

Re: Remote desktop stupid question...

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On Aug 28, 11:37 am, "spamlet" <spam.mores...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Thanks for the prompt reply A.

I am a bit vague on using the run box commands, and only vaguely recall using batch files back in the days of Dos... What exactly 'mapping the shared folders' means, I'd have a guess at, but the dialogue seems to want me to create a new drive 'z', and then only lets me 'browse' to files on the same system.

At the moment, I have tried going through the network set up wizards and running them on pc and laptop, but so far, can only access the laptop folders from the pc. I can use the printer remotely, but am not allowed in to the pc shared folder. On the pc, if I look at the permissions on the shared folder, under 'locations' it only allows me to specify users who are on the pc. If I try to write in locations on the laptop they are just rejected. I do not see where the setting is to give permission to users on another system, nor to set any password requirements.

On the other hand, when I tried remote desktop, I was just allowed to sign in to my account in a near normal manner. File sharing seems to be far less intuitive, and even though I have read around a bit, and adjusted firewall settings, I still only seem to be able to get it to work one way – apart from the printer.

All very basic stuff I am sure, but a bit confusing to a networking beginner.

Thanks for your help,

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<ayesty...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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On Aug 28, 8:32 am, "Steve H" <steve_a_hawk...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Re: Remote desktop stupid question...

wrote:

Just finding my way in networking so be gentle :-)

Can remote desktop be used to let one user on an XPPro machine get at his own desktop from a second machine while another user is also logged on directly? I had hoped that one user could continue working in the background in this manner, while the second user takes over the fixed workstation screen and keyboard, but it seems one must log off for the other to continue.

Assuming that the answer is unfortunately "no can do", I presume the file sharing avenue is the way this is done. This however seems to require some foreknowledge of what files one might need during any one remote session, so that the right ones are in the shared folder in advance. Failing that, I suppose one could put a whole user profile in the shared folder, but this sounds a bit excessive – unless some kind of sign in is possible by this route at it is in remote desktop?

How should I best proceed?

Thanks in advance.

S

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It is not possible to use remote desktop in the background with XP Professional. Server editions do have this feature but not M\$'s client O/S. I believe what you are looking for is a file-sharing solution. I am not sure why you want to share a profile but you can use the built-in file-sharing features of XP by using the 'net use' command. If you want to map shared folders on login then you could make a batch file to map the drives such as:

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net use s: \\computername\sharename /user:localaccount password
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This would effectively map s: on any computer on the local network to the computername and you will of course have to provide a user/ pass to gain access.

Hope this helps.

A

To make a long story short you should create an identical username / password on both the laptop and the computer system you are accessing it from. Always use those accounts when logging into either. Windows XP wants to 'secure' your data so it's hiding things from your PC when trying to access your laptop because it doesn't know who your PC is. When you want to use something on your laptop from your pc, the easy way is to right click on it and 'share' it. Then you can type \\
\thenameofyourlaptop (from start/run on your PC) and you will see everything that is shared and available on your laptop. If you don't know the name of your computer go to a dos prompt and type 'hostname', that is the name of your computer.

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