

Re: Network neophyte needs help

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David Ellis wrote:

- > *Two computers connected via Ethernet adapters and a CAT6 crossover*
- > *cable have no problem pinging each other and have transferred many*
- > *shared folders. Shares are on an Inspiron 7500 XP Pro SP1, and the*
- > *target for folder copies is an 8400 XP Pro SP2 from which I'm*
- > *controlling the copy operations. Both computers have simple file*
- > *sharing disabled. Both are logged in with account-type administrator.*
- > *Not using welcome screen on the 7500; the password is not blank. Using*
- > *welcome screen on the 8400. Both computers use NTFS.*
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- > *Having no network experience prior to yesterday, I'm stuck as I learn*
- > *how to view the root folder on the 7500 from the 8400. Here's what's*
- > *happening...*
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- > *1) On the 8400 in WE (windows explorer) My Computer, under Network*
- > *Drives, there is a shared folder listed that I have copied. (The*
- > *computers have been restarted since then.) It's name "_a on*
- > *'y4fg0'(X:)' is followed by "Disconnected Network Drive." When I try*
- > *to delete the item, a pop-up message appears: "The network connection*
- > *could not be found." No problem deleting a bunch of other*
- > *shared-folder references followed by the statement "Disconnected*
- > *Network Drive."*
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- > *I'm trying to get rid of it because an attempt to connect using a*
- > *different user name (the 7500 user name) yields a message: "The*
- > *network folder specified is currently mapped using a different user*
- > *name and password. To connect using a different user name and*
- > *password, first disconnect any existing mappings to this network*
- > *share." That pop-up is followed by one with a similar message. How do*
- > *I get rid of the Network Drives item that I believe is preventing the*
- > *use of a different user name?*

In a command prompt, you could type

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net use * /del <enter>
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> 2) *In My Network Places > Entire Network > Microsoft Windows Network >*
> *workgroup, when I double click the 7500 name I get a message: "\\y4fg0*
> *is not accessible. You might not have permission to use this network*
> *resource. Contact Access is denied." The drive is set to share*
> *on the 7500. How does an administrator account get permission? Am I*
> *correct in believing double-clicking the 7500 name should display the*
> *root folder on the shared C\$ drive?*

No, because the \$ indicates a hidden share. Only non-hidden shares will show up in the list.

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> 3) *I've just mapped a drive to one of the shares. After viewing the*
> *7500 folders in WE, I closed WE and attempted to delete the just-added*
> *item in My Computer under Network Drives. I got the same message as in*
> 1) *"The network connection could not be found." I don't understand why*
> *some items can be deleted and others not when they're all labeled*
> *"Disconnected Network Drive."*

I'd delete them all and start over – in fact, I'd use a batch file to map the drives and manually run it after bootup –

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net use x: \\computer\share1 /persistent:no  
net use y: \\computer\share2 /persistent:no
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etc.

See if the problem recurs. And make sure you are using identical usernames & passwords to log into each computer, or you will need to pass the appropriate remote credentials in your net use command.

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> *I've searched F1 help and a one-ton book (Windows XP Inside Out Second*
> *Edition) and cannot find a solution. If anyone can offer this network*
> *neophyte some guidance, I'd be most grateful.*
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> *--David*