

Re: file sharing on network with XP Home

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Thank you for your help. I'm confused why Windows Help never explained to me that I simply could not do what I was trying to do. I have spent HOURS trying to make this work. Before I try your suggestions at the end, I will try to share the subfolders that we need.

Thank you again for explaining things to me.

"Steve Winograd [MVP]" wrote:

- > In article <FBBB3FD9-7F99-4A7C-AA5F-167D9B54D5C3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,&br/>> "Heidi" <Heidi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
>> I am trying to share My Documents of different users with two different
>> computers. I have enabled file sharing. I mark each user's documents as
>> shared. I can view them on the original computer, but when I go to the other
>> networked computer, I cannot access most of the files. I can only access one
>> of the administrative users files on all computers. But no the other
>> administrataive user or the limited users. I would like the files to be
>> available on both computers. How do I do it?? I've searched for weeks, and
>> cannot come up with a solution. It's got to be something simple.
>
> I'm sorry, but that's how Windows XP was designed to work when it's
> installed on an NTFS disk partition. It blocks access to the Program
> Files and Windows folders and to individual users' folders within
> Documents and Settings.
>
> You can share subfolders within those folders, e.g. you can share
> "C:\Program Files\Outlook Express" or "C:\Documents and
> Settings\Username\Desktop" and access that folder from another
> computer on the network.
>
> If you had Windows XP Professional, you could disable simple file
> sharing to remove those sharing restrictions:
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> Since you have Windows XP Home Edition, that option isn't available.
> The safest thing is to share individual subfolders, as mentioned
> above, or to move files that you want to share into the Shared
> Documents folder, which is accessible over the network.
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- > You can re-install the operating system on a FAT or FAT32 disk
- > partition --- those disk formats don't have any sharing restrictions.
- > However, that would lose the benefits of NTFS, which is more reliable
- > and efficient and can use larger disks. You'd also need to re-install
- > all of your applications.
- >
- > I've heard of two possible solutions for XP Home Edition on an NTFS
- > disk partition, but:
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- > 1. They're un-supported, un-documented, and un-tested by Microsoft.
- > 2. There's no guarantee that they'll work.
- > 3. They might cause data loss or corruption.
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- > I haven't tried them, and I don't know whether they're safe. If you
- > want to try them, at your own risk:
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- > 1. Back up your important data first so that you can restore it in
- > case of problems.
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- > 2. Run System Restore to create a restore point that you can go back
- > to in case of problems.
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- > Here they are:
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- > 1. Start Windows XP in "Safe Mode with Networking" (which temporarily
- > disables "Simple File Sharing"), share the desired folder(s), set the
- > permissions, and reboot normally, or:
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- > 2. Follow the procedure shown here:
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- > http://www.dougknox.com/xp/tips/xp_home_sectab.htm
- > ---
- > 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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- > Microsoft Most Valuable Professional Program
- > <http://mvp.support.microsoft.com>
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