

What governs timeout?

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Often, when my access to the network is slow, I have to repeat actions because somewhere in the OS there has been a timeout. I attempt to post a message to a newsgroup from my newsreader (Agent) and I have to try half a dozen times before the damn thing gets out. Reading the morning news at CNN.com I get "this page cannot be displayed" nastygrams until I've hit the refresh button three times. There don't seem to be settings in the newsreader or browser for how patiently the computer will wait for tardy packets, so I presume this is an OS thing?