
Subject: Re: best wifi solution for powermac Digital Audio
Posted by [peterhaas](#) on Mon, 01 Jun 2015 21:49:10 GMT
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> I've only just caught up with this thread....I never realized that you
> could use off-the-shelf USB2 PCI cards with PPC Macs.

A PCI solution which is often overlooked is this:

1) a PCI to Mini-PCI adapter which has one or more SMC connectors (for antennae), only one is actually needed, and two is supported, but not three,

For example:

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/WiFi-54-108b-g-Mini-PCI-To-PCI-Converter-Adapter-Wireless-Card-New-/181697029741>

2) a Dell (or other, but Dell seems to work best) Mini-PCI 802.11b/g or 802.11a/b/g or 802.11a/b/g/n card,

For example:

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/DELL-LATITUDE-D400-D410-D500-D510-D600-D610-D800-D810-WIRELESS-WIFI-CARD-DW1370-/300678594593>

The adapter shown has one antenna connector, and one is really all that is needed.

An antenna is also required, and some ePay sellers are including antennae with their cards.

The beauty of this solution is the Dell card is seen as an Airport Extreme card OOTB by MacOS X.

It MAY be necessary to twiddle with the IO80211Family.kext to see some cards as Airport Extreme, specifically the AppleAirPortBrcm43224.kext plug-in, but most seem to work.

The above is a very cost-effective way to get real-deal Apple-compatible Wi-Fi, without the use of drivers, as MacOS X already includes the necessary driver.

I believe the Dell cards are actually using the Broadcom 4318 chip set.

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