

# Re: Network setup problems

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- *From:* Chuck <none@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
  - *Date:* 15 Apr 2005 11:41:01 -0500
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On Fri, 15 Apr 2005 11:59:00 -0400, "MDridders" <mdridders@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

<SNIP>

>Chuck,

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>Thanks for your patience and the words of instruction on proper newsgroup

>etiquette. Your advice is well-taken and appreciated. My apologies to

>Malke for accusing a flame when it was not quite severe enough for that

>label.

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>My \_computer\_ problem is complicated by the fact that the individual user

>folders (share 3 according to your query above) were set up not by me, but

>by our technical advisor (a church member who works in IT with a state home

>for developmentally disabled and advises us on our network setup), so I'm

>not completely in the know on how he set those up. His time is very

>difficult to come by (I contacted him about the problem on Tuesday) so

>meanwhile, I decided to see what kind of help I could get on the newsgroup.

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>Your understanding is correct.

>File server OS: XP Pro

>File Sharing Advanced or Simple?: Assume advanced, but don't know for sure.

>Users: currently 6 or 7. Don't anticipate heavier user load for quite some

>time.

>Shares 1 and 2 will be for access by everyone (is PW protection available

>via login?)

>Share 3 (which was already set up) will be for each individual user.

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>Does this help?

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>Morris

Morris,

Firstly, thank you for bottom posting. I was fearing from your second post that you're a top poster, and that frequently interferes with my ability to find, and deal with each, response. ;)

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Do you have administrative access to the computers (I'm assuming a workgroup here, so you need administrative access to all computers).

If this is a workgroup, is each user computer "owned" used by one (or maybe two) individuals, each with a different userid (and non-blank password)? If so, is each userid (and identical password) setup on the server? Or are you guys maybe trying to use a common userid somewhere, to save on administrative complexity?

When you get over 5 users, IMHE, you are getting very close to where a domain (unfortunately requiring Server 2003 @ \$700 – \$900) is justified, in terms of administrative complexity, security, and functionality. With a workgroup, you must have identical userids and passwords setup on both the client (computer owned by individuals) and the server (computer accessed in common by each individual). The ongoing task of synchronising userids and passwords, on all computers, becomes very painful, I know from experience. God forbid that the church treasurer should sometimes sit at the secretary's desk and use that computer too.

That being said, let me outline how I would setup one client computer, and the server, as an example, to accommodate one staff member.

Computer A (also Windows XP Pro hopefully) would have 2 accounts – Administrator (with administrative functionality), and User1 (with user functionality). Both with non-blank passwords. User1 would use the User1 account, religiously (PI).

Server would have 2 accounts – Administrator and User1, both with non-blank passwords identical to those on Computer A. User1 setup as a member of group Users (and implied as a member of Everyone). Shares 1 and 2 permissioned under Sharing to Everyone, and under Security, to Everyone and Users. Share User1 permissioned under Sharing to Everyone, and under Security to User1.

Is this in precise agreement with your setup, or is there maybe a shortcut that somebody has taken, that might explain your unique circumstances?

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Cheers,  
Chuck

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