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I'm trying to trace down some sluggishness in our network and see what ports are in use and activity etc.. using Ethereal and other tools..

Is it true.. that the best way is to plug a laptop into a hub (vs a switch), which actually would sit outside the firewall.. in between the router and the cable modem (internet)?

Thanks for any info..

well, it depends.... if the external network connection is slow then this is the likely place to start. if the internal network is slow then this won't help as you need to watch machine to machine traffic on the lan that won't show up outside the router.