Setting up the Linksys Smart Wi-Fi Router using the Smart Setup Wizard

This article will guide you on how to set up your Linksys Smart Wi-Fi Router using the **Smart Setup Wizard**.

QUICK TIP: The Smart Setup Wizard is supported by **all Linksys Smart Wi-Fi Routers**.

Smart Setup benefits

- You do not need a Setup CD or additional software to set up the router.
- You have the option to directly access the router's web-based setup page during the setup process.

NOTE: The CD included in the packaging **does not contain** any setup software. It only contains your router's documentation.

Requirements before setting up your router

The following requirements should be met to avoid any problems during the setup:

- **Browser requirements** for the router setup and Linksys Smart Wi-Fi access:
    - Microsoft Edge™
    - Internet Explorer® 8 or higher
    - Latest version of Chrome™ and Firefox®
    - Safari® (for Mac® or iPad®)
    - Latest Adobe Flash® Player

- **Materials for setup** – You should have the following items:
    - Linksys Smart Wi-Fi Router
    - **One (1)** or **two (2)** Internet / Ethernet (RJ-45) cables
    - A wireless computer or a computer with an Ethernet port

- **Active Internet connection** – To check if you are able to access the Internet, connect the modem to the computer using an Ethernet cable as shown in the image below:

I don't have a modem. Are there any other alternatives? Yes. What you can do is to connect the cable (also called a patch or a fiber optic cable) provided by your Internet Service Provider (ISP) directly to the computer's Ethernet port.

Begin the Smart Setup Wizard

Step 1:
If your router came with external antennas, connect the antennas to the router first and then plug in the router to a power source. If your router has a power switch, make sure that the power switch is set to the **| (ON)** position. Wait until the power LED is solid.

Step 2:
Connect the Ethernet cable from your modem to the **Internet port** of the router.

Step 3:
Connect to your secured wireless network. You can locate the wireless credentials either at the bottom of the router or on the **Quick Start Guide**. To prevent any problems during setup, make sure you have a good signal from the router or bring the wireless computer closer to the same room as the router.

NOTE: If you are using a wired computer, skip **Step 3** and proceed to **Step 4**.

Step 4:
Launch your web browser and enter "http://linksyssmartwifi.com" in the Address bar then press **[Enter]**.

QUICK TIP: If you are unable to launch the Smart Setup, you can enter the default IP Address of the router, **192.168.1.1**, or type **myrouter.local** in the browser's Address bar.

Enter "linksyssmartwifi.com" in the Address bar then press [Enter].

Step 5:
Tick the checkbox beside **I have read and accepted the License Terms for using this software** then click **Next** to proceed.

Linksys Smart Wi-Fi Setup

Linksys Smart Wi-Fi Setup will help you set up your router and get it connected to the Internet. Your new wireless home network will be online in just a few minutes.

Tick the checkbox.

continue.

☑ I have read and accepted the License Terms for using this software

☐ I want to skip Setup and configure my router manually

ⓘ To access Setup in the future you must factory reset your router.

Next

Click **Next**.

NOTE: If you prefer to manually set up the router and bypass the Smart Setup Wizard, click on the **Manual Configuration** link at the bottom. On some Linksys Smart Wi-Fi Routers you will see a checkbox **I want to skip Setup and configure my router manually**. Tick this option and click **Next**.

QUICK TIPS:

- If the Smart Setup screen does not show up, press the **Reset** button at the back of the router for **10** seconds, turn the router OFF and then turn it back ON. Wait a few seconds for the router to boot up and start at Step 1 again.
- If no Internet connection is detected, the **Your Internet cable is not connected correctly** window will appear. Follow the suggested troubleshooting steps on the screen to resolve your connection problem then click **Next**.

Your Internet cable is not connected correctly

Check the following:

1. The Internet cable is securely connected to the yellow Internet port on your router.

2. The other end of the Internet cable is securely connected to your modem.

3. Your modem is plugged in and powered on.

4. Click **Next** to try again.

Next

Click **Next.**

- For **Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)** users, the setup will prompt for the Point-to-Point Protocol over Ethernet (PPPoE) **Account name** and **Password**. Enter the necessary information then click **Next** to continue.

Step 6:
In the **Updates for your router** window, the **Install future router updates automatically (recommended)** is checked by default to allow automatic updates. You can uncheck it to control when to perform an Auto-Update. You can also enable this option again after you log into the router's web-based setup page. Click **Next** to proceed.

Updates for your router
Keep current with the latest performance and security updates for your router.

Tick the checkbox.

updates automatically overnight when they are available. This will ensure your router is using the latest performance updates from Linksys.

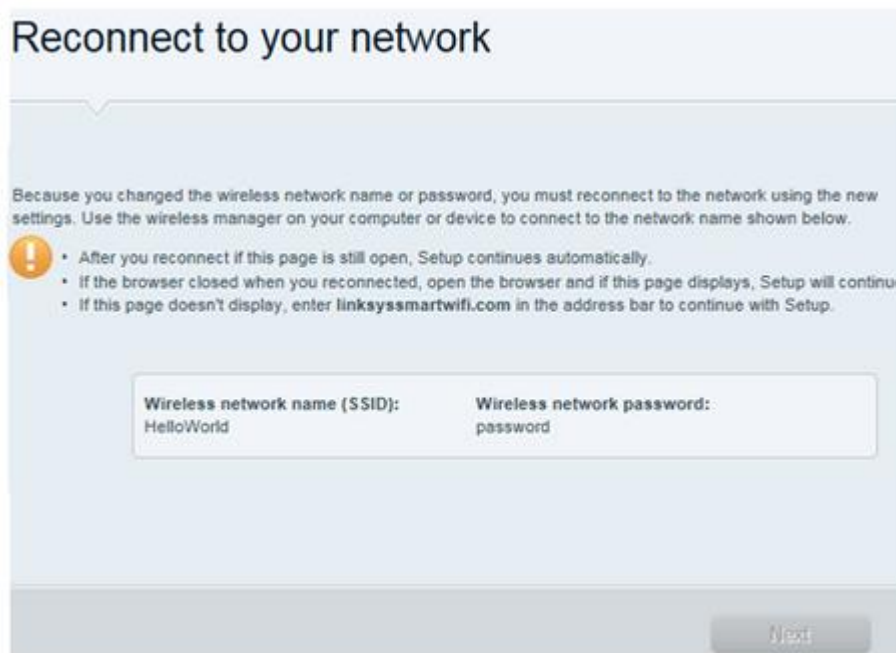☑ Install future router updates automatically (recommended)

Next

Click **Next**.

Step 7:
Enter your desired **Network Name** and **Network Password** in the fields provided, and then click **Next**.

NOTE: You will have the same Network Name for both bands. The 5 GHz name however, will be appended with the _**5GHz** suffix. After the setup, you can individually customize the 5 GHz and 2.4 GHz Network Names through the router's **Wireless Tool**. To know more about this feature, click here. If you do not wish to differentiate the 2.4 GHz from the 5 GHz band, tick the box beside **Make all network names the same**.

QUICK TIP: If you are using a wireless computer for setup, you will now receive a message to **Reconnect to your network**. Connect your wireless computer to the new wireless settings you used during setup as indicated in this step in order to continue Setup. The wireless password is case-sensitive.

Enter a router password in the **Create a router password** field then click **Next**.
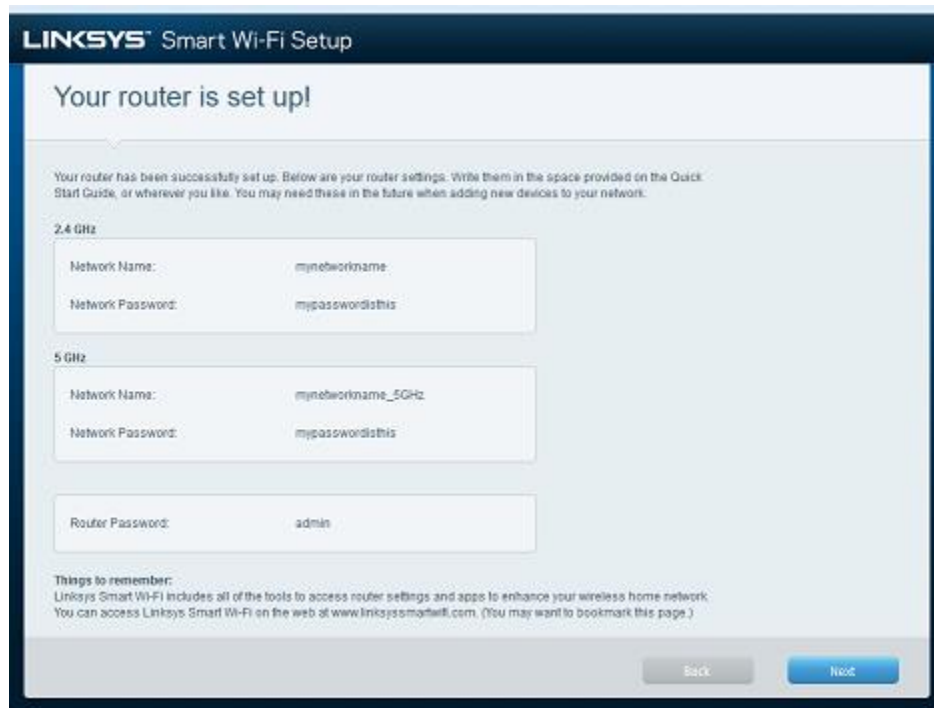
QUICK TIP: If your router displays an **Add a password hint** option, enter your preferred hint in the field provided. This will help you remember your router password in the future. Your password hint will only appear when you choose Local Access.

Step 9:

If you see the **Your router is set up!** message, this means that your router is now successfully set up. The new Wi-Fi settings as well as the router admin password will be displayed. Ensure that you **write down the new settings** in the fields provided on the Quick Start Guide for future reference. Click **Next** to complete the entire setup.

Step 10:

You will be redirected to the **Create Your Linksys Smart Wi-Fi Account** page for Remote Access.