • IEC 60950 • EN 60950 	Radio Approvals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC Part 15.401-15.407 • RSS-210 (Canada) • EN 301.893 (Europe) • ARIB STD-T71 (Japan) • AS 4268.2 (Australia) • FCC Part 15.247 • RSS-210 (Canada) • EN 300.328 (Europe) • Telec 33 and 66 (Japan) • AS/NZS 3548 (Australia and New Zealand) 	EMI and Susceptibility (Class B): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCC Part 15.107 and 15.109 • ICES-003 (Canada) • VCCI (Japan) • EN 301.489-1 and -17 (Europe) 	Other: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEEE 802.11a, 802.11b and 802.11g • Cisco Compatible Wireless (based on CCX v1.0 and CCX v2.0) • Wi-Fi • WHQL • FCC Bulletin OET-65C • RSS-102
Power Management			
Power management levels available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAM (Constantly Awake Mode) • Fast PSP (Power Save Mode) • Max PSP (Maximum Power Savings) 			
Antenna			
Integrated diversity dual-band 2.4/5 GHz antenna			



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Security Architecture Client Authentication
Cisco Wireless Security Suite including: Authentication: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WPA and 802.1X support for Cisco LEAP, PEAP-GTC, PEAP-MSCHAPv2, and EAP-TLS• MAC address and by standard 802.11 authentication mechanisms Encryption: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for static and dynamic IEEE 802.11 WEP keys of 40 bits and 128 bits• Cisco TKIP and WPA TKIP encryption enhancements: key hashing (per-packet keying), message integrity check (MIC) and broadcast key rotation
Drivers
Windows XP and Windows 2000
Dimensions
2.05 in. (52.08mm) wide x 4.46 in. (113.35mm) deep x 0.19 in. (4.80mm) high
Weight
1.6 oz (44.0g)
Environmental
Non-operating (Storage) Temperature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0 C to +85 C Operating Temperature: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0 C to +70 C Humidity (non-condensing): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10–90%
Warranty
One Year
Wi-Fi Certification


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