

SECTION 10

VU WIRELESS NETWORK

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10.1 VU AND THE WIRELESS NETWORK

The VU wireless network consists of different types of equipment such as wireless access points, switches, and routers. In a wireless enabled area, a PC or notebook with wireless capabilities will have the ability to access network resources. However, in order to prevent misuse and security violations, the VU wireless network enforces some security mechanisms for wireless connections. Further documentation and information for the Wireless LAN can be obtained from the following link: <http://intranet.vu.edu.au/its/Wireless/>

10.2 WHAT IS A WIRELESS NETWORK?

A Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) is a networking technology that uses radio waves instead of wires to allow computers to communicate and connect to the wired network. Victoria University has wireless network coverage areas using Access Points to allow students and staff to access the University's Intranet and Internet.

10.3 HOW TO CONNECT TO THE VU WIRELESS NETWORK?

Currently the VU wireless network is tested and supported on the following Macintosh and Windows based operating systems:

Windows XP
Windows Vista
Windows 7
Mac OSX Lion
MAC Snow Leopard
MAC Leopard
MAC Tiger

At this stage there is no support for Unix like or Linux based operating systems such as Ubuntu.

We currently have Quick User guides and an executable file which will help you install all settings needed to connect to the VU wireless network.

To install the wireless settings using the executable file, you will need to download the file onto a USB-memory stick, and then run the executable file on your notebook.

*Please note this executable file is only PC compatible

* For full details please refer to the "Getting Connected" section of the following link:

<http://intranet.vu.edu.au/its/Wireless/>

10.4 WHERE CAN THE WIRELESS NETWORK BE ACCESSED?

Areas within Victoria University campuses that do have Wireless coverage are known as Wireless Hotspots. Currently the wireless network consists of over 900 wireless access points spread across 10 Victoria University campuses in Melbourne. This service has been available since mid 2008. Coverage maps of these areas are available to assist you in locating Victoria University Wireless Hotspot Areas. Maps can be located at the following link: <http://intranet.vu.edu.au/its/Wireless/>

10.5 HOW TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE?

Please refer to available documentation and frequently asked questions on the support website:

<http://intranet.vu.edu.au/its/Wireless/>