

Re: XP workgroups

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it is a bit tricky and unstable at times for a variety of reasons, sometimes I have difficulties myself, but not always. I don't know how much work you have done into trying to overcome it. And there is simply too much to go through and I hope what little I can provide you, by way of experience with my own system, may get you into the right direction.

Firstly, download a freeware called HoverIP. It will be useful to you as you will see. Next, it will be easier to turn off your firewall and your antivirals, at least temporarily for now. Because of this, the focus should be on figuring out your network rather than wondering over the net and inadvertently pick up anything while your protection is off at this time.

Next, for testing purposes, go to each pc and create a unique workgroup name. Something like on your main machine, create a workgroup on it called Machine1. Then on the other computer, create a workgroup called machine 2, and so on. That way when you look for these network places you will be able to get a clearer picture. Your chances to have a successful connection are improved as well.

Of course you know about setting the drives and folder for sharing. The next thing to watch out for is the mapping of drives. This isn't necessary at this time, but later on you will find it useful. Then sometimes they are locked and you have to disconnect them, These 2 selections are under tools.

Also, sometimes you simply have to close the explorer and reopen to see if the networked drives are available to you. Then at times one of the computers needs to be rebooted, which I suppose clears out the cache or whatever... It can help if you run into trouble.

