

# User Manual

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase! With your **Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter**, you will be able to share your Internet connection from your PC with other computers or devices and consoles via WiFi, all without having to make any changes to your existing Internet connection or modem. You'll then be able to enjoy all the fun of surfing the Internet and online gaming made possible by these products.

In this manual you will find detailed information allowing you to configure and use your **Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter**.

This manual and any related updates are also available on the [www.hercules.com](http://www.hercules.com) website, under the **Technical Support** heading.

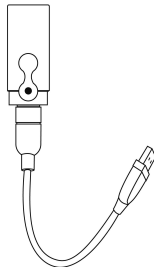
## 2. BOX CONTENTS

① - 1 USB WiFi Transmitter

② - 1 semi-rigid USB cable

③ - 1 installation CD-ROM

④ - This user manual



## 3. MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Windows® XP Home or Professional Edition
- Intel® Pentium® III / AMD Athlon™ processor or compatible
- 128MB RAM
- Available USB 2.0 or 1.1 port (maximum transfer speed attained with USB 2.0 port only)
- CD-ROM drive
- 50MB free hard disk space
- Internet connection

## 4. INSTALLING THE USB WIFI TRANSMITTER



Do not connect your USB WiFi Transmitter to your computer before inserting the installation CD-ROM into your drive. Should this occur, click **Cancel** when prompted by Windows to install the USB device it has found.

Installation of your USB WiFi Transmitter should only take place on the PC with the Internet connection. You will be guided step by step by simply following the installation assistant available on your CD-ROM and described below.

1. Insert the Hercules installation CD-ROM  into your computer's CD-ROM drive.

**Note:** If you have disabled the Windows auto-run function, or if the user interface does not appear on-screen, simply launch the Windows Explorer and double-click the CD-ROM icon, then double-click the file **Setup.exe**.

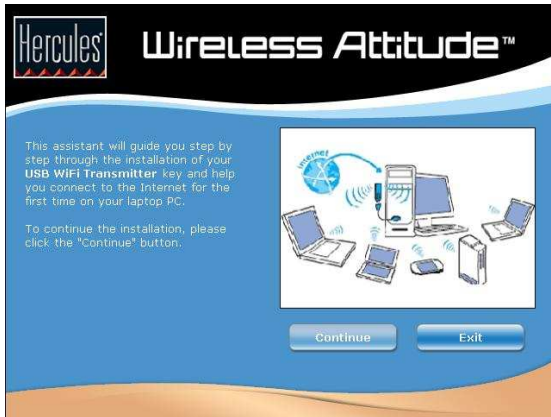
*The installation assistant's welcome message is displayed as follows:*



2. Click **Start**.

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The program then proceeds to driver installation.



1. Click **Continue** and follow the instructions.

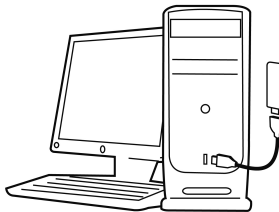


2. Click **Continue** and follow the instructions.

3. Select the region where you will be using your USB WiFi Transmitter and click **Next**.



4. When prompted to do so by the assistant, connect your USB WiFi Transmitter ① to a USB port on your computer.



The semi-rigid cable ② allows you to better position your transmitter (in a vertical position, ideally) in order to optimize RF signal transmission.

5. The installation assistant prompts you to connect your PC to the Internet if you don't have a permanent connection (this is generally the case if you have a low-speed, ADSL USB or ADSL Ethernet modem).

- Once a connection has been established, click **Next** for the assistant to configure sharing of your Internet connection with your USB WiFi Transmitter.



If you have a remote-access modem connection (low-speed 56K/RTC, or Numéris/RNIS), or a broadband connection (cable modem/ADSL USB or ADSL Ethernet modem), you must first connect your PC to the Internet every time you wish to surf the Internet or play online on a computer or other device connected via WiFi.

- Sharing of your Internet connection with your USB WiFi Transmitter is confirmed. Click the **OK** button.



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- Click the **Finish** button to complete the installation and follow the instructions to find out how you can enjoy using WiFi with your laptop computer or game console.



Once installation is complete, the  icon appears in the taskbar.



## 6. HOW CAN I USE WIFI ON MY LAPTOP COMPUTER OR GAME CONSOLE?

Now that the drivers are installed on your computer and your Internet connection is being shared, you will be able to access your network and Internet connection via WiFi on another WiFi-equipped computer or game console.

### 6.1. On a WiFi-equipped computer


First off, you must connect your computer to the WiFi network transmitted by your USB WiFi Transmitter. The name of this WiFi network is **Hercules USB**.

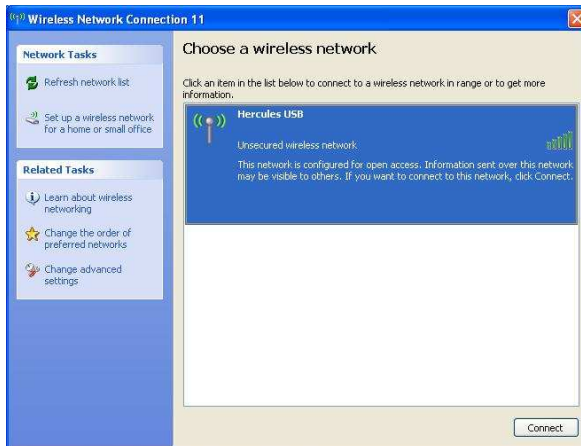
Proceed as follows to connect your computer to the WiFi network:

**A : If your computer uses proprietary software to establish a connection to the WiFi network (the *Hercules WiFi Station* software, for example):**

Please refer to the software's documentation for details on how to connect to a WiFi network and save it in your Favorites, thereby allowing you to connect to it by default.

**B : If your computer uses the Microsoft Zero Config utility to establish a connection to the WiFi network:**

1. In the Windows system tray, click the  **Wireless Network Connection** icon.
2. In the list of available networks that appears, click **Hercules USB**, then click the **Connect** button.



*By default, your wireless network is not secure; the connection will be automatically established and saved so as to connect automatically each time you restart your computer.*



If the wireless network is secure, you will be prompted to enter a password (or security key). This functionality is described in the “How can I control access to my WiFi network?” section, further along in this manual.

3. You can now verify that the connection to the WiFi network is working properly by launching your Internet browser.



If the WiFi connection has been established but you are unable to connect to a website on the Internet, verify that the computer equipped with the USB WiFi Transmitter is properly connected to the Internet. (If you have a manual connection, don't forget to establish a connection yourself.) If necessary, launch the **Network Setup Wizard** and select the option **This computer connects to the Internet through another computer on my network or through a residential gateway**.



If a firewall is enabled on the PC equipped with the USB WiFi Transmitter, the computers that connect to the WiFi network cannot disable it, even if their own firewall is disabled.

For more information, please refer to the FAQs available on the [www.hercules.com](http://www.hercules.com) website, under the **Technical Support** heading.

Your USB WiFi Transmitter can also function as a router for all WiFi computers connecting to its network. These computers can then access shared files and printers on the local area network thereby created. For more information on this subject, please refer to *Chapter 11. Welcome to the Wireless Attitude™!*

## 6.2. On a game console or any other WiFi-equipped device

1. On your game console or other WiFi-equipped device, enable the WiFi connection.
2. First off, you must connect your console to the WiFi network transmitted by your USB WiFi Transmitter. The name of this WiFi network is **Hercules USB**.



You must set up your console for automatic configuration of the IP address and DNS addresses.

If the Hercules WiFi USB network is not secure, a connection will be established automatically. If the Hercules WiFi USB network is secure, however, you will be prompted to enter a password (or security key). This functionality is described in the “How can I control access to my WiFi network?” section, further along in this manual.

3. You can now verify that the connection to the WiFi network is working properly by launching your Internet browser or favorite online game.

## 7. HOW CAN I CONTROL ACCESS TO MY WIFI NETWORK?

By equipping your computer with the Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter, you not only allow other users to connect to your computer to use your Internet connection; you also allow them to access data shared on this same computer. It may therefore be essential for you to ensure that only the computers or WiFi devices you have expressly authorized to do so are able to access your WiFi network. Similarly, you may very well find it useful to define a connection's duration validity, thereby allowing you to limit the periods during which your child is able to connect to the Internet on another computer in your WiFi network, for example.

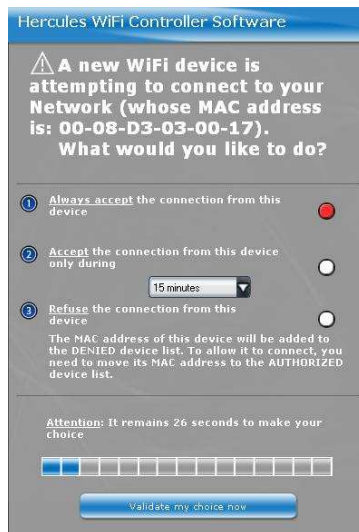
The **Hercules WiFi Controller** software allows you to filter access to your WiFi network and select the level of protection (none, medium, strong). Two types of security are available:

- **Protection via “Access Control”**

This protection consists of saving in WiFi Controller the list of WiFi devices (computers, consoles) with or without authorization to connect to your WiFi network, identifying them by what is called their “MAC address”.

WiFi Controller also allows you to define the length of time during which a given WiFi device is authorized to remain connected to your network.

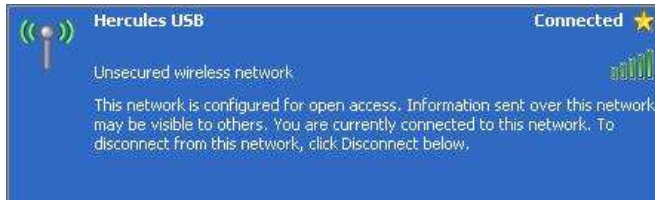
1. When a WiFi device attempts to access your network, WiFi Controller alerts you and offers a variety of ways to respond to the connection request:
  - Always accept this connection
  - Accept this connection for a set period of time (from 15 minutes to several days)
  - Always refuse this connection



2. Make your choice among these options and click **Validate my choice now**.



**⚠** Entering a connection's duration validity allows you to limit the time during which your child is able to connect to the network to play online or surf the Internet, for example. This type of limitation functions as a complementary element alongside any parental controls you may also have enabled.

3. The WiFi user receives confirmation of the connection to your network.



4. You can modify the list of devices authorized to or prohibited from connecting at any time by clicking the **Access control** tab.



Use the  and  arrows to move a device from one list to the other.

To remove a device from a list, select it and click the recycle bin icon. The device will have to make a new request to access your network the next time it attempts to connect.

**⚠** Devices identified with a small icon in the shape of a clock only have a limited authorization time. You can view the **Connected device list** to find out how much time remains.

5. You can also toggle between the different levels of access control:

- I don't want to control the access:
- I want to control the access:
- I want to close the access:



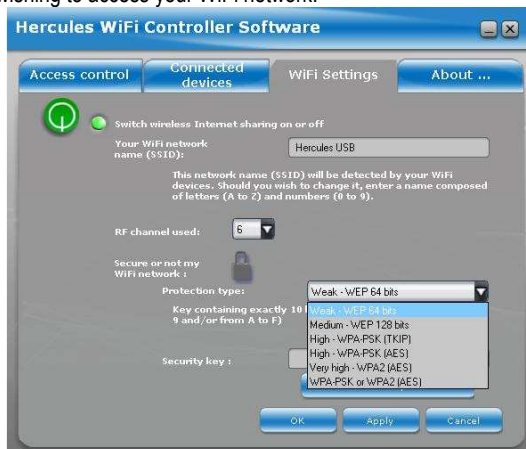
6. To verify which devices are currently connected to your WiFi network and to view the connections' duration validity, click the **Connected devices** tab.



To modify the remaining connection time for a device, position the cursor over the hours or minutes and click the and arrows. In this way you can increase or decrease the duration.

- **Protection via WEP, WPA or WPA2 security key**

This additional protection consists of defining a password which will then be required of any user wishing to access your WiFi network.



Click the lock icon to select your level of protection according to the compatibility of your computers or WiFi devices. Next, define a password (or security key).

This will then have to be entered on every computer or WiFi device when it first attempts to connect to your network.

To help you select the best level of security for your network, we invite you to consult the table below, which sums up the **5 types of security** supported by WiFi Manager.

Type	Level of security	Key used	Encryption type
<b>Weak - WEP 64 bits</b>	The lowest level of security, whereby single encryption is carried out on exchanged data. Each wireless client in the network must use the same key to decode the transmission.	<b>64-bit</b> (10 character) key in hexadecimal format.  <i>A <b>hexadecimal key</b> is composed of numbers 0 to 9 and letters A to F (example: A123BCD45E for a 64-bit key).</i>	—
<b>Medium - WEP 128 bits</b>	Level of security identical to that of WEP 64. Only the key length is different.	<b>128-bit</b> (26 character) key in hexadecimal format.  <i>A <b>hexadecimal key</b> is composed of numbers 0 to 9 and letters A to F.</i>	—
<b>High - WPA-PSK (TKIP)</b>	Latest-generation heightened level of security, specially designed for environments such as a small office or the home, based on a pre-shared key.	Password with a minimum of <b>8 alphanumeric characters</b> .  <i>An <b>alphanumeric character</b> corresponds either to a number (0-9), or to a letter (a-z or A-Z).</i>	<b>TKIP</b>
<b>High - WPA-PSK (AES)</b>	Latest-generation heightened level of security, specially designed for environments such as a small office or the home, based on a pre-shared key.	Password with a minimum of <b>8 alphanumeric characters</b> .  <i>An <b>alphanumeric character</b> corresponds either to a number (0-9), or to a letter (a-z or A-Z).</i>	<b>AES</b>
<b>Very High - WPA2 (AES)</b>	Latest-generation very high level of security, specially designed for environments such as a small office or the home, based on a pre-shared key.	Password with a minimum of <b>8 alphanumeric characters</b> .  <i>An <b>alphanumeric character</b> corresponds either to a number (0-9), or to a letter (a-z or A-Z).</i>	<b>AES</b>
<b>WPA or WPA2(AES)</b>	Level of security selected by the router according to the maximum security level supported by devices on the network.	Password with a minimum of <b>8 alphanumeric characters</b> .  <i>An <b>alphanumeric character</b> corresponds either to a number (0-9), or to a letter (a-z or A-Z).</i>	<b>TKIP or AES</b>



You must not select a level of security more advanced than that supported by your computers or other WiFi devices. For example, if your computers or other WiFi devices only support the Weak - **WEP 64** bits or Medium - **WEP 128** bits levels, you should not select the High - **WPA-PSK** or Very High - **WPA2** levels.

### Generating a key automatically:


If you select protection via WEP key (64 or 128), simply click the **Generate a key for me!** button and the software will generate a valid WEP key for you. This key must be entered by any device wishing to connect to your WiFi network.

- The **WiFi Settings** tab also allows you to modify the name of your WiFi network and select the RF channel used:
  - **Modify the network name:**  
You can modify the name of your network at any time in the **Your WiFi network name (SSID)** field.
  - **Modify the RF channel:**  
If many WiFi networks are transmitting in the same area as your own network, connecting to your network may become more difficult. In order to avoid this problem, you can select another less-used RF channel.
- The **About... tab**



This window indicates the version number of the software and drivers. This information will be helpful if you need to contact our technical support service. This window also provides a link to the **www.hercules.com** website, where you can find information on new software and driver versions, as well as FAQs.

## 8. SWITCHING OFF OR RE-ENABLING WIRELESS INTERNET SHARING

If you no longer wish to share your Internet connection with other computers, you can cut off the connection by selecting the **Switch off wireless Internet sharing** option, which can be accessed by right-clicking the  icon in the Windows taskbar.



You can also access this control via the **WiFi Settings** tab in the Hercules WiFi Controller software.



You can also unplug the transmitter from its USB port to end Internet sharing.

To re-enable sharing, simply select the **Switch on wireless Internet sharing** option or plug the transmitter back into its USB port.

## 9. IF YOU HAVE TO CHANGE USB PORTS

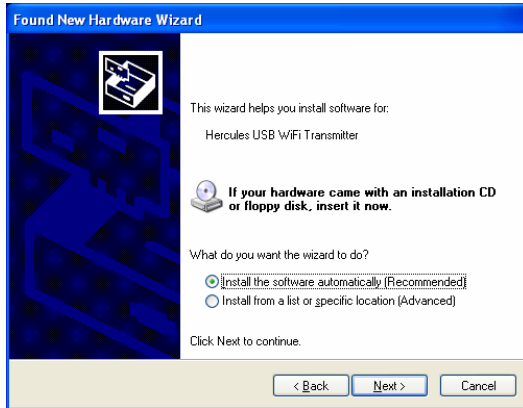
If you unplug your Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter from its USB port and then plug it into another USB port on the same computer, Windows will detect the transmitter as a new device. A new installation procedure is launched:

1. When the **Found New Hardware Wizard** dialog box appears, select the **No, not this time** option and click **Next**.

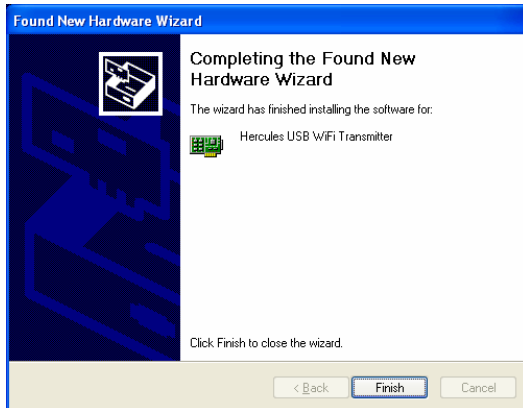




- In the following dialog box, select the **Install the software automatically** option and click **Next**.



- Once your Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter has been installed again, click **Finish**.



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- The Hercules WiFi Controller Software asks whether you wish to reestablish sharing of your Internet connection. Click **OK**.



- A message appears to confirm that sharing of your Internet connection is enabled. Click **OK**.



This reinstallation procedure only has to be carried out again if you change USB ports once more, to a port you haven't used yet with your Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter.

## 10. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

If you change your Internet service provider, you will have to configure sharing of the connection again. Click **Start – Programs (or All Programs) – Hercules – USB WiFi Transmitter – Share an Internet connection** and follow the on-screen instructions.



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## 11. WELCOME TO THE WIRELESS ATTITUDE™!

Now that you have mastered the main functionalities of WiFi Manager, it is time to move on to a few practical applications. In the following chapters, we will show you how wireless computing is closely linked to user-friendliness and ease of use. Sharing your folders or your printer are some examples of the things we will help you to do. Enter the world of wireless and join in the **Wireless Attitude™!**

**The procedures described in this chapter differ according to the various operating systems discussed. Please ensure that you refer to the chapters corresponding to your operating system.**

### 11.1. Computers running Windows XP: Sharing folders or a printer

A simple solution for sharing folders or a printer in Windows XP is to use the **Network Setup Wizard**. This Wizard will help you create a real home network.

**Note:** the access paths mentioned below may vary slightly if you have modified the default display configuration in Windows XP (meaning the Start menu properties and Control Panel display).

#### 11.1.1. Windows XP: Using the Network Setup Wizard

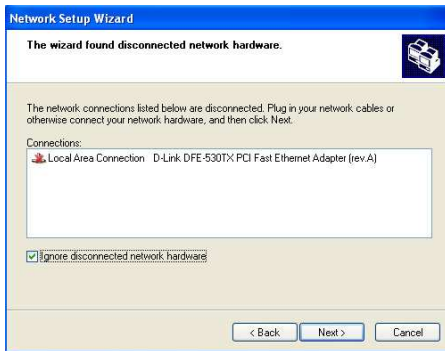
**Proceed as follows for each computer:**



1. Click **Start/All Programs/Accessories/Communications/ Network Setup Wizard**.

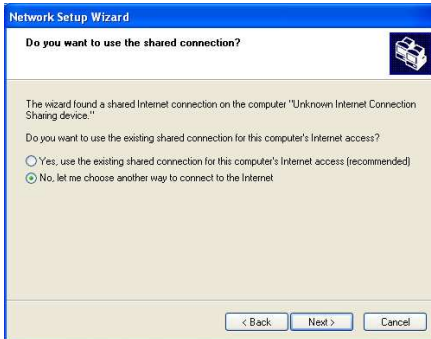
*The Network Setup Wizard is launched.*

2. Click **Next** twice.



*The window opposite may appear if **The Wizard found disconnected network hardware**.*

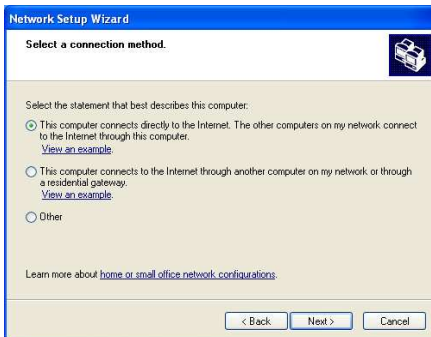
3. If your WiFi Adapter wireless network connection is not displayed in the list, tick the **Ignore disconnected network hardware** box, then click **Next**. Otherwise, exit the Wizard by clicking **Cancel** and establish the connection from your network device.



The window opposite may appear if **The Wizard found a shared Internet connection on the computer.**

4. Select **No, let me choose another way to connect to the Internet**, then click **Next**.

On the computer equipped with the USB WiFi Transmitter:

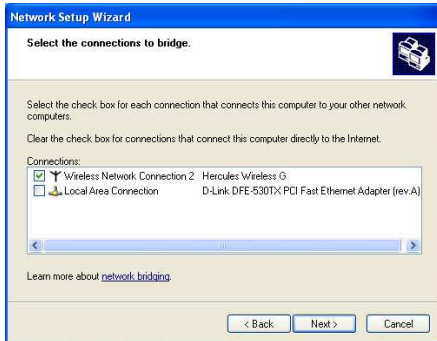


5. In the **Select a connection method** window, select the **This computer connects directly to the Internet. The other computers on my network connect to the Internet through this computer** option.

6. Click **Next**, then select the Internet connection corresponding to your modem. Click **Next** again.



7. If your computer has at least three connections (or network devices), the window opposite appears. In this case, select the **Let me choose the connections to my network** option, then click **Next**.



8. Among the connections displayed, leave the box corresponding to your **Wireless Network Connection** ticked and deselect the others, then click **Next**.

### On the computers that will use the shared Internet connection via WiFi:



5. In the **Select a connection method** window, select the **This computer connects to the Internet through another computer on my network or through a residential gateway** option.
6. Click **Next**.



7. If your computer has at least three connections (or network devices), the window opposite appears. In this case, select the **Determine the appropriate connections for me** option.
8. Click **Next**.

**Proceed as follows for each computer:**

**Network Setup Wizard**

**Give this computer a description and name.**

Computer description:   
 Examples: Family Room Computer or Monica's Computer

Computer name:   
 Examples: FAMILY or MONICA

The current computer name is wifi-computer.

Some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) require that you use a specific computer name. This is often true for computers with a cable modem.

If this is the case for your computer, do not change the computer name provided by your ISP.

Learn more about [computer names and descriptions](#).

< Back Next > Cancel

**Network Setup Wizard**

**Name your network.**

Name your network by specifying a workgroup name below. All computers on your network should have the same workgroup name.

Workgroup name:   
 Examples: HOME or OFFICE

< Back Next > Cancel

**Network Setup Wizard**

**You're almost done...**

You need to run the Network Setup Wizard once on each of the computers on your network. To run the wizard on computers that are not running Windows XP, you can use the Windows XP CD or a Network Setup Disk.

What do you want to do?

Create a Network Setup Disk

Use the Network Setup Disk I already have

Use my Windows XP CD

Just finish the wizard; I don't need to run the wizard on other computers

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9. Enter the computer name and a description, if required.

*Give the computer a name that is unique and sufficiently distinctive, making it easy to recognize on the network (my-computer, wifi-computer or julie, for example).*

10. Click **Next**.

11. Enter the **workgroup** name (HOME, OFFICE or HERCULES, for example) and a description, if required.

*The workgroup name must be identical (be sure to respect the case of letters) for all computers you wish to link together in a network.*

12. Click **Next**.

13. Verify the configuration settings you have entered in the window that appears, then click **Next**.

*The Wizard configures the computer. This may take a few minutes.*

*If your network is only composed of computers running Windows XP:*

14. Select the **Just finish the wizard** option.

*If your network is composed of computers running Windows XP **and/or** computers running Windows 98 SE, Me, 2000):*

15. You can select the **Create a Network Setup Disk** option. This consists of copying this Wizard onto a storage medium (your choice of floppy disk or USB key) so that it can be launched on computers equipped with operating systems other than Windows XP.

*This operation is carried out automatically, once you have selected a medium for saving the Wizard.*



16. Click **Finish** to exit the Wizard.

*Once the procedure is finished, Windows XP may prompt you to restart your computer.*

You can now access the Internet simply by launching your browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator). Sharing folders or a printer, however, requires a few additional operations, but by following the step-by-step instructions in the next chapters, the subtleties involved will no longer remain a mystery to you.



With some Internet service providers, it may happen that your shared connection is not established automatically when you launch your Internet browser. If this occurs, you must first establish an Internet connection on the computer equipped with the modem.

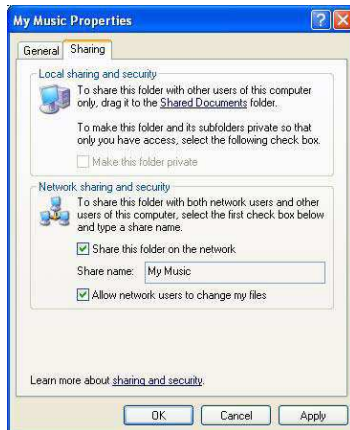


The procedures described in this chapter are specific to Windows XP. For all other questions related to sharing folders, a printer or an Internet connection, or on using Windows, please refer to the Windows online help utility.



## 11.1.2. Windows XP: Sharing folders

After having configured all of your computers using the Network Setup Wizard, you can now share data located on different disk drives, as long as the user has authorized access.



1. Select the folder you wish to share, without opening it.



2. Right-click the folder. Select **Sharing and Security**.
3. In the **Network sharing and security** section of the **Sharing** tab, tick the **Share this folder on the network** box.
4. On the **Share name** line, enter the folder name as it will be displayed on the network (12 characters maximum to ensure compatibility with other operating systems).

*You can also tick the **Allow network users to change my files** box. In this case, the user will be able to read files and save any changes. If this box is not ticked, the shared files can only be read, and not changed.*



The **[Shared folder name] Properties** window is divided into two sections. **Local sharing and security** only allows for the sharing of files among several users on the same PC. The files are then placed in a **Shared Documents** folder. **Network sharing and security**, however, allows for the sharing of files among more than one computer.



5. Click **Apply** to validate your choices, then click **OK** to close the window.

*An icon representing a hand beneath the folder indicates that the folder is now shared.*



You can only share the contents of a folder, and not an individual file. We therefore recommend that you create a folder specifically for this purpose where you will put files to be shared.

### 11.1.3. Windows XP: Accessing shared folders

To easily access folders set up for sharing by several computers, it is preferable that the computers belong to the same workgroup. In Windows XP, the workgroup name has been defined using the Network Setup Wizard.



1. Click **Start/My Computer**.
2. Click **My Network Places**, then click **View workgroup computers**.

*You directly access the list of computers in your workgroup.*

3. Double-click the computer that is sharing the folders you wish to access.

*All shared folders appear.*

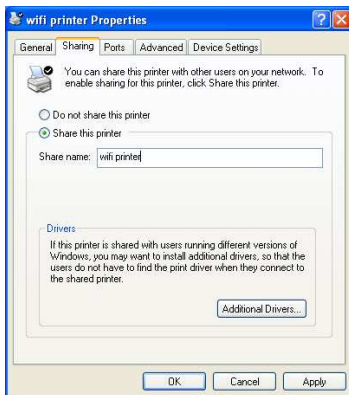
### 11.1.4. Windows XP: Sharing a printer

It is possible to put a printer on the network and share it with all computers in the house equipped with a WiFi adapter.



To access a printer on the network, the printer must be set up for sharing on the computer where it is connected and installed.

#### **On the computer connected to the printer:**



1. Click **Start/Control Panel/Printers and Other Hardware/Printers and Faxes**.
2. Right-click the printer and select **Sharing**.
3. In the **Sharing** tab, select the **Share this printer** radio button and enter a name for your printer.

*Give the printer a name that is unique and sufficiently distinctive, making it easy to recognize (my-printer or home laser printer, for example). If one of your computers is running Windows 98 SE, we recommend that the sharing name not exceed 12 characters (without spaces) in order to ensure its compatibility with this operating system.*

4. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.

## On the computers that will use the shared printer via WiFi:



1. Click **Start/Control Panel/Printers and Other Hardware/Printers and Faxes**. In the **Printer Tasks** section, select **Add a printer**.

2. The **Add Printer Wizard** is launched. Click **Next**.



3. Select the **A network printer, or a printer attached to another computer** option, then click **Next**.

4. In the window that appears, click **Next** to launch the search for shared printers.



5. In the list displayed, double-click the computer connected to the printer.

6. Select the shared printer, then click **Next**.

7. If you wish, set the shared printer as the default printer, then click **Next**.



8. Click **Finish** to exit the Wizard.

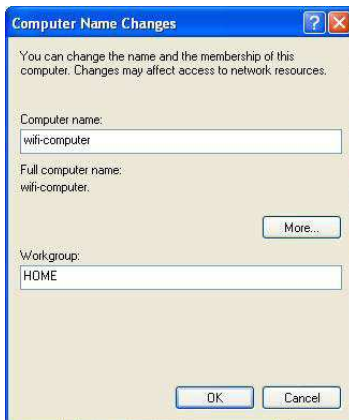
*You can now use the network printer thanks to your WiFi connection. For more information on sharing a printer, please refer to your printer's manual.*

### 11.1.5. Windows XP: Modifying a workgroup name

It may happen that you need to change the name of your workgroup (advanced users only). To do so, proceed as follows:



1. Click **Start/Control Panel/Performance and Maintenance/System**.
2. In the **System Properties** window, select the **Computer Name** tab.
3. Click the **Change...** button.



4. In the **Computer Name** zone, enter a name sufficiently distinctive that it can easily be recognized in the list of computers for the **workgroup** (my-computer, wifi-computer or julie, for example).
5. In the **Workgroup** zone, enter a name for the group (HOME, OFFICE or HERCULES, for example).

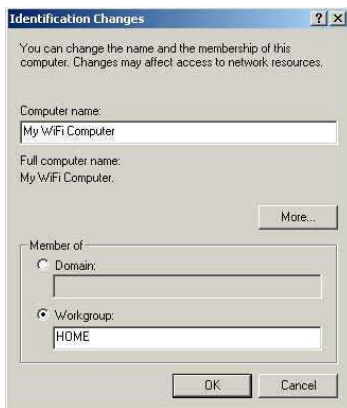
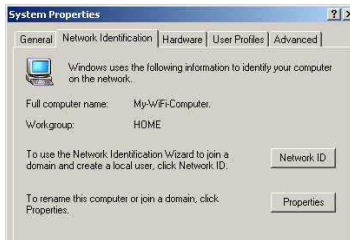
*The workgroup name must be identical (be sure to respect the case of letters) for all computers you wish to link together in a network.*

6. A Windows message indicates that the task has been carried out successfully and that you must restart the computer.
7. Repeat this procedure for each computer.

## 11.2. Computers running Windows 2000: Sharing folders or a printer

To create a network of computers, share data or a printer in Windows 2000, it is preferable that the computers belong to the same **workgroup**.

### 11.2.1. Creating a workgroup in Windows 2000



1. Click **Start/Settings/Control Panel**. Double-click **System**.
2. In the **System Properties** window, select the **Network Identification** tab.
3. Click the **Properties** button.

4. In the **Computer name** zone, enter a name sufficiently distinctive that it can easily be recognized in the list of computers for the **workgroup** (my-computer, wifi-computer or julie, for example).
5. In the **Workgroup** zone, enter a name for the group (HOME, OFFICE or HERCULES, for example).

*The workgroup name must be identical (be sure to respect the case of letters) for all computers you wish to link together in a network.*

6. Click **OK**. A Windows message indicates that the task has been carried out successfully and that you must restart the computer.
7. Click **OK** once more.

## 11.2.2. Windows 2000: Sharing folders



1. Select the folder you wish to share, without opening it.
2. Right-click the folder. Select **Sharing**.
3. In the **Sharing** tab, select **Share this folder**.
4. On the **Share name** line, enter the folder name as it will be displayed on the network (12 characters maximum to ensure compatibility with other operating systems).

*You can also limit access to the folder by selecting a limited number of users and the type of access by clicking the **Permissions** button.*

5. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.

## 11.2.3. Windows 2000: Accessing shared folders



1. Click **Start/Programs/Accessories/Windows Explorer**.
2. Double-click **My Network Places**, **Entire Network**, then **Microsoft Windows Network**.
3. Double-click your workgroup.

*You access the list of the computers in your workgroup.*

4. Double-click the computer that is sharing the folders you wish to access.

*All shared folders appear.*

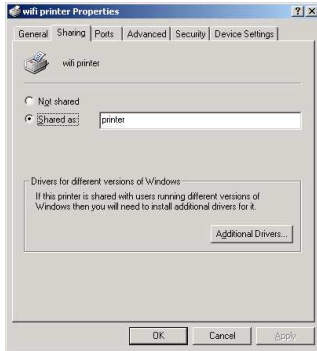
## 11.2.4. Windows 2000: Sharing a printer

It is possible to put a printer on the network and share it with all computers in the house equipped with a WiFi adapter.



To access a printer on the network, the printer must be set up for sharing on the computer where it is connected and installed.

### On the computer connected to the printer:

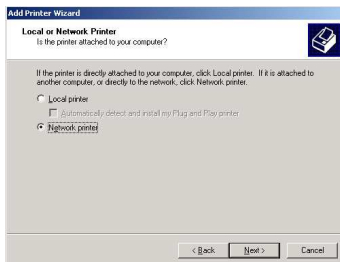


1. Click **Start/Settings/Printers**.
2. Right-click the printer and select **Sharing...**
3. In the **Sharing** tab, select the **Shared as:** radio button and enter a name for your printer.

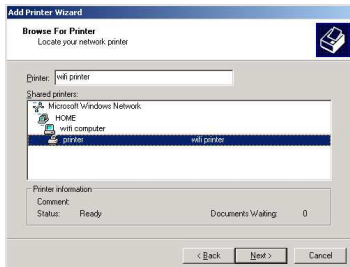
*Give the printer a name that is unique and sufficiently distinctive, making it easy to recognize (my-printer or home laser printer, for example). If one of your computers is running Windows 98 SE, we recommend that the sharing name not exceed 12 characters (without spaces) in order to ensure its compatibility with this operating system.*

4. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.

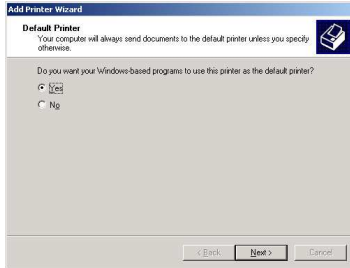
### On the computers that will use the shared printer via WiFi:



1. Click **Start/Settings/Printers**. Double-click the **Add Printer** icon.
2. The **Add Printer Wizard** is launched. Click **Next**.
3. Select the **Network printer** option, then click **Next**.
4. Click **Next** to locate the shared printer.



5. In the list displayed, double-click the computer connected to the printer.
6. Select the shared printer, then click **Next**.

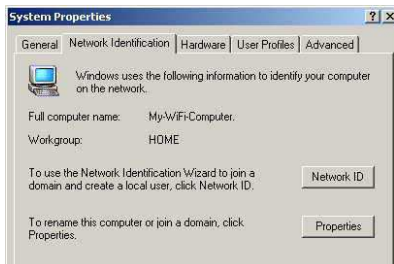


7. If you wish, set the shared printer as the default printer, then click **Next**.
8. Click **Finish** to close the Wizard.

*You can now use the network printer thanks to your WiFi connection. For more information on sharing a printer, please refer to your printer's manual.*

### 11.2.5. Windows 2000: Modifying a workgroup name

It may happen that you need to change the name of your workgroup (advanced users only). To do so, proceed as follows:



1. Click **Start/Settings/Control Panel**. Double-click **System**.
2. In the **System Properties** window, select the **Network Identification** tab.
3. Click the **Properties** button.



4. In the **Computer name** zone, enter a name sufficiently distinctive that it can easily be recognized in the list of computers for the **workgroup** (my-computer, wifi-computer or julie, for example).
5. In the **Workgroup** zone, enter a name for the group (HOME, OFFICE or HERCULES, for example).

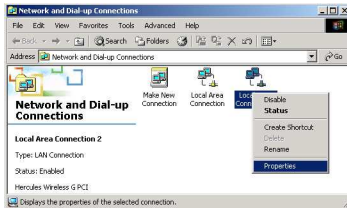
*The workgroup name must be identical (be sure to respect the case of letters) for all computers you wish to link together in a network.*

6. Click **OK**. A Windows message indicates that the task has been carried out successfully and that you must restart the computer.
7. Repeat this procedure for each computer.

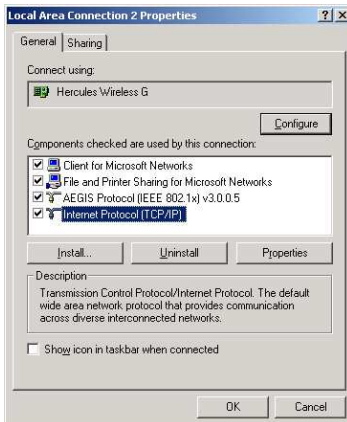


## 11.2.6. Windows 2000: Accessing the shared Internet connection

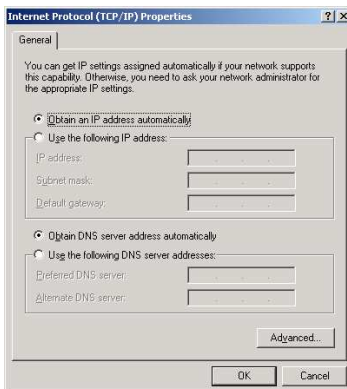
**Proceed as follows for each computer that will use the shared Internet connection via WiFi:**



1. Click **Start/Settings/Network and Dial-up Connections**.
2. Select the connection to the local area network corresponding to your WiFi device.
3. Right-click the connection and select **Properties**.



4. In the **Local Area Connection Properties** window, select **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)**.
5. Click **Properties**.



6. In the **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties** window, select **Obtain an IP address automatically** and **Obtain DNS server address automatically**.

7. Click **OK** to close the windows.

*Windows may prompt you to restart your computer.*

To access the Internet, you can now simply launch your Internet browser.

## 11.3. Computers running Windows Me: Sharing folders or a printer

A simple solution for sharing folders or a printer in Windows Me is to use the **Home Networking Wizard**. This Wizard will help you create a real home network.


### 11.3.1. Windows Me: Using the Home Networking Wizard

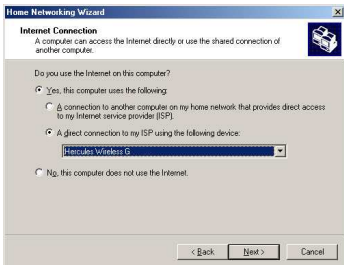


1. Click **Start/Programs/Accessories/Communications/Home Networking Wizard**.

*The Wizard is launched.*

2. Click **Next**.

 If you have already used this Wizard on this computer, the **Setup Options** panel appears. Select **I want to edit my Home Networking settings on this computer**, then click **Next**.



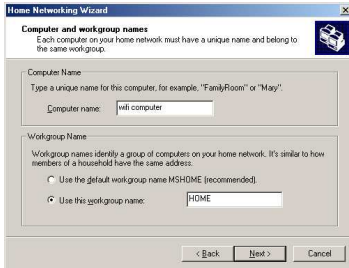
3. In the **Internet Connection** window, select the **A direct connection to my ISP using the following device:** option.

4. Select your WiFi adapter in the drop-down list, then click **Next**.



5. If the **Internet Connection Sharing** window appears, select **No, I do not want to share my Internet connection**.

6. Click **Next**.



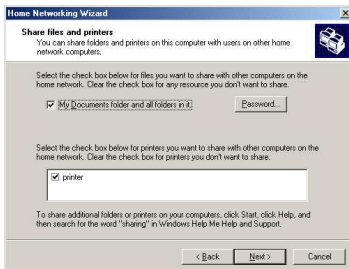
7. Enter the computer name.

*Give the computer a name that is unique and sufficiently distinctive, making it easy to recognize in the list of workgroup computers (my-computer, wifi-computer or julie, for example).*

8. Select the **Use this workgroup name** option and enter the **workgroup** name (HOME, OFFICE or HERCULES, for example).

*The workgroup name must be identical (be sure to respect the case of letters) for all computers you wish to link together in a network.*

9. Click **Next**.



10. If you wish, you can enable sharing for the My Documents folder by ticking the **My Documents folder and folders in it** box. In this case, the Wizard will prompt you to enter a password.

11. If you wish, you can enable sharing of your printer by selecting it in the list.

12. Click **Next**.



13. Before completing the procedure, you may copy this Wizard onto a setup disk so that it can be launched on computers equipped with operating systems other than Windows Me. In this case, select the **Yes, create a Home Networking Setup disk** option.

*This operation is carried out automatically, once you have selected a medium for saving the Wizard.*

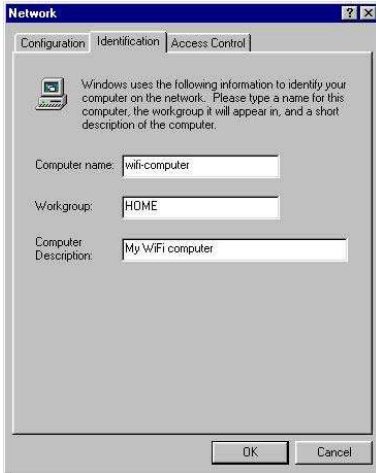


14. Click **Finish** to exit the Wizard.

*Once the procedure is finished, Windows Me prompts you to restart your computer. Once your computer has restarted, a message invites you to configure your other computers.*

### 11.3.2. Windows Me: Sharing folders

After having configured all of your computers using the Home Networking Wizard, you can now share data located on different disk drives, as long as the user has authorized access.



1. Select the folder you wish to share, without opening it.
2. Right-click the folder. Select **Sharing**.
3. In the **Sharing** tab, select **Shared As**.
4. On the **Share Name** line, enter the folder name as it will be displayed on the network (12 characters maximum).

*You can also limit access to the folder by selecting the type of access and a password.*



If the **Sharing** tab does not appear, you must enable file sharing.



1. Click **Start/Settings/Control Panel**. Double-click **Network**.
2. In the **Network** window, click the **File and Print Sharing...** button.
3. Tick the **I want to be able to give others access to my files** box.

*Windows may prompt you to insert the installation CD-ROM.*

### 11.3.3. Windows Me: Accessing shared folders

To easily access folders set up for sharing by several computers, it is preferable that the computers belong to the same workgroup. In Windows Me, the workgroup name has been defined using the Home Networking Wizard.



1. Click **Start/Programs/Windows Explorer**.
2. Double-click **Network Neighborhood** and expand it.

*You access the list of the computers in your workgroup.*

3. Double-click the computer that is sharing the folders you wish to access.

*All shared folders appear.*

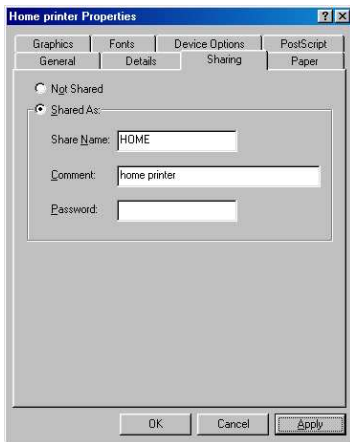
### 11.3.4. Windows Me: Sharing a printer

It is possible to put a printer on the network and share it with all computers in the house equipped with a WiFi adapter.



To access a printer on the network, the printer must be set up for sharing on the computer where it is connected and installed.

#### On the computer connected to the printer:



1. Click **Start/Settings/Printers**.
2. Right-click the printer and select **Sharing**.
3. In the **Sharing** tab, select the **Shared As** radio button and enter a name for your printer.

*Give the printer a name that is unique and sufficiently distinctive, making it easy to recognize (printer or wifi printer, for example).*

4. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.



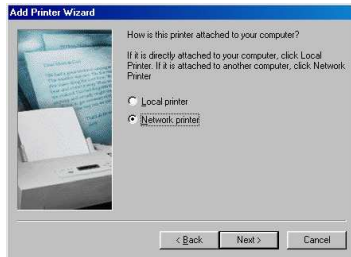
If the **Sharing** tab does not appear, you must enable file sharing.



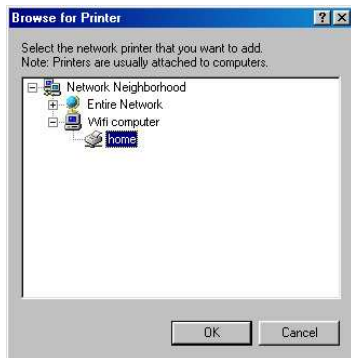
1. Click **Start/Settings/Control Panel**. Double-click **Network**.
2. In the **Network** window, click the **File and Print Sharing...** button.
3. Tick the **I want to be able to allow others to print to my printer(s)** box.

*Windows may prompt you to restart your computer.*

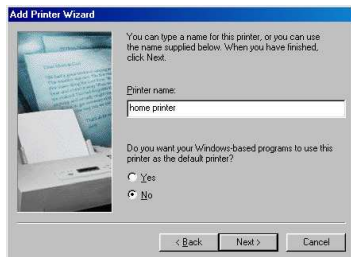
## On the computers that will use the shared printer via WiFi:



1. Click **Start/Settings/Printers**. Double-click the **Add Printer** icon.
2. The **Add Printer Wizard** is launched. Click **Next**.
3. Select the **Network printer** option, then click **Next**.
4. Click **Browse...** to locate the shared printer.



5. In the list displayed, double-click the computer connected to the printer.
6. Select the shared printer, then click **OK**.
7. Click **Next**.

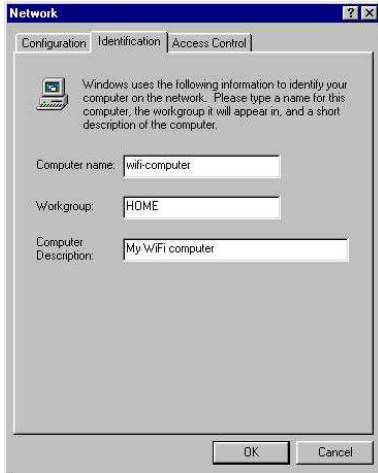


8. If you wish, set the shared printer as the default printer, then click **Next**.
9. Click **Finish** to close the Wizard.

*You can now use the network printer thanks to your WiFi connection. For more information on sharing a printer, please refer to your printer's manual.*

### 11.3.5. Windows Me: Modifying a workgroup name

It may happen that you need to change the name of your workgroup (advanced users only). To do so, proceed as follows:



1. Click **Start/Settings/Control Panel**. Double-click **Network**.
2. Select the **Identification** tab.
3. In the **Computer name** zone, enter a name sufficiently distinctive that it can easily be recognized in the list of computers for the **workgroup** (my-computer, wifi-computer or julie, for example).
4. In the **Workgroup** zone, enter a name for the group (HOME, OFFICE or HERCULES, for example).

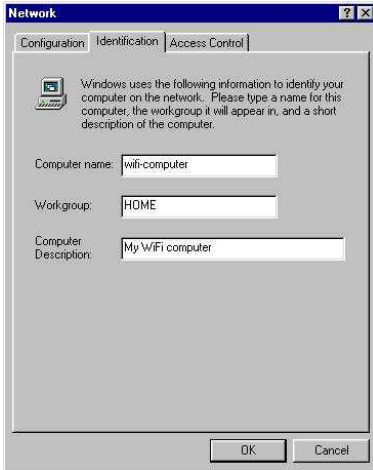
*The workgroup name must be identical (be sure to respect the case of letters) for all computers you wish to link together in a network.*

5. Click **OK**. A Windows message indicates that the task has been carried out successfully and that you must restart the computer.
6. Repeat this procedure for each computer.

## 11.4. Computers running Windows 98 SE: Sharing folders or a printer

To create a network of computers, share data or a printer in Windows 98 SE, it is preferable that the computers belong to the same **workgroup**.

### 11.4.1. Windows 98 SE: Creating a workgroup



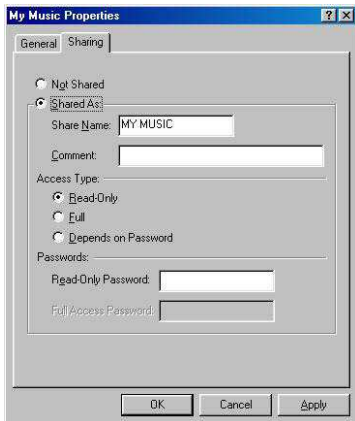
1. Click **Start/Settings/Control Panel**. Double-click **Network**.
2. Select the **Identification** tab.
3. In the **Computer name** zone, enter a name sufficiently distinctive that it can easily be recognized in the list of computers for the **workgroup** (my-computer, wifi-computer or julie, for example).
4. In the **Workgroup** zone, enter a name for the group (HOME, OFFICE or HERCULES, for example).

*The workgroup name must be identical (be sure to respect the case of letters) for all computers you wish to link together in a network.*

5. Click **OK**. Windows prompts you to restart your computer.
6. Repeat this procedure for each computer.

**Note:** to modify the name of a workgroup, follow the same procedure.

### 11.4.2. Windows 98 SE: Sharing folders



1. Select the folder you wish to share, without opening it.
2. Right-click the folder. Select **Sharing**.
3. In the **Sharing** tab, select **Shared As**.
4. On the **Share Name** line, enter the folder name as it will be displayed on the network (12 characters maximum).

*You can also limit access to the folder by selecting the type of access and a password.*



If the sharing tab does not appear, you must enable file sharing.





1. Click **Start/Settings/Control Panel**. Double-click **Network**.
2. In the **Network** window, click the **File and Print Sharing...** button.
3. Tick the **I want to be able to give others access to my files** box, then click **OK**.
4. Click **OK** to close the window.

*Windows may prompt you to insert the installation CD-ROM and restart the computer.*

### 11.4.3. Windows 98 SE: Accessing shared folders



1. Click **Start/Programs/Windows Explorer**.
2. Double-click **Network Neighborhood** and expand it.

*You access the list of the computers in your workgroup.*

3. Double-click the computer that is sharing the folders you wish to access.

*All shared folders appear.*

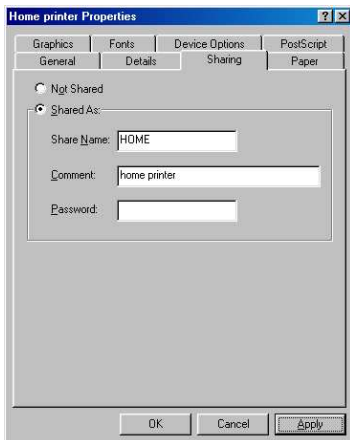
### 11.4.4. Windows 98 SE: Sharing a printer

It is possible to put a printer on the network and share it with all computers in the house equipped with a WiFi adapter.



To access a printer on the network, the printer must be set up for sharing on the computer where it is connected and installed.

#### **On the computer connected to the printer:**



1. Click **Start/Settings/Printers**.
  2. Right-click the printer and select **Sharing**.
  3. In the **Sharing** tab, select **Shared As** and enter a name for your printer.
- Give the printer a name that is unique and sufficiently distinctive, making it easy to recognize (printer or wifi printer, for example).*
4. Click **Apply**, then **OK**.



If the **Sharing** tab does not appear, you must enable file sharing.



1. Click **Start/Settings/Control Panel**. Double-click **Network**.
2. In the **Network** window, click the **File and Print Sharing...** button.
3. Tick the **I want to be able to allow others to print to my printer(s)** box.

*Windows prompts you to restart your computer.*

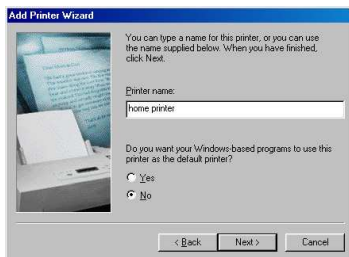
### **On the computers that will use the shared printer via WiFi:**



1. Click **Start/Settings/Printers**. Double-click the **Add Printer** icon.
2. The **Add Printer Wizard** is launched. Click **Next**.
3. Select the **Network printer** option, then click **Next**.
4. Click **Browse...** to locate the shared printer.



5. In the list displayed, double-click the computer connected to the printer.
6. Select the shared printer, then click **OK**.
7. Click **Next**.

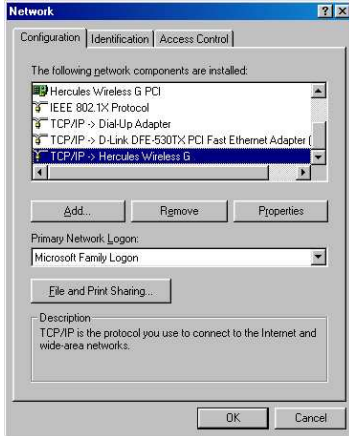


8. If you wish, set the shared printer as the default printer, then click **Next**.
9. Click **Finish** to close the Wizard.

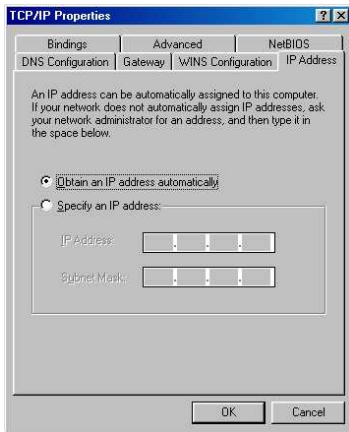
*You can now use the network printer thanks to your WiFi connection. For more information on sharing a printer, please refer to your printer's manual.*

## 11.4.5. Windows 98 SE: Accessing a shared Internet connection

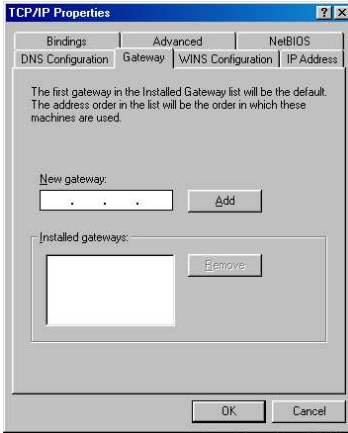
**Proceed as follows for each computer that will use the shared Internet connection via WiFi:**



1. Click **Start/Settings/Control Panel**. Double-click **Network**.
2. In the **Configuration** tab of the **Network** window, select the **TCP/IP -> <your WiFi device>** component.
3. Click **Properties**.



4. In the **IP Address** tab, select **Obtain an IP address automatically**.



5. In the **Gateway** tab, if there are gateways installed, select them and click **Remove**.

6. Click **OK** to close the windows.

*Windows may prompt you to restart your computer.*

To access the Internet, you can now simply launch your Internet browser.

## 12. UNINSTALLING YOUR HERCULES USB WIFI TRANSMITTER

To uninstall your Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter and its software components, simply click **Start – Programs (or All Programs) – Hercules – USB WiFi Transmitter – Uninstall USB WiFi Transmitter key** and follow the on-screen instructions.



You can also uninstall the device and software by clicking **Start – Settings – Control Panel – Add or Remove Programs** and selecting it in the list.

Once the Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter and its software components have been uninstalled, the InstallShield Wizard will prompt you to restart your computer. Unplug your Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter key from its USB port, select the option of your choice and click **Finish**.



## 13. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you encounter a problem with your product, please go to <http://ts.hercules.com> and select your language. From there you will be able to access various utilities (Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), the latest versions of drivers and software) that may help to resolve your problem. If the problem persists, you can contact the Hercules products technical support service (“Technical Support”):

### By email:

In order to take advantage of technical support by email, you must first register online. The information you provide will help the agents to resolve your problem more quickly.

Click **Registration** on the left-hand side of the Technical Support page and follow the on-screen instructions.

If you have already registered, fill in the **Username** and **Password** fields and then click **Login**.

### By telephone:

<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>08450800942</b> Charges at local rate	Monday to Friday from Noon to 4pm and 5pm to 10pm Saturday from 9am to Noon and 1pm to 7pm Sunday from 9am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm
<b>United States</b>	<b>1-866-889-5036</b> Free	Monday to Friday from 7am to 11am and from Noon to 5pm Saturday and Sunday from 7am to Noon (Eastern Standard Time)
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1-866-889-2181</b> Free	Monday to Friday from 7am to 11am and from Noon to 5pm Saturday and Sunday from 7am to Noon (Eastern Standard Time)
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>80887690</b> Free	Monday to Friday from 1pm to 5pm and 6pm to 11pm (English) Saturday from 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 8pm Sunday from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm
<b>Sweden</b>	<b>0200884567</b> Free	Monday to Friday from 1pm to 5pm and 6pm to 11pm (English) Saturday from 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 8pm Sunday from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm
<b>Finland</b>	<b>0800 913060</b> Free	Monday to Friday from 2pm to 6pm and 7pm to Midnight (English) Saturday from 10am to 2pm and 3pm to 9pm Sunday from 11am to 2pm and 3pm to 6pm

## 14. WARRANTY

Worldwide, Guillemot Corporation S.A. (“Guillemot”) warrants to the consumer that this Hercules product will be free from material defects and manufacturing flaws for a period of two (2) years from the original date of purchase. Should the product appear to be defective during the warranty period, immediately contact Technical Support, who will indicate the procedure to follow. If the defect is confirmed, the product must be returned to its place of purchase (or any other location indicated by Technical Support).

Within the context of this warranty, the consumer’s defective product will, at Technical Support’s option, be either repaired or replaced. Where authorized by applicable law, the full liability of Guillemot and its subsidiaries (including for indirect damages) is limited to the repair or replacement of the Hercules product. The consumer’s legal rights with respect to legislation applicable to the sale of consumer goods are not affected by this warranty.

This warranty shall not apply: (1) if the product has been modified, opened, altered, or has suffered damage as a result of inappropriate or abusive use, negligence, an accident, normal wear, or any other cause not related to a material defect or manufacturing flaw; (2) in the event of failure to comply with the instructions provided by Technical Support; (3) to software not published by Guillemot, said software being subject to a specific warranty provided by its publisher.

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## Declaration of conformity with EU directives

This device can be used in: AT, BE, CZ, DK, EE, FI, FR, DE, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, NL, PL, PT, ES, SE, GB, IS, NO, CH, BG, RO, TR.

Hereby, GUILLEMOT CORPORATION, Carentoir France, declares that this **Hercules USB WiFi Transmitter** is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC. The Declaration of Conformity can be consulted at this website address:

[ftp://ftp.hercules.com/wifi/DoC/DoC-eng\\_Hercules\\_USB\\_WiFi\\_Transmitter.pdf](ftp://ftp.hercules.com/wifi/DoC/DoC-eng_Hercules_USB_WiFi_Transmitter.pdf)

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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with Directive 1999/5/CE of the European Parliament and of the Council on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity. After assessment, the equipment has been found to comply with the following standards: EN 300.328 (radio), EN 301 489-1, EN 301 489-17 (electromagnetic compatibility) and EN 60950 (safety). This equipment may be used in all European Union countries and in all countries applying Directive 1999/5/CE, without restriction, with the exception of the following countries:

### FRANCE:

When this equipment is used outdoors, output power is limited to within the frequency bands listed below. For more information, consult the ART website: [www.art-telecom.fr](http://www.art-telecom.fr).

Location	Frequency band (MHz)	Power (EIRP)
Indoor (no restrictions)	2400 – 2483.5	100mW (20dBm)
Outdoor	2400 – 2454	100mW (20dBm)
	2454 – 2483.5	10mW (10dBm)

Operation of this equipment in a residential environment may give rise to radio interference; if so, it is incumbent upon the user to rectify the situation.

### ITALY:

This device complies with the National Radio Interface and the requirements of the Frequency Allocation Table. Use of this wireless product outside of the boundaries of the owner's property requires a general authorization. For more information, consult the website [www.comunicazioni.it](http://www.comunicazioni.it).

### CANADIAN USERS:

This class B digital apparatus meets all requirements of the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Regulations.

## FCC Warning

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

Note: 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.

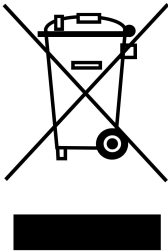
This product complies with FCC 15.247 standard regarding exposure of human beings to radio frequency electromagnetic energy.



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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RECOMMENDATION



At the end of its working life, this product should not be disposed of with standard household waste, but rather dropped off at a collection point for the disposal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) for recycling.

This is confirmed by the symbol found on the product, user manual or packaging.

Depending on their characteristics, the materials may be recycled. Through recycling and other forms of processing Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, you can make a significant contribution towards helping to protect the environment.

***Please contact your local authorities for information on the collection point nearest you.***

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