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Dual band 2x2 802.11ac gigabit router

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and the ASUS Green Network Technology, which provides up to 70% power-saving solution.

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Manual, utility software Stand NOTES: • If any of the items is damaged or missing, contact ASUS for technical inquiries and support, Refer to the ASUS Support Hotline list at the back of this user manual. • Keep the original packaging material in case you would need future warranty services such as repair or replacement.

[Page 6](#) USB 3.0 / 2.0 LED Off: No power or no physical connection. On: Has physical connection to USB 3.0 / 2.0 devices. LAN LED Off: No power or no physical connection. On: Has physical connection to a local area network (LAN). WAN LED Off: No power or no physical connection.

[Page 7](#) NOTES: • Use only the adapter that came with your package. Using other adapters may damage the device. • Specifications: DC Power adapter DC Output: +19V with max 1.58A current; Operating 0~40 Storage 0~70 Temperature Operating Humidity 50~90% Storage 20~90%...

[Page 8: Creating Your Network](#)

• Always update to the latest firmware. Visit the ASUS website at <http://www.asus.com> to get the latest firmware updates. • To ensure the best wireless signal, orient the three detachable antennas as shown in the drawing below.

[Page 9: What You Need](#)

What you need To set up your network, you need one or two computers that meet the following system requirements: • Ethernet RJ-45 (LAN) port (10Base-T/100Base-TX/ 1000BaseTX) • IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac wireless capability • An installed TCP/IP service • Web browser such as Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, or Google Chrome NOTES: •...

[Page 10: Setting Up Your Wireless Router](#)

• Use wired connection in setting up your wireless router to avoid possible setup problems due to wireless uncertainty. • Before setting up your ASUS wireless router, do the following: • If you are replacing an existing router, disconnect it from your network.

[Page 11: Wireless Connection](#)

4. Insert your modem's AC adapter to the DC-IN port and plug it to a power outlet. Wireless connection RT-AC56R To set up your wireless router via wired connection: 1. Insert your wireless router's AC adapter to the DC-IN port and plug it to a power outlet.

[Page 12: Mounting To The Stand](#)

NOTES: • For details on connecting to a wireless network, refer to the WLAN adapter's user manual. • To set up the security settings for your network, refer to the section Setting up the wireless security settings in this user manual.

[Page 13: Before You Proceed](#)

Before you proceed NOTE: Before configuring your wireless router, do the steps described in this section for your host computer and network clients. A. Disable the proxy server, if enabled. Windows ® 1. Click Start > Internet Explorer to launch the browser. 2.

[Page 14: Set The Tcp/Ip Settings To Automatically Obtain An Ip Address](#)

MAC OS 1. From your Safari browser, click Safari > Preferences > Advanced > Change Settings... 2. From the Network screen, deselect FTP Proxy and Web Proxy (HTTP). 3. Click Apply Now when done. NOTE: Refer to your browser's help feature for details on disabling the proxy server.

[Page 15](#) 3. To obtain the IPv4 IP settings automatically, tick Obtain an IP address automatically. To obtain the IPv6 IP settings automatically, tick Obtain an IPv6 address automatically. 4. Click OK when done. MAC OS 1. Click the Apple icon located on the top left of your screen.

[Page 16: Disable The Dial-Up Connection, If Enabled](#)

Disable the dial-up connection, if enabled. Windows ® 1. Click Start > Internet Explorer to launch the browser. 2. Click Tools > Internet options > Connections tab. 3. Tick Never dial a connection. 4. Click OK when done. NOTE: Refer to your browser's help feature for details on disabling the dial-up connection.

[Page 17: Onfiguring Via The Web Gui](#)

Configuring via the web GUI Logging into the web GUI Your ASUS Wireless Router comes with an intuitive web graphics user interface (GUI) that allows you to easily configure its various features through a web browser such as Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, or Google Chrome.

[Page 18: Setting Up The Internet Connection](#)

3. The wireless router's web GUI launches. Use the web GUI to configure various settings. Setting up the Internet connection NOTE: When setting the Internet connection for the first time, press the Reset button on your wireless router to reset it to its factory default settings.

[Page 19](#) RT-AC56U RT-AC56U 2. The wireless router automatically detects if your ISP connection type is Dynamic IP, PPPoE, PPTP, L2TP, and Static IP. Key in the necessary information for your ISP connection type. IMPORTANT! Obtain the necessary information about your Internet connection type from your ISP.

[Page 20](#) NOTES: • The auto-detection of your ISP connection type takes place when you configure the wireless router for the first time or when your wireless router is reset to its default settings. • If QIS failed to detect your Internet connection type, click Skip to manual setting and

manually configure your connection settings.

[Page 21](#) 4. Your Internet and wireless settings are displayed. Click Next to continue. 5. Read the wireless network connection tutorial. When done, click Finish.

[Page 22: Setting Up The Wireless Security Settings](#)

Setting up the wireless security settings To protect your wireless network from unauthorized access, you need to configure its security settings. To set up the wireless security settings: 1. Key in 192.168.1.1 on your web browser. 2. On the login screen, key in the default user name (admin) and password (admin), then click OK.

[Page 23](#) 5GHz security settings 4. On the Wireless name (SSID) field, key in a unique name for your wireless network. 5. From the Security Level dropdown list, select the encryption method for your wireless network. IMPORTANT! The IEEE 802.11n/ac standard prohibits using High Throughput with WEP or WPA-TKIP as the unicast cipher.

[Page 24: Managing Your Network Clients](#)

Managing your network clients To manage your network clients: 1. Launch the wireless router's web GUI. 2. On the Network Map screen, select the Client Status icon to display the information about your network clients.

[Page 25: Monitoring Your Usb Device](#)

Monitoring your USB device The ASUS Wireless Router provides one USB 3.0 and one USB 2.0 ports for connecting USB devices such as a USB storage device and USB printer, to allow you to monitor the working environment, share files, and printer with clients in your network.

[Page 26](#) 3. On the AiDisk Wizard field, click GO to set up an FTP server for Internet file sharing. NOTES: • For more details, refer to the section Using the Network Place (Samba) Share service and Using the FTP Share service in this user manual.

[Page 27: Creating Your Guest Network](#)

Creating your Guest Network The Guest Network provides Internet connectivity for temporary visitors without providing access to your private network. To create your guest network: 1. Launch the wireless router's web GUI. 2. On the Guest Network screen, click Create to create a network for your visitors.

[Page 28: Using The Traffic Manager](#)

Using the Traffic Manager Managing QoS (Quality of Service) Bandwidth The Quality of Service (QoS) allows you to set the bandwidth priority and manage the network traffic. To set up the bandwidth priority: 1. Launch the wireless router's web GUI. 2.

[Page 29: Monitoring Traffic](#)

Monitoring Traffic The traffic monitor function allows you to assess the bandwidth usage and speed of your Internet, LAN, Wired, WLAN (2.4GHz or 5GHz) connections. Using the USB Extension The USB Extension function provides AiDisk, Servers Center, Network Printer Server and Download Master submenus.

[Page 30: Using Aidisk For Files Sharing](#)

Using AiDisk for Files Sharing AiDisk allows you to share files in the USB disk through the Internet. NOTE: Before using AiDisk, ensure that you have inserted a USB disk into the USB port of your wireless router. To use AiDisk: 1.

[Page 31](#) 3. Select the access rights that you want to assign to the clients accessing your shared data. 4. Create your domain name via the ASUS DDNS services, select I will use the service and accept the Terms of service and key...

[Page 32](#) 5. Click Finish to finish the setup. 6. To access the FTP site that you created, launch a web browser or a third-party FTP client utility and key in the ftp link (ftp://<domain name>) you have previously created.

[Page 33: Using The Servers Center Service](#)

Using the Servers Center service Your wireless router allows UPnP (Universal Plug and Play) multimedia devices, such as PS3 and Xbox 360, to access multimedia files from the USB disk connected to your wireless router. NOTE: Before using the UPnP Media Server function, install a wireless adapter on your UPnP device.

[Page 34: Using The Network Place \(Samba\) Share Service](#)

Using the Network Place (Samba) Share service Network Place (Samba) Share allows you to set the account and permission for samba service. To use Samba share: 1. Click the Network place (Samba) Share tab in the Servers Center of USB Extension. 2.

[Page 35: Using The Ftp Share Service](#)

Using the FTP Share service Sharing files via the FTP server The ASUS Wireless Router enables you to share files from your USB storage device via the FTP server with computers in LAN or through the Internet. IMPORTANT! To use this feature, you need to insert a USB storage device, such as a USB hard disk or USB flash drive, to the USB 3.0/2.0 port on the rear panel of your wireless router.

[Page 36](#) RT-AC56U 4. From the list of files/folders, select the type of access rights that you want to assign for specific files/folders: • R/W: Select this option to assign read/write access for a specific file/folder. • W: Select this option to assign write only access for a specific file/folder.

[Page 37: Using The Miscellaneous Setting](#)

Using the Miscellaneous setting Miscellaneous setting allows you to configure other settings for the USB disk, including maximum login user, device name, work group and language on FTP server. To use miscellaneous setting: 1. Click the Miscellaneous setting tab in the Servers Center of USB Extension.

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IP addresses from your wireless router. NOTE: The ASUS Wireless Router can support up to 253 IP addresses for your network. To set up the DHCP server: 1. Click Advanced Setting from the navigation menu at the left side of your screen.

[Page 39](#) 3. In the Enable the DHCP Server? field, tick Yes. 4. In the IP Pool Starting Address field, key in the starting IP address. 5. In the IP Pool Ending Address field, key in the ending IP address. 6. In the Lease Time field, key in the time that the IP addresses expire and the wireless router automatically assigns new IP Addresses for the network clients.

[Page 40: Upgrading The Firmware](#)

Upgrading the firmware NOTE: Download the latest firmware from the ASUS website at <http://www.asus.com> To upgrade the firmware: 1. Click Advanced Setting from the navigation menu at the left side of your screen. 2. Under the Administration menu, click Firmware Upgrade.

[Page 41: Restoring/Saving/Uploading Settings](#)

Restoring/Saving/Uploading settings To restore/save/upload the settings: 1. Click Advanced Setting from the navigation menu at the left side of your screen. 2. Under the Administration menu, click Restore/Save/Upload Setting. 3. Select the tasks that you want to do: • To restore to the default factory settings, click Restore, and click OK in the confirmation message.

[Page 42: Setting Up Your Network Printer](#)

Use the Network Printer Setup utility to set up a USB printer on your wireless router and allow network clients to access the USB printer. NOTES: • To check if your USB printer is compatible with your ASUS wireless router, refer to the Printer Support List at <http://event.asus.com/2009/networks/printersupport/RT-AC56R.htm> •...

[Page 43](#) 3. Unzip the downloaded file and click the Printer icon to run the network printer setup program. 4. Follow the onscreen instructions to set up your hardware, then click Next.

[Page 44](#) 5. Wait for a few minutes for the initial setup to finish. Click Next. 6. Click Finish to complete the installation. RT-AC56U...

[Page 45](#) 7. Follow the Windows ® OS instructions to install the printer driver. 8. After the printer's driver installation is completed, network clients can now use the printer.

[Page 46: Using The Utilities](#)

- If Autorun is disabled, run setup.exe from the root directory of the support CD. Device Discovery Device Discovery is an ASUS WLAN utility that detects an ASUS wireless router device, and enables you to configure the device. To launch the Device Discovery utility: •...

[Page 47: Firmware Restoration](#)

Firmware Restoration Firmware Restoration is used on an ASUS Wireless Router that failed during its firmware upgrading process. It uploads the firmware that you specify. The process takes about three to four minutes. IMPORTANT: Launch the rescue mode before using the Firmware Restoration utility.

[Page 48](#) NOTE: This is not a firmware upgrade utility and cannot be used on a working ASUS Wireless Router. Normal firmware upgrades must be done through the web interface. Refer to Chapter 3: Configuring via the web GUI for more details.

[Page 49: Troubleshooting](#)

Troubleshooting NOTE: If you encounter problems that are not mentioned in this chapter, contact the ASUS Technical Support. Troubleshooting I cannot access a web browser for configuring the router. • Delete the cookies and files in your web browser. To do this, follow these steps: 1. Launch your web browser, then click Tools > Internet Options...

[Page 50](#) Cannot find the router: • Press the Reset button at the rear panel for more than five seconds. • Check the setting in the wireless adapter such as SSID and encryption settings. Cannot access the Internet via wireless LAN adapter. • Move the router closer to the wireless client. •...

[Page 51](#) The following are the factory default settings: User Name: admin Password: admin Enable DHCP: Yes (if WAN cable is plugged in) IP address: 192.168.1.1 Domain Name: (Blank) Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0 DNS Server 1: 192.168.1.1 DNS Server 2: (Blank) SSID (2.4GHz): ASUS SSID (5GHz): ASUS_5G...

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2. I did not register the ASUS DDNS for the router I bought six months ago. Can I still register it? Yes, you can still register the ASUS DDNS service for your router.

[Page 53](#) Different ISPs may have different interval time for IP updating. 6. Is the ASUS DDNS service free, or is it just a trial version? The ASUS DDNS service is a free and embedded service in some ASUS routers. Check your ASUS router if it supports the...

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[Page 55](#) 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.

[Page 56](#) Safety Information To maintain compliance with FCC's RF exposure guidelines, this equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator and your body. Use on the supplied antenna. Declaration of Conformity for R&TTE directive 1999/5/EC Essential requirements – Article 3 Protection requirements for health and safety –...

[Page 57](#) Canada, Industry Canada (IC) Notices This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003 and RSS-210. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

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