

# Re: Network Connections

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In article <A396CC47-39DB-4AC0-8742-E01F6E48911B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ed W" <[EdW@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:EdW@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

>> >We have a small office network that had two specific network connections on  
>> >it. Last week a new network connection appeared. No one in the office claims  
>> >responsibility for this. If i click on the connection I get a dialog box that  
>> >asks for a username and password. How can I remove this connection. The  
>> >operating system is XP Pro and there is also a wireless router attached to  
>> >the system.

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>> Please reply to this message in the news group (not by E-mail) with  
>> more information to help other people understand the problem.

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>> Where do you see this network connection? What is its name? What  
>> type of connection is it?

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>> Does it appear on one computer or on multiple computers?

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>> The more details you give, the more likely it is that someone can  
>> help.

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>The connection is seen in the network connections dialog box. I t appears as an  
>item called "workgroup". When I double click on the group I get a computer called  
>CCRI-ova21vnfju. When I try to open the connection I get a dialog box asking me  
>for a username and password. I really need to block access to this connection, or  
>eliminate it entirely. I believe that someone is riding in on our wireless router

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>Ed

Thanks for the details. I'm a bit puzzled, because you say that the undesired item appears in Network Connections. Workgroups and computers don't appear in Network Connections. They appear in My Network Places.

If it's in My Network Places, a possible explanation is that someone connected an unknown computer to the network or renamed an old computer.

To see if the computer is still connected, open a command prompt

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window (Start | Run | cmd) and type this command:

ping CCRI-ova21vnfju

If the command gets four responses, the computer is still connected to your network. If the command times out four times, the computer probably isn't connected, and it should automatically disappear after a while.

If your computers connect to the Internet, make sure that each one has a firewall (hardware and/or software) to block access by other people on the Internet.

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Best Wishes,  
Steve Winograd, MS-MVP (Windows Networking)

Please post any reply as a follow-up message in the news group for everyone to see. I'm sorry, but I don't answer questions addressed directly to me in E-mail or news groups.

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