

Re: Workgroup vs. Domain?

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a domain requires a server. servers are more expensive than desktops and require more care and feeding to setup and maintain. generally this is not something i would not recommend taking on without some basic training or at least a good bit of reading. security is a big part of it today, especially if anything is exposed to the internet. domains provide centralized user account control, sharing of server resources, network services, centralized software license control, centralized software installation, and lots of other stuff.

workgroups are automatic, unless you specifically join a domain when you install windows you are part of a default workgroup. they provide nothing beyond grouping of computers in the network part of windows explorer. one big limitation is that any single win nt/2k/xp computer is limited to a max of 10 connections from other computers, to get past that you need a server... before that you will probably be just as happy with a workgroup unless you require some specific server functions.

win98se can use domains, as can everything since win 95. having to ask a question like that points out that you have LOTS of reading to do before you attempt a domain setup.

"Tavish Muldoon" <tmuldoon@spliced.com> wrote in message news:e2470f35.0409211203.647df517@posting.google.com...

- > *What is the difference between a workgroup and a domain? Would there*
- > *be any benefit into setting up a domain for a small group of computers*
- > *2-3?*
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- > *How does one setup a domain in a networked group of computers? (url?)*
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- > *Windows 98se cannot use domains - correct? Anyway around that?*
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- > *Thanks,*
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- > *Tmuld.*