

# Configuring Your Windows XP Laptop for Wireless Networking

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This handout provides the steps to setting up a laptop computer, running the Windows XP operating system, for wireless access using Cisco Aironet or Orinoco Gold wireless network adapter cards.

## Step 1:

- Start up the laptop so that you see your Windows XP desktop.
- Insert the wireless card into your laptop's PCMCIA card slot and the accompanying CD into your CDROM drive. Windows XP will automatically detect the card:



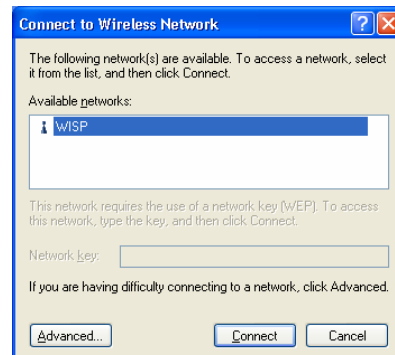
- Windows XP will automatically install the appropriate drivers:



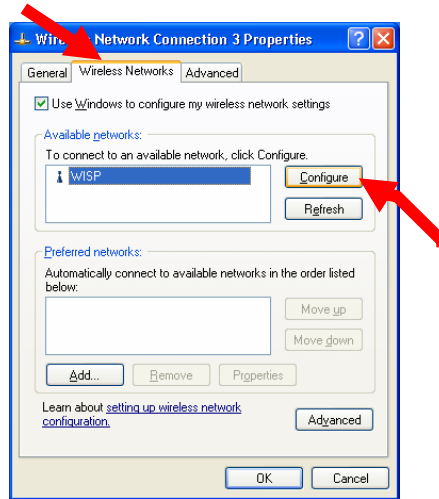
- Once the drivers are successfully installed, click on the taskbar icon indicated below to continue configuration.



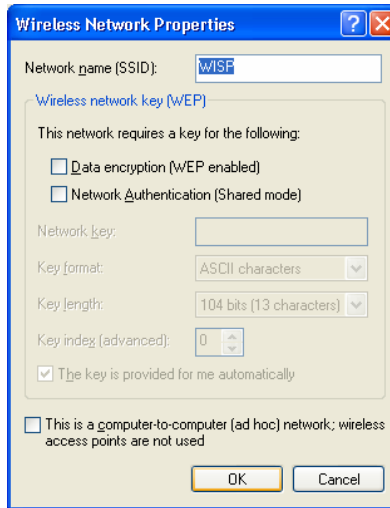
- In the Wireless Network Connection configuration window, select "WISP" from the list of available wireless networks and click the "Advanced" button:



- f. Click on the “Wireless Networks” tab and click the “Configure” button:



- g. The following window will pop up:



- h. Click OK. Click OK again to exit the Wireless Network Connection Properties dialogue box.
- i. An icon and balloon tip will pop up on your Windows XP taskbar to let you know you have successfully connected to the wireless network:



- j. Open Internet Explorer and browse to the Malaspina home page (<http://www.mala.ca>) to ensure you have connected to the WISP wireless network.