

Older Airport Express is unsupported Airport Utility under Mountain Lion? No problem, get this fix!

I still use my old (1st-gen) [Airport Express](#) with all my Wi-Fi stuff. I bought it back in 2004 when it was first released, and never regretted purchasing it.



Now, in 2012, it's Mac OS X **Lion** and **Mountain Lion** time, but no longer is supported by Mac OS X 10.8.x operating system. Moreover, it tells you the unsupported Airport Express needs the [5.6 Airport Utility available here, on Apple Support](#).

Download it, install it and...
Bad luck! It doesn't work under Mountain Lion or Lion!

So what? Is the beloved Airport Express doomed?

Not at all!
You may not know [Frank Tisellano](#), but if you've this problem you may be grateful to him: he [wrote a great post about getting back to work the older Airport Utility](#), along with an [Automator Workflow](#) that will extract automatically the 5.6.1 AU and get you running very quickly.

Instructions:

- Download the [Airport Utility 5.6.1](#)
- Download the [Automator Workflow](#) (you'll have to unzip it once you download it)
- Drag and drop the **AirPortUtility5.6.1.dmg** icon over the **AirPort Utility Extractor.app**
- Wait for a while and... look into the Desktop folder: you'll find an **Airport Utility.app** waiting for you!

Let me add that I renamed this file as **Old Airport Utility.app** to keep it separated from the newer one, just in case...