

Re: Help – Getting Work Laptop to Connect to Home Network

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OK.

On my work laptop, I created a user ("homeuser") in the Administrator's group with a local machine login (not via the domain.) I also enabled my guest account.

I can surf the internet fine and can use the command line to "ping" other PCs on my home network (like before) – but I still cannot "see" the other PCs in my network places – entire network – microsoft windows network – "MRC" workgroup area.

Any other ideas?

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> *On the laptop, right click My Computer and select Manage. Expand Local Users and Groups and click on Users. See if there is a Local User account which you know the password for. If not, you may be able to create one and add it to the Administrators group.*

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> *If you have a local user account, reboot and at the logon screen log onto the local machine (this computer) instead of the domain. If you do not see this option, click on the Options button. You may have to enable the Guest account on the XP Pro machine to share files with the XP Home machines.*

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> *"Garrett Sinclair" <garrettsinclair@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:6d14540b.0408141544.65482ef9@posting.google.com...*

> *> Any and all suggestions are appreciated.*

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> *> 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.)*
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> > *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.*
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> > *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."*
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> > *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.*
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> > *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.)*
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> > *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.*
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> > *Any ideas on how I can fix this?*