

Re: Default Browsers

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- *From:* "Joseph Carrier" <jercarrier@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Fri, 4 Nov 2005 22:53:19 -0800
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After reading about it in PChuck's Network, I downloaded and installed a Support Tools Folder from the Microsoft web site so that I might use Browstat.

I have a feeling that Support Tools are not meant to be used with the Home Edition of Win XP SP2. In fact , its description at the MS web site seems to suggest it's intended only for the Pro Edition.

Browstat wasn't among the list of tools in the folder I downloaded -- I guess that's because at some point during the installation I neglected to click on the right selection to get the complete set of tools.

When I went to the "All Programs" listing to check out the Support Tools folder, I clicked on it and then clicked on third item in the folder: "command window" That resulted in a full black screen that I was able to get out of only by resorting to the <CTRL><ALT> salute.

I then went directly to Control Panel and uninstalled it. I'm beginning to see signs of system corruption that may be the result of installing many complicated and unfamiliar diagnostic programs recommended by technicians -- especially the ones at Grisom's AVG Firewall. One minor but weird example is that "My Network Places" has now stopped appearing in the first display after clicking on "START." (from overuse, maybe??)

Do you have a URL for a web page that will let me download "Browstat.exe" by itself? I tried the web site of neighbor Stanford, (it was listed in results of a Google search on "Browstat.") but that site doesn't provide a download.

"Chuck" <none@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:bjnnm19110db8ono44pqs4149qp34kupj5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

On Fri, 4 Nov 2005 13:13:17 -0800, "Joseph Carrier"
<jercarrier@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

"Chuck" <none@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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news:h6mkml1qo6ekpn1sq6lh2qa5vr4bktcab1@xxxxxxxxxxx

On Thu, 3 Nov 2005 10:10:29 -0800, "Joseph Carrier"
<jercarrier@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

"Chuck" <none@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:hn2jm110m028m4m5160110mqallrv8o208@xxxxxxxxxxxx

On Wed, 2 Nov 2005 19:49:21 -0800, "Joseph Carrier"
<*email_address_deleted*>
wrote:

I'm
still
trying
to solve
a
File-Sharing
problem
and have
eliminated
the
Firewall
as a
problem.
I
thought
I read
somewhere
in this
newsgroup
that
having a
different
default
browser
on two
machines
may
prevent
a
file-sharing
network
from
working
properly.
Is that

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the
case?

If it
is, I
have a
second
question:
How does
one
select a
browser
to be
the
"default?"

I've
tried
but been
unable
to make
the two
machines
to have
the
same
default
browser;
one is
now set
at IE6
and the
other is
set at
Firefox.
I've
been
tinkering
with
both
machines
and
can't
seem get
it
right.

I would like to experiment with setting IE6 as the default
both
machines. Would some kind reader of this note please post
step-by-step
procedure for getting this done?

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Many thanks,
Joseph Carrier

Joseph,

What you're talking about is a master browser. Having 2 master browsers in a workgroup is like having 2 bosses in a company. Some servers report to one master browser, and some to another. Depending upon which client you're on (viewing Network Neighborhood from), you'll see the various servers that report to the master browser that the client uses.

<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/04/nt-browser-or-nt-browser-2005-04-22.html>

Please don't confuse the browser subsystem (which populates Network Neighborhood) with the program used for surfing the web. Those are different functions.

Anyway, if you're having a file sharing problem, provide some details about the problem.

<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/05/troubleshooting-network-neighborhood-2005-05-18.html>
<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/08/solving-network-problems-2005-08-18.html>

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Or try diagnosing the problem.

<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/10/irregularities-in-workgro>
<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/10/irregularities-in-workgro>

(Sorry -- I pushed the wrong button and this reply did not go to the Group, as I had intended so I am now repeating it here.

Thanks. I had thought that was referring to the Internet browsers, and I guess it did not (I use two: Firefox and IE6.)

Here's my setup and the problem:

Three WinXP SP2 (Home Edition) computers connected (directly) into an ADSL router. This works. The two laptops are connected wirelessly and the desktop is connected with an Ethernet cable.

A File Sharing network is set up on all three computers. This does not work. The two laptops see each other but not the desktop. The desktop cannot see the two laptops.

I think I've eliminated a Firewall as the problem. The same file-sharing problem persists with no firewall functioning at all -- even after uninstalling the AVG Firewall on my desktop and reconfiguring the file-sharing network on all three machines. (The two laptops use only the Windows Firewall.)

I'm completely stumped. Everything worked for months until a couple of

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weeks ago. The only significant thing I changed in the system before the Desktop dropped from the view of the two laptops was to install the Google Earth program, fiddle with to try to get it to connect to the Google Serve, failed with that, and then uninstalled the new Google Earth program. I think something done in that whole process might possibly have messed up my previously working file-sharing network.

This may be a clue: I tried "repairing" the "LAN or high speed internet connection on my desktop, but that raised the error message that it couldn't finish the repair because 'cannot clear the DNS Cache.' I don't know that's significant or what to do about it.

Would appreciate suggestions about what to look for now.

Joseph,

Provide relevant data here, and we'll diagnose the problem.
<<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/10/irregularities-in-workgroup-visibility>>
<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/10/irregularities-in-workgroup-visibility>.

Thanks for the suggestions.

Unfortunately the URL references in your response tend lose me as I try to progress from one to the other. By now, I have several file-folders of printouts from your Blog. I've studied all of them carefully without getting any closer to understanding my problem -- indeed, I may have become

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even more confused.

For example, with respect to your Usenet posting and Blogs on "Browsers," I still don't understand whether or not my using two internet browsers (IE6 and Firefox,) has any relevance to my file-sharing networking problem.

Let me refer explicitly to one of the many sections of your blog that I've studied: Chuck's Network Irregularities in Workgroup Visibility:" While trying to follow your instructions there, I've progressed as follows:

1. I've pretty well eliminated a personal firewall as part of the problem by working with the software company that provides my firewall (Grisom>) and the problem persists whether or not I have any Firewall.
2. I don't know how to go about checking for an "anonymous access block." Any hints?
3. I've studied the "ipconfig/all" outputs of the three Work Group computers and the one for my desktop looks very strange indeed -- especially in contrast the output of the two laptops. But, I really don't know how to interpret what I see. What do you suggest I do then: post on this Usenet forum the whole ipconfig/all reports for the desktop and ask "What's wrong (if anything) with this?"

I haven't yet gotten to the download "browstat" part because I'm almost certain that I'll run into the same road blocks as I have with the "ipconfig/all" report: I won't know how to interpret the report or how to frame questions about it.

I'm convinced that you're very knowledgeable, but I'm afraid you're way over the head of even the long-time, typical, computer user.

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What is your suggestion for me, given the above? Be polite, now!

Joseph,

From reading your other thread "How to Clean DSN Cache?", it appears that your immediate problem is the presence of IPV6 aka Teredo Tunneling on your computers. Please start by removing that. Instructions are in this article:

<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/05/fix-network-problems-but-clean-up.ht>
<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/05/fix-network-problems-but-clean-up.ht>

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Cheers,

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Paranoia is not a problem, when it's a normal response from experience.

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