How to Use Hamachi for TW LAN Games:

Setting up your routers in order to play LAN or Direct IP-to-IP games can sometimes be a major headache. Even if you know how to forward ports on your router or set them up in DMZ mode this doesn't always work. There is a small program called Hamachi that will allow you to set up a virtual private network or VPN between several computers and makes things easier for LAN games.

You can download a free copy of Hamachi at http://www.hamachi.cc. When you download and install the program, it is highly recommended that you go through the tutorial that comes with the program. It will explain what all of the buttons do, how to set up a network, how to connect to a network, etc. For the most part, it steps you through exactly what you need to do.

We are going to look at a tutorial on how to get connected, both from the host side and from the remote connector side. For our tutorial, we are going to have 2 users, one named "JSJarvis" who will be the host and one named "JSJarvis2" who will be the remote connector.

If you are going to host the game:

1. Start the Hamachi program.

2. Click on the button in the bottom left corner to power on the program and connect to the Hamachi network.

3. Click on the triangular button on the bottom row (middle of the 3 buttons). This will bring up a dialog box where you will set up your network. You will only need to do this the first time you set up the network. After it is set up, the next time you start up Hamachi the network will still be there (unless you choose to destroy the network). Once you click on the button, select “Create new network” from the Networking Menu.

4. You will see a box that looks like the picture below. Choose a Network Name and a Network Password for you new network. The people who will be connecting to your computer will need this information. For our example, the network name will be JSJarvis and the password will be Password. When finished, click Create.

5. You will now see your new network in your Hamachi window and users can now connect to your computer. The image below shows the network (JSJarvis with a green dot beside it) as well as a user connected to the network (JSJarvis2 with a green dot).

6. Once all users are connected to your network, start up Tiger Woods, select Play Online and then LAN.

7. On the next screen, select Direct IP for the game type, type in a username for yourself, and select Host Game.

8. Next, give your game a name for your game, the difficulty levels and control method for the game.

9. Go through and select the other options for your game (# of holes, course, conditions, etc.). When you are finished, you will be taken back to the LAN Lobby and you will see your game has been set up and is ready for other players to join.

If you are going to connect to someone else's computer for the game:

1. Start the Hamachi program.

2. Click on the triangular button on the bottom row (middle of the 3 buttons). This will bring up a dialog box where you will connect to a network. Once you click on the button, select "Join existing network" from the Networking Menu.

3. You will be prompted for the Network Name and the Network Password. Get this information from the person you are going to connect with. Type in the Name and Password, then click Join

4. If everything is set up properly, you will see the network pop up in your Hamachi window and a green dot will appear showing you are properly connected. Initially you will see the host's IP address and their username.

5. You can adjust what you see in the Hamachi window by right clicking on the person's name and selecting Set Label. You can select the Default (IP & Username), or choose just to see their IP Address, Nickname or create your own custom label.

6. Once you are connected, make note of the host's IP address in Hamachi.

7. Start up Tiger Woods, select Play Online and then LAN.

8. On the next screen, select Direct IP for the game type, type in a username for yourself, and select Join Game. In the Host IP area, enter the host's IP address from Hamachi.

9. You will now be taken into the LAN Lobby where you will see any/all games your host has set up to play. Select the game you want to join.

I'm still having problems! I'm getting a yellow light instead of a green when trying to connect!

It is possible that you will still have a problem connecting initially even with Hamachi installed. If you as the host are seeing a yellow light instead of green, here is what you need to do:

1. Click on the far right button to open up the System menu. Select Preferences.

2. In the Preferences area, click on the System button. Then in the Troubleshooting area, check the "Magic Option" box. Make note of the number in the box. This is the port number than you need to forward on your router. Since there are so many different types of routers on the market, we will not cover how to do this in this tutorial. Please refer to your router's manual on how to forward ports.

3. Restart Hamachi and attempt the connection again. It should connect with green lights this time.