

## Re: Wireless network flakey after upgrade to XP

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rick cameron wrote:

- > *Hi, all*
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- > *I've just upgraded one of our home computers from Windows 98 SE to Windows*
- > *XP Home. I actually replaced the system unit, keeping the old hard drive,*
- > *and did an upgrade, rather than a new install.*
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- > *The computer is connected to our wireless network using a Linksys WUSB11*
- > *ver. 2.5 adapter. This is an 802.11b adapter that connects to the computer*
- > *via USB. At the other end is a Linksys BEFW11S4 router connected to an ADSL*
- > *modem.*
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- > *I'm using DHCP and WEP for the wireless LAN.*
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- > *Under Windows 98, the wireless connection was pretty reliable. The signal*
- > *strength was always pretty high, and I was able to get to the Internet from*
- > *the computer, and to access a printer shared by the computer from a second*
- > *computer (which is wired to the router).*
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- > *After the upgrade, the network is really flakey. The signal strength shown*
- > *by the Linksys config utility varies up and down wildly. The computer can*
- > *usually access the Internet right after boot-up; but after a minute or two,*
- > *it stops being able to connect. Similarly, I was able to print once from the*
- > *second computer, but soon that failed too.*
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- > *The network setup wizard in XP Home wants me to choose from a couple of*
- > *network setups. I chose the one with all computers connected to a hub, which*
- > *is connected to a modem going to the Internet. My setup is slightly*
- > *different, since I have a full router, not a hub.*
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- > *I'm running ZoneAlarm on the computer, but disabling it doesn't seem to*
- > *help.*
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- > *I have the latest driver I can find installed – not very recent, though.*
- > *When I installed it, it upgraded the firmware on the WUSB11.*
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> *Any suggestions for things to look at, or things to try?*

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> *Thanks!*

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> *– rick*

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Flakey signal strength may mean that some connection is bad; power down and reseal the connectors (USB and the wallwart if any). Flakey wireless connections can also result from interference (2.4 GHz phones, WiFi from neighboring houses, etc).

By the way, you should have told the Net Wiz that you get to the net through a Residential Gateway; RG is M\$'s term for a router.

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Cheers, Bob