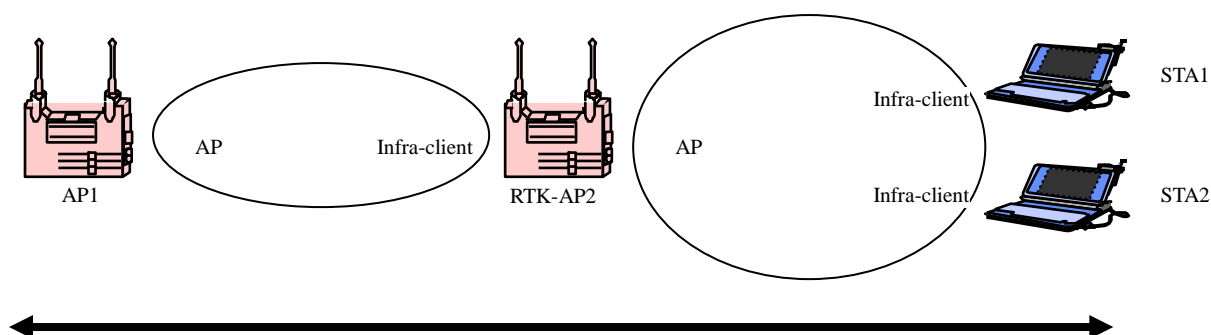


1. Introduction

This document describes what is “Universal Repeater Mode” implemented in Realtek 11n Router/AP reference design. It includes the configuration setting, operation flow, and limitation.

Normally, Realtek 11n Router/AP could be configured to AP or client respectively. To communicate with other APs, it should enable WDS channel. To use WDS, users must make sure these APs should support this feature. Besides, user may need to set MAC address of peer AP into WDS table before communication. Thus, it will have some limitation to use WDS.

Beside WDS, user may use URM (Universal Repeater Mode) to communicate with other APs. When URM is enabled, besides the AP function, it will behave as an infrastructure-client, which is able to link to another AP.




In above figure, STA1 and STA2 could communicate to AP1 through RTK-AP2. In this case, RTK-AP2 is like as a “Repeater” to forward the packet between AP1 and STA1/STA2.

When using URM with WISP (WAN ISP mode) mode, user could let Realtek 11n Router/AP connect to ISP AP, and act as AP simultaneously in LAN interface. By that, multiple wireless clients could access Internet and share one IP address through Realtek 11n Router/AP.

2. Configuration Setting and Security

User could enable URM in operation mode page. When URM is enabled, user should input SSID of the root interface in the field of “SSID”, and input SSID of another AP in the field of “SSID of Extended Interface”. Please note, the channel number will be the channel of the root interface before the extended interface connects to another AP, and will be changed according to the channel used by another AP because Realtek 11n Router/AP will share the same channel between AP and URM interface (called as extended interface hereafter).


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Wireless Basic Settings

This page is used to configure the parameters for wireless LAN clients which may connect to your Access Point. Here you may change wireless encryption settings as well as wireless network parameters.

☐ **Disable Wireless LAN Interface**

Band: 2.4 GHz (B+G+N)

Mode: AP Multiple AP

Network Type: Infrastructure

SSID: RTK 11n AP

Channel Width: 40MHz

Control Sideband: Upper

Channel Number: 11

Broadcast SSID: Enabled

WMM: Enabled

Data Rate: Auto

Associated Clients: Show Active Clients

☐ **Enable Mac Clone (Single Ethernet Client)**

☒ **Enable Universal Repeater Mode (Acting as AP and client simultaneously)**

SSID of Extended Interface: RTK 11n AP RPT0

Apply Changes
Reset

The security settings for root interface and extended interface are independent. User needs to go to “Security” page to set security types and security key for both interfaces.

When URM is enabled, it will display the link status and statistics of extended interface in status and statistic web pages as shown below.



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Access Point Status

This page shows the current status and some basic settings of the device.

| System | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Uptime | 0day:0h:27m:20s |
| Firmware Version | v3.2 |
| Build Time | Thu Mar 1 15:23:24 CST 2012 |
| Wireless Configuration | |
| Mode | AP |
| Band | 2.4 GHz (B+G+N) |
| SSID | RTK_11n_AP |
| Channel Number | 11 |
| Encryption | Disabled |
| BSSID | 00:e0:4c:a1:cc:01 |
| Associated Clients | 0 |
| Wireless Repeater Interface Configuration | |
| Mode | Infrastructure Client |
| SSID | RTK_11n_AP_RPT0 |
| Encryption | Disabled |
| BSSID | 00:00:00:00:00:00 |
| State | Scanning |
| TCP/IP Configuration | |
| Attain IP Protocol | Fixed IP |
| IP Address | 192.168.1.254 |
| Subnet Mask | 255.255.255.0 |
| Default Gateway | 0.0.0.0 |
| DHCP Server | Auto |
| MAC Address | 00:e0:4c:a1:cc:01 |
| WAN Configuration | |
| Attain IP Protocol | PPPoE Disconnected |
| IP Address | 0.0.0.0 |
| Subnet Mask | 0.0.0.0 |
| Default Gateway | 0.0.0.0 |
| MAC Address | 00:e0:4c:a1:cc:09 |


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- Management
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 - DDNS
 - Time Zone Setting

Statistics

This page shows the packet counters for transmission and reception regarding to wireless and Ethernet networks.

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Wireless LAN | <i>Sent Packets</i> | 601 |
| | <i>Received Packets</i> | 20249 |
| Wireless Repeater LAN | <i>Sent Packets</i> | 2851 |
| | <i>Received Packets</i> | 0 |
| Ethernet LAN | <i>Sent Packets</i> | 62 |
| | <i>Received Packets</i> | 17 |
| Ethernet WAN | <i>Sent Packets</i> | 8 |
| | <i>Received Packets</i> | 0 |

3. Summary

- When repeater mode is enabled, an extended virtual interface (wlan0-vxd) will be created automatically.
- User should set the SSID of extended virtual interface, which will let wlan driver look for the AP with the same SSID. If the SSID is empty or 'ANY', it will search and associate to any AP. The Infra-client of virtual interface will probe APs among the channels. The channel will be switched to another AP and therefore the control channel of root AP will also be changed.
- If 'WISP' mode is set (in GW or GW-VPN version), the root interface (wlan0) will bind to LAN port (br0), and extended virtual interface will bind to WAN port.
- The security settings for root interface and extended interface are independent. User needs to go to "Security" page to set security types and security key for both interfaces.