Mesh Networks

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With many slides stolen from the BBHN website

What is It?

- High speed
 - 10 megabit or faster
- Self-configuring
 - Automatic routing of packets
 - Multi-hop
- Fault-tolerant
 - Routes around failed nodes
- Data network
 - Standard Internet Protocol

What do you do with it?

- Transport packets from one location to another
- Applications
 - Anything that works on a LAN
- Use cases
 - Ham fest
 - Field day
 - Public service events
 - Emergencies
 - Private network

What is new here?

- Operating at higher power in the ham bands
 - 2.4 GHz, 5GHz
- Mesh
 - Nodes are peers
 - Multi-hop (packet forwarded by neighbors)
 - Self-configuring (automatic neighbor discovery)
 - Redundant (automatically discover new paths)
 - No configuration (new nodes added automatically)

Example Network



How did this happen?

- Hams that put this together
 - Started as ARES-MESH in Travis County, TX
 - Became High Speed Multi-Media (HSMM)
 - Evolved into Broadband Hamnet (BBHN)
 - Fork to Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network (AREDN) – not sure where that is headed
- FCC declared it legal
 - Encryption is legal for protecting data networks
 - Traffic should be Part 97 appropriate

Hardware - Linksys

- WRT54G v. 1.0 4.0
- WRT54GS v. 1.0 4.0
- WRT54GL v. 1.0 1.1
- A few others
 - Check the web site
- Other versions do not work because of inadequate memory or changes to the chipsets





Hardware - Ubiquity

- Airgrid
- Bullet
- Rocket
- Nanostation











How do you get started

- Web site with software and instructions
 - http://www.broadband-hamnet.com/
- Find suitable hardware
- Install the firmware
- Configure the node with your callsign
- Join the revolution...

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Connect via Ethernet to the LAN



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DO NOT remove power while it is updating



Waiting for 192.168.1.1...

Router will reboot and become a MESH node when you click Continue



www.HSMM-MESH.org

Your computer now needs to get a an new IP address from the router

- Unplug the ethernet cable
- Close your browser
 - It may cache information
- Wait for the router lights to stop flashing
- Plug the cable back in
- Start your browser again

Type IPCONFIG /release <enter> and then IPCONFIG /renew <enter>. It should then show like the text in the yellow box below.

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Selecting a node name

- Your call sign should be in the node name in order to properly identify ham operations
- The node name must be unique
 - Callsign followed by -XXX is customary
 - Maximum node name length is 64 characters

Enter Node Name and Password

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Node will reboot



AC0KQ-11 is rebooting

The LAN subnet has changed. You will need to acquire a new DHCP lease and reset any name service caches you may be using.

Wait for the Power LED to start blinking, then stop blinking. When the DMZ LED turns off you can get your new DHCP lease and reconnect with <u>http://localnode.local.mesh:8080/</u>

> or http://AC0KQ-11.local.mesh:8080/

Get a new IP address for the PC

- Unplug the ethernet cable
- Wait for the router lights to stop flashing
- Plug the ethernet cable back in
- On windows additional fooling around may be required to allow connection to the new network

Connect to http://localnode:8080/

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If there is a gateway mesh node, OLSR will discover it and put you online



When online, NTP sets the time

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View the Mesh



Mesh Status

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You can also access an device on the mesh by name

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You can also log directly into each node from the command line User *root* Port *2222*

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root@AC0KQ-5:~#

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root@ACOKQ-5:/etc#			

The Kernel and CPU

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Show the OLSR network with olsr-topology-view



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Node Type

- Mesh Node (default)
 - WiFi used for mesh, wired ports for LAN and WAN
 - WiFi can only be used to talk to MESH nodes
- Mesh Access Point
 - Wired connection to Mesh Node via LAN port, WiFi and LAN ports used for LAN access
- Non-mesh modes
 - Standard Access Point (acts like a non-mesh router)
 - Wireless Client (WiFi to wired access)
 - Wired Router (WiFi disabled)

LAN mode

- Direct mode (default) is best for a flat network
 - 5 hosts (default) good for 4 port device
 - 15 hosts for larger LAN (e.g. with switch)
 - 1 host when attached to a smart device such a another router
- NAT mode translates LAN addresses
 - This is what your regular internet router does
 - Requires port forwarding to go MESH to LAN

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Versions and Updates

- Versions with same major numbers interoperate
 - 3.X.Y will talk to each other
 - 1.X.Y will only talk to other 1.X.Y
- When you update the software, you will need to re-configure the node
- If you patch the software, the configuration is retained

Upgrades can be done from the GUI

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Hints and Kinks

- Only unobstructed line of sight works
- Take good care of Linksys devices
 - They run at max power, so make sure it is well ventilated
 - Keep them dry, they don't like getting wet
- Nodes can only talk when they can hear each other, so an amplifier is a bad idea
- High gain antennas are a very good idea
- For longer range use Ubiquity radios
 - Higher power
 - Can be mounted outdoors
 - Powered over Ethernet

Refused Installs

- Check that you have the right type of router
- Upgrade the firmware to the latest from Linksys and then try to upgrade to MESH
- Upgrade the firmware using tftp
 - tftp 192.168.1.1 << END bin put bbhn-3.1.0-wrt54gs-2.4-squashfs.bin END
 - Google WRT tftp install for more details
- If you are desperate, try the JTAG method

Internal Architecture of the WRT54G



A better mount: W5MAE Rootenna



Conclusions

- The MESH approach is great for moving IP
- Setup is easy
 - Defaults works for most situations
 - Mesh configuration is automatic
- Hardware is readily available
 - Linksys hardware great for short distances
 - Ubiquity hardware great for long distances
- Open source software is powerful and flexible
 - Nodes run a Linux kernel