

Indirect Synchs Fails from Local, Succeed from Remote

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I have a 12-machine topology. All machines (remotes and HUB) are connected over a domain.

One machine serves as the HUB. That machine is running Replication Manager 2000, Office 2003, and Windows 2003 Server. It is configured to allow for both indirect and internet synchronization. It has a five replica farm that synchs every 30 machines. On the HUB's root C:\ drive are the dropboxes of all 12 machines. The dropbox are shared, and full control has been given to everyone, specific users, AND all machines in the topology (just in case). Permissions in both the shared tab and security tab are set up that way.

The remaining 11 machines (located in different cities and states than the HUB) are set up identically: they are running RM2000, Office 2003. They have three replicas in their farm. They are configured to synch nightly with the hub. They are configured to try indirect first and internet if that fails. There are mapped drives on each remote machine (1) to their specific dropbox on the HUB and (2) the HUB synchronizer's dropbox.

The remotes all synch nightly to the HUB, one each hour. They synch indirectly. They synchs are successful and take only a few minutes.

This is my problem: When I initiate a synch from the HUB RM to anyone of the remote machines, indirect fails. In each case, the remote's wingman.sgn file is being accessed (the date stamp changes as soon as I initiate the indirect synch). However I never see msg folders written to the dropbox. It fails even though the remote *just* initiated and completed an indirect synch from it's side.

Has anyone experienced this? I am certain it's a configuration issue, I just can't figure it out. Does anyone have any ideas or suggestions? I would prefer to schedule synchs from the HUB instead of from the remotes.

Thanks in advance,

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