

Networking XP Pro to a Downlevel NT4 domain

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Hi, Elizabeth –

An XP Professional machine should hook in to an NT4 domain without checking any boxes at all ;–)

Let's get the simple stuff out of the way first. We know the NT4 DC must be running SP6a, right? Also, a domain account for the machine itself is required. I know this is simple stuff, but if those two prerequisites are met the XP box ought to connect with no problems.

Windows XP defaults to the NetBIOS setting of the DHCP server. If the machine has a static IP then NetBIOS over TCP-IP is enabled by default. If the DHCP server doesn't provide this information you might need to enable NetBIOS over TCP-IP. You'll find it in the properties (advanced) of the instance of TCP-IP that's bound to the NIC.

Hope this helps –

>-----Original Message-----

>Hi all. I know there is a way to do this. I have seen it done before and I

>believe that it is as simple as checking a box off in one of the system

>policies, but I am unable to figure out where this checkbox is. The problem

>is that the XP Pro PC does not recognize the NT4 domain and I need to get it

>to recognize the domain controller. I believe it is relying solely on DNS

>and not looking for the NetBIOS name.

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>Does anyone know where this magical checkbox is? I would greatly appreciate

>it.

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>*Thanks in advance for your help.*

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