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OpenWrt as managed switch, wireless AP and firewall all-in-one device in a small homelab?

OpenWrt newbie here. Can a wifi-router with OpenWrt replace dedicated managed switch, wireless AP and firewall in a small homelab environment?

I would lose some nice feature from a dedicated managed switch like L3 switching and LACP (because most wifi-router only has one ethernet?), but for a small homelab this should not be a big problem. Another benefit of using OpenWrt is that I can get software support indefinitely (as long as the OpenWrt project continues).

I like the idea of having one single device managing the whole network. Any other caveats I need to look out for?

(I am planning to buy a GL-iNET MT-6000 btw, it costs about 100 USD in where I live)



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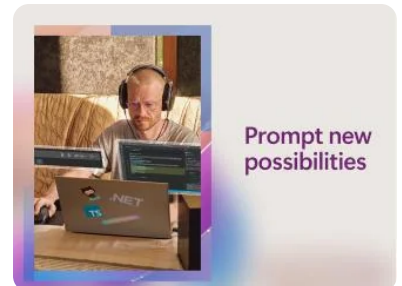
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Absolutely. That's what I use it for.

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I have many Managed switch Router (of course) File server (samba) VLAN switch Access Point Log server Zabbix Proxy (not yet to be honest)

OpenWRT is the best of the best

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GL-MT6000 is a great choice right now. Just flash a new 'sysupgrade' main snapshot image, it's running great on mine for my home network. Plenty of ram and storage for Docker, SQM, Adblock, Samba, too.

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