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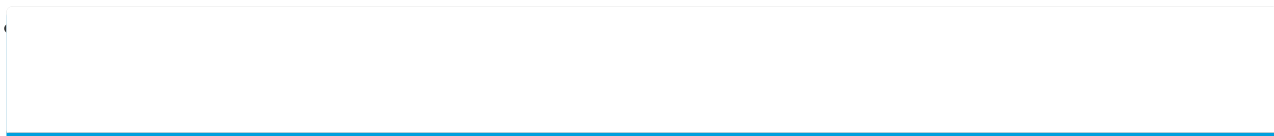
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The large storage capacity of the hard disk and a high speed data transfer of 54 Mbps makes the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 a very useful tool to share music and video files. The ASUS WL-HDD2.5 also supports automatic copying of files from a flash memory disk to the hard disk.

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Features The ASUS WL-HDD2.5 has the following useful features: • 54 Mbps high speed WLAN access - Maximum available speed of 54 Mbps over the 2.4 GHz frequency band - Compatible with existing 802.11b WLAN environments - Auto fallback algorithm to select transmission rate •...

[Page 13: System Requirements](#)

System Requirements To begin using the ASUS WL-HDD2.5, your system must have the following minimum requirements: • An Ethernet (10BaseT or 10/100BaseT) adapter for wired client • At least one 802.11g (54Mbps) or one 802.11b (11Mbps) wireless adapter for wireless mobile clients •...

[Page 14: Hardware Components](#)

Hardware Components This section gives you a tour of the different ports and status indicators of the ASUS WL-HDD2.5. Refer to this section when installing and operating your device. Ports and Buttons Connect the power adapter here. Insert a USB flash disk here.

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File system on the hard disk drive is inconsistent Data is being transferred with a speed of 10Mbps. Data is being transferred with a speed of 100Mbps. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5 USB LED

POWER LED WLAN LED HDD LED 10Mbps Ethernet LED...

[Page 16: Wireless Performance](#)

By default, the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 automatically adjusts the data rate to maintain a usable signal connection. Therefore, a client that is close to the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 may operate at higher speeds while a client that is on the fringe of coverage may operate at lower speeds.

[Page 17: Site Surveys](#)

You can configure the data rates used by the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 to improve the performance. However, if you limit the range of data rates available to the ASUS WL-HDD2.5, you may reduce the effective wireless range of the WLAN coverage.

[Page 18: Roaming Guidelines](#)

WEP Key(s) to communicate. • ASUS APs' cells must overlap to ensure that there are no gaps in coverage and to ensure that the roaming client will always have a connection available.

[Page 19: Chapter 2 Getting Started](#)

2. Getting Started This chapter provides important information about installing and connecting your ASUS WL-HDD2.5. Read these instructions carefully to set up your device correctly. Setting up the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 Refer to this section to learn about installing and configuring the ASUS WL-HDD2.5.

[Page 20](#) 3. Insert the hard drive into the slot. Make sure that the hard drive connecting pins and the connector are properly aligned for a stable connection. 4. Insert the circuit board back inside the outer shell and replace the front cover. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 21](#) 5. Replace the screws. 6. Attach the external antenna for improved performance. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

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Note: It is the responsibility of the installer and users of the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 to guarantee that the antenna is operated at least 20 centimeters from any person. This is necessary to ensure that the product is operated in accordance with the RF Guidelines for Human Exposure which have been adopted by the Federal Communications Commission.

[Page 23: Making Connections](#)

AP Mode INTERNET In order to use the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 as an AP, it has to be connected to a network hub for Internet access. Attach one end of the RJ-45 Ethernet cable to the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 and attach the other end to the RJ-45 port of a network hub, switch, router, or patch panel (represented by the INTERNET connection in the illustration).

[Page 24: Network Storage Mode](#)

Network Storage Mode INTERNET To use the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 as a WLAN storage device in an existing network, no network cable connections to the device are required. The wireless network consisting of an AP and one or more wireless clients, uses the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 as a shared network hard drive.

[Page 25: Connecting Power](#)

Using another power supply may damage the device. • To shut down the ASUS WL-HDD2.5, click the Shutdown button on the web manager. This prevents damage to the hard disk. Unplug the power cord only after shutting down the device.

[Page 26: Configuring The Wireless Client](#)

Configuring the Wireless Client TCP/IP Settings In order to access the shared hard disk drive of the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 or to use the device as an AP, you may need to configure the TCP/IP settings. The TCP/IP settings should be on the IP subnet of the ASUS WL-HDD2.5.

[Page 27](#) 1. Right-click the My Network Places icon on the Desktop of your PC and select Properties. 2. In the Network and Dialup Connections window displayed, right-click the Local

Area Connection that you created and select Properties. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 28](#) 192.168.1.220) • Subnet Mask 255.255.255.0 (same as the ASUS WL-HDD2.5) Note: The screens shown here are from a PC running Windows 2000. They may be slightly different for Windows XP. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

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• The procedure described here may be slightly different for various wireless adapter utilities. Refer to the documentation for your wireless client (notebook or PDA) as well as that for the wireless adapter for specific instructions. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

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Using the Hard Disk Drive Now that you have installed the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 and connected it as required, you are ready to start using the hard drive as a network storage device as described in the following sections. Accessing the Hard Disk Drive...

[Page 31](#) 2. Double-click Entire Network. 3. Click Search for computers to start searching for the ASUS WL- HDD2.5. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 32](#) 4. The search window opens. Type the device name or SSID (WL- HDD) in the search field. Then click Search Now. 5. The search results pane shows the WI-hdd icon. Double-click the icon to view the contents of the hard disk. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 33](#) If you have a DHCP server in your network, the DHCP server assigns IP addresses automatically to the device as well as to all the wireless clients. The default IP address of the ASUS WL- HDD2.5 is no longer applicable. The IP address assigned by the DHCP server is displayed on the login window when you double- click the Configuration.html file icon to configure the settings.

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Locating the Device Manually Follow this procedure to search for the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 manually by browsing the contents of the entire network: 1. Open Windows Explorer. Then click the My Network Places icon. 2. Double-click Entire Network. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 35](#) Note: If the WL-HDD folder contents displays only the configura- tion folder and not the hard disk partitions, this may be because the hard disk drive is not formatted. See "Formatting the Hard Disk" on page 31 to learn how to format the disk. ASUS 802.11g WL- HDD2.5...

[Page 36: Using The Asus Utility](#)

Using the ASUS Utility We recommend that you install the ASUS utility provided on the software CD included in your package. The utility enables you to search for the device and connect to the device to access the hard drive and configure the settings.

[Page 37](#) 3. The utility displays the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 and other available wireless devices in the device list. Select the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 and click Configure to access the device. 4. The ASUS WL-HDD2.5 web manager opens. Click Disk share to view the contents of the hard disk. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

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Disk" on page 31 to learn how to format the disk. Using Internet Explorer To access the hard disk drive of the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 from a wire- less client using Internet Explorer, do the following: 1. Open the WLAN adapter utility installed on your wireless client and scan for all available networks within range of your wireless adapter.

[Page 39](#) Note: The default IP address of the device is not applicable if there is a DHCP server in the network. The DHCP server assigns IP addresses to the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 as well as to all the wireless clients in the network. To find the IP address of the ASUS WL-HDD2.5, click the Configuration.hml file and the...

[Page 40](#) 4. The ASUS WL-HDD2.5 web manager opens. Click Disk share to view the contents of the hard disk. The hard disk shows the configuration folder and the partitions (part1, part2,

etc.) on the hard disk drive. The access permissions for the hard disk drive can be set using the configuration utility described in Chapter 3 (see “Shared Nodes”...

[Page 41: Hard Drive Pre-Scan Function](#)

Hard Drive Pre-scan Function When the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 is first turned on, it performs a pre-scan of the hard disk drive to ensure that it is functioning correctly and does not have any corrupt data. If the hard drive is not working, has not been formatted, or has been corrupted, a message is displayed on the screen asking you to format the hard disk.

[Page 42](#) 5. After formatting is completed, you are asked to restart the system. Click Save&Restart to restart the system. 6. The browser window displays the status while the ASUS WL- HDD2.5 restarts. Wait till the screen is refreshed before using the system.

[Page 43](#) Note: If you view the disk status using the software configuration tool and if the disk is corrupted (see “Status” on page 70), the following information is displayed. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 44: Setting Up Permissions](#)

This is a useful feature so as to limit the data that is put on the network storage. 1. Open the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 web manager as described in “Using Internet Explorer” on page 28. Then click Settings to configure the settings.

[Page 45: Editing The User List](#)

Editing the User List The user list is a list of people who are allowed to access to the ASUS WL-HDD2.5. You can add users and their passwords to the list and you can also specify how many users are allowed simultaneous access to the hard drive for optimum performance.

[Page 46: Editing The Shared Nodes List](#)

Editing the Shared Nodes List The shared nodes list is a list of all the folders and partitions on the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 showing the sharing and writing permissions for each node. You can specify which folder or partition is shared and which can be written to.

[Page 47](#) Write check boxes to enable sharing and writing to the folder. Click Apply to apply the changes to the access rights to the folder. 8. Click Apply to apply the changes or Finish to save the changes and restart the device. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 48: Applying The Permissions](#)

Network Neighborhood Mode option to apply the permissions. Scroll to select Apply rules in shared node list from the field and click Finish to save the changes and restart the system. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 49: Sharing Files](#)

To share files from the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 that has been set up as your network storage drive, do the following: 1.

[Page 50](#) To download files from the ASUS WL-HDD2.5: Locate the files that you wish to download and then copy them to your local drive as needed. Note that you can only access folders that have been shared by the administrator; see “Editing the Shared Nodes List”...

[Page 51](#) Select Copy from the context menu. 4. Using Windows Explorer, navigate to the location on your local drive where you want to download the selected file. Right-click to view the context menu and select Paste to download the music file. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 52](#) To directly play media files from the ASUS WL-HDD2.5: You can also play back a music, video or other media file directly from the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 without downloading it to your local drive. The client treats the media file as a shared network file and opens it using the appropriate application.

[Page 53](#) 3. Select the music file that you want to play and double-click it to start playing it with the default application (in this case, Windows Media Player). Alternatively, for Windows

media files, click the Play button in the left pane to start playback. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 54: Transferring Data From External Flash Memory](#)

Auto-copy Function To transfer data automatically from the flash memory, connect the USB flash memory disk to the USB port of the ASUS WL-HDD2.5. Alternatively, to transfer the contents of other types of flash memory cards such as CF, SD, MMC, and so on, insert the card into an external card reader (not supplied) and connect it to the USB port using a USB cable.

[Page 55: Locating The Copied Files On The Hard Disk Drive](#)

- part1 - is used first. All the data is copied as long as there is free space in the first partition. • If you remove the flash disk from the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 and insert it again, the data is copied again to the hard disk in a new folder with the folder name incremented by 1.

[Page 56: Shutting Down The Asus Wl-Hdd2.5](#)

Shutting down the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 Use the web manager tool to shut down the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 after using it to prevent damage to the hard disk and loss of data. To shut down the system, do the following: 1. Click Shutdown in the web manager window.

[Page 57: Chapter 3 Software Configuration](#)

3. Software Configuration The ASUS WL-HDD2.5 can be configured to meet various usage scenarios. Some of the factory default settings may suit your usage; however, others may need to be changed. Configuring the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 is done through a web browser.

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After logging in, the Wireless Hard Drive home page opens. Links to the various parameters that can be adjusted are shown in the left panel. Click a link to configure the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 as desired. Click Restore to clear the changes you have made and restore the previous settings.

[Page 59: Interface](#)

SSID: The SSID is an identification string of up to 32 ASCII characters unique to every AP. The SSID is also referred to as the "ESSID" or "Extended Service Set ID." By default, the SSID is set to ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 60](#) "WL-HDD". All the wireless clients in the vicinity must have the same SSID in order to use the ASUS WL-HDD2.5. This field is also used as the device name when you are looking for the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 through the Windows Network Neighborhood function.

[Page 61](#) 128 bits (104 + 24). Some vendors refer to this level of WEP as 104 bits and others refer to this as 128 bits. ASUS WLAN products use the term 128 bits when referring to this higher level of encryption.

[Page 62](#) WEP Key: At most four WEP keys can be set. A WEP key is either 10 or 26 hexadecimal digits (0~9, a~f, and A~F) based on whether you select 64 bit or 128 bit in the WEP pull-down menu. The ASUS WL-HDD2.5 and ALL of its wireless clients MUST have the same default key.

[Page 63: Bridge](#)

WPA Re-key Timer: This field specifies the time interval after which the WPA group key is changed in seconds. 0 means no periodic key-change is required. Bridge ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 64](#) APs through a wireless connection. Choose an AP mode and configure the WDS settings as follows: AP Mode: AP Mode configures the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 for a specific purpose. By default, the device is set to serve as an Access Point (AP only) where a wireless mobile client can connect wirelessly to a wired Ethernet network.

[Page 65: Access Control](#)

Access Control For additional security, the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 has the ability to only associate with or not associate with wireless mobile clients that have their MAC address specified in this menu. The Access Control menu enables you to block the access from certain wireless stations

or to bypass access from certain wireless stations.

[Page 66: Advanced](#)

MAC Access Mode. Advanced The Advanced menu allows you to set up additional settings for the ASUS WL-HDD2.5. However, it is recommended that you use the default values for correct operation. Fragmentation Threshold (256~2346): Fragmentation is used to divide 802.11 frames into smaller pieces (fragments) that are sent separately to the destination.

[Page 67](#) The default value (100 milliseconds) is recommended. Enable Frame Bursting? This field allows you to enable frame-bursting mode to improve performance with wireless clients that also support frame bursting. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 68: Client Mode](#)

Become an AP if no AP can be connected? Click Yes to enable the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 to be an Access Point in a wireless network, if no other AP is detected. Client Mode: Select Disabled if you do not want to connect to other APs in the network.

[Page 69](#) Profile List: Use this option to add the SSIDs of other APs in the WLAN, to which the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 connects. Type the SSID of the AP under the SSID field, then click Add to add it to the Profile List.

[Page 70](#) Choose Open System or Shared Key depending on the AP's encryption system. The authentication method for the AP should be the same as that chosen for the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 (see "Authentication Method" on page 50). Encryption Method: Select WEP - 64 bits or WEP - 128 bits for the encryption method to protect your data by encrypting it.

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Get IP Automatically: Select Yes (default) or No to get an IP address automatically from a DHCP server. If you select Yes, this means that the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 will send out a DHCP request during bootup. If you have a DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) server on the network, set this option so that the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 can receive an automatic IP address and...

[Page 72: Dhcp Server](#)

DHCP server The ASUS WL-HDD2.5 is set up to be a DHCP server by default. This enables it to support up to 254 IP addresses on the WLAN. The IP address for a wireless client can be designated by the network administrator or can be assigned by the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 automatically...

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Click the Storage Setting option on the left panel to display its submenus. The Storage Setting menus enable you to configure the various parameters of the hard disk drive that is shared on the WLAN. Refer to the following sections for more details. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

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Shared Nodes ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

[Page 75](#) The Shared Nodes menu page enables you to set the sharing rights and privileges for the shared partitions on the hard disk drive of the ASUS WL-HDD2.5. The following options are available: Network Neighborhood Mode: Select the default setting of Share all partitions on disk to enable sharing of all partitions on the disk.

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- The hard disk is formatted using Linux partitions (EXT2). It cannot be connected directly to a Windows system without reformatting. Reformatting will erase all your data. Note: We recommend that you format the hard disk at least once before using it. ASUS 802.11g WL-HDD2.5...

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ASUS WL-HDD2.5. You can change the password, upgrade the firmware from a file provided by Asus, or restore the device to its default factory settings using this set of menus. Change Password The Change Password menu allows you to change the system password of the ASUS

WL-HDD2.5.

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Product ID and the current Flash Code (Firmware) version installed in the device under Firmware Version. Periodically, a new flash code is available for the ASUS 802.11g APs on ASUS's Web site. Click Browse to specify the location of the new firmware file provided by the manufacturer.

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Factory Default Use this menu to restore the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 to its default factory settings. Click the Restore button to clear all settings and restore the factory defaults. The device reboots after this function. Note: You can also clear all settings and restore factory default values by pressing and holding down the Reset button for 5 seconds.

[Page 80: Status](#)

The Status submenu displays the following settings: System Time: This field displays the current system time of the ASUS WL-HDD2.5. Click Sync to synchronize the system with that of your wireless client. Disk: The disk properties of the hard disk drive are displayed in this part of the menu page.

[Page 81: Wireless](#)

DHCP Leases The DHCP Leases log file shows a list of devices (clients) that access the ASUS WL-HDD2.5 when DHCP is enabled. The MAC address of each device, along with its IP address and lease time are displayed in this log file.

[Page 82: Troubleshooting](#)

Refer to the following tips to resolve any problems that you may encounter when using the ASUS WL-HDD2.5. 1. The ASUS WL-HDD2.5 cannot be found using the Search for computer technique. - Use the Device Discovery tool of the wireless utility on your wireless client to search for the WL-HDD.

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