

1. APPLE AIRPORT EXTREME

1.1 Product Description

The following are device specific configuration settings for the Apple Airport Extreme. Navigation through the management screens will be similar but may vary across specific products in this vendor's family of routers. See the vendor's website for more information about wireless configuration at www.apple.com/airportextreme/. The following equipment was used in the test case:

Device: Apple Airport Extreme Base Station V4.0.8
Firmware: Version 5.4

An administration utility is provided by the manufacturer, which assists the user in configuring the access point. Start the utility and click on the Show All Settings button to begin configuration of the recommended settings as shown in Figures 4-1 and 4-2.



Figure 1-1. Apple: Configuration Summary Screen

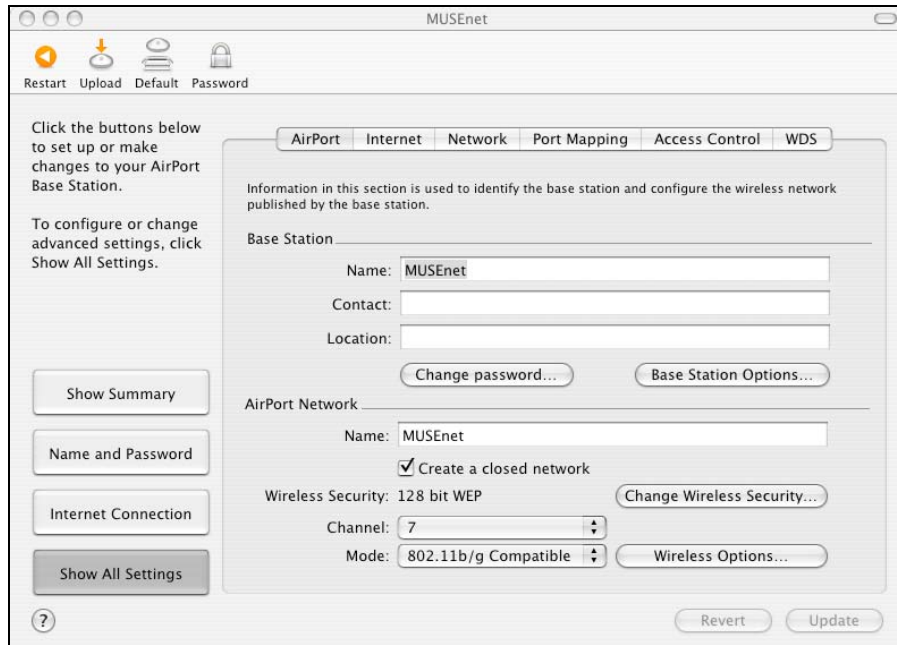


Figure 1-2. Apple: Show All Settings Screen

1.2 Configuration of Recommended Security Policies

2.3.1.010	Use layer 2 or 3 encryption with AES
Not available in tested product.	

2.3.1.020	Choose products that support a network level security management solution.
Set SNMP and VLAN setting as described in policy 2.3.1.030.	

2.3.1.030	Disable management ports on network devices when not in use.
<p>In its simplest configuration, the services screen should be configured as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Telnet/SSH: Enabled – Enables secure shell tunneling to AP for management purposes (CLI). For secure deployments, SSH should be enabled and Telnet should be disabled. - CDP: Disable Cisco Discovery Protocol. CDP can be disabled, but may adversely impact Power over Ethernet negotiation with the AP, as well as limit the ability for Switch port shutdown of rogue AP's. - Filters: Enabled (optionally, these can be individually enabled if needed). Filters/Access lists can be enabled on the AP to only allow critical services such as DHCP, DNS and VPN services to further control traffic. - CDP: Disable Cisco Discovery Protocol. - Filters: Enabled (optionally, these can be individually enabled if needed). - SNMP: Enabled – Allows network management and monitoring devices to access the AP (but over an OOB management VLAN described later). - VLAN: Enabled – Allows multiple virtual LANs to be configured to the AP from network. - Hot Standby: Disabled - DNS: Disabled - HTTP: Enabled – Allows browser access to the AP for configuration. Caution, this access should only be allowed over a secure channel, since the communication is not HTTPS. - QoS: Disabled (unless applications require this feature) - NTP: Enable – for network Managements best practice – this will provide a way to help correlate events if the need arises for Network Troubleshooting. - ARP Caching: Disabled (enable to decrease wireless broadcast traffic and increase security) 	

2.3.1.040	Use OOB management across a specially configured VLAN for network administration/management
Set VLAN setting as described in policy 2.3.1.030.	

2.3.1.050	WLAN must have session timeout capability and must be set to 15 min or less
No setting available on this AP. Must be set on client devices.	

2.3.1.060	Set AP transmit power to lowest possible to attain signal strength required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From the Show All Settings, Airport menu tab (Figure 4-2) - Select the Wireless Options button. - Select the best combination of Interface Robustness, Multicast Rate and Transmit Power that reaches to the furthest required point of the WLAN. This process will require repeated testing using a secured client. 	

2.3.1.070	Password-protect AP beyond manufacturer's default setting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From the Show All Settings, Airport menu tab (Figure 4-2) - Click the Change password button - In the popup window that appears, change the base station password - Use sound password policies such as minimum 8 characters, one digit, one capital letter, and one special character - To check the strength of your password, you may use the Apple Keychains application, which features a built-in strength tester that provides a password strength score 	

2.3.1.080	Change default SSID
<p>From the Show All Settings, Airport menu tab (Figure 4-2)</p> <p>Under the AirPort Network section, in the field labeled Name, type a name for the base station. This will be the SSID of the base station</p> <p>NOTE: The Base Station, Name field also listed on this screen, is for administration purposes only and will not set the SSID.</p>	

2.3.1.090	Disable SSID broadcast mode
Not tested.	

2.3.1.100 | Enable MAC address filtering

- From the **Show All Settings** menu (Figure 4-2),
- Select the **Access Control** tab (Figure 4.4). Note the window where client Airport IDs (MAC addresses) and client descriptions can be entered
- Click on the + button to the right of this window to add clients
- Exporting this list to other Airport Extreme base stations is a simple process

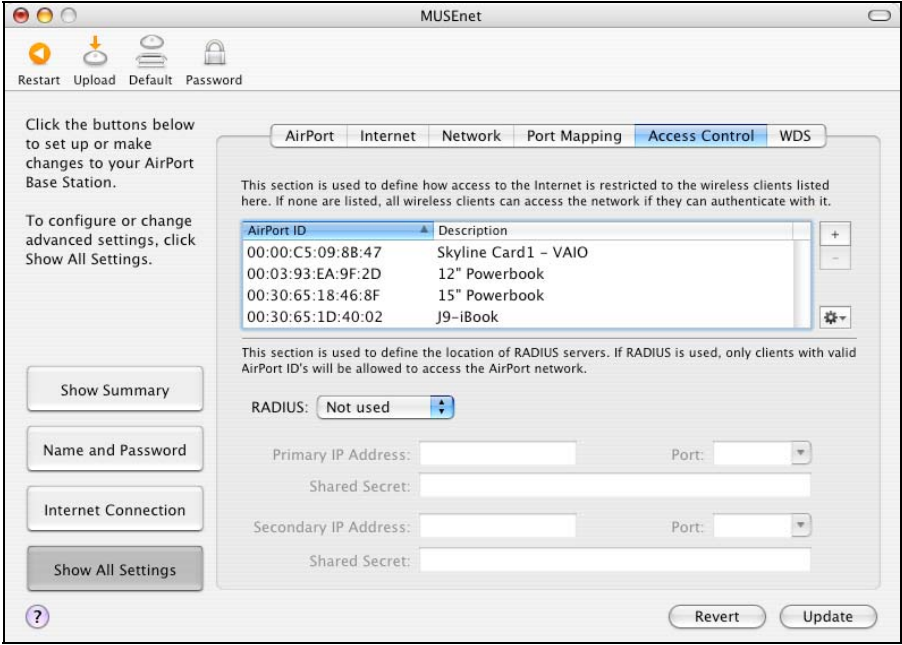


Figure 1-3. Apple: MAC Address Filtering

2.3.1.110 | Backup system configuration settings
Not tested. See vendor website.

2.3.1.120 | Enable Wireless Client Isolation
Not tested

2.3.1.130 Enable and configure logging

- From the **Show All Settings, Airport** tab (Figure 4-2)
- Click the **Base Station Options** button
- Select **Logging Level 5** from the drop down menu (default)
- Click the **Send Base Station Logging** checkbox
- Enter the IP address of the device you wish to receive the Syslog stream

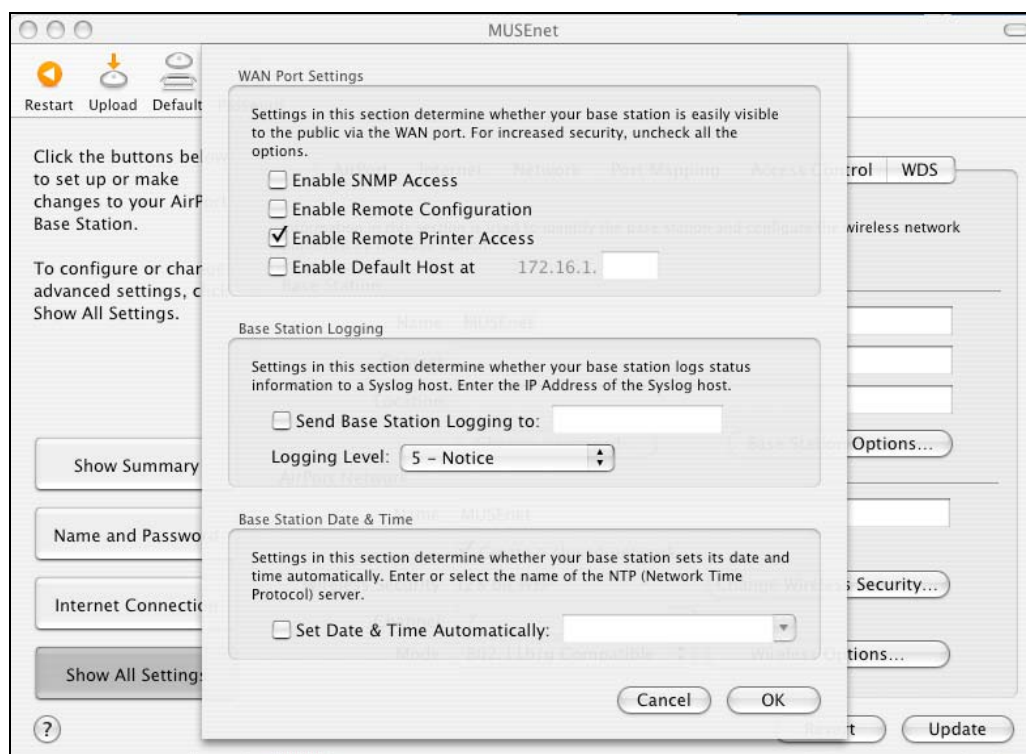


Figure 1-4. Apple: Logging