

Re: How To Get 3Com Wireless Card To Show Connected

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 - *Date:* Fri, 21 Jul 2006 18:21:46 GMT
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'James' wrote, in part:

| It shows connected right now, It also shows connected in my taskbar
| when I run my cursor over it. But what I really want to know is, how do
| I get the wireless card to connect—if it shows disconnected?

I understand that you really want to know how to make the connection when disconnected, but first you have to understand the CAUSE of the disconnection.

If your notebook does not have a built in wireless, then it is VERY unlikely to have a switch for the wireless PCI card.

So far you have answered some of the questions, but not enough.

Disconnection could be caused by interference from other wirelesses in the immediate area (within 50 to 100 feet) or too great a distance between the base station or members of an ad hoc network.

What kind of wireless PCI card do you have? Does the wireless card have an applet installed that includes diagnostics? What are the results when you run the diagnostics?

What kind of base station do you have?

What happens when you try to repair the wireless connection when disconnected?

More information please, all at the same time, if possible. No one in the newsgroup can see your setup, so you must provide all the details. In particular, details when the wireless connection is DISCONNECTED, not when it is CONNECTED.

Phil Weldon

"James" <moore_guys@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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news:1153499761.376633.264050@xx

| Phil Weldon wrote:

|> 'James' wrote:

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|> | disconnected. My question is,
|> | when it shows disconnected how do I change it to connected? I can't
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|> How about some information about the base station, or if ad hoc, the
other

|> computer(s).

|> What signal strength do you get when the wireless is connected?

|> What laptop do you use?

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|> What does clicking on 'Network Connections' in the 'Control Panel' show?

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|> 'Disconnected' can show when the signal strength is to low for
operation, or

|> the base station or other computer (in an ad hoc network) is turned off.

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|> Phil Weldon

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|> news:1153434279.338323.19410@xx

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| The signal strength varies—even when connected, the last time I checked
| it was 60%

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|> What laptop do you use?

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| I use a Dell Inspiron 1150

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| I haven't contacted Dell Support about this problem, because the
| computer didn't come with a wireless card. I have contacted the people
| who installed it and he said something about there might be a switch or
| button on the computer—but I found none.

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