

Help – Getting Work Laptop to Connect to Home Network

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Any and all suggestions are appreciated.

At the end of the day, I am hoping to be able to use file and printer sharing with my work laptop and my home network PCs. I already have figured out getting wireless internet up and going, so that is not an issue. (Note: I have a DSL modem and a wireless internet router connecting 3 PCs total – 2 home and 1 work laptop.)

My work laptop domain name is MRC and it is running XP Pro. I have already set my home networked PCs to have each have a workgroup name of MRC and these "home PCs" are running XP Home.

The 2 home PCs are running print and file sharing perfectly in the "Shared Folders" area of "My Network Places" – but they are not "viewable" to each other when I click on "View Workgroup Computers."

I am able to "ping" the home PCs to my work laptop and vice versa (using the ping command) and that works perfectly. So I know the computers can "see" each other over the home network.

What is NOT working is that the when I click my way through Network Neighborhood on my work laptop and get to the MRC domain and double click it – nothing happens and eventually I get some sort of error message. I also hit a dead end when I try to find the printer connecting to one of my home PCs (though the other home PC can find it easily.)

I do not have permission to reset my work laptop to a "workgroup mode" and then reset it to a domain mode later. I must live with the domain name (MRC) they have given me.

Any ideas on how I can fix this?