

## Re: Help me restrict access from certain computers

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In article <2483401c45f78\$d9136e20\$a401280a@phx.gbl>, "Lavern" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>Hi,

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>We have a peer-to-peer network with shared folders and

>printers in a workgroup. We are running Windows XP on

>most of the computers in the workgroup. I need to block

>access to certain folders on certain computers on the

>network. Can I do this? How?

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>Thanks!

I'm sorry, but Windows doesn't have access control for shared folders based on computer names.

On a Windows XP Professional computer, you can disable simple file sharing and create access control lists based on user accounts. Ron Lowe and I have written a web page with full details:

Windows XP Professional File Sharing

[http://www.practicallynetworked.com/sharing/xp\\_filesharing/index.htm](http://www.practicallynetworked.com/sharing/xp_filesharing/index.htm)

Here are some ways to control access on a Windows XP Home Edition computer (and they also work on XP Professional):

1. Create a hidden share and only tell selected people about it. I've written a web page with details:

Windows XP Simple File Sharing

<http://www.practicallynetworked.com/sharing/xp/filesharing.htm>

2. Assign a password to the "Guest" account. When other people try to access your computer, they'll be prompted to enter the password:

a. Click Start | Run.

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- b. Type "control userpasswords2" in the box and click OK.
  - c. Under "Users for this computer", click Guest.
  - d. Click Reset Password, enter a password, and click OK.
3. Create a compressed folder and define a password for it. Everyone who accesses the folder, from the local computer or from the network, must specify the password to access the files in the compressed folder. This Microsoft Knowledge Base article has details:

HOW TO: Use Compressed (Zipped) Folders in Windows XP  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:306531>

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Best Wishes,  
Steve Winograd, MS-MVP (Windows Networking)  
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