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Manual | EN CU8210-D001-0101

WLAN USB Stick for USA, Canada



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There is a low-risk hazard that can result in minor injury.				

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NOTICE

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Version	Modifications
1.0	First version
1.1	Chapter Configuration revised
1.2	Chapter "Technical data" revised
1.3	Chapter "Name plate" revised
1.4	Chapter "WLAN channels" revised
1.5	Chapter "TwinCAT/BSD" added

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2.1 Intended use

With the CU8210-D001-0101 WLAN stick, Beckhoff Industrial PCs can be equipped with a WLAN module and subsequently connected to a network.

The WLAN stick was developed for a work environment that conforms to protection class IP20. This involves finger protection and protection against solid foreign objects up to 12.5 mm, but not protection against water. Operation of the devices in wet and dusty environments is not permitted, unless specified otherwise. The specified limits for electrical and technical data must be adhered to.

The WLAN stick is used:

- to equip Industrial PCs with a network connection without a comprehensive cable-based infrastructure, or
- · to reach difficult to access machine or plants more easily.

Improper use

The WLAN stick is not suitable for operation in the following areas:

- areas in which the use of radio devices is prohibited.
- Potentially explosive atmospheres.
- Areas with an aggressive environment, e.g. aggressive gases or chemicals.
- applications that require real-time communication via radio.

2.2 Staff qualification

All operations involving Beckhoff software and hardware may only be carried out by qualified personnel with knowledge of control and automation engineering. The qualified personnel must have knowledge of the administration of the Industrial PC and the associated network.

All interventions must be carried out with knowledge of control programming, and the qualified personnel must be familiar with the current standards and guidelines for the automation environment.

2.3 Safety instructions

The following safety instructions must be followed during installation and working with networks and the software.

WLAN

- The WLAN stick can be impaired in the vicinity of metal constructions or plants that emit electromagnetic waves. Plan the distances and use the WLAN stick in such a way that the connection between the WLAN stick and the WLAN is as unobstructed as possible.
- Do not allow any dust, liquids or vapors that could damage the WLAN stick to get inside it. Use the WLAN stick together with the CU8210-M001-01x0 or CU8210-M002-0100 cabinet dome in order to protect it against environmental influences.
- Encrypt the WLAN with the WPA2 security mechanism.

Working with networks

- Restrict access to all devices to an authorized circle of persons.
- Change the default passwords to reduce the risk of unauthorized access.
- Protect the devices with a firewall.
- Apply the IT security precautions according to IEC 62443, in order to limit access to and control of devices and networks.

3 **Product overview**

With the CU8210-D001-0101 WLAN stick, Beckhoff Industrial PCs can be equipped with a WLAN module and operated in client mode or as an access point, depending on the operating system.

The WLAN stick offers the encrypted exchange of data at a transfer rate of up to 433.3 Mbit/s and supports 20 MHz, 40 MHz and 80 MHz transmission bandwidths. The WLAN stick supports the IEEE 802.11 ac Draft 2.0 and 802.11 a/b/g/n specifications. The WLAN stick is backward compatible and enables communication with older devices.

In addition, the WLAN stick supports the WiFi-Direct standard. A connection can thus be established between two WLAN end devices without a central access point.

3.1 Structure

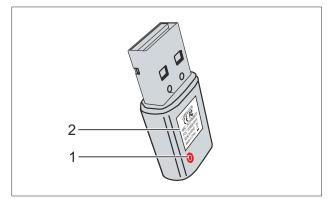


Fig. 1: Structure of a CU8210-D001-0101 WLAN stick.

Table 1: Legend for the configuration.

No.	Component	Description
1	Diagnostic LED [27]	The LED is located under the plastic.
		The diagnostic LED indicates the status of the WLAN stick and, for example, whether the WLAN stick is switched on or is connected to a network.
2	Name plate	The name plate can be used for the identification of the model. The MAC address can be found here.

3.2 Name plate

The WLAN sticks are available in two versions, which differ only in the type of certification. Depending on the certification, the sticks can be used in certain regions or countries.

The name plate makes it easier to find a stick with the appropriate certification for a region or country. The name plate is located on the housing of the WLAN stick:

- The marking LM808-0406 corresponds to the CU8210-D001-0102 WLAN stick, which is suitable for operation in Europe, Russia, South Africa, Israel, Korea, Taiwan, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, India.
- The marking LM808-0407 corresponds to the CU8210-D001-0101 WLAN stick, which is suitable for operation in USA, Canada.



Fig. 2: CU8210-D001-0101 Name plate.

In addition, the MAC address of the WLAN stick is shown on the name plate and a list of certificates on the USB plug.

3.3 System requirements

Table 2: CU8210-D001-0101 System requirements.

Operating system	Version	
Windows	Windows 7 (32 and 64-bit)	
	Windows 10 (32 and 64-bit)	
TwinCAT/BSD	TwinCAT/BSD v.12.1	

3.4 WLAN principles

WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network) is a radio technology that makes wireless networks and wireless internet access possible. WLAN, which is defined by the IEEE 802.11 standards family, can be configured in the following mode:

Infrastructure network

The main difference between wireless infrastructure networks and wireless ad hoc networks is that the PCs in a wireless infrastructure network can access the Internet via an access point.

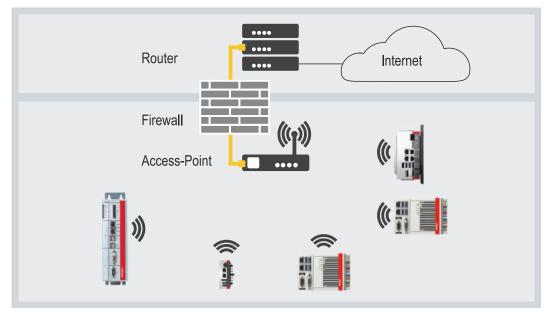


Fig. 3: Example of an infrastructure network.

Pay attention to security when setting up an infrastructure network, because a connection to the internet is a potential weak point in the network infrastructure.

Encryption

WLAN encryption is an important security setting and you must ensure that no unauthorized user can log on and use the network resources. The WLAN stick supports the WPA2 (Wi-Fi Protected Access) security mechanism,

where a key that is used to encrypt the data is defined in the access point or router. This key must be entered in the clients' settings and must match the defined key.

Encryption with WEP is obsolete and can be decrypted in a short time.

Frequency range

If several WLANs are operated within a small radius, mutual interference can occur because both WLANs work in the same frequency range or the distance between the channels is too small.

This can affect the connection quality in terms of reliability and data transfer rate.

If there are persistent disturbances, select a different channel to prevent frequency sharing.

4 Configuration

4.1 Windows 7

The WLAN stick only functions on Windows 7 systems after installing the driver. The configuration software from Realtek, with which the WLAN stick can be configured, is also installed together with the driver.

- The WLAN stick can be configured as an access point with the configuration software from Realtek.
- A WLAN connection can also be established using Windows standard applications.

4.1.1 Installing the driver

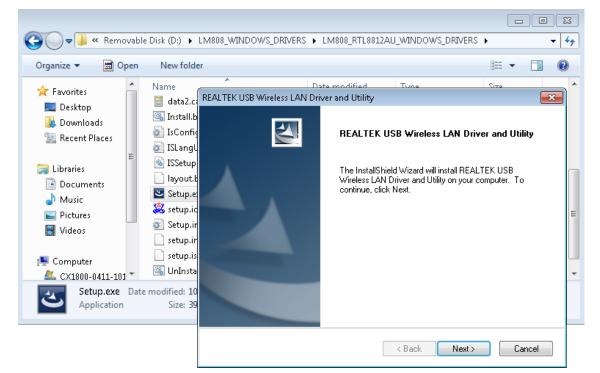
The appropriate driver must first be installed in order to use the WLAN on Windows 7. During the installation, the Realtek driver and configuration software will be installed. All other WLAN settings can be made with the software.

Requirements:

· Driver: Provided by Beckhoff Service.

Install the driver as follows:

- 1. Make sure that the WLAN stick is not yet connected to the Industrial PC.
- 2. Run the Setup.exe file to start the installation.



- 3. Follow the further installation instructions.
- ⇒ Restart the Industrial PC after the installation and only then connect the WLAN stick to the Industrial PC. The WLAN stick is now ready to operate.

4.1.2 Connecting to WLAN

In this work step we show you how to establish a WLAN connection. In addition, you will find out how to search for WLANs and determine the SSID. In this example, the IP address is automatically assigned by a DHCP server.

Requirements

- Existing WLAN with configured access point.
- WLAN key (password).

Proceed as follows:

1. Start the Realtek configuration software.

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Realtek RTL881	Status: Not Associated						
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	Type: N/A						
	Encryption: N/A						
	SSID:						
	Signal Strength:						
	Link Quality:						
	-Network Address: MAC Address: 34:C9:F0:88:C3:1C Realtek RTL8811AU Wireless LAN 802.11ac USB 2.0 Network Adapter IP Address: 0.0.0.0						
	Subnet Mask: 0.0.0.0 Gateway:						
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Show Tray Icon Radio Off	 Disable Adapter Virtual WiFi allowed 	Close					

2. Click at the top on the **Available Network** tab to search for available networks. Networks that are within range are listed with SSID, channel and encryption method.

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		1	AES	WPA2 Pre-Shared Key	30%	Infrastructure		
	A ³ Hotspot	6	AES	WPA2 Pre-Shared Key	100%	Infrastructure		
	BECKHOFF	11	AES	WPA2 802.1x	22%	Infrastructure		
	NOT-SPOT-WPA		AES	WPA2 Pre-Shared Key	26%	Infrastructure	-	=
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3. Select the network with which you wish to establish a WLAN connection and click **Add to Profile**. The Wireless Network Properties window appears.

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🖃 🪽 MyCompute		Wi-Fi Protect Setup				*
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		Network Authentication	Signal	Туре	*	
	This is a computer-to-computer(ad hoc) network; wireless access points are not used.	WPA2 Pre-Shared Key	26%	Infrastructure		
	Profile Name: Hotspot	WPA Pre-Shared Key/	72%	Infrastructure		
		WPA2 Pre-Shared Key	30%	Infrastructure		
	Network Name(SSID): Hotspot	WPA2 Pre-Shared Key	100%	Infrastructure		
		WPA2 802.1x	22%	Infrastructure		-
	Channel: 6 (2437MHz) 🔻	WPA2 Pre-Shared Key	26%	Infrastructure	=	=
	Wireless network security	WPA2 Pre-Shared Key	20%	Infrastructure	_	
	This network requires a key for the following:	WPA2 802.1x	12%	Infrastructure		
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Radio Off					Close	
	Confirm network key:					_
	OK Cancel					

- 4. Enter the WLAN key of your WLAN and confirm with [OK].
- ⇒ Following a successful connection, a summary is automatically displayed on the **General** tab, where you will find more information such as the speed, signal strength or IP address of the network.

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4.1.3 Establishing a connection to Windows standard applications

In this work step we show you how to establish a WLAN connection to Windows standard applications. In this example, the IP address is automatically assigned by a DHCP server.

Requirements:

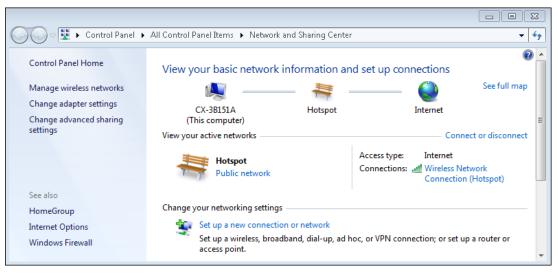
- Existing WLAN with configured access point.
- WLAN key (password).

Proceed as follows:

- 1. Click the network icon at the bottom right in the taskbar to display all WLANs in range.
- 2. Choose the appropriate network and click Connect.

Currently connected to: beckhoff.com Internet access	43		
Wireless Network Connection	^		
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			OK Cancel

- 3. Enter the WLAN key for the network in order to establish the connection.
- ⇒ You have successfully established a WLAN connection. For more information about the network, see Start > Control Panel > Network and Sharing Center.



4.1.4 Configuring as access point

NOTICE

Unwanted access over the internet

An access point with an internet connection poses a security risk. Take appropriate precautions with your IT department. Adapt your infrastructure, e.g. firewall or VPN.

In this work step we show you how to configure a WLAN stick as a virtual access point, where the access point is based on the Windows 7 hosted network function.

With the Internet Connection Sharing option (ISC), the access point can be configured in such a way that the internet connection of the access point is shared with the clients.

Proceed as follows:

- 1. Start the Realtek configuration software.
- 2. To activate the access point, select the option Virtual WiFi allowed below.
- 3. In the **IP Address** field, set the address range for IP addresses that are subsequently assigned by the DHCP server to the clients.

In this example the clients are given the IP addresses: 192.168.159.2... / 3... / 4... and so on.

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Show Tray Icon Radio Off	Disable Adanter Virtual WiFi allowed	Close

Make sure when assigning addresses that you do not interfere with a higher-level DHCP server from the network infrastructure.

- 4. Subsequently, select the option Start Virtual WiFi Soft AP to start the access point.
- 5. Click the **Config** button. The Network Properties window appears.

General Profile Available Network Sta	tus Statistics Wi-Fi F	Protect Setup	Virtual WiFi					
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Virtual WiH SoftAP Status								
Status: Started	Status: Started							
SSID: CX-3B151.	4-66300							
BSSID: 34:C9:F0:	38:C3:1C							
Association Table								
AID MAC Address	Life Time							
		_						
	Config							

6. Change the network name if necessary (SSID) and define a WLAN key with at least eight characters for the network.

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	Status: Started	
	SSID: CX-3B151A-66300	
		Profile Name: HOSTED_NETWORK_PROFILE
		Network Name(SSID); CX-3B151A-66300
	Association Table	
	AID MAC Address Life Time	- Wireless network security
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		Data encryption:
		Data encryption:
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	IP Address: 192 . 168 . 159 . 1	Network key:
4 III >		
🔽 Show Tray Icon	🔲 Disable Adapter	Confirm network key:
🔲 Radio Off	📝 Virtual WiFi allowed	
		OK

7. Deactivate the option **Setting Internet Connection Sharing (ISC)** if the internet connection of the access point is not to be shared.

-Soft AP Use the following IP	address:			
IP Address:	192 . 168 . 159 . 1	Apply		
✓ Setting Internet Connection Sharing (ICS) ✓ Auto Select Public Network Shared network:				
TwinCAT-Intel PCI Ethern	net Adapter (Gigabit) #2			
Refresh	n Apj	ply		

The option Internet Connection Sharing (ISC) is active by default.

⇒ You have successfully configured the WLAN stick as an access point. Clients that connect to the access point are listed in the Associated Table.

4.2 Windows 10

The configuration software from Realtek is not required with Windows 10. The configuration is done using standard Windows tools or with the help of configuration software from Beckhoff if the WLAN stick is to be used as an access point.

4.2.1 Establishing a connection

In this work step we show you how to establish a WLAN connection. In this example, the IP address is automatically assigned by a DHCP server.

Requirements:

• WLAN key (password).

Proceed as follows:

- 1. Click the network icon at the bottom right in the taskbar to display all WLANs in range.
- 2. Choose the appropriate network and click Connect.



- 3. Enter the WLAN key for the network in order to establish the connection.
- ⇒ You have successfully established a WLAN connection. For more information about the network, see Start > Settings > Network & Internet > Wi-Fi.

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% VPN	Sign in with your Microsoft account to use Wi-Fi Se	ense	~

4.2.2 Configuring as a hotspot

NOTICE

Unwanted access over the internet

A hotspot with an internet connection poses a security risk. Take appropriate precautions with your IT department. Adapt your infrastructure, e.g. firewall or VPN.

In this step we show you how to configure a WLAN stick as a hotspot on Windows 10 systems. The hotspot works only with an existing internet connection, which the hotspot then shares with the clients. You cannot activate a hotspot on Windows 10 systems without an internet connection.

Requirements:

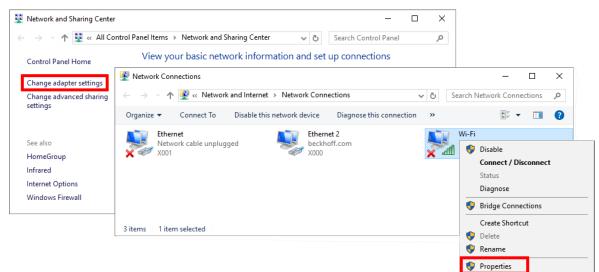
Internet connection

Proceed as follows:

- 1. Click Start > Settings > Status > Network & Internet. The Settings window appears.
- 2. Click the **Network and Sharing Center** button.

← Settings	– D X
O Home	• HomeGroup Set up a homegroup to share pictures, music, files, and printers with other PCs on your network.
Find a setting $ ho$	with other PCs of your network.
Network & Internet	Network troubleshooter Diagnose and fix network problems.
Status	View your network properties
<i>i</i> ∕⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄⁄	Windows Firewall Network and Sharing Center
記 Ethernet	Network reset
ଳ Dial-up	Provide feedback about networking to the Windows team

3. On the left, click Change adapter settings. Right-click the WLAN adapter, then click Properties.



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4. Click the **Configure** button and select the appropriate value for the WLAN mode on the **Advanced** tab. The value depends on your network environment and the desired transfer rate.

Wi-Fi Properties	×			
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Connect using: Realtek RTL8811AU Wireless LAN 802.11ac USB 2.0 Ne Configure This connection uses the following items: Configure This connection uses the following items: Configure Co		Genera Advanced Driver Details The following properties are available the property you want to change on th on the right. Property: EnableAdaptivity HLDifForAdaptivity QoS Support VHT 2.4G IOT Wireless Mode	Va Va	work adapter. Click
	-			OK Cancel

5. Click **Mobile hotspot** under **Start > Settings**. Under **Edit**, change the SSID and WLAN key of the network.

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- 6. Activate the hotspot with the button Share my Internet connection with other devices.
- ⇒ You have successfully activated the hotspot and can now connect clients to this hotspot. All devices are listed under **Devices connected.**

### 4.2.3 Configuring as access point

The Beckhoff-Virtual-WLAN-Access-Point software must be installed so that the WLAN stick can be configured and used as an access point with Windows 10. The network is managed with the help of the software. Clients such as tablets, cell phones or notebooks can connect to the WLAN provided. In this way, access to the web HMI of the Industrial PC or Condition Monitoring concepts are conceivable.

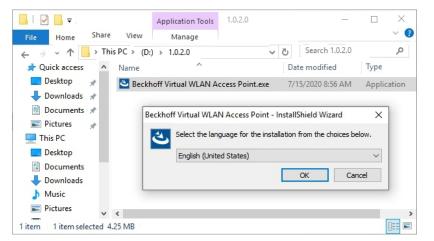
As the host of the WLAN network, the Industrial PC or the WLAN stick is given the IP address 192.168.137.1. The clients obtain their IP addresses from the integrated DHCP-Server and these addresses cannot be changed due to WiFi-Direct restrictions.

Requirements:

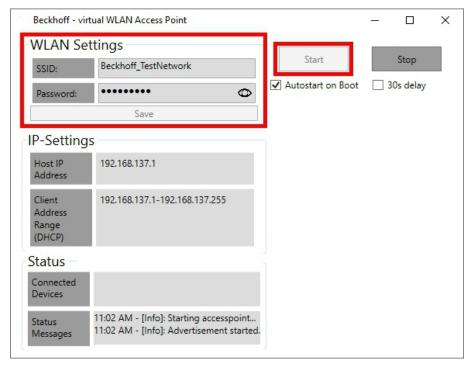
• Beckhoff-Virtual-WLAN-Access-Point: The software is provided by Beckhoff Service.

#### Proceed as follows:

1. To start the installation, run the file Beckhoff Virtual WLAN Access Point.exe.



- 2. Follow the installation instructions.
- 3. Start the software under Start > Beckhoff > Beckhoff Virtual WLAN Access Point.
- 4. Define an SSID for the WLAN network and issue a password with at least 8 characters.



5. Click Save and then Start to start the access point.

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⇒ The access point is started and the start is displayed under Status Messages. The WLAN network becomes visible with the defined SSID. Connect your clients to the WLAN network. Connected clients and their IP addresses are displayed under Connected Devices.

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Password:	••••••	✓ Autostart on Boot	30	)s delay	
	Save				
IP-Settings	5				
Host IP Address	192.168.137.1				
Client Address Range (DHCP)	192.168.137.1-192.168.137.255				
Status		1			
Connected Devices	192.168.137.50WiFiDirect#EC:8C:9A:8C:D				
Status Messages	11:02 AM - [Info]: Starting accesspoin ^ 11:02 AM - [Info]: Advertisement start 11:05 AM - [Info]: 192.168.137.50 con ^V				

### 4.3 TwinCAT/BSD

This chapter describes various aspects of WLAN configuration under TwinCAT/BSD and includes step-bystep instructions on how to connect an industrial PC to a WLAN, configure it as an access point or set up a DHCP server.

The first section shows how to establish a WLAN connection, including searching for networks and assigning an IP address via a DHCP server. The second section explains the configuration of the industrial PC as an access point with the packet hostapd. The third section is dedicated to the installation and configuration of a DHCP server, which may be required depending on the network infrastructure.

### 4.3.1 Connecting to WLAN

This step shows how to establish a WLAN connection with an access point under TwinCAT/BSD. In addition, you will learn how to search for WLAN networks and determine the SSID.

WLAN is encrypted with WPA2, and the IP address is automatically assigned by a DHCP server.

Requirements:

- Beckhoff WLAN sticks: CU8210-D001-0101 or CU8210-D001-0102
- · SSID and password of an existing WLAN.

#### Proceed as follows:

- 1. Enter the command sysctl net.wlan.devices in the console to obtain the device name. With a Beckhoff WLAN stick, for example, rtwn0 is output as the device name.
- 2. Open the file rc.conf with doas ee /etc/rc.conf and add the following lines:

```
# wireless
wlans_rtwn0="wlan0" #wlan0 is now your network interface
ifconfig wlan0="WPA DHCP country DE"
```

3. The following lines must be added if dhcpcd is used (Standard from version 13.2.0.6 / 89449).

```
# wireless
wlans_rtwn0="wlan0" #wlan0 is now your network interface
ifconfig wlan0="WPA country DE"
```

4. If DHCP is not active or desired, a fixed IP address is defined with the following entry.

```
# wireless
wlans_rtwn0="wlan0" #wlan0 is now your network interface
ifconfig wlan0="WPA inet 192.168.0.100 netmask 255.255.255.0 country DE"
```

- 5. Restart the network service with doas service netif restart to apply the settings in the rc.conf file.
- 6. Search for new WLAN networks using doas if config wlan0 up scan. The command doas if config wlan0 list scan displays networks that are already known.
- 7. Save the access data for a WLAN network with the command doas ee /etc/ wpa_supplicant.conf by adding the following lines to the file wpa_supplicant.conf.

```
network={
    ssid="myssid" #for myssid specify the name of the network
    psk="mypsk" #for mypsk enter password of network
}
```

- 8. Enter doas service netif restart to restart the network service.
- ⇒ The WLAN connection is established. Use ifconfig to display the network status of the WLAN interface.

For further information, see: https://www.freebsd.org/doc/handbook/network-wireless.html

### 4.3.2 Configuring as access point

You can configure an Industrial PC as an access point under TwinCAT/BSD. This feature requires the hostapd packet to be installed. Install the hostapd packet with: doas pkg install hostapd

The hostapd daemon takes care of client authentication and key management on the WPA2-enabled access point.

Make sure the correct regulatory domain is used for the respective country. This includes, for example, the permitted channels, permitted transmission power and DFS activation for certain 5 GHz channels.

Requirements:

- Installing the hostapd packet.
- Internet connection.
- · Reinsert the WLAN stick if it was plugged in at startup.

#### Proceed as follows:

1. Open the file rc.conf with doas ee /etc/rc.conf and add the following lines: Example:

```
hostapd_enable="YES" #starts the hostapd daemon automaticaly after boot
wlans_rtwn0="wlan0" #wireless interface used for access point
create_args_wlan0="wlanmode hostap ssid yourSSIDname authmode WPA2"
ifconfig wlan0="inet 192.168.0.1 netmask 255.255.255.0 country DE"
```

2. Use the command doas ee /etc/hostapd.conf to open the file hostapd.conf and add the following lines:

#### Example:

```
interface=wlan0
debug=1
ctrl_interface=/var/run/hostapd
ctrl interface group=wheel
ssid=yourSSIDname
wpa=2
wpa_passphrase=freebsdmall  #password for wlan network
wpa_key_mgmt=WPA-PSK
wpa_pairwise=CCMP
channel=6
            #Channel for the desired radio band (default: 0 stands for ACS, automatic Channel
Selection)
            #Operation mode, in this case g=IEEE802.11g (2.4 GHz)
hw mode=q
country_code=DE #used to set the right regulatory domain for your country
ieee80211d=1
                #advertises the country code an the set of allowed channels and transmit power
levels based on the regulatory limits (default=0)
```

- 3. Enter the command doas service hostapd forcestart to start the access point.
- ⇒ You have successfully configured the Industrial PC as an access point. WLAN devices can now connect to the network using the SSID and the password from the hostapd.conf file. For further information see: <u>https://www.freebsd.org/doc/handbook/network-wireless.html</u>

### 4.3.3 Setting up a DHCP server

Depending on the network infrastructure, you may need a DHCP server. This step shows how to install and configure a DHCP server.

Requirements:

- Internet connection.
- · Adjust the firewall and apply the rules to the WLAN interface (see: Firewall)

#### Proceed as follows:

- 1. Enter the doas pkg install dhcpd command in the console to install the DHCP server.
- 2. Open the dhcpd.conf. file with doas ee /usr/local/etc/dhcpd.conf and edit the configuration according to your requirements..

Sample:

```
subnet 192.168.0.0 netmask 255.255.255.0 {
range 192.168.0.10 192.168.0.20;
default-lease-time 600;
max-lease-time 72400;
option subnet-mask 255.255.255.0;
}
```

3. Open the rc.conf file with doas ee /etc/rc.conf and add the following lines:

```
dhcpd_enable="YES"
dhcpd_flags="wlan0"
dhcpd_ifaces="wlan0"
```

- 4. Enter the doas service dhcpd start command to start the DHCP service. After a restart, the DHCP service is started automatically because of the corresponding entry in rc.conf.
- 5. The ee /var/db/dhcpd.leases command can be used to view current and expired leases.
- ⇒ The DHCP server is thus active and only listens to requests on the interface wlan0. For more information, see: <u>https://www.freebsd.org/doc/en_US.ISO8859-1/books/handbook/network-dhcp.html</u> or <u>https://man.openbsd.org/dhcpd.8</u>

# 5 Diagnostic LED

Display	Error code	Description
	Off	The WLAN stick is deactivated.
	Flashes quickly	The connection is being established.
	Flashes continuously	WLAN stick is active.

# 6 Technical data

Table 3: Technical data, dimensions and weights.

	CU8210-D001-0101
Dimensions (W x H x D)	15 mm x 8 mm x 29.5 mm
Weight	approx. 5 g

#### Table 4: Technical data, general data.

	CU8210-D001-0101	
Chipset	Realtek	
Number of transmitters	1 transmitter, 1 receiver	
Standards	EEE 802.11 ac/a/b/g/n/d/e/h/i	
Data transfer rate	1, 2, 5.5, 11, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54, 60, 90, 120, 150, 173.3, 180, 240, 270, 300, and maximum 433.3 Mbit/s	
Encryption	WEP, WPA/WPA2 (TKIP/AES)	
Modulation method	CCK, DQPSK, DBPSK, BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, 256QAM	
Frequency band	2.4 GHz and 5 GHz (5.15-5.25 GHz - U-NII-1) ISM Bands	
RF Output Power	17dBm - 802.11b @ 11Mbps	
(Tolerance ±2 dBm)	15dBm - 802.11g @ 54Mbps	
	13dBm - 802.11a @ 54Mbps	
	13dBm – 802.11n @ MCS7_HT20	
	13dBm – 802.11n @ MCS7_HT40	
	11dBm – 802.11ac @ NSS1 MCS9_BW20, BW40, BW80	
	-82dBm – 802.11b @ 11Mbps -71dBm – 802.11g@54MBps	
Receiver sensitivity	-67dBm – 802.11n @ MCS7_BW20	
	-64dBm – 802.11n @ MCS7_BW40	
	-57dBm – 802.11ac @ NSS1_MCS9_BW20	
	-54dBm – 802.11ac @ NSS1_MCS9_BW40	
	-51dBm – 802.11ac @ NSS1_MCS9_BW80	

Table 5: Technical data, approvals.

	CU8210-D001-0101
Approvals	USA, Canada

Table 6: Technical data, environmental conditions.

	CU8210-D001-0101
Ambient temperature during operation	0 °C +70 °C ambient temperature 5 to 95 % (non-condensing)
Ambient temperature during storage	-40 °C +80 °C ambient temperature 5 to 95 % (non-condensing)
Protection class	IP 20

# 6.1 WLAN channels

Depending on the target market, there are differences in the number of WLAN channels to be used. The channel identifiers, channel frequencies and regulation ranges of each 22 MHz-wide channel are shown in the following table.

Chan- nel	Frequency (MHz)	Japan	Europe and most of the World	North America	Israel
1	2412	Х	Х	Х	
2	2417	Х	Х	Х	
3	2422	Х	Х	Х	Х
4	2427	Х	X	Х	Х
5	2432	Х	Х	Х	Х
6	2437	Х	Х	Х	Х
7	2442	Х	Х	Х	Х
8	2447	Х	Х	Х	Х
9	2452	Х	Х	Х	Х
10	2457	Х	Х	Х	
11	2462	Х	Х	Х	
12	2467	Х	Х		
13	2472	Х	Х		
14	2484	Х			

Table 7: WLAN channels depending on the target market.

### 6.2 Dimensions

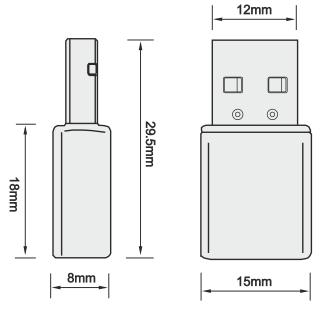


Fig. 4: CU8210-D001-0101 Dimensions.

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