

Re: belong to more than 1 workgroup

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Calm yourself.

Deep breaths.

A workgroup is the OLD style – unofficial membership – method of "grouping" computers (workstations) in organizations. A domain is something where there is a true "membership" and that comes with priviledges that non-members would not have. However, the computer does not have to be a member of the workgroup or domain in order to gleam benefits from the grouping or membership – the username/password combination needs to be a member though.

You are trying to use the GUI tools to connect to things – what you need to do is talk to someone (in person – with your laptop in hand) with more experience at this sort of thing at your office and allow them to change your computer as needed. They may determine that for you it is in fact easier for you to use the GUI tools and change your workgroup for you (workgroups are easy to change.. START --> RUN --> "sysdm.cpl" --> OK --> Computer Name tab --> Change button --> Under Member Of section, change the Workgroup name to whatever you want/need.. --> OK and OK as many times as you need to close all that. Welcome to the "whatever you typed" workgroup.) However, if you explain you want to use this at home as well and you are only willing to use the GUI method of finding resources, etc – then they may recommend that you rename all your workgroups on your other home systems or they may write you a script to map the office resources and leave it to you to figure out your home setup.

A domain is harder to join. *If* your office has a domain setup (and I think it should, but depending on its size and if it could be afforded, it may not) then the only person who can join that laptop to the domain is the administrator and anyone who they have given the proper priviledges to do so. However, you do not need your computer to be a member of the domain to use the domain resources (server–printers, shared directories, etc) – you just need to have a proper domain username/password. Your system administrator can write you a script to "map" these resources – giving you

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the ability to run this script while at work and use the resources there,
then when you go home, still use your laptop normally.

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The information is provided "as is", it is suggested you research for
yourself before you take any advice - you are the one ultimately
responsible for your actions/problems/solutions. Know what you are
getting into before you jump in with both feet.