

Re: 2-user XP workgroup won't work

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In article <837701c3e8f5\$c31e99e0\$a401280a@phx.gbl>, "Pete S" <peter_r_stevens@hotmail.com> wrote:

>I'm seeking help, please, with a home networking problem?

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>I've set up Windows XP workgroups before with no problem,
>using the 'Set up a home or small office network' wizard,
>with no real problems.

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>Getting my home desktop and laptop to communicate,
>however, has been unsuccessful. I'm connecting them with a
>Cat 5 X-over cable. I can get things to work by using the
>wizard, except that it doesn't work next time I connect or
>restart.

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>I've been through the knowledge base, and found an
>apparent IP address problem. I therefore set the gateway
>(desktop) to 192.168.01, leaving the Default gateway and
>Preferred DNS server entries blank. The laptop's IP
>address is 192.168.0.2, with 192.168.01 as both the
>Default gateway address and the Preferred DNS server. This
>worked until a reset of both machines. In case it's
>relevant, I use a dial-up connection to a pay-as-you-go
>ISP via an internal modem.

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>I can ping the ICS gateway from the laptop, but not vice-
>versa; the gateway can't even ping itself. I've reset the
>gateway's TCP/IP stack (article 299357, as recommended in
>308007) but to no avail. Despite this, the laptop connects
>to the Internet via the ICS gateway machine absolutely
>fine - although it can't print to the gateway's printer.

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>Any help or pointers you can offer would be much
>appreciated.

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>Pete Stevens

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When a computer can't ping itself, the problem could be an improperly configured or incompletely un-installed firewall program. Un-install any firewall program. If you've previously un-installed one, re-install it and un-install it. In either case, then go to Start | Run | Msconfig | Startup and disable any remnants of the firewall, such as ZoneAlarm's True Vector service.

To protect your network while the firewall is un-installed. enable XP's built-in Internet Connection Firewall on the dail-up Internet connection.

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Best Wishes,
Steve Winograd, MS-MVP (Windows Networking)
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