

## Re: Mapping a local folder to drive letter

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In article <AA80C47D-6873-46BE-AD3E-165493C3A246@microsoft.com>,

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

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

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> 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.

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> 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"?

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> 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?

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> Any suggestions would be appreciated.

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> Thanks,

> Denis

I don't know why the XP machine can't see itself. Perhaps there's a firewall blocking access. Perhaps its network connection is disabled. One possible solution is to install the Microsoft Loopback Adapter, so that there's always a recogn