
My neighbours are intruding on my secure wifi net!

Posted by josek - 2007/09/27 19:11

Can you help me secure my wifi network? I have a Linksys WRT54GS wireless router. I have turned on WEP security but there are still intruders - I can see them on the MAC ID list.

My bill is high every month though I am not online often. How can I block them?!

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Posted by gareth - 2007/09/27 19:17

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