



# Preface

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This preface provides an overview of the *Cisco Aironet Wireless LAN Client Adapters Installation and Configuration Guide for Linux*, references related publications, and explains how to obtain other documentation and technical assistance, if necessary.

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# Audience

This publication is for the person responsible for installing, maintaining, and configuring a Cisco Aironet Wireless LAN Client Adapter (also referred to as a *client adapter*) on a computer using the Linux operating system. The installer should be familiar with Linux, computing devices and with network terms and concepts, and have root login or superuser access on the Linux PC.

# Purpose

This publication describes the client adapters, explains how to install the adapters and the client utilities (which enable you to configure and view the status of the adapter), and offers troubleshooting information.

# Organization

This publication is organized into the following chapters:

- [Chapter 1, “Overview,”](#) provides an introduction to the client adapters, introduces the software components, describes network configurations, and offers guidelines for positioning equipment in a wireless network.
- [Chapter 2, “Preparing for Installation,”](#) provides information that you need to know before installing a client adapter, such as safety and system requirements.
- [Chapter 3, “Installing and Configuring the Client Adapter,”](#) provides instructions for installing the driver and client utilities and initially configuring your client adapter.
- [Chapter 4, “Enabling Security Features,”](#) provides an overview of security features, using WEP keys, and using LEAP.
- [Chapter 5, “Advanced Configuration,”](#) provides a comprehensive list of configuration parameters and describes their function, default setting, and ranges.
- [Chapter 6, “Diagnostics,”](#) provides an overview of the diagnostics utilities, viewing the current status of the client adapter, and viewing statistics for the client adapter.
- [Chapter 7, “Routine Procedures,”](#) provides procedures for ascertaining the version of the firmware, driver, and client utilities, upgrading and uninstalling the firmware, driver, and client utilities.
- [Chapter 8, “Troubleshooting,”](#) provides information for diagnosing and correcting common problems, interpreting error messages, and accessing online help.
- [Appendix A, “Technical Specifications,”](#) lists the physical, radio, power, and regulatory specifications for the client adapters.
- [Appendix B, “Channels, Power Levels, and Antenna Gains,”](#) lists the channels, power levels, and antennas supported by the world’s regulatory domains and the countries that comprise each domain.
- [Appendix C, “Translated Safety Warnings,”](#) provides translations of the client adapter’s safety warnings in nine languages.
- [Appendix D, “Declarations of Conformity and Regulatory Information,”](#) provides conformity and regulatory information for the client adapters.

# Conventions

This publication uses the following conventions to convey instructions and information:

- Commands and keywords are in **boldface**.
- Variables are in *italics*.
- Notes, cautions, and warnings use the following conventions and symbols:



## Note

Means *reader take note*. Notes contain helpful suggestions or references to materials not contained in this manual.



## Caution

Means *reader be careful*. In this situation, you might do something that could result in equipment damage or loss of data.

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English	tac@cisco.com
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Kanji (Japanese)	japan-tac@cisco.com
Hangul (Korean)	korea-tac@cisco.com
Spanish	tac@cisco.com
Thai	thai-tac@cisco.com



## Warning

**This warning symbol means danger. You are in a situation that could cause bodily injury. Before you work on any equipment, be aware of the hazards involved with electrical circuitry and be familiar with standard practices for preventing accidents. (To see translations of the warnings that appear in this publication, refer to the appendix "Translated Safety Warnings.")**

## Waarschuwing

**Dit waarschuwingssymbool betekent gevaar. U verkeert in een situatie die lichamelijk letsel kan veroorzaken. Voordat u aan enige apparatuur gaat werken, dient u zich bewust te zijn van de bij elektrische schakelingen betrokken risico's en dient u op de hoogte te zijn van standaard maatregelen om ongelukken te voorkomen. (Voor vertalingen van de waarschuwingen die in deze publicatie verschijnen, kunt u het aanhangsel "Translated Safety Warnings" (Vertalingen van veiligheidsvoorschriften) raadplegen.)**

## Varoitus

**Tämä varoitusmerkki merkitsee vaaraa. Olet tilanteessa, joka voi johtaa ruumiinvammaan. Ennen kuin työskentelet minkään laitteiston parissa, ota selvää sähkökytkentöihin liittyvistä vaaroista ja tavanomaisista onnettomuuksien ehkäisykeinoista. (Tässä julkaisussa esiintyvien varoitusten käännökset löydät liitteestä "Translated Safety Warnings" (käännetyt turvallisuutta koskevat varoitukset).)**

<b>Attention</b>	<b>Ce symbole d'avertissement indique un danger. Vous vous trouvez dans une situation pouvant entraîner des blessures. Avant d'accéder à cet équipement, soyez conscient des dangers posés par les circuits électriques et familiarisez-vous avec les procédures courantes de prévention des accidents. Pour obtenir les traductions des mises en garde figurant dans cette publication, veuillez consulter l'annexe intitulée « Translated Safety Warnings » (Traduction des avis de sécurité).</b>
<b>Warnung</b>	<b>Dieses Warnsymbol bedeutet Gefahr. Sie befinden sich in einer Situation, die zu einer Körperverletzung führen könnte. Bevor Sie mit der Arbeit an irgendeinem Gerät beginnen, seien Sie sich der mit elektrischen Stromkreisen verbundenen Gefahren und der Standardpraktiken zur Vermeidung von Unfällen bewußt. (Übersetzungen der in dieser Veröffentlichung enthaltenen Warnhinweise finden Sie im Anhang mit dem Titel "Translated Safety Warnings" (Übersetzung der Warnhinweise).)</b>
<b>Avvertenza</b>	<b>Questo simbolo di avvertenza indica un pericolo. Si è in una situazione che può causare infortuni. Prima di lavorare su qualsiasi apparecchiatura, occorre conoscere i pericoli relativi ai circuiti elettrici ed essere al corrente delle pratiche standard per la prevenzione di incidenti. La traduzione delle avvertenze riportate in questa pubblicazione si trova nell'appendice, "Translated Safety Warnings" (Traduzione delle avvertenze di sicurezza).</b>
<b>Advarsel</b>	<b>Dette varselsymbolet betyr fare. Du befinner deg i en situasjon som kan føre til personskaade. Før du utfører arbeid på utstyr, må du være oppmerksom på de faremomentene som elektriske kretser innebærer, samt gjøre deg kjent med vanlig praksis når det gjelder å unngå ulykker. (Hvis du vil se oversettelser av de advarslene som finnes i denne publikasjonen, kan du se i vedlegget "Translated Safety Warnings" [Oversatte sikkerhetsadvarslar].)</b>
<b>Aviso</b>	<b>Este símbolo de aviso indica perigo. Encontra-se numa situação que lhe poderá causar danos físicos. Antes de começar a trabalhar com qualquer equipamento, familiarize-se com os perigos relacionados com circuitos eléctricos, e com quaisquer práticas comuns que possam prevenir possíveis acidentes. (Para ver as traduções dos avisos que constam desta publicação, consulte o apêndice "Translated Safety Warnings" - "Traduções dos Avisos de Segurança").</b>

## Related Publications

For more information about Cisco Aironet Wireless LAN Adapters and related products, refer to the following publications:

- *Quick Start Guide: Cisco Aironet Wireless LAN Adapters*
- *Release Notes for Cisco Aironet Wireless LAN Adapters*
- *Quick Start Guide: Cisco Aironet Access Points (340 and 350 Series)*
- *Quick Start Guide: Cisco Aironet 1200 Series Access Points*
- *Cisco Aironet Access Point Hardware Installation Guide (340 and 350 Series)*
- *Cisco Aironet 1200 Series Access Point Hardware Installation Guide*
- *Cisco Aironet Access Point Software Configuration Guide (340 and 350 Series)*
- *Cisco Aironet 1200 Series Access Point Software Configuration Guide*

## Obtaining Documentation

The following sections explain how to obtain documentation from Cisco Systems.

### World Wide Web

You can access the most current Cisco documentation on the World Wide Web at the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com>

Translated documentation is available at the following URL:

[http://www.cisco.com/public/countries\\_languages.shtml](http://www.cisco.com/public/countries_languages.shtml)

### Documentation CD-ROM

Cisco documentation and additional literature are available in a Cisco Documentation CD-ROM package, which is shipped with your product. The Documentation CD-ROM is updated monthly and may be more current than printed documentation. The CD-ROM package is available as a single unit or through an annual subscription.

## Ordering Documentation

Cisco documentation is available in the following ways:

- Registered Cisco.com users (Cisco direct customers) can order Cisco product documentation from the Networking Products MarketPlace:  
[http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/order/order\\_root.pl](http://www.cisco.com/cgi-bin/order/order_root.pl)
- Registered Cisco.com users can order the Documentation CD-ROM through the online Subscription Store:  
<http://www.cisco.com/go/subscription>
- Nonregistered Cisco.com users can order documentation through a local account representative by calling Cisco corporate headquarters (California, USA) at 408 526-7208 or, elsewhere in North America, by calling 800 553-NETS (6387).

## Documentation Feedback

If you are reading Cisco product documentation on Cisco.com, you can submit technical comments electronically. Click the **Fax** or **Email** option under the “Leave Feedback” at the bottom of the Cisco Documentation home page.

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We appreciate your comments.

## Obtaining Technical Assistance

Cisco provides Cisco.com as a starting point for all technical assistance. Customers and partners can obtain documentation, troubleshooting tips, and sample configurations from online tools by using the Cisco Technical Assistance Center (TAC) Web Site. Cisco.com registered users have complete access to the technical support resources on the Cisco TAC Web Site.

## Cisco.com

Cisco.com is the foundation of a suite of interactive, networked services that provides immediate, open access to Cisco information, networking solutions, services, programs, and resources at any time, from anywhere in the world.

Cisco.com is a highly integrated Internet application and a powerful, easy-to-use tool that provides a broad range of features and services to help you to

- Streamline business processes and improve productivity
- Resolve technical issues with online support

- Download and test software packages
- Order Cisco learning materials and merchandise
- Register for online skill assessment, training, and certification programs

You can self-register on Cisco.com to obtain customized information and service. To access Cisco.com, go to the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com>

## Technical Assistance Center

The Cisco TAC is available to all customers who need technical assistance with a Cisco product, technology, or solution. Two types of support are available through the Cisco TAC: the Cisco TAC Web Site and the Cisco TAC Escalation Center.

Inquiries to Cisco TAC are categorized according to the urgency of the issue:

- Priority level 4 (P4)—You need information or assistance concerning Cisco product capabilities, product installation, or basic product configuration.
- Priority level 3 (P3)—Your network performance is degraded. Network functionality is noticeably impaired, but most business operations continue.
- Priority level 2 (P2)—Your production network is severely degraded, affecting significant aspects of business operations. No workaround is available.
- Priority level 1 (P1)—Your production network is down, and a critical impact to business operations will occur if service is not restored quickly. No workaround is available.

Which Cisco TAC resource you choose is based on the priority of the problem and the conditions of service contracts, when applicable.

### Cisco TAC Web Site

The Cisco TAC Web Site allows you to resolve P3 and P4 issues yourself, saving both cost and time. The site provides around-the-clock access to online tools, knowledge bases, and software. To access the Cisco TAC Web Site, go to the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/tac>

All customers, partners, and resellers who have a valid Cisco services contract have complete access to the technical support resources on the Cisco TAC Web Site. The Cisco TAC Web Site requires a Cisco.com login ID and password. If you have a valid service contract but do not have a login ID or password, go to the following URL to register:

<http://www.cisco.com/register/>

If you cannot resolve your technical issues by using the Cisco TAC Web Site, and you are a Cisco.com registered, you can open a case online by using the TAC Case Open tool at the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/tac/caseopen>

If you have Internet access, it is recommended that you open P3 and P4 cases through the Cisco TAC Web Site.

## Cisco TAC Escalation Center

The Cisco TAC Escalation Center addresses issues that are classified as priority level 1 or priority level 2; these classifications are assigned when severe network degradation significantly impacts business operations. When you contact the TAC Escalation Center with a P1 or P2 problem, a Cisco TAC engineer will automatically open a case.

To obtain a directory of toll-free Cisco TAC telephone numbers for your country, go to the following URL:

<http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/687/Directory/DirTAC.shtml>

Before calling, please check with your network operations center to determine the level of Cisco support services to which your company is entitled; for example, SMARTnet, SMARTnet Onsite, or Network Supported Accounts (NSA). In addition, please have available your service agreement number and your product serial number.