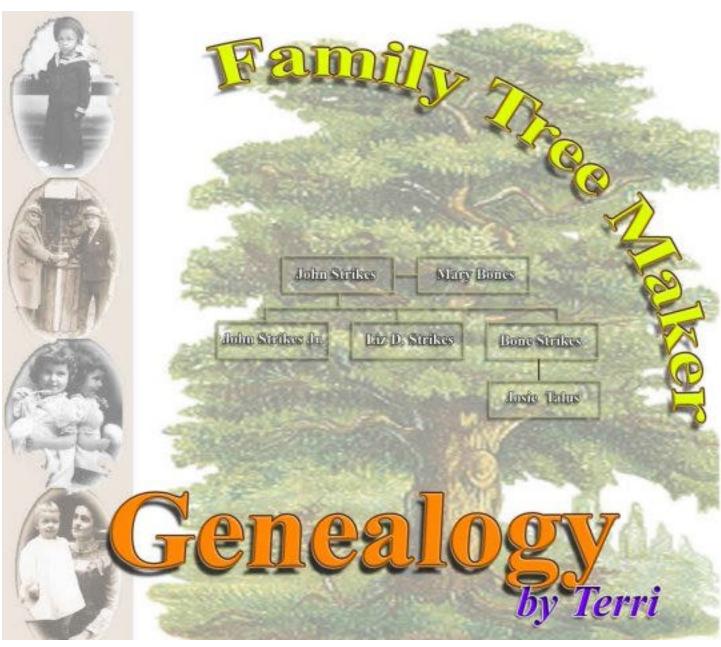
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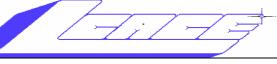
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Linksys EtherFast Cable/ DSL Router (4 port version) Review by: Bob Carpenter Street Price: around \$90-\$100

Web site: www.linksys.com

Normally, a small review means that the reviewer didn't like the product. In this case, it couldn't be further from the truth. In fact, there isn't that much to say because the product works as advertised and is so painless to set up.

The hardware setup involved plugging in the router (yes, it needs power), plugging in the network cable from the cable modem into the WAN port, and plugging in the network cable from your network card to one of the four ports on the router.

Once the router is hooked up, it's time to configure your router. Though, you'll see many screens, most of the information can be kept at the default. You configure your router through a web browser (Internet Explorer 5.x or Netscape 4.7x). Just type http://192.168.1.1. You'll type "admin" as the password (you can change it later) and you'll see the following screen (figure 1).

You'll need to fill in the host name if you're using @Home since that's where you fill in the computer name that they give you to get on their service. The rest of the first tab I left alone. If you're running DSL rather than using cable modem service, you'll probably have to select the PPPoE (PPP over Ethernet) option in order for it to work.

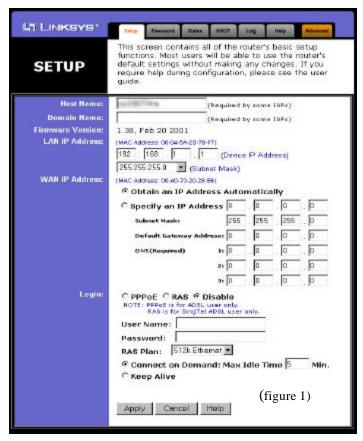
This router can act as a DHCP server. That allows me to, very easily, plug in different computers to the router and allow all of them to share my cable modem. I can set up what addresses (and how many) are given out by the DHCP server. This isn't an issue for me, but is important for people who already have a home network.

The most important thing for a lot of people is that the router also has a firewall built into it. I just left the router on its default settings and went to www.grc.com to try out my firewall. Grc.com has, if you don't know already, the fine Shields Up! Web site. This site checks out your machine to make sure you don't have ports open that you shouldn't have open. My Linksys router passed this site with flying colors.

I don't really use the advanced features of the router where you can deny certain IP addresses access to the Internet or some of the other items that I don't really know about.

One other thing that I should mention is that I didn't have to do anything extra to get my streaming audio (Real Audio, streaming MP3s) or my Virtual Private Network connection going.

To wrap up, I've used the router for about 3 months and love it. I highly recommend this product if you're getting (or already have) a broadband connection. Also, if you want more information about the features that this router has, you can download the entire user guide (PDF format) from link-sys.com.





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This Month's Software Review



Flip Album 4.0 Retails at \$49.95. By Jim Rutledge

The use of FlipAlbum® 4.0 is for the manipulation of pictures, video and sound. It has a file menu interface with point and click graphics for those who adapt to that kind of

editing. I have worked with a lot of various software such as Harvard Graphics, Quest and Power Point. This software has achieved an even playing field with each of these software programs. There is a place to mention the limited photo editing ability (sizing and rotating) within the program and slide show. I expect that this will be corrected in further versions.

I had use for this software in my job. I wanted to get close-up and personal with some of the computer equipment at work. Students that are in my class are not used to looking inside computers. I took many camera shots of the internal components of a computer. The students were impressed with the pectoral presentation of the lessons that I enhanced with FlipAlbum® 4.0.

Of course, you may have other ways of using this software. One may be to set up a family album, or perhaps organizing pictures to put on a CD for distribution for family reunions. FlipAlbum CDMaker is available for purchase at their website. Whatever circumstances you can think of where you could use pictures, video and audio, this software can do the project.

The installation was a snap. It had a fully compatible installation wizard to help install the program. I am beta tester for Windows XP. Currently I am running FlipAlbum® 4.0 on an evaluation copy of Windows XP Professional operating system. This is a good tie in with the new operating system and so far no hang-ups.

Perhaps one of the best features of this software is the ability to set up online albums for sharing with family. You keep an album up online and it is available for about two weeks. Users can download a free browser.

As far as response to questions via email, I got an automated response within 24 hrs. I had a customer system

response in 72 hours. Not bad.

FlipAlbum® is a pleasure to work with; even the novice can work this software like an expert.

System Requirements (Minimum)

- IBM PC Compatible Pentium 166 MHz
- Windows 95/98/ME/2000/NT 4.0
- 32 MB RAM
- 15 MB available hard-disk space
- 800x600 pixels screen resolution
- 16 bit color display adaptor

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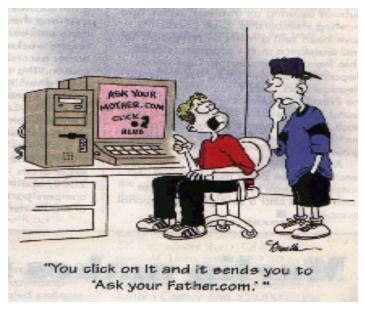
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The following people have to submit membership renewals in November.

- 1. Terri Hanlon
- 2. Donna Kalinoski
- 3. Dr. Sheets
- 4. Phil Grimm

If you do not want your name published in the *News Journal* for any reason, please e-mail me and I will respect your wishes.

Note from the Editor

I will be going out of town at the end of November so I am asking anyone who wants to submit an article for the December *News Journal* to please have it to me by the Nov. 12th. Thank you in advance.

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