

# Re: Passwords for File Sharing

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Tom wrote:

I finally had to upgrade my peer-to-peer network of WIN98 computers to XP Home.

Before the upgrade, I had the ability to safely share files on a network occupied by other other computers outside my work group by requiring a password before granting access to my shared drives and folder.

XP Home doesn't seem to offer this safeguard; or so it seems. I seems you can either give nothing, or everything (everything meaning full access, with or without editing capability).

Some site I found suggested using a utility (SCE from Service Pack 4?). I'm not sure if this path is still available. I suspect MSFT wants you to buy XP Pro or set up an NT server in order to get password protection, but I'm not sure.

Is it possible to safely share files with XP Home connected to a network? Is password protection possible?

Tom

Like WinNT and Win2K before it, WinXP's file security paradigm doesn't rely on, or allow, the cumbersome method of password protection for individual applications, files, or folders. Instead, it uses the superior method of explicitly assigning file/folder permissions to individual users and/or groups.

HOW TO Create and Configure User Accounts in Windows XP  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:279783>

HOW TO Set, View, Change, or Remove File and Folder Permissions  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:q308418>

HOW TO Set, View, Change, or Remove Special Permissions for Files and Folders  
[http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:\[LN\]:Q308419](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:[LN]:Q308419)

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<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.  
–Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. –Bertrum Russell

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