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Secure Wireless Setup for Mac OS 10.7.X - 10.10.X

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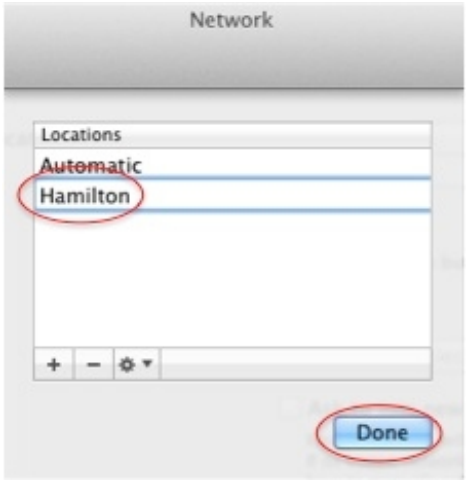
NOTE: If you are following these directions from an off-campus location, please go through these step-by-step instructions until you come to the STOP sign. You cannot complete the steps that follow it until you arrive on campus. When you do arrive, you may complete the final steps to connect to our secure wireless network. Please disregard the STOP sign if you are configuring your wireless connection on campus.

1. Click on the **Apple** icon in the upper-left-hand corner and select **System Preferences**.
2. Select the **Network** Control Panel.

3. Select **Wi-Fi. (NOTE:** If the padlock in the lower left corner is locked, please click to unlock it before proceeding.)
4. Select *Edit Locations* under the **Location** pull-down menu.

5. Click the **Plus** icon in the lower-left-hand corner.

6. Replace "Untitled" with **Hamilton**.
7. Click **Done**.



NOTE: When you are on campus, please use the "Hamilton" location; otherwise, select "Automatic" when you are off-campus with your laptop.

8. Select *Join Other Network...* under the **Network Name** pull-down menu.

9. Configure the **Find and Join a Wi-Fi Network** window in the following way:
    1. Type **aps-hamilton** in the **Network Name** field.
    2. Select *WPA2 Enterprise* in the **Security** pull-down menu.
    3. Leave the default **Mode** to **Automatic**. (Only for Mac OS X 10.7.X)
    4. Enter your **Hamilton Username (e.g. helpdesk)** and **Password** in the appropriate fields.
    5. The **Remember this network** checkbox *should* be **checked**.
    6. Click **Join**.

NOTE: If you are pre-configuring your laptop at home for the Hamilton wireless network, please click the **Apply** button and close **System Preferences. If you are on campus,** turn on your computer and continue at step 10. You should then be prompted to verify the security certificate for our secure network as shown below. In the event you cannot connect to our wireless network while on campus, please contact the Help Desk for assistance at 315-859-4181.

10. The **Verify Certificate** prompt will appear--click **Continue**.

11. A prompt will ask you to enter your password--type in your **Computer Username and Password**.
12. Click **Update Settings**.

13. Click **Apply** in the lower-right-hand corner of the **Network Control Panel**.
14. Exit **System Preferences.**
15. You are now connected to the secure wireless network.

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