

# Re: Network help anyone?

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"Johnathan" <[cliffwild@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:cliffwild@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
<news:u3YUg6WkGHA.4200@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

R. McCarty wrote:

Unless specifically changed – ALL routers (by vendor) use a generic User/Password combination. Check the manual or visit the vendor website to obtain your unit's default values. You can always do a factory reset – but that removes all custom settings.

I do remember changing the password at one time but have since forgotten it. I have no idea why I ever thought I would need to change it to start with. I am pretty sure there were no settings I needed to change other than port forwarding. I am trying to avoid resetting it if I can fix this problem otherwise.

Always a good idea to change the default passwords on router type things ... especially if wireless is involved – notice that funny car parked out front with the Pringles can pointed at your house ?? Nothing quite like "drive by networking" – you might look in the router manual and see if you were clever enough to write the password there. First rule of passwords – NEVER change them before the weekend, vacation or whatever – no matter how "easy" it seems at the time, all clues will be lost when you come back ;-). If you can't find the router manual, you can go to the mfg's website usually and download a copy of the manual. Might even be a good time to update it to the latest firmware .... well, maybe after you get the rest of this working. Bottom line, unless they are going thru a router, all devices on your local network MUST be on the same subnet or they will NOT talk to each other. Trick to networking is to check out one portion at a time and get it working then move on

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to the next – trying to fix everything at once won't usually work. In this case, your network address is the 192.168.2.0 and the host id's on that address will be 0–255 ... sort of. The "0" is actually reserved as the network address, 255 is the broadcast address and in your case, 1 is the host address of the LAN side of the router so 2–253 is the ones your other devices should use.

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