

elementary XP networking question under extreme duress, please hel

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Can anybody help me? I've been stuck in Washington DC for several days trying to install my first XP network of two Microsoft XP machines each connected to a D-Link router (DI-624) which in turn is connected with a DSL cable modem. Sorry to ask such a dumb question – one pc, XP Pro, can access shared files on the other, XP Home, but the XP Home machine can not access files declared "shared" on the Pro machine. In the latter instance, Start->Run->"\\192.168.0.100" always brings up a login panel which does NOT allow me to login; the login panel merely repeats itself. Worthy of mention – I did not want to use ICS, Internet Connection Sharing, but after using Network Setup Wizard, I somehow got "Network Connections" showing under the "Internet Gateway" category, an entry – "name=Internet Connection, type=Internet Gateway, status=Connected, devicename=Internet Connection, owner=System" Is this why the two machines aren't seeing each other the same way?

What could I be doing wrong?? Is there an obvious explanation – Is firewalling obviously different on the two machines or is that I'm not using Network Setup Wizard correctly?

Please note, I installed Service Pack 2 on both machines and ping from each machine detects the other machine (ping 192.168.0.100 from 192.168.0.101 is okay and so is the other). The DI-624 router, I'm told, is NOT the problem – though I did install a version 2.45 software upgrade from their website which created a "D-Link Router" entry under "Network Places->Workgroup."

Thank you ever so much for helping a neophyte XP user under extraordinary duress!! Suggestions about which websites have the clearest explanations for installation issues with XP and Service Pack 2, would be acknowledged with gratitude, possibly in publication form!!!! Rich Pan, Washington, DC
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Thank you so much for helping!