

## Re: connection limit reached

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Doug Taylor wrote:

Hiya

We have 6 pcs connecting to a 7 pc we call our server. The network is peer to peer all the machines including the server are running windows xp pro. Since adding the seventh machine to the network we are unable to map drives to the server from different machines intermittently. When mapping from dos using the "net use" command we are told that the maximum number of connections has been reached. When I look at the server and run the net session command (or go through computer management sessions) we can see the ten connections, but it is showing multiple connections for the same computer. We disconnected the sessions and browsed to the server through network neighborhood (or run \\server) and Net session shows one connection. If we then map a drive to the servers ip address we see another session being created.

Are these really two connections and are we really exceeding our limit of ten users?

Why does mapping a drive using the net use command and the ip address eg net use v: \\192.168.0.1\data create one session and on the same machine using net use g: \\server\data create another session. If we map any more drives future sessions are not created.

Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks

As others have already mentioned you have reached the point where you need a server operating system. Take a look at Windows Small Business Server. It is less expensive than Windows Server and has many extra features. The limitation is that you are limited to 75 users.

The other alternative is Linux. If all you want is to share files it is relatively easy to set up. If you want network management as well as sharing files SBS or Windows server with active directory is the way to go.

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