APi WiFi Setup / Config

I won't tell you about GUIs since there are too many of them. All distributions we intend to support so far use NetworkManager.

Here's a quick NetworkManager WiFi command reference:

Connect to an existing access point:

nmcli device wifi connect YourSSIDHere password YourPasswordHere

This actually creates a connection named after your SSID (or a similar one if there are several ones).

Configure to automatically re-connect to AP on boot:

nmcli connection modify YourSSIDHere connection.autoconnect true

Temporarily disconnect:

nmcli connection down YourSSIDHere

Connect again:

nmcli connection up YourSSIDHere

Create an access point:

nmcli device wifi hotspot ssid YourSSIDHere password YourPasswordHere

This actually creats a connection named Hotspot (or Hotspot-N if there are several ones).

Configure to automatically re-create AP on boot:

nmcli connection modify Hotspot connection.autoconnect true

(Attempt to) disable WPS (doesn't seem to work, WPS shows up as enabled anyway):

nmcli connection modify Hotspot wifi-sec.wps-method 1

Set AP to channel 6 of the 2.4GHz band:

nmcli connection modify Hotspot wifi.band bg wifi.channel 6

Temporarily stop the AP:

nmcli connection down Hotspot

Start the AP again:

nmcli connection up Hotspot

Delete the AP once you're done with it:

nmcli connection delete Hotspot