





Ultra-fast, Ultra-slim 802.11ac Wi-Fi Access Point Featuring Innovative Dual-Optimized Antenna Technology

- Enterprise class 3x3 802.11ac
 AP supports combined data
 rates of up to 1.75 Gbps
- "Dual-optimized antenna" allows pattern optimization adapting to wall- or ceilingmount installations
- Dynamic Channel Selection, Load Balancing and Smart Client Steering ensure optimal wireless experience
- Stylish, ultra-slim ID design as the 32 mm height blends perfectly into modern interior decorations
- APFlex[™] and ZyXEL One Network utilities make deployment simple and fast

To Wi-Fi users, it is not uncommon to have bad experience on Wi-Fi performance, and antenna design plays an important role while evaluating wireless performance. Today, most access points on the market are designed with single static radiation pattern, typically for ceiling-mount. When an AP with ceiling-mount pattern is installed in wall-mount scenario, its signal coverage does not fit for wall-mount deployment. Adapting an AP with external antenna may be the alternative option, however, external antenna installation requires know-how for antenna selection, and would look awkward for interior decoration. A flexibly installed Wi-Fi AP with optimal performance and stylish outlook is a prerequisite today, but a satisfactory solution has been missing for a long time.

ZyXEL's WAC6103D-I is a high performance 3-stream 802.11ac Wi-Fi AP featuring ultra-fast speeds of up to 1.75 Gbps with ground-breaking "dual-optimized" antenna design. Via the innovative adjustable antenna setting, the WAC6103D-I provides the best signal coverage fitting for either ceiling-mount or wall-mount deployments. Even better, the stylish, ultra-slim industrial design perfectly blends into modern decorations. Choose WAC6103D-I for constant, no-compromise Wi-Fi performance.

Benefits

Superior Gigabit Wi-Fi performance with innovative "Dual-optimized" antenna

Ceiling-mount installation is the most common type of wireless deployments, and it is not surprising that most APs on the market are designed with single static radiation pattern for ceiling-mount installations. In wall-mount scenarios, the ceiling-mount radiation pattern would create interference with devices on upper and lower floors, meanwhile it delivers short-range signal for wireless clients at the AP front. Choosing an AP with external antenna may be the alternative option for wall-mount installation. However, the installation usually requires professional knowledge for antenna accessory selection and signal coverage fine-tune.



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Designed with the innovative "Dual-optimized" antenna, the WAC6103D-I adapts to both wall- and ceiling-mount installations. To boost Wi-Fi speed of your network, WAC6103D-I is definitely an excellent choice.

Ultra-slim, stylish outlook aesthetics blends into environments

The WAC6103D-I inherits the stylish honeycomb product design of ZyXEL WAC6500 Series; its low-profile white blends perfectly into all kinds of decorations in many buildings with extraordinary modern tastes. The compact and elegant aesthetics makes WAC6103D-I flexible for different decors – no matter to be outstanding or just invisible.

Streamlined deployment tools save valuable time

WAC6103D-I features APFlexTM to simplify managed/standalone AP mode configuration and to be integrated into the network environment automatically, which eliminates the need for pre-install preparation. Also, the ZWO (ZyXEL Wireless Optimizer) Utility allows IT managers to perform AP planning, coverage detection and wireless health management centrally. ZWO's user-friendly presentation saves time and facilitates quick response to the network problems.

ZyXEL One Network experience

Aiming for relieving our customers from repetitive operations of deploying and managing a network, ZyXEL One Network is designed to simplify the configuration, management, and troubleshooting, allowing our customers to focus on the business priorities. ZyXEL One Network presents an easy-to-use tool, ZyXEL One Network Utility (ZON Utility), to realize speed network setup. ZyXEL Smart Connect allows ZyXEL networking equipment to be aware and recognize each other and further facilitating the network maintenance via one-click remote functions such as factory reset or power cycling. ZyXEL One Network redefines the network integration across multiple networking products from switch to Wi-Fi AP and to Gateway.

Optimized wireless experience with advanced feature settings

WAC6103D-I ensures to deliver optimized wireless experience for users with a range of wireless features such as Dynamic Channel Selection (DCS), Load Balancing, and Smart Client Steering etc. Dynamic Channel Selection (DCS) avoids the interference of co-channel and overlapping channel at initialization. Load Balancing enables administrators to set limits on the number of clients associated with each AP. Furthermore, Smart Client steering features with Band Select, Signal Threshold and Band Balancing for stable and reliable wireless connection. Band Select and Signal Threshold monitor the capabilities of each wireless client and steer them to the less congested band and better signal AP. Band Balancing detects dual-radio clients and distributes clients across 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands on AP. With these technologies, the WAC6103D-I delivers smooth, consistent and uninterrupted wireless access experience.

ZyXEL

Feature Highlights



Dual-Optimized

Dual-optimized antenna

ZyXEL's innovative "Dual-optimized" antenna design is a ground-breaking technology for both wall- and ceilingmount installations. Instant antenna adjustment either by a hardware switch or software configuration, the signal pattern adjustment is completed in seconds without skillful experience for antenna accessory selection and installation. The WAC6103D-I embedded with a "Dual-optimized" antenna is able to deliver truly optimal Wi-Fi performance in a range of installation scenarios.



Optimizer

ZyXEL Wireless Optimizer

ZyXEL Wireless Optimizer (ZWO) provides a powerful tool for centralized management covering initial planning, adjustment during deployment and after-sale maintenance of an AP network. Architects can simulate AP deployment on a map displaying the number of APs needed. During deployment, ZWO will also map actual signal coverage for architects to adjust their AP locations or configurations. After-sale, network administrators can access key performance details from ZWO, including channel in use, transmit retry rate and frame error rate, as well as the devices on the environment map. ZWO's user-friendly presentation saves time and facilitates quick response to the network problems.



ZyXEL APFlex[™]

ZyXEL APFlex™ includes Zero-touch AP mode changing and Automatic IP configuration functions. The Zero-touch AP mode setting detects if there is an existing ZyXEL controller and to choose stand-alone or managed mode accordingly. The Automatic IP configuration removes manual configuration and allows the AP to set itself to fixed or dynamic IP address automatically. With these two intelligent features, IT administrators can skip the two critical settings that had to be handled manually on legacy products and focus to more critical configuration tasks instead.



WPA2 Enterprise Certified

ZyXEL WAC6103D-I has been certified with industrial strength WPA2 enterprise protection and supports a wide range of Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) types. It can be seamlessly integrated with deployed corporate RADIUS servers.



Wireless L2

Wireless Layer-2 Isolation

The Layer-2 isolation protects private networks among client users, allowing users to access their shared devices without entering the rest of a private network for enhanced security. In addition, the intra-BSS blocking prevents different WiFi clients associated with the same AP from seeing each other and each other's data.



ZyXEL One Network Utility

To streamline the management process, the WAC6103D-I comes with the ZyXEL One Network (ZON) utility, allowing administrators to assign IP addresses to multiple APs through just one platform. Administrators can avoid the hassle logging into each AP to change the default IP addresses before physical installation.





ZyMesh

Wireless Mesh is an array of access points automatically forming dynamic wireless links. Built on this foundation of mesh networking, ZyMesh is ZyXEL's proprietary protocol for creating wireless mesh links for easy configuration, optimized management and enhanced reliability.



ZyXEL AP Configurator

While deploying a number of APs, repetitive configuration of each unit takes time and effort. ZyXEL AP Configurator (ZAC) builds templates that allow users to copy one profile to several APs, allowing batch firmware upgrades and profile backups in three easy steps to significantly reduce configuration time and effort.

Dual-optimized Antenna

The unprecedented Dual-optimized Antenna is an adjustable internal antenna with "just fit" pattern options optimized for wall- or ceiling-mount that the installation technician can instantly change the antenna pattern simply via the physical antenna switch without booting the device. If needed, administrators can base on their know-how to perform granular signal optimization per floor plan via software configuration remotely. With the flexibility, the WAC6103D-I can fit for wall-mount or ceiling-mount deployment without the hassles of antenna accessory selection and signal coverage adjustment.

	Side View	Top View
	Floor 3 Interference	
Traditional AP	Wall Pattern for wall-mount (H-plane, side view) Floor 2	Pattern for wall-mount (E-plane, top view) Wall
	Floor 1 Interference	
	Floor 3	
Dual- optimized AP with adjustable wall-mount mode	Wall Pattern for wall-mount (H-plane, side view) Floor 2	Pattern for wall-mount (E-plane, top view)
	Floor 1	Wall



Robust Hardware

Fine Art of RF Design

Noises between RF circuits usually impact performance, and it's a critical EMI challenge too. The WAC6103D-I isolates RF circuits by solid shielding frames.



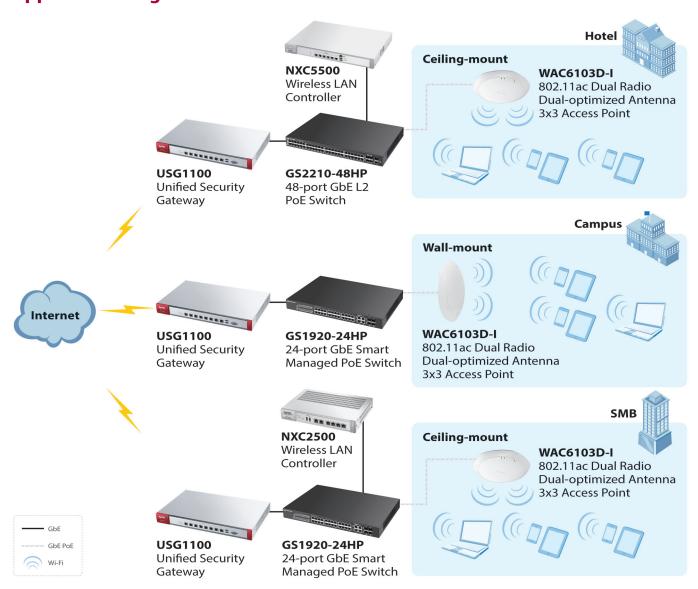
Thus, electromagnetic interference (EMI) is mitigated while RF performance is enhanced as well.

Solid capacitor for longevity

All-solid capacitor design provides up to 6 times lifespan than electrolytic capacitors. No more exploding capacitors that fail the AP, so better stability and reliability can be expected.



Application Diagram





Specifications

Model		WAC6103D-I	
Product name		802.11ac Dual Radio Dual-optimized Antenna 3x3 Access Point	
Main Design			
Wireless frequency		2.4 and 5 GHz	
Radio		2	
RF Specificat	tions		
Frequency band		2.4 GHz (IEEE 802.11 b/g/n) • USA (FCC): 2.412 to 2.462 GHz • Europe (ETSI): 2.412 to 2.472 GHz • Taiwan (TW): 2.412 to 2.462 GHz 5 GHz (IEEE 802.11 a/n/ac) • USA (FCC): 5.15 to 5.25 GHz; 5.725 to 5.850 GHz • European (ETSI): 5.15 to 5.35 GHz; 5.470 to 5.725 GHz • Taiwan (TW): 5.15 to 5.25 GHz; 5.725 to 5.850 GHz	
802.11n/ac premium features		 3x3 Multiple-Input Multiple-Output (MIMO) with three spatial streams Maximal Ratio Combining (MRC) 20-, 40- and 80-MHz channels Packet aggregation: A-MPDU (Tx/Rx), A-MSDU (Tx/Rx) Cyclic Delay diversity (CSD) support Maximum Likehood Demodulation (MLD) support Low Density Parity Check (LDPC) support 	
	FCC 11b/g	27	
Conducted	FCC 11g/n	26	
typical	FCC 11a	27	
transmit	FCC 11n/a (ac)	27	
output	EU 11b/g	18	
power (dBm)	EU 11g/n	18	
(ubiii)	EU 11a	22	
	EU 11n/a (ac)	24	
Antenna sys	tem	Dual-optimized internal antenna	
Antenna gain		Ceiling: 2.4 GHz 3 dBi; 5 GHz 4 dBi Wall: 2.4 GHz 4 dBi; 5 GHz 5 dBi	
Support data rate		 802.11a/g: 1, 2, 5.5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, and 54 Mbps 802.11n: up to 450 Mbps in MCS15 (40 MHz) 802.11ac: up to 1300 Mbps in MCS9 (80 MHz) 	
Receive sens	itivity	Min. Rx sensitivity to -102 dBm	
Interfaces			
Number of 1	0/100/1000M LAN	2 x switch ports	
Console port	t e	4-Pin serial	
PoE		Yes	
PoE power draw		12.48 W (802.3at PoE)*	
WLAN Featu			
WLAN maximum throughput		Up to 900 Mbps	
Mesh AP (By License)		Yes	
Mesh AP for multiple SSID with VLAN (through tunnel mode)		Yes	
Wireless Sec	urity		
WEP		Yes	
WPA/WPA2-PSK		Yes	
WPA/WPA2-Enterprise		Yes	
WMM		Yes	

 $^{* \}textit{Max. power draw is } 12.48 \textit{ W. In extreme cases, the inrush current is greater than } 802.3 \textit{af limit, thus } 802.3 \textit{at PoE is required.}$



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Wireless Security		
WLAN access control list	Yes	
EAP types	EAP-TLS, EAP-TTLS, EAP-PEAP, EAP-FAST, EAP-AKA and EAP-SIM	
IEEE 802.1X	Yes	
Number of SSID	16	
Web authentication*	Yes	
MAC filtering	Yes	
Layer-2 isolation	Yes	
RADIUS authentication	Yes	
Microsoft AD authentication*	Yes	
LDAP authentication*	Yes	
MAC authentication*	Yes	
Rogue AP detection	Yes	
Rogue AP containment	Yes	
Network		
IPv6 host	Yes	
VLANs	Yes	
DHCP client	Yes	
QoS (PG)		
WMM	Yes	
WMM power save	Yes	
DiffServ marking	Yes	
Management		
	Discovery of ZyXEL switches, APs and gatewaysCentralized and batch configurations	
ZON Utility	 IP configuration Device reboot Firmware upgrad Password configuration One-click quick association with ZyXEL AP Configurator (ZAC) 	
Smart Connect	Discover neighboring devices One-click remote management access to the neighboring ZyXEL devices	
ZyXEL AP Configurator	Batch AP configuration Batch AP firmware upgrade Batch AP profile backup	
ZyXEL Wireless Optimizer	Wi-Fi AP planning Wi-Fi coverage detection Wireless health management	
Standalone AP mode	Yes	
Managed AP mode	Yes	
CLI	Yes	
Web UI	Yes	
SNMP	v2c/v3	
Others		
Plenum rating	Yes	
Input power	802.3at PoE only (No DC jack)	
MTBF (hr)	1,005,235	
* Supports when working with ZyXEL NXC co	ntroller	

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Model		WAC6103D-I
Standard Co	ompliance	
Ethernet		• IEEE 802.3 • IEEE 802.3u • IEEE 802.11ab • IEEE 802.3au • IEEE 802.3az • IEEE 802.3at
PoE		IEEE 802.3at
WLAN		 802.11b: DBPSK, DQPSK, CCK 802.11g: BPSK, QPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM 802.11a: BPSK, QPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM 802.11n: BPSK, QPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM 802.11ac: BPSK, QPSK, 64-QAM, 256-QAM
Certificatio	ns	
Radio		FCC part 15C, FCC part 15E, ETSI EN 300 328, EN 301 893, LP0002
EMC		FCC part 15B, EN 301 489-1, EN 301 489-17, EN55022, EN55024, EN61000-3-2/-3, EN60601-1-2, BSMI CNS13438
Safety		EN 60950-1, IEC 60950-1, BSMI CNS14336-1
Physical Sp	ecifications	
Item	Dimensions (WxDxH)(mm/in.)	203.9 x 191.7 x 34.7/8.03 x 7.55 x 1.37
iteiii	Weight (g/lb.)	445/0.98
Packing	Dimensions (WxDxH)(mm/in.)	235 x 246 x 60/9.25 x 9.69 x 2.36
Packing	Weight (g/lb.)	938/2.07
Included accessories		Wall/ceiling mount plate
Environmental Specifications		
Operating	Temperature	0°C to 50°C/32°F to 122°F
Sperating	Humidity	10% to 90% (non-condensing)
Storage	Temperature	-40°C to 70°C/-40°F to 158°F
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Optional Accessories

Power Module

Model	Description
PoE12-HP	802.3af/at PoE Injector



