

Mapping a local folder to drive letter

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Unlike my NT and 2K machines, on my XP Pro machine I'm having trouble mapping a drive letter to a folder shared on it's local hard drive.

On all machines, I can share a local folder (ie: c:\temp) and give it a shared name (ie: c_temp), without any problems. On both the Win2K or WinNT machines, when I open "My Network Places \ Entire Network \ Microsoft Windows Network \ Workgroup" in the Windows Explorer, I see the local machine's name. It's then a simple matter of clicking on that local machine name, where I can then see the "c_temp" resource, then I can map it to a drive letter, say "T:", so that a local file, for example c:\temp\myfile.txt, can now be accessed on that local machine, as t:\myfile.txt.

If I boot the NT or 2K machine without the network cable attached, obviously I can't see the other machines on the network, but I can still see that local's machine name, so I can still get to the c_temp resource to map it to the T: drive letter – that's what I want to be able to do – map a local shared folder to a drive letter on an un-networked machine, but I can't get this to work under XP Pro? Why does the XP machine not list itself as one of the machines in "My Network Places"?

I'm logged in with full administrative rights, and the folder seems to share just fine, but when I go to "My Network Places", even though I can see other machines on the network, the XP machine doesn't see "itself" (ie: the XP machine's name doesn't appear), so I can't see the local c_temp folder as a resource in order to map it. I've tried it with and without the network cable plugged in. Can I accomplish this instead using some "net" commands in the Command Prompt window?

Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Thanks,
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