

clarification sought in using XP Pro laptop for domain at work and workgroup at home

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I am inquiring for a friend. Unfortunately, I do not have an XP Pro computer, or a domain, to experiment on. So I am asking for some directions in helping my friend use his laptop at home, and at work.

The XP Pro laptop was once configured for a two-computer workgroup. Recently my friend changed employment situations and his laptop was then changed by his new employer's technician to connect to the company domain. He has two "profiles," but I am unsure of whether those are hardware profiles, or whatever. My friend is many miles away, and I haven't seen his laptop for months. We speak by telephone.

He called me and said he "wanted it both ways." One big challenge to us is that the other (XP Home desktop) computer that made up his two-computer workgroup just happened to die, for unrelated reasons (hard drive death), simultaneous with his joining of the new employer's domain. He has replaced the desktop with a new XP Home computer, which has default settings, such as "WORKGROUP" as the name of its network affiliation. Of course there is no domain at his home, and I am aware that XP Home computers are incapable of logging on to a domain, anyway.

I have searched old threads in this newsgroup, without gaining a clear answer to my friend's need. Ron Mendoza's instructions come very close. However, I doubt that my friend wants to create a new local user in his XP Pro laptop. He wants his old user, with all its e-mail, favorite places, etc., to be usable when either connected to his employer's domain, or his home workgroup.

Last night, we spoke via telephone and he switched his laptop to "WORKGROUP" and away from domain affiliation. His home peer network now functions. I anticipate that he will no longer be able to logon to the company domain, until he reconfigures his laptop for domain participation. His employer's domain name is ABCDOMAIN.LOCAL, and he can call the employer's technician if necessary.

So should he change the name of his HOME workgroup to ABCDOMAIN? Should he

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leave his laptop configured for domain participation, and expect it to participate in his home peer network without any further changes?

Is there a need for two *network* profiles (as opposed to hardware profiles), one specific to the office, and the other specific to his home? A few specific instructions would be appreciated, in this case, as I lack the equipment to try this myself.

Thanks!

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I have a question like the one asked by Ken Thompson.

I need to connect to two networks using my laptop with XP Pro. I have a docking station and when the domain and TCP/IP office settings have been installed, XP automatically sets up two hardware profiles (that's good). The office network has a domain and TCP/IP address, etc. The home network has a workgroup, no domain, and automatically senses the network settings.

When I set up the laptop to connect to the domain, XP boots to the correct domain hardware profile and the logon screen indicates that I have a choice of logging into the network domain or the computer. When I select to log onto the computer at home, it retains all of the domain and office LAN settings for the PCMCIA card and so cannot connect to my home computer. (I couldn't find a second "XP compatible" card and did not want to buy two of the same cards, fearing that I would have the problem I am having now). If I reset the computer at home to have the correct TCP/IP settings and to attach to a workgroup not a domain, I can connect to the home network, but when I reboot, the domain option is eliminated and I must reset everything back in the office.

Can anyone tell me if I can set up the computer to boot to a domain and alternately to a workgroup? Will I need to purchase a second PCMCIA card that binds to different network settings?

Regards,

Hopelessly confused

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Marc,

There are multiple ways to achieve what you want.

1.

If you haven't already done so, create a local user on your laptop with the desired user name and password you want to use in your Workgroup at home. At work, log on to the domain as usual, using your domain account.

At home, simply log into your local machine using the local account you created above. You should then be able to access all your Workgroup resources without a problem.

2.

Another way is to log on to your laptop using your Domain account even when you're at home. Then, use the Manage Network Passwords feature to store the user name and password you want to use when accessing your Workgroup resources at home.