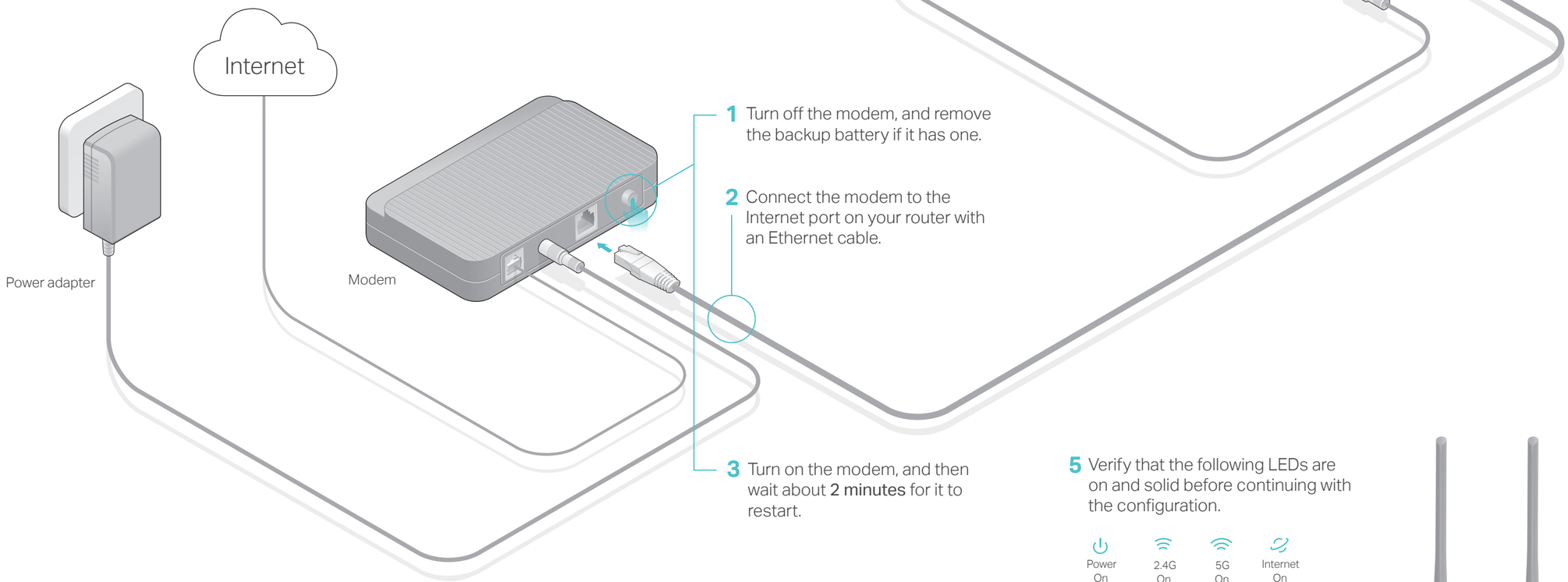
Quick Installation Guide

AC1200 Wireless Dual Band Gigabit Router

Archer C1200

Connect the Hardware

If your internet connection is through an Ethernet cable from the wall instead of through a DSL / Cable / Satellite modem, connect the Ethernet cable directly to the router's Internet port, and then follow Step 4 and 5 to complete the hardware connection.



1 Turn off the modem, and remove the backup battery if it has one.

2 Connect the modem to the Internet port on your router with an Ethernet cable.

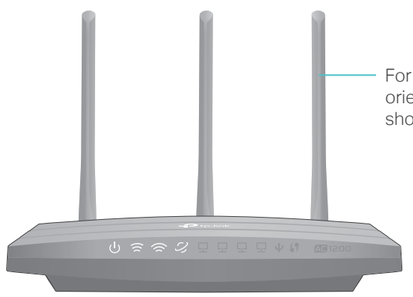
3 Turn on the modem, and then wait about **2 minutes** for it to restart.

4 Connect the power adapter to the router and turn on the router.

5 Verify that the following LEDs are on and solid before continuing with the configuration.

Power On	2.4G On	5G On	Internet On

Note: If the 2.4G LED and 5G LED are off, please press the WPS/Wi-Fi button for 2 seconds and check the LEDs again a few seconds later.



For optimum performance, orient the antennas as shown in the drawing.

Configure the Cloud Router

Method ONE: Via the TP-Link Tether App

1. Download the Tether app.

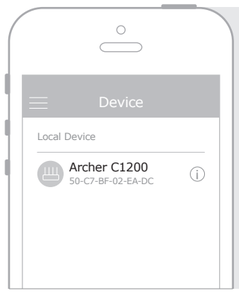
Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play
or
Scan for Tether
Tether

2. Connect your smartphone to the router.

The default wireless network names (SSIDs) and password are printed on the label at the bottom of the router.



3. Connect the router to internet.

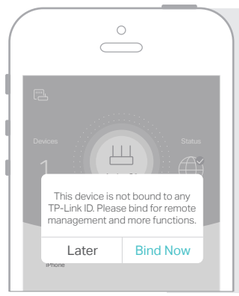


A Launch Tether. Select **Archer C1200** from the local device list.

B Create a login password and then enter the password again to log in.

C Follow the steps to connect to internet.

4. Register the TP-Link Cloud service.



To enjoy a more complete service from TP-Link, tap **Bind Now** when prompted and follow the instructions to register and bind your **TP-Link ID** to your cloud router.

With your TP-Link ID, you can conveniently manage your home network from your smartphone or tablet via Tether, no matter where you find yourself.

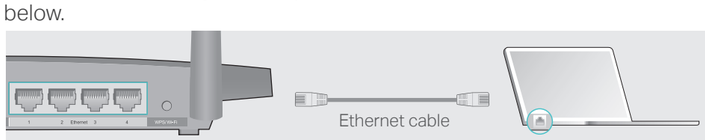
Enjoy the internet !

Method TWO: Via Web Browser

1. Connect your device to the router (wired or wireless).

- **Wired**

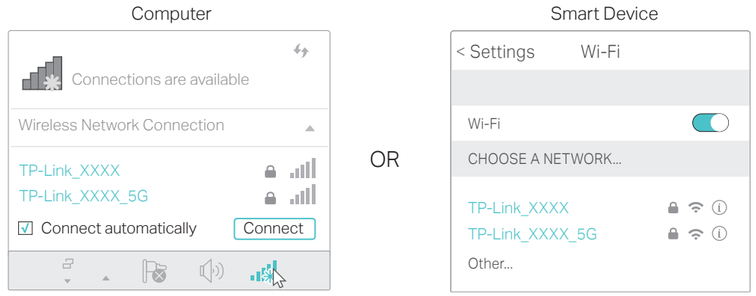
Turn off the Wi-Fi on your computer and connect the devices as shown below.



- **Wireless**

a Find the SSID and wireless password printed on the label of the router.

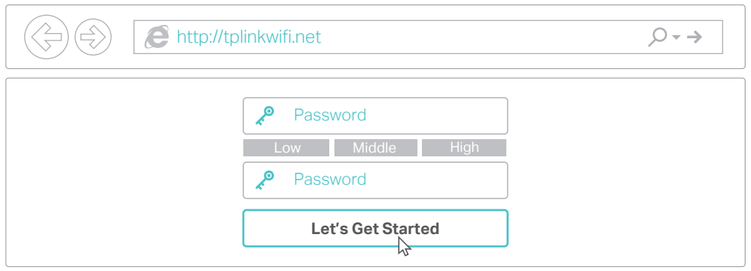
b Click the network icon of your computer or go to Wi-Fi settings of your smart device, and then select the SSID to join the network.



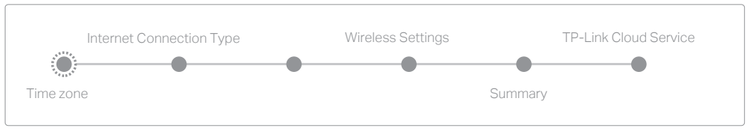
2. Connect the router to internet.

A Launch a web browser, and enter **http://tplinkwifi.net** or **http://192.168.0.1** in the address bar. Create a login password and then click **Let's Get Started**.

Note: If the login window does not appear, please refer to **Q1** of **Need Help?** in this guide.



B Follow the step-by-step instructions to set up an internet connection and register the TP-Link Cloud service.



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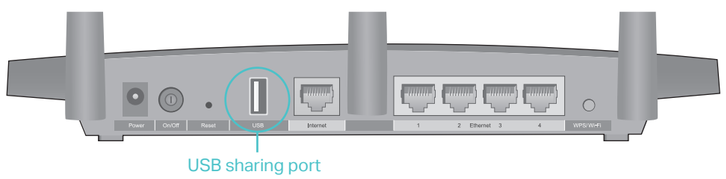
USB Applications

With a USB port, it's easy to share printers, files and media with multiple devices.



Local Storage Sharing
Share files from the USB drive with devices in your home network

Printer Sharing
Share a printer with multiple computers connected to the router

Remote Access
Access the USB drive when you are away from home

Media Server
Play media from the USB drive on your computer and smart devices

To learn more about the USB applications, visit **http://www.tp-link.com/app/usb**, or simply scan the QR code.

TP-Link Cloud Service

TP-Link Cloud service provides a better way to manage your cloud devices. For example:



Remote Management
Easily manage your home network when you are out and about via the Tether app on your smartphone or tablet.

Timely Upgrade Notifications
Keep informed of the latest firmware updates, ensuring your router stays at its best.

One for All
Manage multiple TP-Link cloud devices, all from a single TP-Link ID.

You can set up and enjoy cloud functions via the Tether app or through the web management page at **http://tplinkwifi.net**.

To learn more about TP-Link Cloud service and other useful features supported by the router (including Guest Network, Parental Controls, Access Control and more), please refer to the **User Manual** at **www.tp-link.com**.

Need Help?

Q1. What can I do if the login window does not appear?

- If the computer is set to a static or fixed IP address, change settings to obtain an IP address automatically.
- Verify if **http://tplinkwifi.net** or **http://192.168.0.1** is correctly entered in the web browser. Alternatively, enter **http://192.168.1.1** in the web browser.
- Use another web browser and try again.
- Reboot your router and try again.
- Disable and then enable the network adapter.

Q2. What can I do if I cannot access internet?

- Check if the internet is working normally by connecting a computer directly to the modem via an Ethernet cable. If it is not, contact your Internet Service Provider.
- Log in to the web management page of the router, and go to the **Basic** > **Network Map** page to check whether the internet IP address is valid or not. If it is, please run the Quick Setup again; otherwise, check the hardware connection.
- Reboot your router and try again.
- For cable modem users, log in to the web management page of the router, and go to **Advanced** > **Network** > **Internet** > **MAC Clone**. Select **Use Current Computer MAC Address** and click **Save**. Then reboot both the modem and the router.

Q3. How do I restore the router to its factory default settings?

- With the router powered on, use a pin to press and hold the **Reset** hole on the back until the Power LED ⏻ blinks.
- Log in to the web management page of the router, go to **Advanced** > **System Tools** > **Backup & Restore** > **Factory Default Restore**, and click **Factory Restore**. The router will restore and reboot automatically.

Q4. What can I do if I forget my login password?

- If you are using a TP-Link ID to log in, click **Forgot password?** on the login page and then follow the instructions to reset it.
- Alternatively, use a pin to press and hold the **Reset** hole on the back until the Power LED ⏻ blinks to reset the router, and then visit **http://tplinkwifi.net** to create a new login password.

Q5. What can I do if I forget my wireless network password?

- If you have not changed the default wireless password, it can be found on the label at the back of the router.
- Connect your computer to the router via an Ethernet cable. Log in to the web management page at http://tplinkwifi.net, and go to **Basic** > **Wireless** to retrieve or reset your wireless password.

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