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World's First Wireless Turbo Super G Drivers for Macintosh: 12X the throughput of AirPort™

Anaheim, CA; May 3rd, 2004 - Today, OrangeWare announced a major technology advance for Macintosh users with the latest upgrade, Version 3.0 of its 802.11a/b/g “Wireless Driver for Mac”. Whereas Apple’s AirPort Extreme 802.11g product offers a 54 Mb/s data rate, OrangeWare’s 802.11a/b/g Wireless Driver runs at up to 108 Mb/s and supports over 20 different wireless cards. OrangeWare offers the Wireless Driver for Mac to end users for \$15. When it is combined with a host of non-Apple wireless cards, it can run at the newest performance modes called “Super G” or “Turbo Super G”. These capabilities are offered only on wireless cards using the Atheros wireless chipset, many of which are listed at the end of this document.

Available immediately in a free trial version from <http://www.orangeware.com/endusers/wirelessformac.html>, the Wireless Driver for Mac v3.0 along with an 802.11g wireless card not only dramatically outruns Apple’s AirPort Extreme, but costs the consumer half as much.*

Another unique feature of the OrangeWare driver is its compatibility with 802.11a networks. Not only is this the only 802.11a product available for Macintosh, but version 3.0 now allows “Turbo A” mode.

The Market:

OrangeWare’s Wireless Driver for Mac is the ideal solution for 3 types of Mac users:

1. Users who want to add wireless to existing Macs with huge cost savings over Apple’s AirPort cards.
2. Users who want to upgrade their older, slower AirPort 802.11b cards for laptops. Since AirPort Extreme cards won’t fit into legacy AirPort slots due to a different form factor, a non-Apple CardBus card with the OrangeWare driver is the only available solution. This solution will increase speed by 12 times.

3. All Apple users who need to connect wirelessly to an 802.11a network must use the OrangeWare driver combined with a non-Apple add-on card as the only available solution.

OrangeWare vs. Airport™ Benchmark

PRODUCT	PROTOCOL	RELATIVE SPEED
Apple® Airport™	802.11b	1X
Apple® Airport™ Extreme	802.11g	4.5X
OrangeWare® Mac Wireless Driver	802.11 Turbo A	10X
OrangeWare® Mac Wireless Driver	802.11 Super G	9X
OrangeWare® Mac Wireless Driver	802.11 Turbo Super G	12X

Benchmark based on practical, “real world” model office environments using a Powerbook G4 with 3Com 11a/b/g wireless PC card, AirPort and AirPort Extreme cards.

For more information, go to www.orangeware.com.

Free download trial software is available to all Mac users at <http://www.orangeware.com/endusers/wirelessformac.html>

OrangeWare also offers this driver for OEM license. Licensing information for wireless card manufacturers can email

*Cost Comparison:

OrangeWare Wireless Driver for Mac	\$15		
D-Link AirPlus Xtreme G™ (street price)	<u>\$33</u>		
Total Cost	\$48	Airport Extreme	Total Cost \$99

General

OrangeWare is a 3 year old software design company which specializes in driver development for emerging technologies. Its customers include Dell, Intel, VIA, NVIDIA and many others. It is known for its original, first to-market development of USB 2.0 drivers for Mac and Windows operating systems. OrangeWare holds additional copyrights on driver technologies for 802.11a/b/g wireless, 1394b, and Windows audio/video products.

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