

## Re: XP Peer to Peer Network: all OK except for this

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

>On Thu, 29 Apr 2004 23:22:31 -0700, "Duncan Williamson"

><anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

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>>Dear All,

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>>I have connected a laptop and desktop via a crossover  
>>cable using Windows XP networking capabilities. I share

a

>>printer with no bother, I share an internet connection  
>>with no bother, in fact the network is no bother except  
>>that with Windows Explorer on the desktop I cannot read  
>>any of the folders and files that I have share enabled

on

>>the laptop. I CAN access all folders and files on the  
>>desktop from the laptop, though.

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>>I have worked my way through Windows XP help but to no  
>>avail. I have tweaked everything I can find but still,  
>>ACCESS IS DENIED.

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>>What have I missed that must be so simple and so  
obvious

>>that I can't see it?

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>>Anyone?

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>>Thanks in advance if you can help.

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>>Duncan

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>Duncan,

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>Which version of XP on the desktop and laptop?

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>*If XP Pro on either, check to see if Simple File Sharing (Control Panel – Folder >Options – View – Advanced settings) is enabled or disabled.*  
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>*If SFS is disabled, check the Local Security Policy (Control Panel – >Administrative Tools). Under Local Policies – Security Options, look at >"Network access: Sharing and security model", and ensure it's set to "Classic – >local users authenticate as themselves".*  
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>*If you set the Local Security Policy to "Guest only", make sure that the Guest >account is enabled, and has an identical, non-blank, password on all computers.*  
>*If "Classic", setup and use a common account with identical, non-blank, password >on all computers.*  
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>*Please provide ipconfig information for each computer.*  
>*Start – Run – "cmd". Type "ipconfig /all >c:\ipconfig.txt" into the command >window – Open c:\ipconfig.txt in Notepad, copy and paste into your next post.*  
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>*Do either of the computers have a software firewall (ICF or third party)? If >so, you need to configure them for file sharing, by opening ports TCP 139, 445 >and UDP 137, 138, 445, and / or by identifying the other computers as present in >the Local (Trusted) zone. Firewall configurations are a very common cause of >(network) browser and file sharing problems.*  
>  
>*Cheers,*  
>*Chuck*  
>*Paranoia comes from experience – and is not necessarily a bad thing.*  
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I wish I could report good news Chuck, but no. I did what you suggested but here's what's happened.

I am running Windows XP Home on both computers.

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Even before I did anything you suggested, my internet connectivity on my desktop chopped itself off. I can no longer browse the net or check my emails through Outlook on the desktop. Honestly, I did nothing to make that happen!

I tried ipconfig /all >c:/ipconfig.txt as you suggested, again on both machines. Both machines whirred and clicked and did the ipconfig but did they write to the file? Did they beggary! I searched for them, but nothing. I event tried to get them written to another folder but nothing.

I despair of the time I waste on these piddling things I'm afraid. I had a massive network problem last year and MS themselves took an hour and a half on the phone to unravel it. This problem looks as if it's heading the same way!

If it's of interest, the IP address on the laptop is 169.254.250.60 and it's similar on the desktop. I asked Windows to assign those itself. I thought the IP address should start with 192 ...

If you can shed any more light I'd be truly grateful.

Duncan