

## Re: My computer is not accesible by memebbers in my network

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On Wed, 5 Jan 2005 04:57:03 -0800, "YasserHY"  
<YasserHY@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>hi  
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>*i have this problem .*  
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>*my computer (along with some other computers) can't be accessed by users in  
>the network . although i can see the other user's shared files and folders  
>and i can download from them. but they can't access my PC. They get a message  
>telling that my computer is not accesible and they might not have the  
>permission to view it's resources. I don't have a password on my computer .  
>and i just reinstalled windows and i still have this problem along with some  
>other fellow empolyees.. there must be something i should do to enable all  
>computer to connect to my computer and share my files.*  
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>*can you help ?*  
>  
>*thank you*

Yasser,

What operating system do the computers (yours and others) have? Windows XP Home? Pro? Others? Does everybody need access to everything equally, or are any files kept secret?

More about file sharing, between all different versions of Windows:

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

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 set on each computer.

On XP Pro with SFS disabled, check the Local Security Policies (Control Panel – Administrative Tools). Under Local Policies – Security Options, look at

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"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.

Do any of the computers have a software firewall (ICF / WF, or third party)? If so, you need to configure them for file sharing. Firewall configurations are a very common cause of (network) browser, and file sharing, problems.

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Cheers,  
Chuck

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