

VDQ : Apple Airport Base Station and FC5.ppc

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Back in the summer of '00, when I bought a new G3 i-Book (from Terrasoft, with OSX, to be sure, but mostly YellowDog 2.3), I got it with a wireless card and a thing called an Airport Base Station, which seems to be basically a wireless router.

The latter has a phone port, which works with both dialup and DSL, and two ethernet cable ports, one with a circle of dots and one marked <...> (dots in the middle, not along the bottom).

At that time, using DSL, I was able to connect my desktop to one of those ethernet ports (I don't recall which), and at the same connect the iBook wirelessly in the next room.

It had some sort of security, involving a name and a password, both of which I've long forgotten; and as soon as FC.ppc became available (was that FC4 or FC3?), I've run Fedora on it exclusively.

I did once have (and could, maybe, find) directions on how to recover it under YellowDog 4; but they were both beyond my grasp of linux at the time, and very hairy. I recall among other things that you had to get the router you connected it to to use a certain specific IP number before you could do anything else

I currently run a D-Link DI-604 router behind a Motorola SB5100 cable modem connecting to Adelphia the Utterly Abominable, but hope to have some other sort of wireless broadband (from a transmission tower on a nearby hill, I believe) some time in the course of the next month; and there is also a D-Link 10/100 FastEthernet Switch inside the router with a couple ports free.

So I have the following Very Dumb Question : Is there a way, under FC5.ppc (which is currently installed), to regain the use of this thing? A way that a real sub-technoid could manage? Or is it a paperweight?

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