

# Wireless world...almost

It seems that while I am somewhat of a computer geek, I am somewhat outdated somewhat of an computer geek. You see, my home network has been a wired network for a long time now. With this new computer and its wireless capabilities though, it is time to move on. Plus, my nephew has been complaining about my not having a wireless network- not that it will matter to him soon as he will be off to SIU in a couple of weeks.

So, kind and generous as he is, our admin here donated to me an old router he had laying around, a Linksys type G router. I let it sit for all of one day □ before finally hooking the thing up. I went through the settings, following the manual as I did so, and thongs seemed to be working, except no internet. Hmm. Oh yes, I seem to remember having to turn the cable modem off and back on after several seconds. Did it, and yes! Internet. I was now in the wireless world- for a short while. After a bit I could no longer access the internet and my computer showed the network as “limited connectivity” or something like that. Well, the power supply he gave me for it was not the right one, rated at 500mA while the router says it wants 1A. I read that too low of a current rating may cause flakiness, and the power supply seemed abit warm, so I unplugged it and was going to go to Radio Shack for a universal supply. However, I dug around first and turned up a few power bricks. 7.5V- no. 14V- not (both AC too, while I needed DC). 12V- yes. 1000mA. Well, that is one amp, so-double yes! DC and right size plug- yes, yes, yes! Plugged it in, connected everything back up to it, and I was good to go again once I power-cyled the modem.

So, I finish a blog entry and click **publish**. Can’t connect-aargh! Tray icon shows limited connection again, and this time I wasn’t even using the wireless, opting for the wired connection instead! Sigh. Looks like I may have damaged the

router. I hope not. I'll have to do some research, but once I'm working again I may just have to try another one. I am now hooked back up to my old router and everything is working again, so here's my second blog entry for the day. Two days in a row with two entries? Definitely not my normal routine. Don't worry JustJ, you will bump me to fourth in just a couple days now I'm sure, not that this is a competition.