

## Re: Ha. Low end ethernet routers

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Hello Frank,

What fix?

I see this purely from a consumer perspective. Why should I have to become more of a PC expert than I was 15 years ago to maintain the same

The fix is: go out and buy a brand new PC, pre-assembled, pre-installed, with a windows office package, such as word, excel etc. And don't even think about being an expert. Just use it. Don't upgrade, don't do any maintenance, don't defrag, don't be smart. Use it. After 4 years, ditch the darn thing, including *\*everything\** (including application software) that came with it, and start all over again.

But you never tried that, did you?

That's pretty much what I am doing except for throwing them away after four years. Why should I do that if they work as well as ever?

I buy a new one every 2-3 years or so and yes, they are pre-loaded with everything except CAD, compilers and so on. My observation is that the new ones are worse than the old ones in terms of stability :-(

I see that it now has spreaded to cars. In my neighbourhood most cars are pretty new. Perhaps 3-4 years on average. I never see any tow trucks here, expect once or twice for the damned Porsche that belongs to my wife.

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That may be because you live in NL with a pretty mild and even climate. I know it can get cold there, having had to ride my bicycle from a pub in Maastricht back to Vaals when it was -19C. But what gets cars and all the fancy schmantzy electronics in them is continuous heat like we have it here. Several weeks in a row at 40C and the inside of a car almost glows. That's when we see the tow trucks. In Europe I was used to batteries lasting 7-8 years. Here it's four, tops. And when that battery fails it does so quite rapidly. With my car I am able to get home but one with a few dozen micro controllers in there is a different story. It may not even start, and forget about giving it a good push. Doing the jumper cable thing might cause a barrage of relay clicks and a gazillion dashboard lights to dazzle for one last time.

Regards, Joerg

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