

Re: Where is my user?

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First of all, can the pc's ping each other? If so, do you have the server and workstation service running on both pc's? Are both PC's in the same workgroup? Do they both have unique computer names?

If your using XP Home, windows authenticates using the Guest account for network access only, since simple file sharing is exclusively used with Home Edition. So in the permission settings of the shared folder, make sure the everyone group has the proper permissions.

If you are using XP Pro and simple file sharing is disabled, (using Classic sharing), then you can use your user account for access, as long as their is an account setup on the other pc with the same user name/pass, and vice-versa. If not, then you will have to authenticate using the guest or admin account, and a "connect to" box will appear. You may also have to go into local security policy and grant the user the "access this computer from the network" right. Keep in mind that when NTFS permissions and share permissions are combined, then effective permission is the most restrictive permission.

BTW, the other "users" you are referring to (All Users and Default User) in docs and settings are default profiles that Windows uses when a new profile is created and are generally not used to "log" into.

"Dan Galfano" <DanGalfano@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:F3E5454F-469F-4796-9CF1-9AF6FDA11DEF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

> I had a buddy help me network my other laptop with this one. I have to
Users
> on the computer. He was in User 1 when we were trying to set up the file
> sharing. He first tried to file share C drive. We tested it and it didn't
> work going from the 2nd computer to this one. We then tried to share the
2nd
> user on this machine, which didn't work when tested. He thought maybe we
had
> to be in the 2nd user to get the permissions right. However, when we
switched

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- > over into the 2nd user, it wasn't the 2nd user. Somehow, not created by us,
- > another user was created with the same name as the original 2nd user.
- But,
- > it didn't contain any of the files, settings, etc... of the 2nd user. It was
- > like starting all over again. When I go into C drive and then docs and
- > settings, I see three (4 including 'All Users') users. The first user, the
- > original second user (which the user name is slightly modified) and contains
- > all of my files, and then the other 2nd user which the computer now switches
- > to instead of my original one.
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- > I know it's kind of detailed, but I wanted to let you know everything we
- > did..as much as I can remember. I know he fiddled around with some other
- > folders trying to share them to see if the other computer could connect.
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- > Also, I tried to reset the settings back to Thursday, which was successful,
- > but the same result with the users. So, I tried to switch it back to today
- > (so I didn't lose my networking settings we spent 2 1/2 hours on) but it
- > didn't work...I tried it a second time and it brought the computer back to
- > today's settings...
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- > I still have this phantom 2nd user though and cannot switch to my original
- > 2nd user.
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- > Any ideas on how I can make my original user (folder located in Docs and
- > Settings) and make that the user I get when I switch to it...?
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- > Thanks so much!
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