

Network Drives Not Connecting Properly

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Hey folks,

I have a wireless (802.11B) network running at this point and time, all machines are running Windows XP and also a server running Windows 2K3 on it. I have a mapped drive that is nessesary for all the laptops to gain access to when they connect. However, often when they boot their laptops up and get into Windows it doesn't recognize the mapped drive and leaves a red x through it indicating it isn't connected.

A specific program requires this mapped drive to work properly. If they go in and immedately start that program up, it doesn't see the mapped drive and fails to start properly. The only way for these people to get there laptops to recognize the drive sometimes is to physically browse to it and click on the drive, forcing the PC to read it's contents on the network and recognize it is connected. This is troublesome as none of these people using this software are very handy w/ a computer.

The drive is only really required inside of this program. I wrote a batch file to ping the drive as it seems to help wake it up most of the time but isn't fool proof. Still about 10% of the time, it doesn't connect. Is there any way I can make this network resource more readily readable to XP? Help would be appreciated.

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