

Cannot see other computer.

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Hi Steve,

This is a common networking problem in XP. Try the following steps:

Check to see if Simple File Sharing (Control Panel – Folder Options – View – Advanced settings) is enabled or disabled. With XP Pro, you need to have the SFS settings properly set on each computer. With XP Pro, 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".

With XP Pro, if you set the Local Security Policy to "Guest only", make sure that the Guest account is enabled, through Local User Manager (Start – Run – "lusrmgr.msc"), and has an identical, non-blank, password on all computers. If "Classic", setup and use a common non-Guest account, with identical, non-blank, password on all computers.

For XP Pro with Simple File Sharing enabled, make sure that the Guest account is enabled, through Local User Manager (Start – Run – "lusrmgr.msc"), 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.

Let me know if you need any further assistance, Luke.

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

>Help: I am trying to set up a small network with my desktop and my Laptop. Both computers use Windows XP Pro.

I select the option to create a network and run the Network Wizard. I create the network disk and the set up Wizard tell me that I have successfully set up a small network on the first computer. I run the setup disc in

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the laptop again using the wizard and it once again tells me that I have successfully set up a small network.. At the end of this I am unable to see the other computer. When I go to Network places I only see the computer I am on.

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>*My Connections are as follows. The internet enters the cable modem. From the modem the signal enters my hub. from the hub one cable connects to my desktop and one connects to my laptop. The radio button that I choose when the wizard is running is the one that says that I am connecting through a residential gateway. I have been trying now for four days to set this up and would appreciate any assistance which would help me.*

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>*Steve 43*

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