

Re: XP Home on home network

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On Tue, 22 Jun 2004 12:04:59 -0700, "Rich Long"
<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>I have a friend who has a workgroup with three hosts: XP
>Home, Win2kPro, and Win98SE. Browsing the network, XP can
>access shares on 2K and 98, 2K and 98 can get to shares on
>each other, but neither can get to shares on XP. UNC path
>to XP via Run has same negative result. All three hosts
>are receiving IP addresses via DHCP (server is a Linksys
>router) Not positive, but I believe the othe hosts can
>ping the IP address of XP host. Friend has been dealing
>with this problem for quite some time, and had others try
>to fix it with no success. I would love to be the one to
>solve it.

Rich,

File sharing with Windows XP presents many challenges. File sharing with
Windows XP, and other operating systems, even more challenges.

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=87c0a6db-ae8-4bef-925e-7ac9be791028&DisplayL>

For XP Home, make sure that the Guest account is enabled, on each computer.

Do any 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.