

## Re: My computers can't see each other on the net

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The most likely cause of the problem is Windows Firewall or ICF or a third party firewall that's blocking access. Try disabling that (especially on the PC that isn't directly connected to the internet because the firewall shouldn't be necessary on that machine and it's a known problem with some network file sharing).

The fact that you're getting a message on the laptop saying that the workgroup is not accessible means that you're making contact with it and that it's not a matter of network connectivity (but perhaps one of permissions). Make sure the computer that's rejecting the sharing is set up to share the files/folders you're trying to access.

Although enable Simple File Sharing might solve your problem, that shouldn't be necessary if you've set up proper sharing in a more normal way (and simple file sharing prevents you from using NTFS permissions and other security measures you might prefer to have).

"Pegasus Host" <[PegasusHost@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:PegasusHost@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:3EE538BD-7DAE-4D82-A4AE-21CAA07C42D3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:3EE538BD-7DAE-4D82-A4AE-21CAA07C42D3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

- > I'm running XP pro on my desktop wired to a Belkin Modem/Router, and XP
- > home
- > on the laptop which is wireless to the Router. Both machines have perfect
- > access to the internet, but I can't see either machine from the other, or
- > share any files, although I could a few weeks ago before my daughter used
- > the
- > laptop!!.
- > I can ping both machines from each other using the ip address, but not
- > using
- > computer names.
- > Workgroups are named the same on both machines, and computer names are
- > different. I have the same password protected accounts on both machines.
- > If I try to view workgroup computers in My Network Places, the desktop
- > shows
- > itself, but the laptop comes up with an error message suggesting
- > "Workgroup is not accessible. You might not have permission to use this
- > network resource. Contact the administrator of this server to find out if
- > you

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- > have access permissions The list of network servers for this workgroup is
- > not
- > currently available"
- > I'm logged on as an administrator so I assume that isn't the problem.
- > Anyone got any ideas?

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