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1. YOUR HERCULES ePLUG 200 Pass Thru ADAPTER

PLC (Power Line Communication), also known as HomePlug, is a technology which uses your home's existing electrical wiring to efficiently transfer digital data (audio, video, Internet, other types of files) within a secure personal network. HomePlug is an ideal alternative for those who wish to easily create a network, without the constraints of cables, and are unable to enjoy all of the potential of WiFi due to the configuration of their home (as a result of the presence of thick walls or other obstacles which impede wireless data transmission).

Hercules ePlug 200 PT is an adapter employing HomePlug technology which can be connected to any electrical outlet in your home (from the ground floor to upstairs), thereby transforming your outlets into as many possible network connection points. Moreover, you can freely unplug Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapters and plug them into different outlets in your home, according to your needs (changing the location of a computer, or of your modem router...), without having to repeat the installation or re-create your network.

As a **network** is composed of at least two devices connected to one another, all you need to do is connect two Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapters to two electrical outlets in your home (in the same room or in different rooms). For example, to access the **Internet**, you can connect your modem or your Internet "box" to a Hercules ePlug adapter plugged into the nearest electrical outlet, and connect your computer to another Hercules ePlug adapter plugged into another electrical outlet. Finally, your network is already preconfigured to provide you with maximum **security**.

All products in the Hercules ePlug 200 PT range are compatible with the HomePlug AV standard (including devices functioning at 200 Mbits/s), allowing you to enjoy high-definition video or stream multimedia files with ease. These adapters may be combined according to your needs or according to your devices (a TV decoder with a "Box", a modem with a computer or a game console, two computers, a computer and a printer...). You will find some **possible configurations** set out in the installation section of this manual.

This standard is not compatible with the HomePlug 1.0 standard corresponding to the Hercules ePlug 85 range (and other adapters conforming to this standard). Nevertheless, you are perfectly able to create a network composed of Hercules ePlug 85 adapters in your home coexisting alongside another network composed of Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapters.

Even though this type of device presents no danger in terms of your home's electrical wiring, you should take care to respect certain **recommendations**, set out below.

1.1. Recommendations

- Only connect the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter to an electrical network which conforms to the security standards and specifications detailed on the device's electrical rating plate. If you are not sure about your electrical network, contact an electrician or your power supplier.
- Never open up the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter, as doing so risks damaging its internal components.
- Do not attempt to insert any objects into the vents and openings of the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter.
- Do not obstruct the vents and openings of the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter.
- If you need to carry out any maintenance on your Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter, be sure to first unplug the adapter and entrust the job to a qualified professional in order to avoid the risk of electrocution.
- In order to avoid the risk of fire or electrical discharge, keep your adapter away from:
 - rain or humidity, as well as all fluids (water, chemical products and any other liquids),
 - sources of heat such as heaters, stoves and any other heat-producing devices (including amplifiers),
 - direct sunlight.
- Only plug in the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter in a sufficiently ventilated room.
- Only connect the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter using the included Ethernet cable.
- Unplug the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter from its electrical outlet if you do not plan on using it again for an extended period of time.
- Unplug the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter from its electrical outlet before cleaning. Use a soft cloth for cleaning and avoid using aerosol cleaners, water, solvent-based chemical products, benzene, alcohol or other cleaning products.
- Always keep children away from electrical outlets.

1.2. Specifications

- Compatible with the IEE 802.3. IEE 802.3u. IEE 802.3x and Auto MDI/X specifications
- Compatible with the HomePlug AV standard
- Coexists with HomePlug 1.0 modules
- Encryption via the AES 128-bit security protocol
- 200 Mbits/s theoretical transfer rate
- Asynchronous transmission mode
- Modulation: OFDM, 1024/256/64 QAM, QPSK, BPSK
- 200m range over the electrical network
- Ethernet RJ45 port
- Built-in filter and electrical outlet
- Average power consumption with energy-saving: 2.2W when in use, 0.8W on standby when no data is circulating (these values may vary depending on your home's electrical system)
- Internal power supply: 100~ 240V AC, 50/60Hz
- Connect button, allowing you to add a Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter to an existing network
- LFDs on front face

1.3. Minimum system requirements

To connect a device to your Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter:

 An Ethernet type network interface must be available on each device to be connected (computer, game console, modem, router, TV decoder, etc.)

To access the Internet with the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter:

- Active Internet line
- Internet Explorer 6.0, Netscape Navigator 4.7 or Mozilla Firefox 1.0 or higher
- ADSL Ethernet modem, cable modem, Internet "Box" (Livebox®, Freebox®, Neufbox®...)

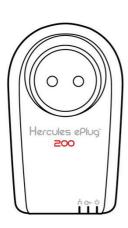
1.4. Box contents

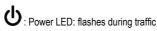
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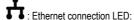
- Depending on the pack:
 - Hercules ePlug 200 PT Solo: 1 adapter
 - Hercules ePlug 200 PT Duo: 2 adapters
- Quick Start Guide in English
- Ethernet cable (1 per adapter)

Note: The "Hercules ePlug Station" network configuration and supervision software is available for download at http://www.hercules.com.

1.5. LEDs overview







- lit up when the Ethernet cable is connected
 - flashes during data transfer



- Green: very good connection (transfer rates greater than 60 Mbits/s)
- Orange: fairly good connection (transfer rates between 60 and 40 Mbits/s)
- Red: mediocre connection (transfer rates less than 40 Mbits/s)

1.6. Connectivity overview



- ① Power plug to plug the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter into an electrical outlet
- ② Ethernet port allowing you to connect the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter to a device (desktop computer, laptop computer, game console, TV decoder, modem routeur, Internet "Box")
- ③ Restore factory default settings button
- Dual-function Connect button, allowing you to:
 - connect other ePlug 200 PT adapters to the network (press for less than 10 seconds (recommended: 3 seconds)); or
 - randomly generate a new network password (press for more than 10 seconds)
- ⑤ Built-in electrical outlet to plug in another device

In order for the Hercules ePlug adapter to switch to standby mode, the network card on your computer or other network device must be inactive (i.e. no data is being transferred). To be sure that the network card remains inactive, you can unplug the computer from its electrical outlet, particularly if you don't intend to use it again for some time, or, if the computer is plugged into a power strip with an On/Off button, you can press the Off button on the power strip.

2. INSTALLING YOUR HERCULES EPLUG 200 Pass Thru

The Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter has been designed to be simple to use and install. If you have already purchased and installed HomePlug (or PLC) adapters. Hercules provides a Quick Start Guide which guides you through several steps to take to add your Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapters to your existing HomePlug network.

If you are new to the world of HomePlug technology, we invite you to follow the pieces of advice set out in chapters 2.1 and 2.2 in order to get started.

Otherwise, you can proceed directly to chapter 2.3. You haven't yet created a HomePlug network: initial installation of Hercules ePlug 200 PT Duo which sets out, step by step, the installation procedure for your Hercules FPI UG 200 PT

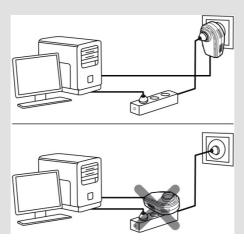
Finally, if you have already created a HomePlug network and wish to add a new adapter, please refer to chapter 2.4. You have already created a HomePlug network: adding a new adapter to your network (Hercules ePlug 200 PT Solo or Duo).

2.1. How to position your Hercules ePlug 200 Pass Thru

To help you connect your Hercules ePlug 200 PT, start by selecting an electrical outlet near to the equipment you wish to connect and follow the pieces of advice set out below.

To optimize the transfer of data on your electrical network, be sure to follow these recommendations:

- Plug your device (computer, Internet "box", etc.) into the adapter's built-in electrical outlet.
- You should avoid plugging both an adapter and another device into the same power strip.



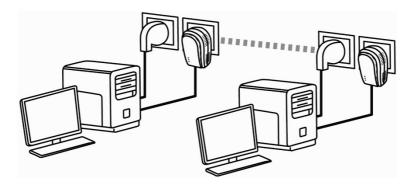
2.2. HomePlug: the partner to WiFi in your home

If you have a modem router or an Internet "box", your various pieces of network equipment, whether connected by WiFi or HomePlug, can communicate with one another. All data is transferred to a central point, in this case your modem router or Internet "box", and may circulate either on the electrical network via your HomePlug adapters, or by way of radio waves via WiFi.

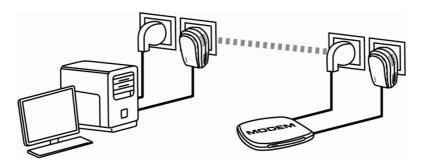
It is therefore perfectly possible for a computer or any other piece of network equipment connected via WiFi to communicate with another piece of equipment connected via the HomePlug network to the modern router.

In chapters 2.2.1 to 2.2.3, you will find different examples of purely HomePlug networks. However, there is nothing stopping you from adding WiFi devices as well: for example, an Internet "box" connected to the HomePlug network on the one hand, and a WiFi laptop computer connected to this same "box" via WiFi, on the other hand.

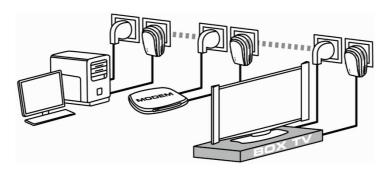
2.2.1. Connecting two computers in a HomePlug network



2.2.2. Connecting a computer to a modem, a modem router, an Internet "box" or a game console in a HomePlug network



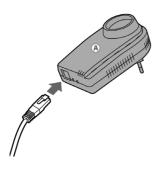
2.2.3. Connecting an Internet "box" to a Digital Terrestrial Television decoder in a HomePlug network



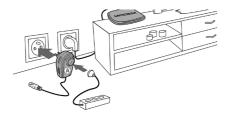
2.3. You haven't yet created a HomePlug network: initial installation of Hercules ePlug 200 PT Duo

The HomePlug AV standard of Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapters is not compatible with the HomePlug 1.0 standard of Hercules ePlug 85 adapters and HomePlug 14 Mbits/s adapters, but these two standards can coexist side-by-side. In effect, if you have already installed a HomePlug network in the HomePlug 1.0 standard (for example, with Hercules ePlug 85 adapters), you cannot add Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapters to that network. However, you are perfectly able to install a second network in your home composed of Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapters and HomePlug AV compatible devices.

To install a HomePlug network:



1. Connect the Ethernet cable to the Ethernet plug on your **first adapter**.



2. Plug the adapter into an electrical outlet located near the device to be connected to the network.



3. Connect the other end of the Ethernet cable to the computer, modem, game console or any other network device (for example, a modem router).

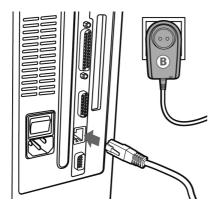


4. Connect the Ethernet cable to the Ethernet plug on your **second adapter**.



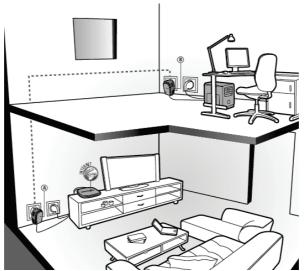
5. Plug the adapter into an electrical outlet located near the device to be connected to the network.

In order to optimize the transfer of data on the HomePlug network, avoid plugging your adapter directly into a power strip.



6. Connect the other end of the Ethernet cable to the computer, modem, game console or any other network device (for example, a computer).

When your adapters are connected, the LED (connection status) lights up and indicates that the network is functioning properly. The signal quality is also indicated by a color code, explained in chapter 1.5. LEDs overview.

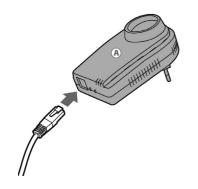


Your computer can now access the Internet via your modem, as the two devices are connected to one another via the HomePlug network and have the same network password.

2.4. You have already created a HomePlug network: adding a new adapter to your network (Hercules ePlug 200 PT Solo or Duo)

Let's take an example of a home in which you have already installed a HomePlug network composed of HomePlug adapters in the AV standard (Hercules ePlug 200 PT, for example). You now wish to install one or more new Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapters in order to expand your network and be able to connect new devices (printer, modem, router, game console...).

1. Ethernet connection and electrical connection of your new Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter

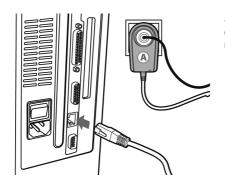


- Connect the Ethernet cable to the Ethernet plug on your new adapter.

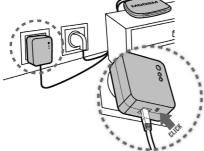


- Plug the new adapter into an electrical outlet located near the device to be connected to the network.

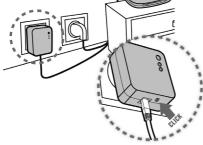
In order to optimize the transfer of data on the HomePlug network, avoid plugging your adapter directly into a power strip.



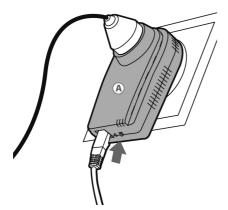
- Connect the other end of the Ethernet cable to the computer, modem, game console or any other network device (here, a computer).



- Press for 3 seconds on the Connect button on one of the adapters already connected to the network.

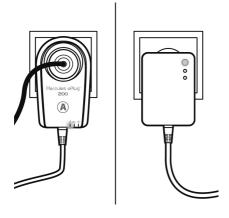


You have 2 minutes to connect the new adapter.



- Press for 3 seconds on the Connect button on the Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter.

The LED lights up when a connection to the network has been established.



- Repeat this procedure to add another Hercules eplug 200 PT adapter.

2. Connection to the network

The network password is applied to the Hercules ePlug adapter, which can now communicate with all the adapters of the existing network.



1 If the connection of your adapter to the network has failed, there are several possible causes.

Cause 1: You may not have carried out the connection procedure properly:

- Press for 3 seconds on the Connect button (also referred to as the security button by some manufacturers) on the adapter which is already part of your existing network.
- Make the connection by pressing for 3 seconds on the Connect button on your Hercules ePlug 200 PT adapter. You have 2 minutes to carry this out.

Cause 2: Your adapter may not be properly plugged into an electrical outlet, or this outlet is not powered:

- Verify that the adapter's power LED $oldsymbol{\upsilon}$ is lit un

Cause 3: There may be a strong disturbance in your electrical network caused by other devices near to your adapter:

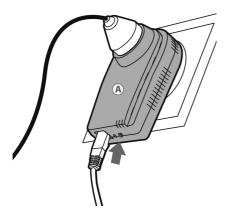
- Avoid plugging your adapter directly into a power strip.
- Unplug the devices plugged in near to the adapter.
- Try plugging the adapter into another outlet.

2.5. How to change the network password

When you install a HomePlug network, a random password is automatically generated. You can easily generate a new random password by using the Connect button's restart function.



1 If you change the network password on an adapter, that adapter will no longer be part of the network.



- Press for 10 seconds on the Connect button on the adapter whose password you want to change.

Wait until the adapter restarts.

- Connect the other adapters by pressing for 3 seconds on the Connect button on the adapter which is already part of the network you wish to create, and then pressing the Connect button on the adapter you wish to integrate into that network.
- Repeat this procedure for all adapters you wish to integrate into the network.

3. YOUR HOMEPIUG NETWORK IN PRACTICE

Now that your HomePlug network is installed, it's time to move on to some practical examples. In the following chapters, we will show you how to share files, a printer, or let your friends share your ADSL connection for online gaming.

3.1. A few prerequisites

- The procedures described in this chapter differ according to the operating system used. Be sure to refer to the sections corresponding to your system.
- You have created a HomePlug network composed of one or more devices (computer(s), modem, router, Internet "box", printer...).
- The Internet connection sharing procedures apply to computers or devices connected to your modem router via a HomePlug network composed of Hercules ePlug adapters.
- To share an Internet connection, your router and your modem (ADSL Ethernet, cable or Internet "box") must be connected to a Hercules ePlug adapter which is itself plugged into an electrical outlet, everything must be powered on, and your Internet line must be active.

3.2. Identifying your HomePlug network type: Infrastructure or Ad hoc

The HomePlug network type will depend on the type of hardware you have.

You are connecting	Your mode is
One or more computers to an ADSL modem router (or an ADSL Ethernet modem connected to a router)	Infrastructure, whereby the adapters are connected to your router. Infrastructure mode is suited to exchanging data, network gaming, and also sharing an Internet connection and/or a printer between several computers. To find out how to install and configure your modem router or your router, please refer to the manufacturer's documentation.
One of your computers by cable directly to an ADSL USB or Ethernet modem	Ad hoc (also known as Peer to Peer or computer to computer), whereby the computers are directly connected to one another, by cable or via HomePlug, without a router. Ad hoc mode is suited to exchanging data or network gaming between two computers.

3.3. Computers running Windows 7: Sharing folders, a printer or an ADSL connection



To create a network of computers, share data, a printer or an **ADSL** connection between computers running **Windows 7**, it is not imperative that the computers belong to the same **homegroup**. However, if you wish to share between **Windows 7** and an earlier operating system, make sure to define the same homegroup on all computers. For information on how to create a **homegroup**, please refer to the manual of your Hercules product.

Before proceeding as described below, please make sure that you have administrator rights. For more information on how to obtain administrator rights, please refer to the Windows 7 online help.

The access paths described hereafter may vary slightly if you have modified the default display in Windows 7 (that is to say, the Start menu properties and the Control Panel display).

You have connected your computer to a **private network** (as opposed to a **public network**). Therefore, the **discovery** options (namely, the ability to view outside devices and computers and to be seen from other networks) are enabled, and you may or not already have chosen to activate or deactivate **sharing** options (for more information on how to activate sharing options, please refer to section 3.3.3).

3.3.1. Windows 7: Sharing an ADSL connection in an Infrastructure type network

Reminder: If you have an Internet "box", a modem router or a router connected to a modem, and one or more computers, your network will be in Infrastructure mode by default. In this mode, the computers are connected to your access point, namely your "box", your modem router or your router connected to a modem, via the HomePlug network. The Infrastructure mode is ideal for exchanging data, network gaming, and also for sharing an Internet connection and/or a printer between several computers.



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

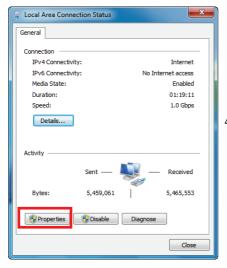


- Access the Network and Sharing Center. To do so, select the Start menu, then select Control Panel.
- 2. Click Network and Internet, then Network and Sharing Center.

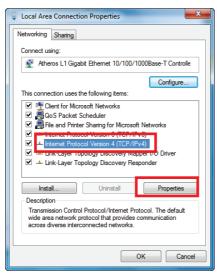
Connect or disconnect



In the Network and Sharing Center window, click the Local Area Connection link.



4. In the Local Area Connection Status window, click Properties.



- 5. In the Local Area Connection Properties tab, select Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4).
- 6. Click Properties.

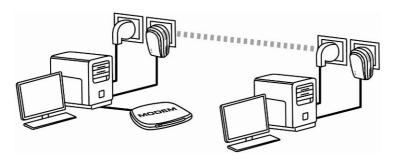


- In the Internet Protocol version 4 (TCP/IPv4)
 window, select Obtain an IP address
 automatically and Obtain DNS server address
 automatically.
- 8. Click OK to validate.
- Do the same for Internet Protocol version 6 (TCP/IPv6).

To access the Internet, simply launch your Internet browser.

3.3.2. Windows 7: Sharing an ADSL connection in an <u>Ad hoc type</u> network

Let's take the example of a Hercules HomePlug network composed, on one end, of an ADSL USB or Ethernet modem directly connected by a cable to one of your computers (which we will refer to as Connection point A), and, on the other end, of a computer (which we will refer to as Connection point B) on which you want to access the Internet.



Connection point A

Connection point B

You are in **Ad hoc mode**. In this mode, the computers are directly connected to one another, **without an access point (or router)**, via the HomePlug network. In order for Connection point **B** to be able to access the ADSL connection at Connection point **A**:

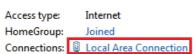
- Connection point B must be part of the same HomePlug network as Connection point A.
- The computer connected to the modern must be powered on.
- The Internet line must be active.



- Access the Network and Sharing Center. To do so, select the Start menu, then select Control Panel
- 2. Click Network and Internet, then Network and Sharing Center.

Connect or disconnect

3. In the Network and Sharing Center window, click the Local Area Connection link.



Broadband Connection Properties

General Options Security Networking Sharing

Internet Connection Sharing

Allow other network users to connect through this computer's Internet connection

Establish a dial-up connection whenever a computer on my network attempts to access the Internet

Allow other network users to control or disable the shared Internet connection

Using ICS (Internet Connection Sharing)

Settings...

OK

Cancel

4. In the Sharing tab, tick the Allow other users to connect through this computer's Internet connection and Establish a dial-up connection whenever a computer on my network attempts to access the Internet boxes.

Note: The Establish a dial-up connection whenever a computer on my network attempts to access the Internet option allows you to enable the Internet connection on the computer connected to the modem, in the event that there is no connection when another computer tries to connect to the Internet.

You can now access the Internet via all of the computers on your network.

3.3.3. Enabling sharing

Before setting up sharing for your folders, your printer or your Internet connection, you must enable sharing in the **Network and Sharing Center**.

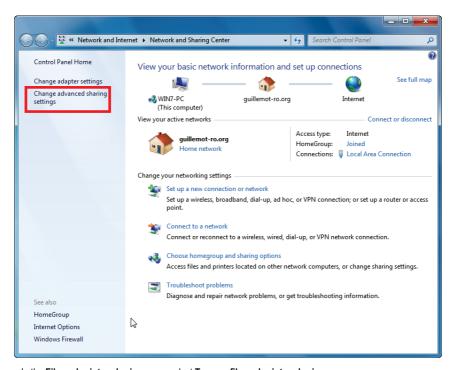


Note: To open the Network and Sharing Center, click the network icon in the Windows taskbar, then the Open Network and Sharing Center link.

Enabling file and printer sharing

Note: to activate printer sharing, you must first install a printer.

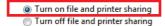
- Click the Change advanced sharing settings link.



In the File and printer sharing pane, select Turn on file and printer sharing.

File and printer sharing

When file and printer sharing is on, files and printers that you have shared from this computer can be accessed by people on the network.



Enabling public folder sharing

Note: A public folder is a folder that can be shared by other users of the same computer or of the same network.

In the Public folder sharing pane, select Turn on sharing so anyone with network access can read
and write files in the Public folders (there will be no limitations on the contents of these folders in terms of
viewing, making changes and additions or other actions).

Public folder sharing

When Public folder sharing is on, people on the network, including homegroup members, can access files in the Public folders. What are the Public folders?

- Turn on sharing so anyone with network access can read and write files in the Public folders
 Turn off Public folder sharing (people logged on to this computer can still access these folders)
- Now, click Save changes before enabling multimedia file sharing.

Enabling multimedia file sharing

Note: This option allows you to enable sharing of your music, videos and images.

- In the Network and Sharing Center, click the Choose homegroup and sharing options item.



Access files and printers located on other network computers, or change sharing settings.

In the Share libraries and printers, tick the Pictures, Music and Videos checkboxes.

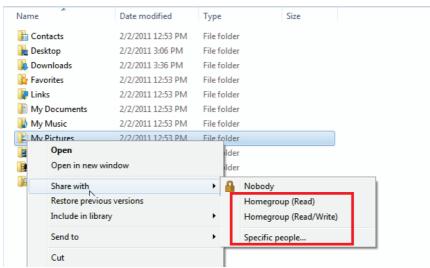


Click the Save changes button.

3.3.4. Windows 7: Sharing public or personal folders

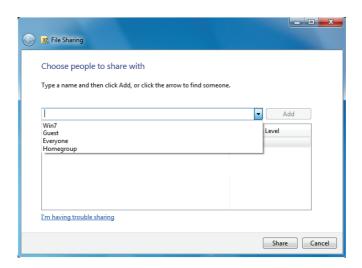
Reminder: In Windows 7, there are two types of folders: personal or local folders and public folders. A personal folder is a folder belonging to a specific user created on the computer, whereas a public folder is a folder that can be shared by any other user of the same computer or the same network. In essence, a public folder is shared, and therefore available to everyone for viewing (the minimum authorization level). For sharing personal folders (your folder of your own images, for example), you must select the users who will be able to access their contents and set the authorization level, as indicated in the following procedure.

- 1. Select the folder that you wish to share, without opening it (in this case, your My Pictures folders).
- 2. Right-click the folder. Select Share with.



Note: You can select one of the following sharing options: **Homegroup (Read), Homegroup (Read/Write)** or **Specific people.** The homegroup comprises the computers that are part of the Home network.

3. If you enable sharing with specific people, select the users who will be able to access the folder.

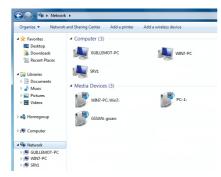


4. In the File Sharing window, select the user(s) who will be able to access this folder, then click Add.

Note: You can provide access to all users with no restrictions (Everyone option) or select specific users previously created on your PC. You can also create new users by clicking Create a new user... in the drop-down list

- Select the Permission Level you wish to assign by clicking on the line for that user: Reader (authorization to view only), Contributor (authorization to view, add and delete) or Co-owner (authorization to view, modify, add and delete).
- Click the Share button. Be sure to note the path indicated, which will allow for access to the shared folder on the network from another computer.

3.3.5. Computers running Windows 7: Accessing shared folders



 In the file explorer, accessible via Start/Computer, double-click Network.

You access the list of the computers on the same network. Use the path indicated by Windows when setting up sharing.

- Double-click the computer sharing the folders you wish to access.
- If a password has been defined, enter your user name and your password.

All shared folders appear. Depending on your authorization level, you can display, modify, add and/or delete shared folders and files.

3.3.6. Windows 7: Sharing a printer

You can put a printer on the network and thereby share it with all computers in your home connected in a network via Hercules ePlug adapters.



To access a printer on the network, you must first define the printer's sharing options in the **Network and Sharing Center** (please refer to chapter **4.3.3. Enabling sharing**). The printer must then be set up for sharing on the computer to which is connected and on which it is installed.

On the computer connected to the printer:

Click Start/Devices and Printers.

The list of installed printers is displayed.



Right-click the printer and select Printer properties.



- 3. In the [Printer_ Name] Properties window, select the Sharing tab.
- 4. Tick the Share this printer box.
- 5. Select the name of the printer which will be displayed on the network under **Share name**.
- 6. Click Apply, then click OK.

3.3.7. Computers running Windows 7: Accessing the shared printer

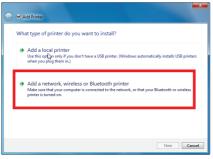
On the computers that will use the shared printer:

1. Click Start/Devices and Printers.

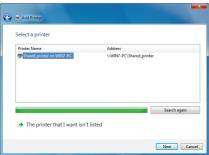
Add a printer

2. Click the Add a printer button.

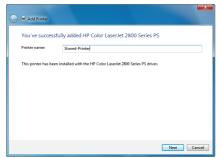
The Add Printer wizard appears.



3. Click Add a network, wireless or Bluetooth printer.



- 4. Windows then searches for the shared printers on your network. Select the shared printer.
- 5. Click Next.
- If necessary, accept installation of the printer's drivers when prompted to do so by Windows.



- 7. Validate your printer's name, then click Next.
- 8. Tick the **Set as the default printer** box, if you wish.
- 9. Click Finish to close the wizard.

3.4. Computers running Windows Vista: Sharing folders, a printer or an ADSL connection

To create a network of computers, share data, a printer or an ADSL connection between computers running **Windows Vista**, it is not imperative that the computers belong to the same **workgroup**. However, if you wish to share between **Windows Vista** and an earlier operating system, make sure to define the same workgroup on all computers. For information on how to create a workgroup, please refer to the manual of your Hercules product.

Note: The access paths described hereafter may vary slightly if you have modified the default display in Windows Vista (that is to say, the Start menu properties and the Control Panel display).

You have connected your computer to a **private network** (as opposed to a **public network**). Therefore, the **discovery** options (namely, the ability to view outside devices and computers and to be seen by other networks) are enabled, but **sharing** options are not. You must therefore enable them manually before you can share your folders, your Internet connection or your printer.

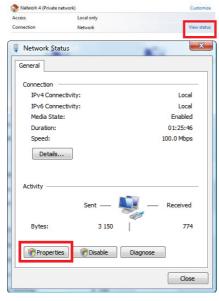
3.4.1. Windows Vista: Sharing an ADSL connection in an Infrastructure type network

Reminder: If you have an Internet "box", a modem router or a router connected to a modem, and one or more computers, your network will be in Infrastructure mode by default. In this mode, the computers are connected to your access point, namely your "box", your modem router or your router connected to a modem, via the HomePlug network. Infrastructure mode is ideal for exchanging data, network gaming and also for sharing an Internet connection and/or a printer between several computers.



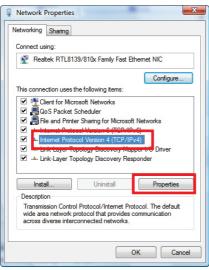
Proceed as follows for each computer that will use the shared Internet connection:



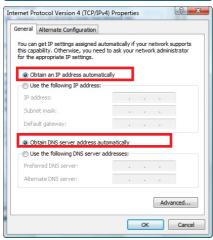


- Access the Network and Sharing Center. To do so, click the network icon on the Windows taskbar, then click the Network and Sharing Center link.
- 2. Click the View status link.

- 3. In the Network Status window, click Properties.
- 4. In the Windows Vista confirmation window, click **Continue**.



- In the Network Properties window, select Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4).
- 6. Click Properties.

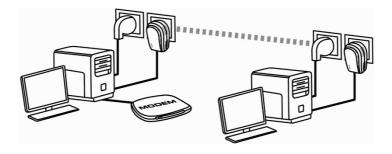


- In the Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)
 Properties window, select Obtain an IP address
 automatically and Obtain DNS server address
 automatically.
- 8. Click OK to validate.
- Do the same for Internet Protocol Version 6 (TCP/IPv6).

To access the Internet, simply launch your Internet browser.

3.4.2. Windows Vista: Sharing an ADSL connection in an <u>Ad hoc</u> type network

Let's take the example of a Hercules HomePlug network composed, on one end, of an ADSL USB or Ethernet modem directly connected by a cable to one of your computers (which we will refer to as Connection point A), and, on the other end, of a computer (which we will refer to as Connection point B) on which you want to access the Internet.

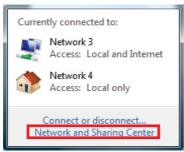


Connection point A

Connection point B

You are in **Ad hoc mode**. In this mode, the computers are directly connected to one another, **without an access point (or router)**, via the HomePlug network. In order for Connection point **B** to be able to access the ADSL connection at Connection point **A**:

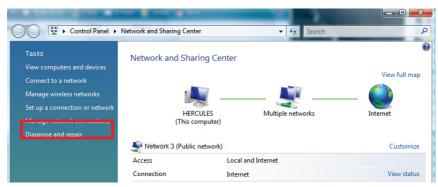
- Connection point B must be part of the same HomePlug network as Connection point A.
- The computer connected to the modem must be powered on.
- The Internet line must be active.



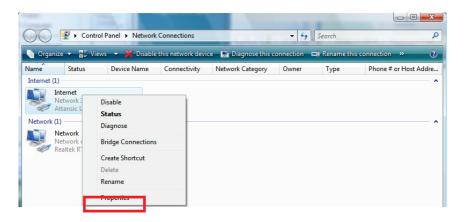
2. Click Manage network connections.

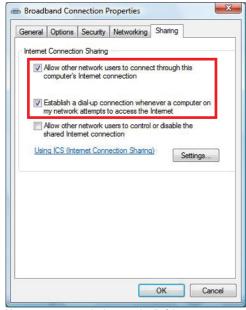
 Access the Network and Sharing Center by clicking the network icon on the Windows taskbar, then click the Network and Sharing Center link.

Before setting up sharing for your folders, your printer or your Internet connection, you must enable sharing in the **Network and Sharing Center**.



3. Right-click Internet, and select the Properties option.





4. In the Sharing tab, tick the Allow other users to connect through this computer's Internet connection and Establish a dial-up connection whenever a computer on my network attempts to access the Internet boxes.

Note: The Establish a dial-up connection whenever a computer on my network attempts to access the Internet option allows you to enable the Internet connection on the computer connected to the modem, in the event that there is no connection when another computer tries to connect to the Internet.

You can now access the Internet via all of the computers on your network.

3.4.3. Enabling sharing

Before setting up sharing for your folders, your printer or your Internet connection, you must enable sharing in the **Network and Sharing Center**.

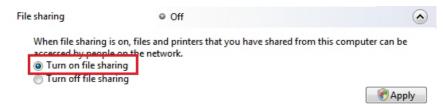


Note: To open the Network and Sharing Center, click the network icon in the Windows taskbar, then the Network and Sharing Center link.



Enabling file sharing

- In the Sharing and Discovery zone, click the Off link or the Sharing button located opposite File sharing.
- Select the Turn on file sharing radio button.



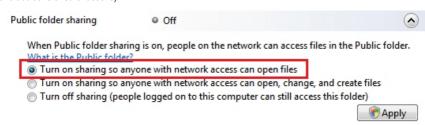
- Click Apply. In the Windows Vista confirmation window, click Continue.

Enabling public folder sharing

Note: A public folder is a folder which can be shared by other users of the same computer or of the same network.

- In the **Sharing and Discovery** zone, click the **Off** link or the \bigotimes button located opposite **Public folder sharing**.

- Select the Turn on sharing so anyone with network access can open files radio button (they will only be able to consult files) or select Turn on sharing so anyone with network access can open, change, and create files (there will be no limitations on the contents of these folders in terms of viewing, making changes and additions or other actions).

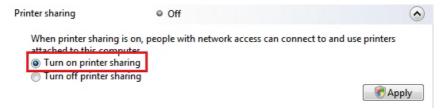


- Click Apply. In the Windows Vista confirmation window, click Continue.

Enabling printer sharing

Note: To enable printer sharing, you must first have installed a printer.

- In the Sharing and Discovery zone, click the Off link or the button located opposite Printer sharing.
- Select the Turn on printer sharing radio button.



- Click Apply. In the Windows Vista confirmation window, click Continue.

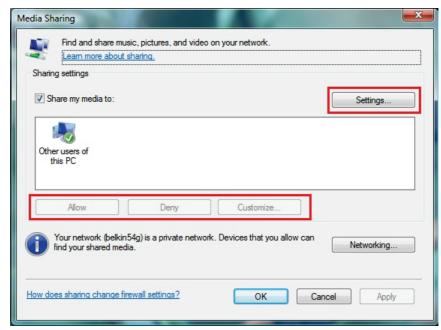
Enabling media file sharing

Note: This option allows you to enable sharing of your music, videos and images.

- In the **Sharing and Discovery** zone, click the **Off** link or the $\ensuremath{ \ \, }$ button located opposite **Media sharing**.
- Click Change...

When media sharing is on, people and devices on the network can access shared music, pictures, and videos on this computer, and this computer can find those types of shared files on the network.



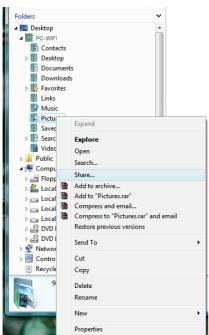


- In the Media Sharing window that appears, tick the Share my media box.

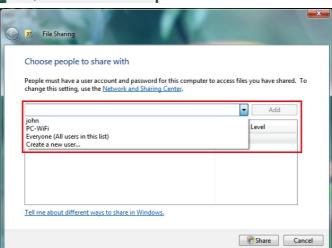
- Click Apply. In the Windows Vista confirmation window, click Continue.
- In the following window, you can define the different **settings**, such as: authorize or refuse groups of users, set parental controls, select media types to be shared, and so on.
- When you're done, click Apply, then OK.

3.4.4. Windows Vista: Sharing public or personal folders

Reminder: In Windows Vista, there are two types of folders: personal or local folders and public folders. A personal folder is a folder belonging to a specific user created on the computer, whereas a public folder is a folder that can be shared by any other user of the same computer or the same network. In essence, a public folder is shared, and therefore available to everyone for viewing (the minimum authorization level). For sharing personal folders (your folder of your own images, for example), you must select the users who will be able to access their contents and set the authorization level, as indicated in the following procedure.



- Select the folder that you wish to share, without opening it. Here, your **Pictures** folder.
- 2. Right-click the folder. Select Share.



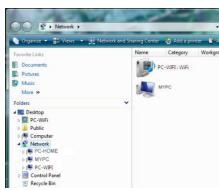
3. In the File Sharing window, select the user(s) who will be able to access this folder, then click Add.

Note: You can provide access to all users with no restrictions (**Everyone** option) or select specific users previously created on your PC. You can also create new users by clicking **Create a new user...** in the drop-down list

- Select the Permission Level you wish to assign by clicking on the line for that user: Reader (authorization to view only), Contributor (authorization to view, add and delete) or Co-owner (authorization to view, modify, add and delete).
- Click Share. Be sure to note the path indicated, which will allow for access to the shared folder on the network from another computer. For example: \\PC\Users\My documents\Shared Pictures Folders.
- 6. Click Done.

The folder is now shared. You can now display all shared folders and files on the computer or the shared files on the network by clicking the links in the **Network and Sharing Center**.

3.4.5. Computers running Windows Vista: Accessing shared folders



. In the file explorer, accessible via **Start/Computer**, double-click **Network**.

You access the list of the computers on the same network. Use the path indicated by Windows when setting up sharing (for example: \\PC\Users\My documents\Shared Pictures Folders).

- 2. Double-click the computer sharing the folders you wish to access.
- If a password has been defined, enter your user name and your password.

All shared folders appear. Depending on your authorization level, you can display, modify, add and/or delete shared folders and files.

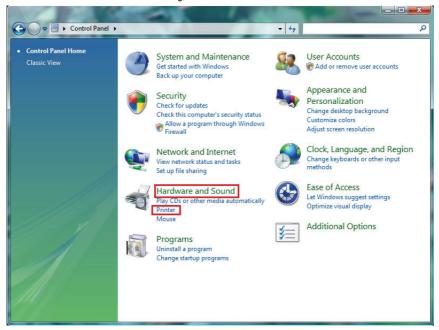
3.4.6. Windows Vista: Sharing a printer

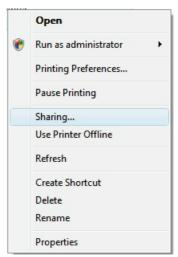
You can put a printer on the network and thereby share it with all computers in your home connected in a network via Hercules ePlug adapters.

To access a printer on the network, sharing for the printer must first be set up in the **Network and Sharing Center** (please refer to chapter **3.3.3 Enabling sharing**). The printer must then be set up for sharing on the computer to which is connected and on which it is installed.

On the computer connected to the printer:

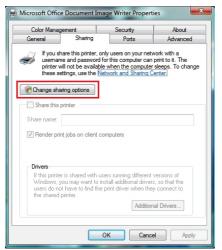
- 1. Click Start/Control Panel.
- 2. Under the Hardware and Sound heading, click the Printer link.



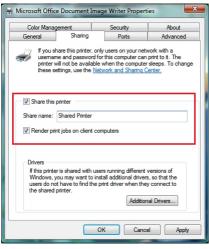


The list of installed printers is displayed.

Right-click the printer and select the **Sharing...** option.



- 4. In the **Printer Properties** window, click the **Change sharing options** button.
- In the Windows Vista confirmation window, click Continue

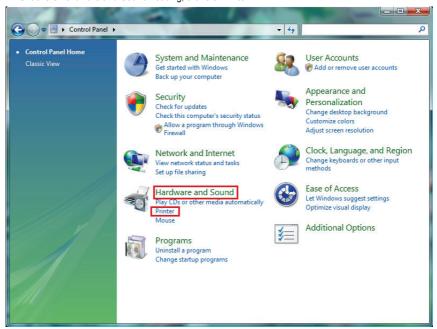


- 6. Tick the Share this printer box.
- 7. Select the name of the printer which will be displayed on the network under **Share name**.
- 8. Click Apply, then OK.

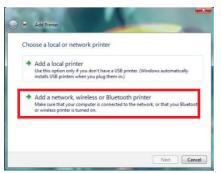
3.4.7. Computers running Windows Vista: Accessing the shared printer

On the computers that will use the shared printer:

- 1. Click Start/Control Panel.
- 2. Under the Hardware and Sound heading, click the Printer link.



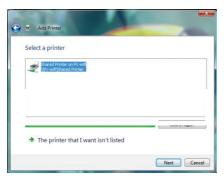


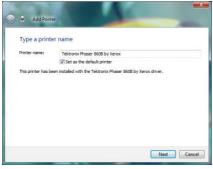


3. Click the Add a printer button.

The Add a printer assistant appears.

4. Click Add a network, wireless or Bluetooth printer.





- Windows searches for the shared printers on your network. Select the shared printer.
- 6. Click Next.
- 7. If necessary, accept installation of the printer's drivers when prompted to do so by Windows.

- 8. Validate the name of your printer, then click Next.
- 9. Click Finish to close the assistant.

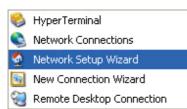
3.5. Computers running Windows XP: Sharing folders, a printer or an ADSL connection

A simple solution for sharing folders, a printer or an **ADSL** connection 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).

3.5.1. Windows XP: Using the Network Setup Wizard in an Infrastructure network

Proceed as follows for each computer:



Network Setup Wizard

The wizard found disconnected network hardware.

The network connections listed below are disconnected. Plag in your network cables or ofherwise connect your network hardware, and then click Next.

Connections:

Local Area Connection: D-Link DFE 530TX PCI Fast Ethernet Adapter (rev.A)

V Ignore disconnected network hardware



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.

 If your Ethernet 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 to your router (for more information, please refer to your router's manual).

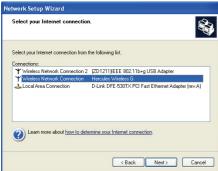
The window opposite may appear if The Wizard found a shared Internet connection on the computer.

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

Network Setup Wizard



- 5. In the Select a connection method window, select the Other option.
- 6. In the following window, select This computer connects to the Internet directly or through a network hub, then click Next.



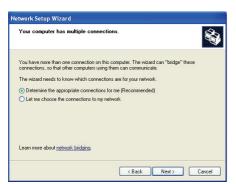
7. If the window opposite appears, select the connection to your local area network (your Ethernet network card), then click Next.

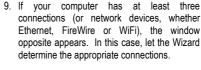


The network configuration you selected is not recommended because more than one computer connects directly to the Internet. There is no reliable way to share files between computers write protecting your computer from Internet security threats. Microsoft recommends a network in which all computers connect to the Internet through a single computer or through a residential gateway. This wizard will enable the Internet Connection Firewall (ICF) on this computer. ICF will protect this computer from Internet security threats, but it might also prevent this computer from sharing files with other computers on your network. To learn about better network <u>configurations or advanced networking</u> techniques applicable to your current configuration, see <u>recommended network configurations</u> in Help and Support Center.

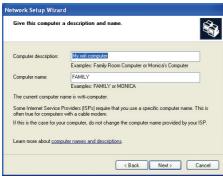
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If you are using a Hercules modem router, your computers are already protected by the integrated firewall.





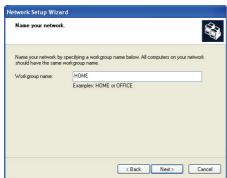
10. Click Next.



 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 your network (my-computer, HomePlug-computer or julie, for example).

12 Click Next

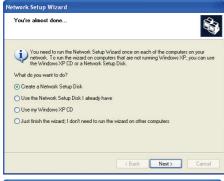


 Enter the workgroup name (HOME, OFFICE or HERCULES, for example) and a description, if required.

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.

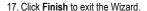
- 14 Click Next
- Verify the configuration settings you have entered in the window that appears, then click Next.

The Wizard configures the computer for the home network. This may take a few minutes.



16. Before completing the procedure, you may 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



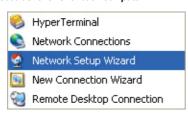
Once the procedure is finished, Windows XP may prompt you to restart your computer.



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.

3.5.2. Windows XP: Using the Network Setup Wizard in an Adhoc network

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.



Network Setup Wizard

Do you want to use the shared connection?

The vizard found a shared internet connection on the computer "Unknown Internet Connection Sharing device."

Do you want to use the existing shared connection for this computer's Internet access?

Yes, use the existing shared connection for this computer's Internet access (recommended)

No, let me choose another way to connect to the Internet

C Back Next Cancel

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

 If your Ethernet 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 to your router (for more information, please refer to your router's manual).

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 ADSL modem:



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



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

 Among the connections displayed, leave the box corresponding to the connection to your local area network ticked and deselect the others, then click Next.

On the computers that will use the shared Internet connection:

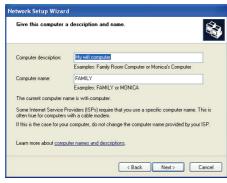


- In the Select a connection method window, select the This computer connects to the Internet through another computer on my network or through a residential gateway option.
- 6. Click Next.



- If your computer has at least three connections (or network devices, whether Ethernet, FireWire or WiFi), 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

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: HOME

Examples: HOME or OFFICE

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, HomePlug-computer or julie, for example).

10. Click Next.

 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.
- 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.

3.5.3. 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....
- In the Network sharing and security section of the Sharing tab, tick the Share this folder on the network box.
- 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.



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.

3.5.4. Computers running 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.
- Click My Network Places, then click View workgroup computers.

You directly access the list of computers in your workgroup.

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

All shared folders appear.

3.5.5. 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 Hercules ePlug 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:



- 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.

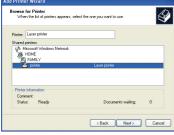
Give the printer a name that is unique and sufficiently distinctive, making it easy to recognize (my-printer or home laser printer, for example). If one of your computers is running Windows 98 SE, we recommend that the sharing name not exceed 12 characters (without spaces) in order to ensure its compatibility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

4. Click Apply, then OK.

On the computers that will use the shared printer:



- Add Printer Wizard Local or Network Printer
 The wizard needs to know which type of printer to set up. O Local printer attached to this computer A network printer, or a printer attached to another compute To set up a network printer that is not attached to a print server, use the "Local printer" option. < Back Next > Cancel
- Add Printer Wizard





- 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.

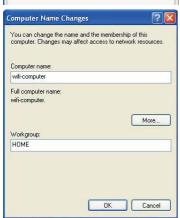
You can now use the network printer thanks to your HomePlug connection. For more information on sharing a printer, please refer to your printer's manual.

3.5.6. Windows XP: Modifying a workgroup name (advanced users)

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



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



- 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, HomePlugcomputer or julie, for example).
- 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.

- 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.

3.6. Computers running a different operating system or adding any other type of network device

Your HomePlug network is not limited to computers running Windows. It also functions with computers running other operating systems, such as Mac OS or Linux.

To find out how to share your Internet connection, folders, printers and more in Mac OS or Linux, please refer to the manufacturer's documentation.

Apart from desktop and laptop computers, you can add a wide range of network devices to your HomePlug network: game console, printer, TV decoder, modem router, Internet "box", access point and more... so long as the device has an Ethernet port.

To find out how to set up these devices, please refer to the manufacturer's documentation.

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