

Re: Networking XP to 2000

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On Wed, 5 Jan 2005 01:41:03 -0800, "Andrew Alx" <Andrew Alx@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>I have two PC's on a home network. One XP Professional and the other 2000
>Professional. I am using a workgroup and a wireless router. The XP machine
>can see and share files on the 2000 machine but the 2000 machine cannot
>access the XP machine. All firewalls are set up OK. ANY ideas and help
>would be greatly appreciated. THanks,
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>Andrew.

Andrew,

File sharing, between all different versions of Windows:

<<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=87c0a6db-ae8-4bef-925e-7ac9be791028&DisplayL>

What version of Windows XP – Home or Pro?

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 Pro, you need to have SFS properly setup.

On XP Pro with SFS disabled, check the Local Security Policies (Control Panel – Administrative Tools). Under Local Policies – Security Options, look at "Network access: Sharing and security model", and ensure it's set to "Classic – local users authenticate as themselves".

On XP Pro with SFS disabled, if you set the above Local Security Policy to "Guest only", enable the Guest account, using Start – Run – "cmd" – type "net user guest /active:yes" in the command window. If "Classic", setup and use a common non-Guest account on all computers. Whichever account is used, give it an identical, non-blank password on all computers.

On XP Home, and on XP Pro with Simple File Sharing enabled, make sure that the Guest account is enabled, on each computer. Enable Guest, with Start – Run – "cmd", then type "net user guest /active:yes" in the command window. Ensure that the password for Guest is blank, with Start – Run – "control

userpasswords2"; select Guest, click Reset Password, click OK without entering a new password.

On XP Pro, if you're going to use Guest authentication, check your Local Security Policy (Control Panel – Administrative Tools) – User Rights Assignment, on the XP Pro computer, and look at "Deny access to this computer from the network". Make sure Guest is not in the list. Look at "Access this computer from the network", and make sure that Everyone is in this list.

What firewalls do you have? You need to configure them for file sharing. Firewall configurations are a very common cause of (network) browser, and file sharing, problems.

If no help so far, provide ipconfig information for each computer, so we can diagnose the problem.

Start – Run – "cmd". Type "ipconfig /all >c:\ipconfig.txt" into the command window – Open c:\ipconfig.txt in Notepad, make sure that Format – Word Wrap is NOT checked!, copy and paste entire contents into your next post. Identify operating system (by name, version, and SP level) with each ipconfig listing.

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Cheers,
Chuck

Paranoia comes from experience - and is not necessarily a bad thing.