

Re: NET SEND msgs not appearing on win xp sp2 desktops

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"Peter" <Peter@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:B554C46A-F4C3-4289-95FE-A48D4CBB458B@microsoft.com...

> Hi,

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> In our ccompany we have a windows 2000 server with AD and winXP SP1 and
> winXP SP2 desktops

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> I allways used the command NET SEND * <my message> when I wanted to allert
> everyone that the server was going down.

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> All the winXP SP1 pcÂ's receive the message on their desktop, but the winXP
> SP2 pcÂ's do not show the message on the desktop. Conclusion about half our
> employees were pissed when the server went offline without them knowing
> it.

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> I would appreciate any IdeaÂ's on what I can do so that those messages
> appear
> also on the winXP SP2 desktops.

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> thx in advance

> Peter

This is due to a couple of changes made by SP2.

1) The firewall is blocking the netbios traffic.

Go to the firewall exceptions tab, and enable F+P sharing exception.

2) The Messenger service is stopped by default.

Go to start | run | services.msc;

Scroll down to find the Messenger Service,

Start it, and set the startup type to Automatic.

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Best Regards,
Ron Lowe

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