

Re: Restricting folder access on network

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In article <4F22F4B2-2AB3-471E-875F-6A77B1520952@microsoft.com>, George <George@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>I have three computers on a secured wireless network Belkin 54g setup. On
>the computer that has the folder and files (computer 1) I want to restrict a
>certain folder from the other two computers. On computer #1, I right click
>on the folder and click on the security tab, simple file sharing is disabled
>thus security tab is displayed. I tried to put (computer #2) name in the
>check name box "computer2\dad, for example and it cannot find name. I
>clicked on the location under the security tab and it lists only "computer
>#1", thus everyone account on computer #1 I can deny access but I cannot load
>computer #2. So when I go to computer #2 and try to access the folder it
>show everything. Now I right clicked on the folder on computer #1 and choose
>the sharing tab I have it marked "do not share folder" but I can still see it
>from computer #2 any suggestions

Access control in Windows XP (with simple file sharing disabled) is based on user account names, not on computer names. To the best of my knowledge, no version of Windows has access control based on computer names.

In a workgroup, access control can only use accounts that exist on the computer that has the shared folder. So, to control access to a folder on computer 1, you specify the name as "computer1\user". Anyone who logs onto another computer on the network with that user name gets the type of access that you permit to "computer1\user".

Ron Lowe and I have written a web site with complete details:

Windows XP Professional File Sharing

http://www.practicallynetworked.com/sharing/xp_filesharing/index.htm

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Best Wishes,
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