

HELP: Wireless network issues

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I have a good knowledge of computers but not networks, especially the way microsoft dictates things must occur. I'm eagerly awaiting apple to finish their nteowrking project so you can connect computers without having to do all the crap!

Anyway besides icrosoft peeving me to no end, i wonder if somebody can help.

As I said i have little knowledge of networking and have bought a USB wireless network adapter, which does the usual 54MBPS.

I have managed to get my laptop and desktop to both say the signal strength is excellent but every time i use my laptop to try and use the internet thats on my desktop, it brings up my dialup connection asking me to connect to the net.

I have a dialup connection, which obviously i have dialed through my desktop and sometimes use in my laptop, but for the purposes of when im home i want my desktop to be on the net while my laptop access it, so too all my drives.

I have aenabled other computers to use the internet option.. so thats not it.

Do I need toset an IP address? I have tried adhoc mode.

I also want it so I have to log in every time i use my wireless so others cant get in.

I used to run a crossover cable between the desktop and laptop for fil and net sharing, and it worked although i didnt manage to find out how to make you log in.

So all i wanted to do was remove the long cable in favour of wireless but I'm finding now I may have to go to cable again. This is just insane!

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Desktop is XP Pro and lap is XP Home

Thanks for help!