

## Re: XP Home: selective folder sharing

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On Thu, 20 Jan 2005 16:37:03 -0800, DaddySchlich  
<DaddySchlich@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>"Chuck" wrote:

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>> On Thu, 20 Jan 2005 12:47:05 -0800, DaddySchlich

>> <DaddySchlich@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

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>> >Thanks, Chuck, for the extra lead. The .about article seems to lead to a  
>> >number of other useful articles.

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>> >In fact, I think that someone may have tried to illustrate for me some of  
>> >the vulnerabilities. I'm thinking that sticking to the dial-up connection  
>> >with my home LAN may well be the safest course. Even then, I think it's  
>> >worth reading up on Windows Networks, so I appreciate the leads.

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>> >I now have a password-protected Limited User Account name "ASP.NET Machine  
>> >A..." on my XP machine. Might that a legitimate use by the .NET, by which I  
>> >login to the Newsgroups? Or is that a User Account I should delete ASAP?

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>> >It's related to the .Net framework - some say you can delete it safely, but if  
>> >you're using .Net to login to the newsgroups, you're probably better off leaving  
>> >it. It doesn't sound like something to "delete ASAP" anyway.

>> <http://www.mvps.org/marksexp/WindowsXP/aspdot.php>

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>> >I think you're better off sticking to dial-up, at least getting off the unknown  
>> >WLAN. Tell me, please, why haven't you gotten broadband, and a SOHO router?

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>> Cheers,

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>> Chuck

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

>> My email is AT DOT

>> actual address pchuck sonic net

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>Chuck,

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>*Thanks for putting my mind at ease about the "ASP.NET Machine..." User.*

>*It's nice to know it's probably not a sign of incursion after all. I bought*

>*two Windows networking books today, so I can better understand all this. As*

>*mentioned earlier, I've added through accretion. If something works, I*

>*generally don't touch it. Unfortunately, you can inadvertently cause*

>*yourself problems that way.*

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>*As far as why I haven't bit the bullet thus far, a few reasons: 1) dial-up*

>*seems to satisfy our email and surfing needs just fine, 2) I can use*

>*broadband at work (my home network of PCs 2 1/2 to 8 years old were purchased*

>*for home/game use) during lunch or outside workhours to download big files,*

>*and 3) I've suspected that it will make the security issue a lot more*

>*complicated, with a dedicated IP address, compared to getting on and off*

>*through dialup.*

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>*I think I got the 802.11g adapter, which is not expensive, for Xmas from the*

>*family as an effort to nudge me toward broadband. ;^) Don't think it's*

>*working!!*

The idea of protecting yourself by using dial-up, with an ever changing ip address, is totally fallacious.

A NAT router will protect all three computers, and share internet service to all three, far better than dial-up service, ICS, and WF. Plus, a NAT router is easier to setup, and more stable.

All computers will be safer. A NAT router will block any malevolent internet traffic. This further protects the internet, from your becoming infected and spreading the infection.

All computers will run better, with the router blocking the trash infection traffic. Any personal firewall on either computer will have less to do, because the router will block most malevolent traffic.

All computers will run independent of each other. Right now, if you have internet connectivity on multiple computers, either you are going to have 2 or 3 internet accounts, you'll have to take turns accessing the internet from each computer (Falcon-II and Micron anyway), or you'll have to have Falcon-II on whenever you wish to access the internet from Falcon. With a router, neither is true.

If you can afford to have more then one computer, you can afford a router. For many reasons.

Oh yes, if you still don't want broadband, consider getting a PPP-compatible NAT router, and an external modem. Disable the modems inside Falcon-II and Micron. A better solution than using the internal modems, and ICS.

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Cheers,

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