

Re: Workgroup not accessible

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On Tue, 8 Feb 2005 06:29:04 -0800, "Tom Spence"

<TomSpence@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>I'm have 2 machines – each with Win/XP Pro (SP2). Each has ethernet
>connection to a hub which is connected to a router which connects to DSL
>modem.
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> I ran the wizard to create a workgroup called "HOME" on each machine. On
>machine "a" I explore "My Network Places" descending to "HOME" and I see
>references to machine "a" and machine "b". Unfortunately, on machine "b" I
>do the same exploration and I'm stopped by a box saying " HOME is not
>accessible. You might not have permission to use this network resource.
>Contact sys admin The list of servers for this workgroup is not
>currently available"
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>I did all of this logged in as "administrator" which has full privileges.
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>Any help would be appreciated.

Tom,

Check for a browser conflict between the two computers. I'm not talking about Internet Explorer here. The browser is the program that allows any computer to see any other computer on the LAN.

Make sure the browser service is running on one of the computers only. Control Panel – Administrative Tools – Services. Verify that the Computer Browser, and the TCP/IP NetBIOS Helper, services both show with Status = Started. Disable the browser service on the other computer.

After checking / disabling / enabling as above, power both computers off to reset the browser settings on each. Then power both computers on again.

The Microsoft Browstat program will show us what browsers (I'm not talking about Internet Explorer here) you have in your domain / workgroup, at any time.

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=188305>

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You can download Browstat from either:

<<http://www.dynawell.com/reskit/microsoft/win2000/browstat.zip>>

<<http://rescomp.stanford.edu/staff/manual/rcc/tools/browstat.zip>>

Browstat is very small (40K), and needs no install. Just unzip the downloaded file, copy browstat.exe to any folder in the Path, and run it from a command window, by "browstat status". Make sure all computers list the same master browser.

For more information about the browser subsystem (very intricate), see:

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=188001>

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=188305>

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=231312>

<<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winntas/deploy/prodspecs/ntbrowse.msp>>

The browser requires anonymous access, so look at registry key

[HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa], value restrictanonymou.

<<http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/techinfo/reskit/en-us/default.asp?url=/windows2000/techinfo/reskit/en-us/>>

<<http://www.jsifaq.com/subf/tip2600/rh2625.htm>>

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=246261>

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=296403>

The above articles refer to Windows 2000. Remember WinXP is NT V5.1, and Win2K is NT V5.0.

Have you used the Registry Editor before? If not, it's a scary tool, but it's pretty simple once you get used to it. Here are a couple articles that might help:

<<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/home/using/productdoc/en/default.asp?url=/windowsxp/home/using/productdoc/en/>>

<<http://www.annoyances.org/exec/show/registry>>

Just remember to backup the key (create a registry patch) for

[HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa] before making any changes, if appropriate.

>From the Annoyances article:

You can create a Registry patch by opening the Registry Editor, selecting a branch, and choosing Export from the File menu. Then, specify a filename, and press OK. You can then view the Registry patch file by opening it in Notepad (right-click on it and select Edit). Again, just double-click on a Registry patch file (or use Import in the Registry Editor's File menu) to apply it to the registry.

If no help yet, provide ipconfig information for each computer.

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.

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Cheers,

Chuck

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

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