

Linksys end of support

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The Broadband-Hamnet Core Team announces the end of support for the Linksys WRT54G series of firmware effective April 30, 2015. The version of firmware that is then current for use on WRT54G series will remain on the Broadband-Hamnet.org website and may continue to be used, but there will be no further updates, bug fixes, or support after

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. This means is that a WRT can still be used well after this date, but likely will not be able to connect to any newer firmware for newer devices.

This has not been an easy decision to reach, but there are some very compelling reasons to stop creating new firmware for the WRT54G series.

- The firmware for the WRT54G has grown to the point that we are out of memory.
- The OpenWRT software, upon which the Broadband-Hamnet firmware is based, has dropped support for the WRT54G series.
- The hardware design itself is showing its age and not lending itself to implementing features found in the newer hardware designs.
- It takes much more time and effort to implement features on the WRT54. In many cases kernel modifications and code from newer versions of OpenWRT must be incorporated into the older code to maintain compatibility between the WRT54G and the Ubiquiti products.

Given that a working node can be deployed much easier, less expensively, and with significantly better performance with a Ubiquiti node, it only makes sense to move in that direction for the future.

The WRT54G has served us well for a number of years and will likely continue to be used for several more. The Broadband-Hamnet Core team sees the benefit in offering multiple

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hardware platforms, so we are exploring options and expect to offer hardware alternatives in the future.