

# Reverting Wireless to Wired Network.

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I have a three computer home network (2 XP Pro's SP2 and 1 2000 Pro). Originally, they were networked with thin ethernet cards, no hub and a shared DSL broadband attached to one of the XP machines.

I "upgraded" this to a wireless network using encryption but didn't like the frequent disconnects so I tried restoring the network to the thin ethernet configuration. Now none of the three computers can talk to anything, including themselves.

If I ping 127.0.0.1 all computers respond correctly but if I ping their local IP addresses all of them time out. They all have IP address in the 169.254.x.y range and all have a status of "Limited or no connectivity". If I force an IP address (rather than let them be automatically configured) the status is then OK but still they can't even ping their local addresses.

I suspect something about the encryption has carried over from the wireless setup. I note that the adapters properties have Authentication 802.1x enabled, whatever that is. I've tried disabling that but it doesn't seem to fix the problem.

I'm not sure if I should have a dhcp server and, if so, on which machine it should be running. I don't see such a service running on any of the machines, only dhcp clients. Is there a way to start such a server?

Can anyone help?

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