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On Tue, 14 Mar 2006 13:55:31 -0800, Phil03
<Phil03@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi.

I'm running on a wireless home network. And I could view my broadcasts on another computer on the same network. However when someone else tried to view it, they get error messages.

I've spent hours all over the net trying to find a solution. So I learned about Port Forwarding. I changed my settings on my network to allow outside internet requests. I gave a friend my outside IP address plus the 8080.

This was his error message:

"Windows Media Player cannot play the file. If the file is on another computer, verify that you are connected to the network. If you typed a path, verify that it is correct. If the problem persists, the server might not be available."

If for example your external (internet facing) IP address was 214.56.89.202 then your friend should go to WMP, choose

File -> Open and enter into that box :
<http://214.56.89.202:8080>

That IP is an example but you get the idea.

Are you sure you've enabled not just port forwarding, but allowed port 8080 to traverse your Firewall ? Firewalls (eg Zone Alarm or XP Firewall) and port forwarding (NAT traversal, on a Router) are completely separate steps.

The other obvious question is how did you determine your external IP ? It should be the "Internet IP" reported by your router. It must never look like or start with any one of these IP ranges :

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192.168.x.x
172.16-31.x.x
10.x.x.x.x
168.x.x.x

Cheers – Neil