

Re: OT: firewall program

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Joel Koltner wrote:

"Joerg" <notthisjoergsch@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Jim Thompson wrote:

You can buy a very good router for < \$40.

A very good one? Which one would that be?

I don't know how good they are, but pricewise there are a few to select from here:

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/ProductList.aspx?Submit=ENE&N=2052810028&Configurator=&Subcategory=>

...although my experience has been that while spendy (\$40-\$100) routers tend to vary in quality, the really cheap ones (<\$40) I've used pretty much universally needed the occasional power cycling and were more likely to come with those cheap wall-wart power supplies. For some people a really cheap \$20 router and cycling power occasionally is perhaps still a win over the \$100+ "very good" router that's rock solid. (I really wonder whether or not the \$20 "Linksys" on that page is trying to make you think "Linksys" though!)

Speaking of cost... did you notice that thread where Wal*Mart now has two \$50 ATSC->composite video converters to choose from, on the shelves? I expect we'll hit that \$40 voucher point well before the end of the year now.

Stay away for the low end Belkin stuff. It had about 128 KB throughput, even on the wired ports.

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