

XPro SP2 slow to connect to XPro SP2 server

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I have a problem with XPSP2 in a workgroup being slow to access an XP SP2 file server (both XPro). The first time the two machines communicate it takes about 30 seconds for the first computer to access/enumerate files on the server. If you are watching it in my computer a flashlight looks around while the system locks up/slows down. After a few seconds the machine will communicate instantly with the server until a period of long inactivity. Then the same problem reoccurs. In the same environment there are 98SE clients can access the XP shared files instantly without any delay.

I figure it is some kind of communication/session initialization/authentication problem.

Let me tell you what I have tried.

I tried enabling only TCP/IP on the network (and am thinking about trying netbeui)

I tried putting entries on the XP client machines for the server IP in hosts file

and lmhosts file (and enabling lmhosts lookup)

I tried enabling netbios over tcp/ip on both network cards.

Thanks for reading,

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