

Mail and Messenger don't work with WinXP Wireless Network

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Hi,

My configuration is as follows.

Windows XP Home gateway machine connected to Internet via USB satellite modem. Runs ICS.

Windows XP Home laptop connected to gateway with Microsoft Wireless Notebook Kit MN-802, consisting of Wireless PC card in Laptop, and Base station connected to gateway PC via ethernet LAN cable. Base station is set to run in Access Point mode, i.e. routing, HDCP, etc turned off.

Web browsing works fine on the laptop, but email and Microsoft Messenger do not. Messenger just never seems to connect. I have tried both IMAP and POP servers, and in each case the mail client logs on the server OK, but cannot download messages reliably. Generally no messages are loaded, but every now and then one or two will get through.

I have tried running email clients on the Gateway PC and the work fine. I also tried replacing the Wireless LAN with a wired connection, and both mail clients on the laptop worked fine. So I am really puzzled as to what could cause the Wireless LAN to interfere with the mail and Messenger. I assume it must be something with the Wireless network connection on the laptop.

Any ideas ?

Thanks,

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