

Re: Cannot Access XP Professional PC from XP Home PC

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On Wed, 18 Aug 2004 09:45:50 -0700, "Truman Young"
<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>I have two PCs connected through wired D-Link router.
>Both PCs can connect to internet. I can access shared
>files on XP Home PC from XP Professional PC. But when I
>try access (double-click the computer name in the
>workgroup in My Network Places) shared files on XP
>Professional PC from XP Home PC, I got error message:
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>Name is not accessible. You may not have permission to
>use this network resource.
>The network path was not found.
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>I have checked the following on both PCs:
>1. NetBIOS over TCP/IP are enabled.
>2. The Computer Browser service are started.
>3. I can ping XP Professional PC (by name or IP address)
>from XP Home PC.
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>Please help!
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>Thanks,
>Truman

Truman,

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 Home and Pro together, you need to have SFS properly set. In your case, enabling SFS would be best.

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 –

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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 Home, OR for XP Pro with Simple File Sharing enabled, make sure that the Guest account is enabled (for XP Pro, thru Local User Manager (Start – Run – "lusrmgr.msc")), on each computer.

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.