

Filename: watchdog_wifi.command

Use for MacBook Air 2013 that loose WiFi connection

This will detect automatically the router's IP and the WiFi network card and if the MBA cannot ping the router, it will power off the WiFi network card and restart it 3 seconds later.

This is a workaround of the problem of the MacBook Air 2013 and mostly not useful for any other Mac.

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watchdog_wifi.command - script start after this
#!/bin/bash
##### parameters that you can adjust ######
# Auto-detection of Wi-Fi card ID
# (usually "en0" on macbook air and "en1" on other macbook)
network id=$(networksetup -listnetworkserviceorder \
   | grep Hardware \
   | sed -e 's/^(H.*rt: \(.*\), Device: \(.*\))/\1 \2/' -e 's/[()\*#]//g' -e 's/[-]/_/g' \
   |grep Wi_Fi| awk '{print $2'})
# If you want to set manually the ID of the network card, use this command and remove #
#network id=en0
# Auto-detection of the router"s IP (gateway)
router_ip=$(netstat -rn | grep "default" | grep "$network_id" | awk '{print $2}')
# If you want to set manually the IP to check, use this line and remove #
#router_ip=192.168.1.1
# delay between each check (in seconds)
delay_between_ping=5
# delay before switching back the network card on (in seconds)
delay_switch_on=3
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you should not modify anything else after

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if [ "$router_ip" == "" ]; then
 echo
 echo "******************************
 echo " You need to connect to a WiFi network first! "
 echo "******************************
 echo
 echo press enter to finish...
 read nothing
 exit
fi
if [ "$network id" == "" ]; then
 echo
 echo "Wi-Fi network card not detected, you have to manually configure the script "
 echo
 echo press enter to finish...
 read nothing
 exit
fi
echo
echo "This script test if the WiFi network card $network_id is working."
echo " It will ping the router's IP to check it."
echo "Router IP: $router ip"
echo " If it cannot ping the router, the WiFi card will be turned Off then back On"
echo
echo "-----"
echo " Press Control+C to quit "
echo "-----"
echo
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#ping the router
# -t 1 = wait 1 second max for the reply
\# -c 1 = only ping once
# $router_ip = IP to ping
# grep "1 packets received" check if we get the right response
echo $(date)
echo Pinging the router to see if WiFi card $network_id is still alive...
ping -t 1 -c 1 $router_ip | grep "1 packets received"
#set the exit code in the variable
exitcode=$?
echo Exit Code: $exitcode
#if exit code is not 0, then we restart the WiFi network card
if [[ $exitcode != 0 ]] ; then
  echo $(date) >> watchdog_wifi.log
  echo
  echo "********
  echo Stopping WIFI
  echo "********
  /usr/sbin/networksetup -setairportpower $network_id off
  echo
  echo Waiting $delay_switch_on seconds...
  echo
  sleep $delay_switch_on
  echo "**********
  echo Restarting WIFI
  echo "*********"
  /usr/sbin/networksetup -setairportpower $network_id on
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while true

echo

do

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echo Waiting for network to reconnect...
echo
router_ip=$(netstat -rn | grep "default" | grep "$network_id" | awk '{print $2}')
while [ "$router_ip" == "" ]; do
sleep 1
    echo "..."
router_ip=$(netstat -rn | grep "default" | grep "$network_id" | awk '{print $2}')
done

fi
echo
echo Waiting $delay_between_ping seconds
echo
sleep $delay_between_ping
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done