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Optimizer User's Guide

RedPort Router - wXa-112

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1.0 About this guide

This guide is intended for onboard/onsite administrators of the RedPort Optimizer wXa-112 routers. It features only those sections of the user interface that require configuration for a specific service or may need to be accessed by the average user. For convenience, the Optimizer Quick Start Guide can be found in the Appendix of this document. It includes important information regarding the physical connection setup and initial configuration for email.

wXa refers to the webXaccelerator by RedPort, a trademark of Global Marine Networks, LLC.

The following chapter references will help you in administering the most-used features of the Optimizer.

- Chapter 3.0 Getting Started
- Chapter 4.0 GPS Tracking Service
- Chapter 5.0 GPS/NMEA Repeater Settings
- Chapter 6.0 Signal Monitor (how to change/disable)
- Chapter 8.0 Restrict Wireless Network Access with password protection
- Chapter 9.0 Rename the Wireless Hotspot Network
- Chapter 10.0 Change the Router Admin Password
- Chapter 11.0 Update Optimizer Firmware
- Chapter 12.0 Access Optimizer System Log
- Chapter 13.0 Reboot the Router

Other useful information can be found in the following chapters:

- Chapter 7.0 GSM Capability
- Chapter 13.0 System Status for Monitoring Usage
- Chapter 14.0 Profiles
- Chapter 15.0 Firewall Modification



2.0 Introduction to RedPort Optimizer

Global Marine Networks (GMN), the leaders in advancing satellite data speeds and services, helps Fixed and Mobile Satellite Services providers and their customers by offering the industry's fastest, most reliable and easy-to-use email, web, VoIP and other hardware and software services to maritime, oil and gas, first responder and business continuity users. The company's products include XGate high-speed satellite email, WeatherNet weather and oceanographic data software, and vessel tracking systems.

Ship to shore network management solutions are sold by GMN under the RedPort Global brand name at www.redportglobal.com and as white-label solutions for the world's premier satellite data service providers.

Optimizer is a satellite firewall and WiFi hotspot router that lets you easily access accelerated satellite email, weather, web and tracking services, while blocking all unwanted data traffic.

Email, Web, Weather and Tracking features require compatible service subscriptions.

Key Features

Designed specifically for use with satellite phones and terminals:

- Compatible with any IP-based satellite phone and satellite broadband terminal.
- Powerful firewall stops all unwanted data traffic. Optimizer blocks all traffic except XGate-compressed email, web and weather data.
- WiFi signal makes setup and use with compatible computers and tablets easy.
- Works with XGate for email, web, weather and social media services.
- GSM support to switch between satellite and GSM when available.
- Track GPS locations from compatible GPS-enabled devices.

Note: The Optimizer ships pre-configured for use with XGate satellite email/data service. XGate service and Tracking service are not included with the Optimizer and must be purchased separately. Contact your satellite service provider for details.



3.0 Getting Started – Router Administration

As the onboard/onsite administrator, under normal operating conditions, you will seldom have a need to interact with the user interface of the router. However, should you find yourself in a position that requires you to login to the router, this Guide is designed to help you.

CAUTION: The Optimizer ships pre-configured for use with XGate satellite email/data service. Tampering with any settings that are not addressed in this Guide will violate the warranty and may render the Optimizer inoperable.

Access the Optimizer User Interface

To access the Optimizer's user interface you must login to the router:

1. With power provided to the Optimizer, connect to the WiFi Hotspot created by the router using a desktop or laptop computer. Connect to the WiFi Hotspot just like you would any other WiFi connection:

On a Windows PC, go to: Windows Start > Control Panel > Network Connections

On a MAC, go to: Apple > System Preferences > Network

The Network Name will look something like: 'wxa-112-XXXX' where 'XXXX' may represent the last four digits of the Optimizer Mac address. Select this wireless network.

2. Open any web browser on the computer and enter the URL: <http://192.168.20.1>

3. Login with the username = admin, password = webxaccess



Once logged in, you will see the Optimizer's Tracking Services screen.

Optimizer | wXa-112 v1.41 | Load: 0.00 0.01 0.05 Changes: 0

Services | Status | System | Network | Logout

GPS Tracking | GPS/NMEA Repeater | USB Phone

Tracking

Tracking Parameters

Enable/disable tracking and set parameters. Standard airtime charges apply.

General Tracking Parameters

Tracking Interval Specify the tracking interval in minutes.

Tracking powered by GSatTrack

Please visit www.RedPortGlobal.com/gsattrack for registration information

INMARSAT FleetBroadband	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iridium OpenPort/Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/>
INMARSAT Isatphone	<input type="checkbox"/>
VSAT or broadband satellite	<input type="checkbox"/> <small>A valid NMEA/GPS feed is required. Tracking IMEI: 1923397157446.</small>
Iridium terminal	<input type="checkbox"/> <small>A valid NMEA/GPS feed is required.</small>

Tracking via SMS

Send GPS information to an email address using satellite provider's SMS service

INMARSAT Isatphone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iridium terminal	<input type="checkbox"/> <small>A valid NMEA/GPS feed is required.</small>
Recipient Email Address	<input type="text" value="user@domain.com"/> <small>Enter a valid email address.</small>

An alternate method to access the user interface: With power to the Optimizer, connect the Optimizer to your computer using a standard ethernet cable in the LAN port and follow the directions above, starting with Step 2, entering the URL <http://192.168.10.1>

Use the tabs to navigate through the user interface. You will see that the information represented in the user interface can be quite technical.

This Guide will cover only those sections of the user interface that require configuration for a specific service or may need to be accessed by the average user.



4.0 GPS Tracking

If you wish to have tracking service using your satellite device, the Optimizer offers GPS Tracking service powered by GSatTrack or Tracking service via SMS message. There are two tracking options available in the Optimizer:

4.1 Tracking powered by GSatTrack

Using a GPS-enabled satellite device, the Optimizer can be configured to submit position reports to a central database for viewing on the tracking website.

This tracking service must be purchased separately. See your satellite service provider for details.

To enable this service:

1. From the Optimizer Home page select Services > GPS Tracking > Tracking.

Optimizer | wXa-112 v1.34 | Load: 0.00 0.02 0.05 Changes: 0

Services | Status | System | Network | Logout

GPS Tracking | GPS/NMEA Repeater | USB Phone

Tracking

Tracking Parameters

Enable/disable tracking and set parameters. Standard airtime charges apply.

General Tracking Parameters

Tracking Interval Specify the tracking interval in minutes.

Tracking powered by GSatTrack

Please visit www.RedPortGlobal.com/gsattrack for registration information

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Tracking via SMS

Send GPS information to an email address using satellite provider's SMS service

INMARSAT Isatphone	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iridium terminal	<input type="checkbox"/> A valid NMEA/GPS feed is required.
Recipient Email Address	<input type="text" value="user@domain.com"/> <small>Enter a valid email address.</small>



2. In "General Tracking Parameters", select the **Tracking Interval** in minutes; the default is set to hourly reporting (60 minutes). This means that every 60 minutes a position report will be transmitted over your satellite link. Keep in mind that standard airtime charges will apply to each position report. Adjust the Tracking Interval to meet your needs.
3. In "Tracking powered by GSatTrack", select the satellite terminal you are using. Note: a valid NMEA/GPS feed is required when using some satellite devices.
4. Select <Save & Apply>.

4.2 Tracking via SMS

If using certain satellite devices, GPS information can be sent to an email address using your satellite provider's SMS service. Standard SMS charges may apply; check with your satellite airtime provider for details.

1. In General Tracking Parameters, select the **Tracking Interval** in minutes; the default is set to hourly reporting (60 minutes). This means that every 60 minutes a position report will be transmitted via the SMS service provided by your satellite provider network. Keep in mind that standard SMS charges may apply to each position report. Adjust the Tracking Interval to meet your needs.
2. In Tracking via SMS, select which satellite device you are using. At this time, tracking via SMS is available with the Inmarsat IsatPhone, Iridium handheld 9575 Extreme, Iridium GO! or an Iridium terminal such as the Pilot. Note: a valid NMEA/GPS feed is required when using an Iridium terminal.
3. Select <Save & Apply>.



5.0 GPS/NMEA Repeater

The Optimizer supports USB and RS-232 NMEA devices allowing multiple applications to share the GPS/NMEA data. If you have a NMEA RS-422 device, adding a RS-422 to RS-232 converter to your setup may allow the sharing of data.

The Optimizer does not transmit data but can be configured to receive and repeat GPS/NMEA data from:

- A broadband satellite terminal with integrated GPS when connected to the Optimizer via a standard ethernet connection. (As of this writing, supported terminals include: Iridium Pilot, Inmarsat FBB and Inmarsat BGAN).
- A handheld satellite phone with integrated GPS when connected to the Optimizer with the satphone's USB-Mini/Micro USB cable. (As of this writing, supported handheld satphones include: Iridium 9575 Extreme and Inmarsat IsatPhonePro.)

WARNING: IsatPhonePro users! The phone only transmits GPS coordinates about every 10 minutes. It is NOT recommended for navigation or any application that requires real time data.

- A USB connected GPS or NMEA device.
- A serial port connected GPS or NMEA device

NOTE: If you are using a satellite phone with a serial port (RS-232) that transmits GPS data (i.e. some fixed phones and fleet phones), it is NOT compatible with the Optimizer. In order to repeat GPS data, a separate GPS device must be connected.



5.1 Equipment Setup

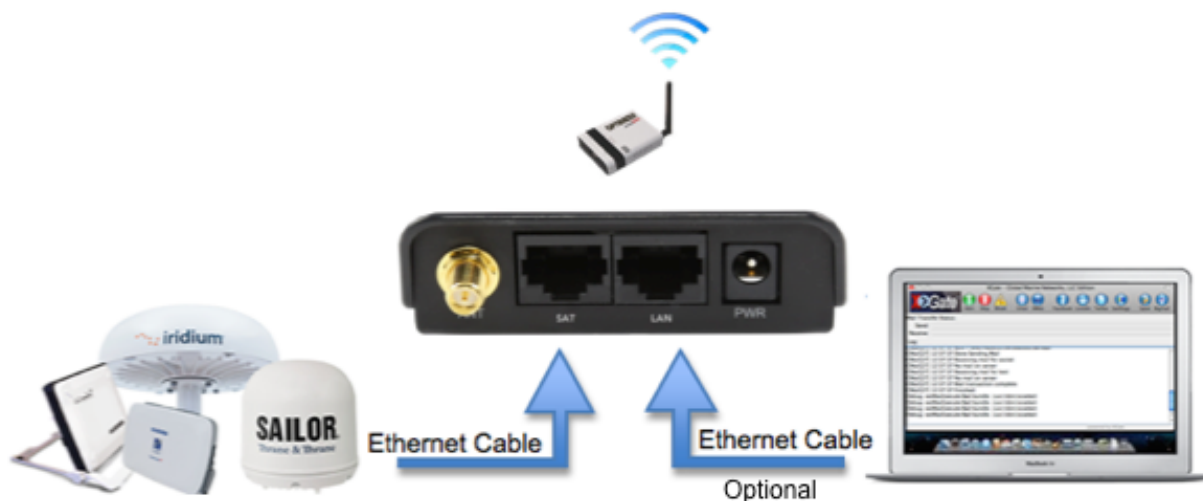
A physical connection is required from the source (satellite terminal or satellite phone that transmits GPS coordinates, or other GPS/NMEA device) to the Optimizer.

5.1.1 Broadband Satellite Terminal with Integrated GPS

When using a supported broadband satellite terminal with integrated GPS, connect the terminal to the Optimizer SAT port using a standard ethernet cable.

(OPTIONAL: Use a second ethernet cable to connect the computer with the destination software, like a navigation program, to the Optimizer LAN port.)

The Optimizer will broadcast the GPS signal both over Ethernet and WiFi, so you can connect your computer either way in order to establish a successful connection with your destination software.

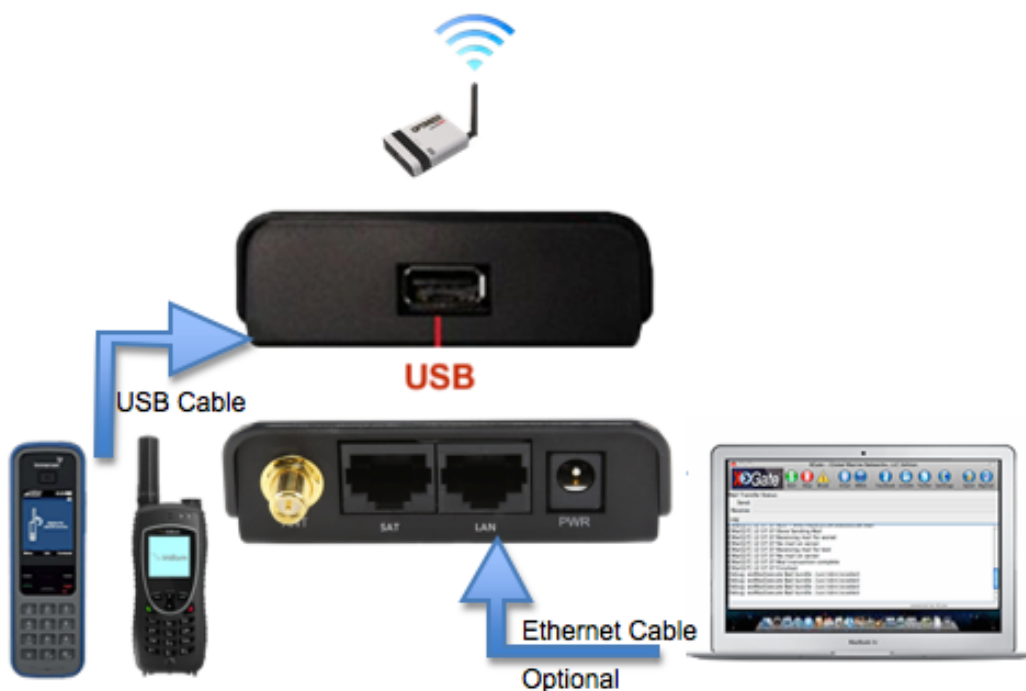


5.1.2 Handheld Satellite Phone with Integrated GPS

When using a supported USB connected satphone with integrated GPS, connect the satphone to the Optimizer using the Mini-USB (satphone) to USB (Optimizer) cable.

(OPTIONAL: Use an ethernet cable to connect the computer with the destination software, like a navigation program, to the Optimizer LAN port.)

The Optimizer will broadcast the GPS signal both over Ethernet and WiFi, so you can connect your computer either way in order to establish a successful connection with your destination software.



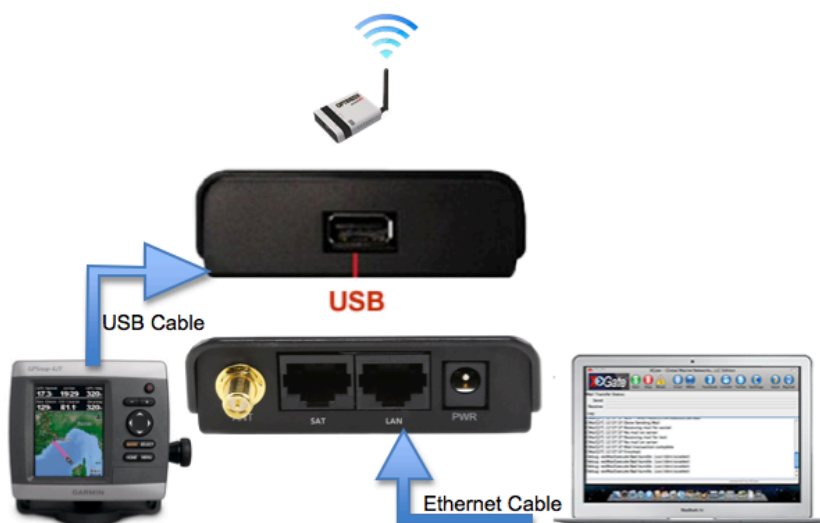


5.1.3 USB NMEA Device

When using a NMEA device that supports a USB connection, connect the GPS/NMEA device to the Optimizer with an appropriate USB to NMEA device cable as indicated by the NMEA device manufacturer.

(OPTIONAL: Use an ethernet cable to connect the computer with the destination software, like a navigation program, to the Optimizer LAN port.)

The Optimizer will broadcast the GPS signal both over Ethernet and WiFi, so you can connect your computer either way in order to establish a successful connection with your destination software.



If your satellite device requires a USB connection to the Optimizer (for example, an Iridium 9555) you can use a 2-port USB hub (either 1.0 or 2.0) plugged into the Optimizer's USB port to accommodate two USB devices.



5.1.4 RS-232 NMEA Device

With Serial Port Connector

When using a NMEA device with Serial Port connection, a USB to Serial Adapter (PL-2303HX) is required to connect the device to the Optimizer.

Please Note: The PL-2303HX is the only USB to Serial Adapter that is compatible with the Optimizer.

The Optimizer will broadcast the GPS signal both over Ethernet and WiFi, so you can connect your computer either way in order to establish a successful connection with your destination software.



If your satellite device requires a USB connection to the Optimizer (for example, an Iridium 9555) you can use a 2-port USB hub (either 1.0 or 2.0) plugged into the Optimizer's USB port to accommodate two USB devices.





Without Serial Port Connector

Some NMEA devices do not have a serial port; instead they have a group of wires extending from the back or bottom of the unit. These devices require proper wiring to a serial port.

As the Optimizer does not transmit, it only repeats the data, you will only need two of the wires. The Receive (RD) wire goes to pin 2 and the Ground (SG) wire goes to pin 5.

A simple solution is to use a terminal block as shown here. Simply connect the RD wire to pin 2 and the SG wire to pin 5. Then connect the terminal block to the PL-2302HX USB to serial adapter as noted above.



5.1.5 Connecting Multiple NMEA Devices

It is possible to connect up to four NMEA devices if you have the proper hardware. It will require a USB to RS-232 4-port Hub or a RS-232 4-port terminal block that you would simply plug into the Optimizer's USB port.



The Optimizer supports RS232. If you have a NMEA RS-422 device, adding a properly wired RS-422 to RS-232 converter to your setup may allow the sharing of data.

5.2 GPS/NMEA Repeater Parameters Configuration

In order for the destination software to properly route the GPS data you must configure the GPS/NMEA Repeater Parameters in the Optimizer User Interface.

From the Optimizer Home page select Services > GPS/NMEA Repeater tab.

The screenshot shows the 'GPS/NMEA Repeater' configuration page. At the top, there are tabs for 'Services', 'Status', 'System', 'Network', and 'Logout'. Below these are sub-tabs for 'GPS Tracking', 'GPS/NMEA Repeater' (which is selected), and 'USB Phone'. The main heading is 'GPS/NMEA Repeater Settings'. Below this is a descriptive text: 'Read GPS/NMEA information from a number of sources and repeat the data over WiFi and Ethernet.' The 'Repeater Parameters' section contains several settings:

- GPS from broadband satellite:** A radio button is selected. To its right, text reads: 'Use a broadband satellite terminal as a GPS source. Currently Pilot, FBB, and BGAN terminals supported.'
- GPS/NMEA feed from USB:** A radio button is selected. To its right, text reads: 'Use USB connected GPS or NMEA feed as a source. Note: Not compatible with RS-232 based satellite phones.'
- NMEA Baud Rate:** A dropdown menu is set to '4800'.
- UDP Listener Port:** A text input field contains '10101'. Below it, a radio button is selected with the text 'Listen on UDP port number and rebroadcast.'
- UDP Port:** A text input field contains '11101'. Below it, a radio button is selected with the text 'Broadcast to UDP port number.'
- TCP Port:** A text input field contains '11102'. Below it, a radio button is selected with the text 'Broadcast to TCP port number.'

At the bottom right of the form are three buttons: 'Reset', 'Save', and 'Save & Apply'.

1. Select the source of the GPS/NMEA information (choose only one):

- **GPS from broadband satellite:** Select this if you are using a broadband satellite terminal with integrated GPS.
- **GPS/NMEA feed from USB:** Select this when connecting a GPS or NMEA device via USB cable.

2. **NMEA Baud Rate** - Using the drop down menu, select the baud rate required for the destination software. By default, most NMEA 183 devices (GPS) and applications use 4800 baud for this setting.

3. **UDP Listener Port** - Enter the UDP port number that the GPS is connected to. The default is set to the standard UDP Listener Port for NMEA 183 devices of 10101.

4. **UDP Port** - Enter the UDP port number to broadcast the GPS data to. The default is set to the standard UDP Port for NMEA 183 devices of 11101. (Note: configure the destination software to match this port number; or, change this entry to match the requirements of the destination software.)



5. **TCP Port** - Enter the TCP port number to broadcast the GPS data to. The default is set to the standard TCP Port for NMEA 183 devices of 11102. (Note: configure the destination software to match this port number; or, change this entry to match the requirements of the destination software.)

The data will be broadcast to both the UDP Port and the TCP Port. **It is important to make sure that these two ports are NOT set to the same port number.**

To use the GPS Repeater feature, your computer must be connected to the Optimizer WiFi network or directly connected to the LAN port of the Optimizer.

6.0 Signal Monitor

Signal monitor queries your satellite device to determine if the signal strength is sufficient to make a successful data connection. Typically, a minimum of 60% signal is required; however, 100% is ideal for the fastest possible data transfer rate.

Some of the older satellite phones (for example, the Iridium 9505a) do not support the signal monitor feature. For these older satellite phones, the signal monitor must be disabled for a successful data connection.

Changing Signal Monitor

Signal Monitor can be modified in the Optimizer. When logged in to the Optimizer, go to: Services > USB Phone > Settings > Signal Monitor. From this screen you can enable/disable signal monitor using the "Enable" checkbox. You can also change the level of the signal monitor. Keep in mind that 60% is typically the minimum required for a successful data connection. If you must change the Signal Monitor, we recommend lowering the Level vs. disabling it. Many IsatPhonePro users have had success by lowering the level to 40 or 30. NOTE: Reducing the signal strength to less than 60% may cause lengthy data connections due to poor signal.

Services | Status | System | Network | Logout

GPS Tracking | GPS/NMEA Repeater | **USB Phone**

Status | **Settings** | Log

PPP and Modem Settings

Settings which control the dialup behavior of USB connected satellite phones.

Network | PPP | GSM | **Signal Monitor**

Enable ☐ ? Enable/Disable signal monitoring during connections.

Level ? Allow satellite or GSM connections only if signal strength is larger than this value.

Reset Save Save & Apply



When you are done making changes, click <Save & Apply>.

As an alternative, Signal monitor can also be changed from within the XGate Settings. See the XGate Help File > User Interface > Settings > Optimizer, wXa, & Sat-Fi for details.



7.0 GSM

The GSM feature is offered for your convenience but we are not able to support it. The information provided here is general in nature but may not be sufficient to establish a GSM connection. If you run into any difficulties you must contact your GSM network provider for support.

If you have a GSM-based cellular phone, it may be possible to use the GSM network, when available, for XGate and XWeb data over the Optimizer. You will get the benefits of compression and a faster data transfer rate than over a satellite phone which typically equates to cost savings.

Only GSM-based service is supported. LTE-based and CDMA-based service is NOT supported. If you are unsure of which service you have, contact your cellular provider before attempting to configure for GSM connection.

7.1 GSM Configuration in Optimizer

1. First, you must obtain a USB data dongle from your cellular provider. Your provider may also require you to purchase a data plan.

2. Activate the USB data dongle with your cellular carrier and test it to make sure it works. Typically, testing requires only that you plug the USB Data Dongle into your computer and see if you can get on the Internet. If testing fails, contact your cellular carrier for support.

3. Contact your cellular provider to obtain the information required to connect to their GSM network. The information may include:

- Access Point Name (APN)
- Username required for access to the APN
- Password required for access to the APN

4. Configure the Optimizer for GSM service.

Login to the Optimizer and go to: Services > USB Phone > Settings > GSM tab.

The screenshot shows the 'USB Phone' settings page with the 'GSM' tab selected. The 'PPP and Modem Settings' section is active. Below the tabs (Network, PPP, GSM, Signal Monitor), there is an 'APN Wizard' button and a link 'Select APN by Country, Provider, and Plan.' The main form has four rows: 'APN' with an input field and a help icon; 'Username' with a 'Blank Entry' label and a help icon; 'Password' with a 'Blank Entry' label and a help icon; and 'Pincode' with an input field and a help icon. Red arrows point to the APN and Pincode input fields. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Reset', 'Save', and 'Save & Apply', with the latter being circled in red.

In APN, enter the Access Point Name (APN) as provided to you by your cellular carrier.

In Pincode, if you have protected your cellular SIM card with a pincode, enter the pincode here.

Click <Save & Apply>

NOTE: As of this writing, some customers have found the APN Wizard helpful in lieu of entering the information manually; however, it is still under development and may or may not help with your configuration.

Now go to the PPP tab.

PPP and Modem Settings

Settings which control the dialup behavior of USB connected satellite phones.

Network	PPP	GSM	Signal Monitor
Modem Interface	<div>System Default</div> <div>Select COM port assigned to modem.</div>		
Modem Speed	<div>System Default</div> <div>Baud rate for modem serial interface.</div>		
Username	<div></div> <div>Leave blank if none required.</div>		
Password	<div></div> <div>Leave blank if none required.</div>		
Phone Number	<div></div> <div>Phone number to dial. Leave blank for system default.</div>		
Idle Timeout	<div>60</div> <div>Drop connection after X seconds if no network traffic is detected. Note it is not advisable to use this option with the <i>persist</i> option without the <i>demand</i> option. Set to 0 to disable.</div>		
Persist	<div><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div>Enable persistent connections. Persistent connections forces the modem to reconnect if connection drops.</div>		
Extra Init	<div></div> <div>Extra modem initialization. Leave blank if not required. Enter full AT command (including AT) to send to the modem before dialing.</div>		
MTU	<div></div> <div>Set the MTU [Maximum Transmit Unit] value in bytes. Leave blank for system default.</div>		
debug	<div><input type="checkbox"/></div> <div>Write PPP connection debugging information to the system log.</div>		

Reset

Save

Save & Apply

In Username, enter the username required for access to the APN, if any.

In Password, enter the password required for access to the APN, if any.

Click <Save & Apply>

7.2 Using GSM

When you want to use GSM service instead of satellite service:

Plug the USB data dongle you obtained from your cellular provider into the Optimizer's USB port.

IMPORTANT: If your satellite terminal is connected to the Optimizer's SAT port, unplug the cable from the SAT port before attempting a GSM connection.

Configure XGate Settings for GSM connection. Open XGate to Settings > Connection

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' window with the 'Connection' tab selected in the left sidebar. The main panel contains the following sections:

- Profile:** Includes 'Active Profile' (a dropdown menu) and 'Save Profile To:' (a text field), each with a corresponding button ('Delete' and 'Save').
- ISP Account Information:** Includes 'User Name:' and 'Password:' text fields, a 'Dial Override:' checkbox with a text field, and a 'Default' button.
- IP Dialer Connection Parameters:** Includes a 'Device Password:' text field, an 'IP Host:Port Override:' checkbox with a text field (containing '192.168.10.1:5454'), and a 'Default' button.
- Connection Information:** Includes 'Default Connection:' (a dropdown menu set to 'Network Connection') and 'Type:' (a dropdown menu set to 'Optimizer GSM', which is circled in red).
- Connection Parameters:** Includes three checkboxes: 'Leave network connection active when done', 'Use another connection if already open', and 'Persist with connections until transfer completes or num times'. Below these are two text fields: 'Number of times to attempt connection:' (set to '1') and 'Seconds to wait between connections:' (set to '185').

At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons, with the 'OK' button circled in red.

Select the Connection Type <Optimizer GSM>. Click <OK> to apply the change.



7.3 Changing from GSM service to satellite service

When you travel beyond GSM range you must:

- Remove the GSM data dongle from the Optimizer's USB port.
- Connect your satellite phone/terminal to the Optimizer (either via USB port or SAT port).
- Change the XGate > Settings > Connection Type back to the appropriate Optimizer setting.

NOTE: There is no need to change anything in the Optimizer user interface.

IMPORTANT: We are not able to support the GSM feature. If you experience any connection difficulties when using this feature, you must contact your GSM network provider for support.

8.0 Restrict Wireless Network Access

When in public locations, for example, a crowded marina or anchorage, you may want to restrict access to your WiFi hotspot created by your satellite device and the Optimizer. You can password protect your WiFi hotspot so others cannot use it.

The easiest way to add password protection to the WiFi hotspot is to modify the XGate Settings. See the XGate Help File > User Interface > Settings > Optimizer, wXa, & Sat-Fi for details.

As an alternative you can add password protection to the WiFi hotspot via the Optimizer user interface.

Add/change a password to the WiFi Hotspot (wxa-112-xxxx)

Login to the Optimizer and go to: Network > WiFi Tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Network' tab with the 'Wifi' sub-tab selected. Under 'Wireless Overview', there is a list of WiFi hotspots. The first entry is 'Generic MAC80211 802.11bgn (radio0)' with details: Channel: 11 (2.462 GHz), Bitrate: 72.2 Mbit/s, SSID: wXa-112-8246, Mode: Master, BSSID: 00:C0:CA:7C:82:46, and Encryption: None. To the right of these details are buttons for 'Scan', 'Add', 'Disable', 'Edit', and 'Remove'. A red arrow points to the 'Edit' button. Below the 'Wireless Overview' section is the 'Associated Stations' table.

SSID	MAC-Address	IPv4-Address	Signal	Noise	RX Rate	TX Rate
wXa-112-8246	88:63:DF:A0:37:2D	192.168.20.163	-26 dBm	-95 dBm	1.0 Mbit/s, MCS 0, 20MHz	72.2 Mbit/s, MCS 7, 20MHz

Select your WiFi hotspot from the Wireless Overview list and click on <Edit> to open the Device and Interface Configuration window.

The screenshot shows the RedPort Network configuration interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Services', 'Status', 'System', 'Network', and 'Logout'. The 'Network' tab is active, and the 'Wifi' sub-tab is selected. The main heading is 'radio0: Master "wXa-112-8246"'. Below this, the 'Wireless Network: Master "wXa-112-8246" (wlan0)' section provides a detailed description of the configuration area. The 'Device Configuration' section is divided into 'General Setup' and 'Advanced Settings'. The 'General Setup' tab is active, showing the status of the wireless network, which is enabled. It also displays the BSSID, Channel, Transmit Power, Signal, Noise, Bitrate, and Country. The 'Interface Configuration' section is divided into 'General Setup', 'Wireless Security', and 'MAC-Filter'. The 'Wireless Security' tab is active, showing the Encryption mode set to 'WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK Mixed Mode', the Cipher set to 'auto', and the Key field. Red arrows point to the 'Wireless Security' tab, the Encryption dropdown menu, and the Key field. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Reset', 'Save', and 'Save & Apply', with the 'Save & Apply' button circled in red.

Services | Status | System | **Network** | Logout

Interfaces | **Wifi** | DHCP and DNS | Hostnames | Static Routes | Firewall | Diagnostics

radio0: Master "wXa-112-8246"

Wireless Network: Master "wXa-112-8246" (wlan0)

The *Device Configuration* section covers physical settings of the radio hardware such as channel, transmit power or antenna selection which is shared among all defined wireless networks (if the radio hardware is multi-SSID capable). Per network settings like encryption or operation mode are grouped in the *Interface Configuration*.

Device Configuration

General Setup | **Advanced Settings**

Status

100% **Mode:** Master | **SSID:** wXa-112-8246
BSSID: 00:C0:CA:7C:82:46 | **Encryption:** None
Channel: 11 (2.462 GHz) | **Tx-Power:** 18 dBm
Signal: -26 dBm | **Noise:** -95 dBm
Bitrate: 72.2 Mbit/s | **Country:** US

Wireless network is enabled

Channel: 11 (2.462 GHz)

Transmit Power: 27 dBm (501 mW)

Interface Configuration

General Setup | **Wireless Security** | MAC-Filter

Encryption: WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK Mixed Mode

Cipher: auto

Key:

Go to the Wireless Security Tab and click on the Encryption drop down menu. Select the encryption mode; we suggest WPA-PSK/WPA2-PSK Mixed Mode. Enter your desired password in the Key field. Click <Save & Apply>

This procedure adds/changes the password for the WiFi hotspot only. When connecting your computer, iOS or Android device to the wireless network, this is the password you will use. This password does not change the router admin password when logging in to access the Optimizer user interface.

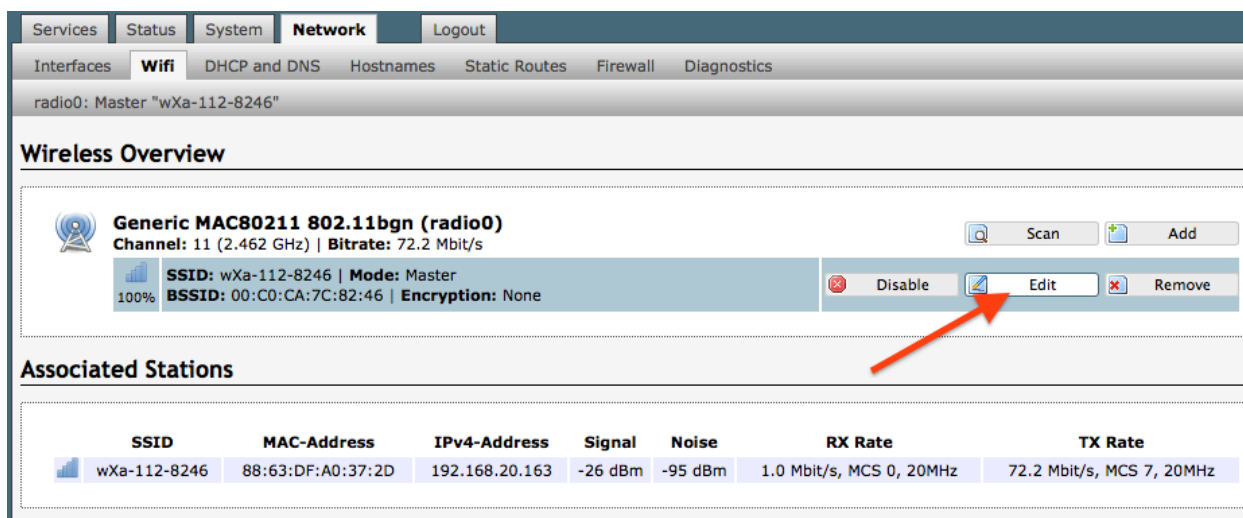
9.0 Rename the Wireless Network

It is possible to change the name of the wireless network. This is the name of the wireless network that you connect to using your computer or iOS or Android device. The default name is wXa-112-xxxx where the xxxx represents a unique number.

The easiest way to change the wireless network (WiFi hotspot) name is to modify the XGate Settings. See the XGate Help File > User Interface > Settings > Optimizer, wXa, & Sat-Fi for details.

As an alternative you can change the name of the wireless network (WiFi hotspot) via the Optimizer user interface.

To change the name, login to the Optimizer and go to: Network > WiFi Tab



The screenshot shows the XGate Optimizer interface with the 'Network' tab selected. Under the 'Wifi' sub-tab, the 'Wireless Overview' section displays a single WiFi hotspot. The hotspot details include: Generic MAC80211 802.11bgn (radio0), Channel: 11 (2.462 GHz), Bitrate: 72.2 Mbit/s, SSID: wXa-112-8246, Mode: Master, BSSID: 00:C0:CA:7C:82:46, and Encryption: None. A red arrow points to the 'Edit' button next to the SSID. Below the overview, the 'Associated Stations' table shows one station connected to the SSID wXa-112-8246.

SSID	MAC-Address	IPv4-Address	Signal	Noise	RX Rate	TX Rate
wXa-112-8246	88:63:DF:A0:37:2D	192.168.20.163	-26 dBm	-95 dBm	1.0 Mbit/s, MCS 0, 20MHz	72.2 Mbit/s, MCS 7, 20MHz

Select your WiFi hotspot from the Wireless Overview list and click on <Edit> to open the Device and Interface Configuration window.

Services

Status

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Diagnostics

radio0: Master "wXa-112-8246"

Wireless Network: Master "wXa-112-8246" (wlan0)

The *Device Configuration* section covers physical settings of the radio hardware such as channel, transmit power or antenna selection which is shared among all defined wireless networks (if the radio hardware is multi-SSID capable). Per network settings like encryption or operation mode are grouped in the *Interface Configuration*.

Device Configuration

General Setup

Advanced Settings

Status

100%

Mode: Master | SSID: wXa-112-8246
BSSID: 00:C0:CA:7C:82:46 | Encryption: None
Channel: 11 (2.462 GHz) | Tx-Power: 18 dBm
Signal: -27 dBm | Noise: -95 dBm
Bitrate: 72.2 Mbit/s | Country: US

Wireless network is enabled

Disable

Channel

11 (2.462 GHz)

Transmit Power

27 dBm (501 mW)
dBm

Interface Configuration

General Setup

Wireless Security

MAC-Filter

ESSID

wXa-112-8246

Mode

Access Point

Network

☐ lan:

☐ wan:

☒ wifi:

☐ create:

Choose the network(s) you want to attach to this wireless interface or fill out the create field to define a new network.

Hide ESSID

☐

WMM Mode

☒

Reset

Save

Save & Apply

Enter the new wireless network in ESSID field. Click <Save & Apply>

This procedure changes the name for the WiFi hotspot only. When connecting your computer, iOS or Android device to the wireless network, this is the network name that will appear in the wireless network list. This name does not change the router admin name when logging in to access the Optimizer user interface.

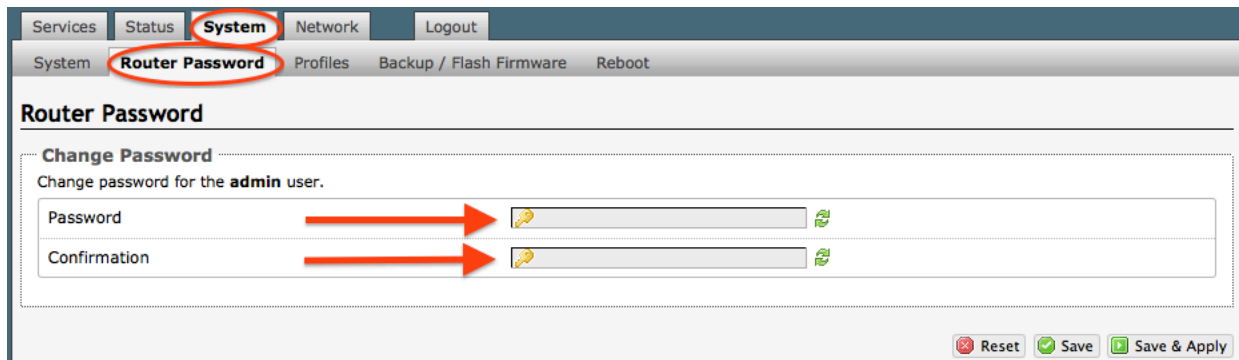
10.0 Change Admin Password

The default login admin password is set to: webxaccess.

The easiest way to change the login admin password is to modify the XGate Settings. See the XGate Help File > User Interface > Settings > Optimizer, wXa, & Sat-Fi for details.

As an alternative you can change the login admin password via the Optimizer user interface.

To change the password, login to the Optimizer and go to: System > Router Password



The screenshot shows the RedPort Optimizer web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: Services, Status, System, Network, and Logout. The 'System' tab is selected and highlighted with a red circle. Below this, a sub-menu bar shows 'Router Password' selected and highlighted with a red circle. The main content area is titled 'Router Password' and contains a section 'Change Password' with the instruction 'Change password for the admin user.' Below this instruction are two text input fields: 'Password' and 'Confirmation'. Two red arrows point from the text labels to their respective input fields. At the bottom right of the form, there are three buttons: 'Reset' (with a red X icon), 'Save' (with a green checkmark icon), and 'Save & Apply' (with a green checkmark and a document icon).

Enter the new password in the password text box and again in the Confirmation text box. Click <Save & Apply>

This procedure changes the password for the Admin login only. When connecting your computer, iOS or Android device to the wireless network, you will not use this Admin login password. This password is used only to access the Optimizer user interface.

11.0 Update Firmware

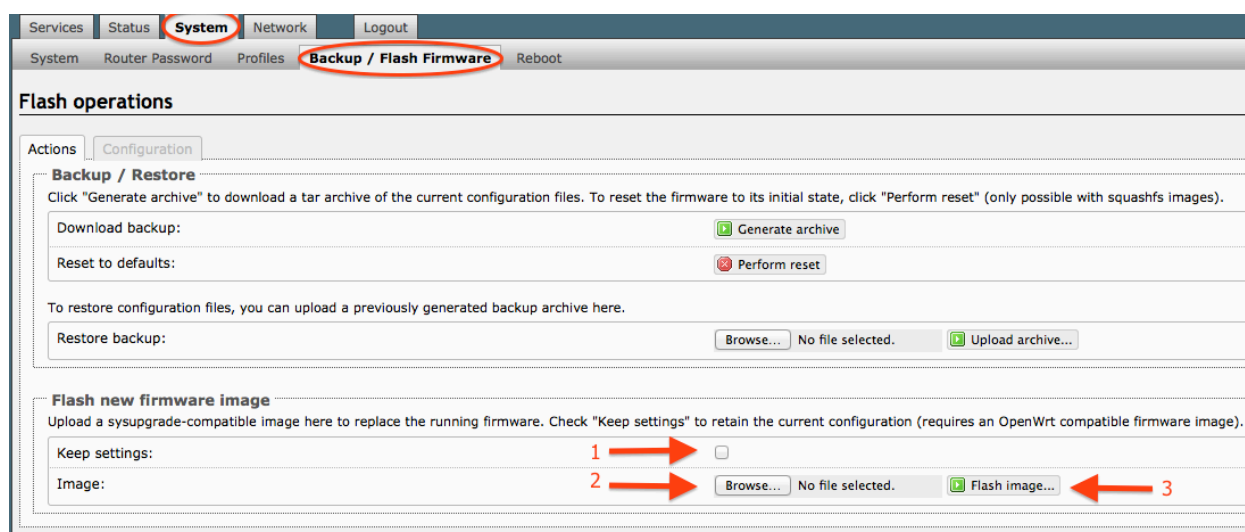
Get the latest Optimizer firmware version from here:

<http://www.redportglobal.com/support/technical-downloads/>

Save the .bin file to your computer (pc or mac)

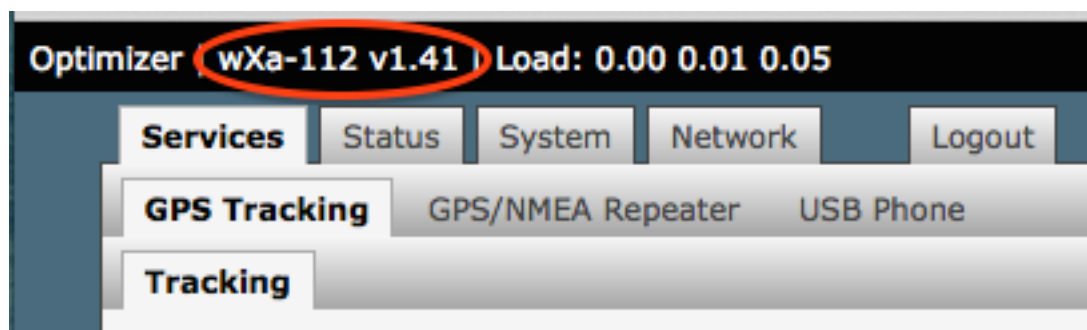
Access the Optimizer Home Page (see Chapter 3.0 Getting Started)

Go to System > Backup/Flash Firmware



1. Keep Settings: remove the check in the box to uncheck keep settings.
2. <Browse> to where you saved the .bin file and select that file.
3. Select <Flash Image>
4. Wait for the grey button on top of the Optimizer to begin flashing. When the button stops flashing, the firmware is done updating. This typically takes several minutes.

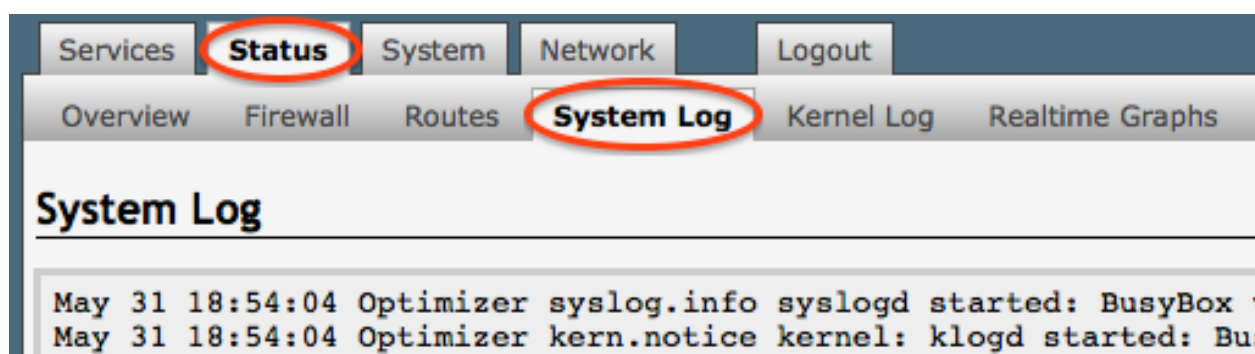
To confirm the firmware upgrade, access the Optimizer Home Page again. The firmware version displays in the top banner of the User Interface.



12.0 Access System Log

If you are experiencing connection issues your service provider may request that you send them a copy of the Optimizer System Log.

1. First, attempt an email connection
2. Access the router (see Chapter 3.0 Getting Started) to get to the Home page.
3. Go to Status > System Log



4. Copy/paste the entire log into an email and send to your service provider.

Note: The System Log date will show May 31 unless you have synced the Optimizer Local Time with a browser in System Tab > Local Time > Sync with browser. This is NOT recommended when using a satellite connection and it is not necessary to ever sync the time. If you do sync the time, as soon as power is removed from the Optimizer the date will revert to May 31.

13.0 Reboot the Optimizer Router

The easiest way to reboot the Optimizer is to use the reset button on the bottom of the router. Using a pointed instrument, press and hold the red reset button for 20-30 seconds and release. Wait for the Optimizer reboot, this will take several minutes. After this reset, the Optimizer will be configured with its factory defaults. You will need to re-enter any modifications you made to the user interface.

You can also reboot the router from within the Optimizer user interface:

1. Access the router (see Chapter 3.0 Getting Started to get to the Home Page.
2. Go to: System > Reboot
3. Select <Perform reboot>

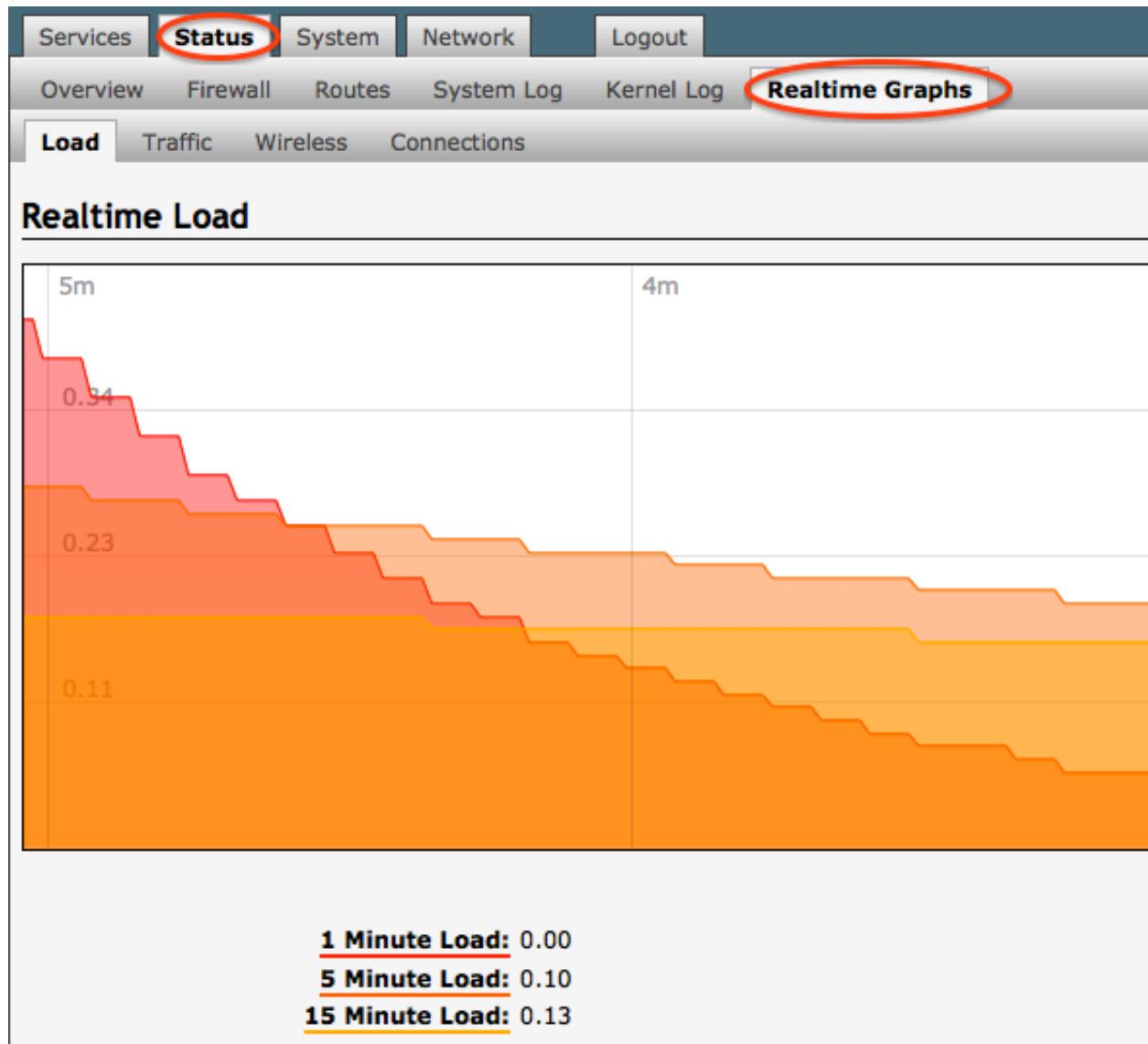


4. The grey button on top of the Optimizer will flash during the reboot process. When the light stops flashing the reboot is complete.

During the reboot process you will lose access to the Optimizer User Interface. You must login again if you want access. (See Chapter 3.0 Getting Started)

14.0 System Status for Monitoring Usage

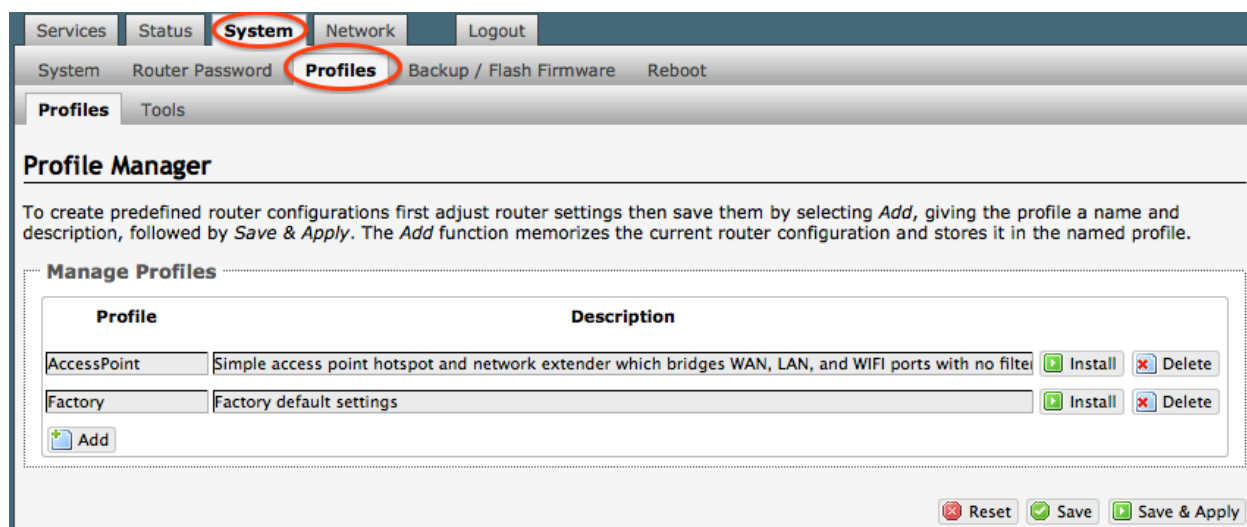
For those that are interested, you can view the connection status in Status > Realtime Graphs



15.0 Profiles

Profiles is designed for users of multiple satellite devices and integrators of custom installations. You can configure the Optimizer for a specific satellite device and save the profile. This is good for failover situations when using multiple devices. An extreme example would be that you might have the firewall wide open on a VSAT device but in an emergency must use an Iridium handheld device where you want the full protection of the Optimizer firewall. Have a profile for each configuration and select the appropriate one for the satellite device being used.

To access Profile Manager, go to System > Profiles



There are two default profiles:

AccessPoint: This profile is used when linking two or more Optimizers together to extend the satellite WiFi hotspot range. Using an ethernet connection between two Optimizer with only one Optimizer connected to the satellite device, select this AccessPoint Profile on each Optimizer that is NOT connected to the satellite device.

Factory: This profile will reset the Optimizer to factory defaults and all custom configuration will be lost.

To create a Profile:

Adjust the router settings.

In Profile Manager select <Add>

The screenshot shows the RedPort web interface. At the top, there are tabs for Services, Status, System (selected), Network, and Logout. Below these are sub-tabs for System, Router Password, Profiles (selected), Backup / Flash Firmware, and Reboot. The main content area is titled 'Profile Manager' and includes a sub-tab for Profiles. A text block explains that to create predefined router configurations, one must adjust router settings, save them by selecting 'Add', give the profile a name and description, and then select 'Save & Apply'. The 'Add' function memorizes the current router configuration and stores it in the named profile.

Manage Profiles

Profile	Description		
AccessPoint	Simple access point hotspot and network extender which bridges WAN, LAN, and WIFI port	Install	Delete
Factory	Factory default settings	Install	Delete
NewProfile	New Profile created	Install	Delete

At the bottom left of the table is an 'Add' button with a plus icon. At the bottom right are three buttons: 'Reset' (with a red X icon), 'Save' (with a green checkmark icon), and 'Save & Apply' (with a green checkmark icon).

Four red arrows with numbers 1 through 4 point to specific elements: Arrow 1 points to the 'Add' button; Arrow 2 points to the 'NewProfile' entry in the table; Arrow 3 points to the 'Install' button for 'NewProfile'; Arrow 4 points to the 'Save & Apply' button.

Enter a Name of the new profile and a description.
Select <Install> to add the new profile.
Select <Save & Apply>.

16.0 Firewall Modification

By default, the Optimizer ships with a powerful firewall configured to block ALL inbound or outbound traffic except XGate email, web and weather. This configuration protects you from experiencing runaway satellite airtime bills.

If you have a need to open the firewall, go to: Network > Firewall > Traffic Rules

These are the firewall rules that protect you. There are six rules that are not 'enabled' (i.e. the check box is empty). Checking these rules will open the firewall to all traffic; but, you lose the benefit of XGate compression.

Firewall - Traffic Rules

Traffic rules define policies for packets traveling between different zones, for example to reject traffic between certain hosts or to open WAN ports on the router.

Name	Match	Action	Enable	Sort
ALL - DO NOT MODIFY	Any traffic From <i>any host</i> in <i>any zone</i> To <i>any host</i> in <i>any zone</i>	Accept forward	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PASS DNS - DO NOT MODIFY	Any UDP From <i>any host</i> in <i>any zone</i> To <i>any host</i> , port 53 in <i>any zone</i>	Accept forward	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DNS - DO NOT MODIFY	Any UDP From <i>any host</i> in <i>any zone</i> To <i>any router IP</i> at port 53 on <i>this device</i>	Accept input	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HTTP - DO NOT MODIFY	Any TCP From <i>any host</i> in <i>any zone</i> To <i>any host</i> , port 80 in <i>any zone</i>	Accept forward	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HTTPS - DO NOT MODIFY	Any TCP From <i>any host</i> in <i>any zone</i> To <i>any host</i> , port 443 in <i>any zone</i>	Accept forward	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FTP - DO NOT MODIFY	Any TCP From <i>any host</i> in <i>any zone</i> To <i>any host</i> , ports 20-21 in <i>any zone</i>	Accept forward	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IMPORTANT NOTE: Modifying the firewall is neither an intended nor a supported use of the Optimizer. Modifying the behavior of the Optimizer firewall other than the above will void the warranty and may render the Optimizer inoperable.



This concludes the RedPort Optimizer User Guide. If you have a question that is not addressed in this Guide or if you have recommendations to improve the usefulness of this Guide, please contact us at: support@gmn-usa.com

Physical Setup

1. Connect the satellite phone or terminal to Optimizer

- USB port for satellite handsets. (Note: A USB to serial adapter is required for RS232 based satellite phones such as the Iridium 9505(a).

- Ethernet for satellite broadband devices (OpenPort, BGAN/ FleetBroadband)

2. Connect the power

12V DC required. Use supplied AC Adapter, or optional battery or adapters.

3. Connect your computer

- Via an Ethernet cable, or:
- Via Wi-Fi

4. Install XGate and/or set up GPS Tracking services

See back page for setup details.



XGate Installation and Setup

XGate is the world's leading independent satellite email, web and weather service. Optimizer blocks all traffic except XGate-compressed email, web and weather data. After completing the physical connection:

1. Download the XGate software

Windows, Mac & Linux: <http://www.globalmarinenet.com/downloads.php>

iOS (iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch) Search for "XGate" in the iTunes store (<http://itunes.apple.com> or in the iTunes Store App.)

Android (any Android device 2.3 or higher) Search for "XGate" in the Google Play Store (<https://play.google.com> or in the Google Play Store App)

2. Connect your satellite terminal, powered on with a good signal, to Optimizer.

3. Install and Run XGate

- A registration wizard appears the first time you open XGate. Select the registration method (Activation code, 3 day demo, etc) and click "Next"

4. Select "webXaccelerator/Optimizer" for the connection type.

5. Select your satellite terminal type and complete the registration wizard.

- Iridium - "webXacc Iridium Direct Internet"
- Isatphone - "webXacc IsatPhone Pro"
- Globalstar - "webXacc Globalstar"
- Fleet Broadband - "Network Connection" (Unmanaged Connection)
- Iridium Pilot/OpenPort - "webXacc Iridium OpenPort"
- BGAN - "Network Connection" (Unmanaged Connection)
- Thuraya - "webXacc Thuraya"

GPS Tracking

Optimizer works as a tracking device with the industry-leading RedPort Tracking service. Optimizer provides tracking data using the GPS chip built into many satellite terminals. For more information, visit <http://tracking.redportglobal.com>

Optional Equipment

- 12V External battery power supply
- 12V external cigarette lighter adapter
- High gain 5db antenna
- USB-Serial adapter

Iridium Pilot / OpenPort Settings

Optimizer supports both managed and unmanaged connections for Iridium Pilot/OpenPort.

Managed connections are highly preferable for most Pilot/OpenPort installations with an Optimizer. Optimizer will keep the connection alive by issuing pings to a remote host every 5 seconds while either an email or web session is in progress. Otherwise the Iridium OpenPort will shut down the connection after 20 seconds causing the user to wait 20-30 seconds on the next network activity while the session is restarted. This connection delay can make it difficult to browse since the browsers will often encounter timeouts and wait times while the connection is being reestablished.

- Pilot/OpenPort users should set the XGate connection type to "webXacc Iridium OpenPort" for managed connections.

Unmanaged connections are selected when the connection type is set to "IridiumOpenPort".

Iridium Pilot/OpenPort does not have a minimum billing increment so airtime fees for managed/unmanaged connections are the same.

Advanced Settings

Port Definitions

LAN is configured as the LAN port with IP address 192.168.10.1.

WAN is configured with DHCP and should be connected to your primary satellite unit.

USB should be connected to the USB port on handheld satellite phones such as Iridium, IsatPhone, Thuraya, or Globalstar.

WLAN is configured as the WiFi port (on units with WiFi) with IP address 192.168.20.1.

Optimizer "Push-to-Connect"

You can configure Optimizer to make a data connection automatically when you push the gray button on the top of Optimizer. Log in to Optimizer's UI and go to Services > USB Phone > Settings > Network and select your satellite phone or GSM dongle. Now the gray button on Optimizer will connect/disconnect you from the internet when you push it.

Pushing the button will cause the button to blink while your phone/GSM dongle is connecting. Once connected the button will go solid.

Pushing the button again will cause the button to blink until the device disconnects.

The user can change the firewall manually under network->firewall->rules to allow 3rd parties to use the Optimizer for satellite communication without requiring software.

Inmarsat BGAN / FleetBroadband Settings

Optimizer supports both managed and unmanaged connections for Inmarsat broadband users.

Managed connections are intended for satellite terminals configured to be offline except when a data session is taking place.

Select the device name during the registration wizard process outlined under Software Installation, or under the connection type in options > settings > connection (preferences > connection on the mac).

Configure your terminal for "manual" connection mode.

When using XGate the software will instruct the terminal to go online, send/receive (or browse), and then close down the connection. Note that an Inmarsat minimum airtime billing increment will be incurred for every connection.

Unmanaged connections are intended for satellite terminals configured to be online all the time. To use this method configure your terminal to automatically connect to the Internet on network traffic. In XGate set the connection type to "Network Connection" in options > settings (preferences > connection on mac).

Note that since Optimizer blocks all traffic except email and web unmanaged connections you will experience lower airtime bills since the number of connections incurring minimum billing increments is reduced.

Hybrid (Not Available on iOS or Android)

Setting the XGate connection type to the Inmarsat terminal and checking the option "Use another connection if already open" causes XGate to use an active Internet connection if available. If none is available, then XGate will manage the connection.

Optimizer Administrative Page

The Optimizer administrative page may be accessed to set up tracking, or access detailed router logs, advanced firewall settings, and firmware upgrades.

IP: 192.168.10.1

Use a web browser and URL <http://192.168.10.1> on the LAN port or via WiFi.

user: admin

password: webxaccess