

## Re: xp pro home network

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On Sun, 27 Jun 2004 21:34:29 -0700, "zeretul1"  
<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>*i just made the jump from xp home to xp pro, and after re-*  
>*installing everything, i now find i can not access my*  
>*home network. i have run my router program, and the xp*  
>*pro network program on all the computers. the other two*  
>*computers have no problem accessing each other, and they*  
>*are both win98se comps, but they do not see my computer,*  
>*and my computer cannot access the network at all. we are*  
>*all assigned to the same workgroup, but i still have no*  
>*access.*  
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>*any help will be appreciated.*  
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>*much love!*

On any XP Pro computer, 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, thru 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 (thru Local User Manager (Start – Run – "lusrmgr.msc") for XP Pro), on each computer.

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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.