Connecting the ADALM Pluto to the Local Area Network (LAN)

The ADALM Pluto SDR features an embedded TCP-IP stack. Thus, the only thing needed to connect your Pluto to your LAN is to add an USB 2.0 OTG adapter cable with external power input and an USB-Ethernet adapter..



ADALM Pluto (upper left) connected by a USB OTG adapter cable (lower left) to a USB-Ethernet adapter (lower right). By the additional port of the Y-cable the USB-Ethernet adapter and the Pluto are powered by a 5V power supply.



Alternatively, you can use a single OTG USB cable and power the Pluto via the second USB connector on the Pluto.

The USB-Ethernet adapter is a USB3GIG from LINKSYS. This adapter is an USB3 adapter supporting up to 1Gigabit/s on the network. I have chosen this in case I want to use it in the future also for the other purposes. The ADALM Pluto is actually only supporting USB2..



As power adapter I am using an older power supply from Blackberry which supplies 5V, 850mA. I had measured the output of this power supply and was surprised how clean the 5V DC is



Here is the setting in the config.txt file of the ADALM Pluto. You will find it as ASCII file in the virtual drive which is mounted when you connect the ADALM Pluto by USB with your PC:

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# Analog Devices PlutoSDR Rev.B (Z7010-AD9363)
# Device Configuration File
#
    1. Open with an Editor
    2. Edit this file
#
    3. Save this file on the device USB drive
#
#
    4. Eject the device USB Drive
# Doc: https://wiki.analog.com/university/tools/pluto/users/customizing
[NETWORK]
hostname = pluto
ipaddr = 192.168.2.1
ipaddr host = 192.168.2.10
netmask = 255.255.255.0
[WLAN]
ssid wlan =
pwd wlan =
ipaddr_wlan =
[USB ETHERNET]
ipaddr eth =
netmask eth = 255.255.255.0
[SYSTEM]
xo correction =
udc_handle_suspend = 0
[ACTIONS]
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diagnostic_report = 0
dfu = 0
reset = 0
calibrate = 0

Do not set the parameter ipaddr_eth = Leaving this open will result in the Pluto obtaining an IPaddress from the DHCP server.

Setting up SDR-Radio:

Check in your Router which IP-address is given to the Pluto and enter it in the in Radio-Definitions Setup-Window of SDR-Console:

Radio Definition			
D#:	adalm-pluto	Add New	-
Name:	PlutoSDR IP	New definitions can only be added for	
Model:	ADALM-PLUTO	ethernet-based radios. Only use this option if a radio cannot be discovered	
Serial:		using the search option.	
Address:	1p:192.168.400	Note: The Title and Model fields are	
Port:	0	mandatory.	
Options:		Fields	
Gain:	e 💌 d8	Only these fields can be changed:	
Range:	78 💌 to: 6688 💌 MHz	 Name, Address, 	
OK	Cancel	 Port (used by ethernet radios). 	-

That's all. Now you can run the ADALM Pluto on your LAN and you can access it from any PC using SDR-Radio. Here is a screenshot of SDR-Console receiving a local broadcast station with the Pluto on the LAN:



Setting up SDR#:

Here are the settings in SDR#:

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Here is a screenshot of SDR# receiving a local broadcast station with the Pluto on the LAN:



Here are some tips in case you have problems connecting your Pluto to the router:

Update 1: A radio amateur had problems, getting his Pluto connected to his Router. He could see the Pluto listed as a network device in his router but could not ping nor connect it. It turned out that he had set the IP-address to the same address as the router, which of course did not work.

Update 2: A radio amateur had also problems, getting his Pluto connected to his Router. He had assigned his Pluto a fixed IP address via the USB connection. Thus, the Pluto was not accessible via the IP address which he got via the Ethernet connection. After resetting the IP address back to the default 192.168.2.1 via USB, the Pluto was also accessible via the Ethernet connection using the IP address assigned to the Pluto by DHCP.

Update 3: A radio amateur had also problems, getting his Pluto connected to his Router. He was using the default IP address 192.168.2.1. and tried to connect to a Speedport Router from Telekom. It turned out that the Speedport default IP address range is 192.168.2.x which is in conflict with the Pluto. The solution is to change either the IP address of the Pluto or assing a different IP address range to the Speedport.

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