

Linksys Velop Mesh WiFi System Review

Frustrated by WiFi coverage in the home?

Having suffered with blackspots and slow speeds for years, we recently invested in a “MESH” system involving multiple routers or “nodes” and we now have fairly uniform speeds of >60MB/s throughout the property.

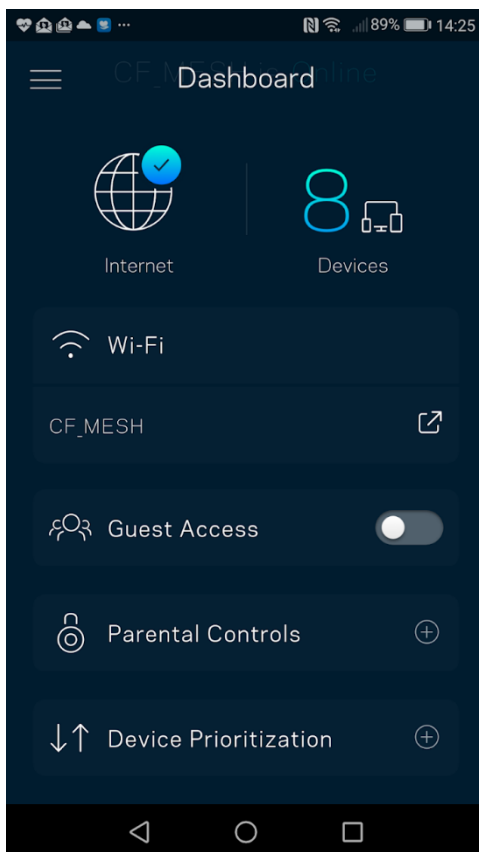
As we wanted coverage that included some outside space, we opted for the Linksys Velop system which says it covers up to 600 square metres. Sold by Amazon, and discounted at time of purchase, this came in at £329. Now, the same system NEW from Amazon is at £438 reduced from £499!

Set up requires download of the Linksys App (Apple and Android versions) and step by step instructions. The instructions are straightforward but can be frustrating. All 3 “nodes” are identical and you choose one to connect to your modem which becomes the home node. Once working you then set up auxiliary nodes around the property. I found I was struggling to get these as



far apart as I should have been able to. However, if you get them working near the home node it seems that you can then move them later (this worked for me)¹. Each node has two ethernet ports which you can plug data hungry devices like X boxes or smart TVs into, which reduces demand on the WiFi signals.

The system has been running stably for some weeks and delivering solid speeds around the house. This system seems to be the most expensive one around at present and further recent increase in price may not be justified over competitors.



¹ The F4RN team have seen the same problem with the TP-Link DECO M5

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