

Re: General Router Question(s)

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Arthur Hagen wrote:

> David Wright <david_c_wright@hotmail.com> wrote:

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>> A WIRELESS INTERNET router will provide a wired port for connecting
>> to a cable modem or DSL modem (normally either RJ45 or USB). It will
>> not allow access to the configuration pages over this port, you are
>> correct here.

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> That depends on the router. On one of those I have, I can selectively
> allow configuration through WAN too.

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>> Many of these products also provide around 4 RJ45 10/100 ports for
>> cabled machines to also access the internet. Any device plugged into
>> the "local" RJ45 ports will be able to configure the router.

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> There's also devices that provide a serial port for configuration (e.g.
> with "cu"), in the event that you can't get access through TCP/IP (like if
> you've messed up the routing tables completely).

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> Regards,

Thanks Arthur, yes there are more options, but the general boxes one buys in the high-street tend to conform the outlines I gave. I haven't seen a "cheap" home wireless router with a serial connector; some of the business units do though...

Dave