

RE: Can't enter 2 XP machines into a Workgroup

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I totally hear, and I did try that, but it didn't work either. This is the funny thing about all of this. A while back, I had my XP Home machine hard wired to the network and the workgroup worked fine. But I had to reformat my drive on it and unfortunately, the pegs that hold the ethernet cable in snapped off so the cable keeps sliding out which is why I went to the wireless USB NIC. I haven't needed the workgroup until now, but even just holding the hard wire to the machine won't allow it to see the other computer on the workgroup. I can get Internet access and I ping the gateway, so I know the wire is good. I just don't know what else to try. Any help is greatly appreciated.

"Techmanblues" wrote:

- > Why not just uninstall NIS altogether and see what happens? Sometimes
- > uninstalling the software firewall still does not completely remove it from
- > the system. Firewalls like NIS modify Windows own security files. So who
- > knows if NIS really put those files and settings back after uninstallation.
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- > From my experience, Norton's Internet Security is more trouble than it's
- > worth. I have stopped using it and have been in smooth sailing in terms of
- > sharing resources in a network. I mean what is the reason for installing it in
- > a computer anyway? The same goes for ZoneAlarm. The point of all this
- > security measures is to prevent the outside world from hacking into the
- > computers. Since all the computers in the network trust each other, why
- > install NIS on some or all of them? Our attention should focus on perimeter
- > security. Therefore, more attention should pay on the strength of the
- > router/gateway. If a consumer level router like those of Linksys and Netgear
- > is "perceived" not powerful enough to keep the hackers away, then there are
- > "free" alternatives like Smoothwall, IPCop, and M0n0wall where you have
- > absolute control over their features. I have spent so many hours trying to
- > fix connectivity issues between computers that run software firewalls that in
- > retrospect, I should have focused on learning about these free but powerful
- > routers.
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- > If I am worried about access security within the LAN,, using XP Pro NTFS
- > security policies is more efficient. NTFS security has been around for a long
- > time so if there is a problem, I can find help easier online on sites like
- > this. The same cannot be said about software firewall. I am pretty sure that

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> the percentage of people who use NIS or ZoneAlarm is pretty small. Software
> firewalls have become less practical for the basic users and more academic
> for the networking gurus. As for me who have to run a computer network for a
> living, free time to play around with all the arcane firewall features is a
> luxury.
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> Sorry for being off topic. Just want to let people know about how strongly I
> feel about it.
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> "Mantis" wrote:
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>> I have 2 XP machines. One is hard wired to my router using XP Pro, and the
>> other is connected through a Wireless NIC using XP Home Edition. I can ping
>> the XP Home computer from the XP Pro machine, but I can't ping the XP Pro
>> machine from the XP Home machine. I made them under the same workgroup name,
>> but only my XP Home machine can see both computers on the Workgroup, yet it
>> still cannot access the XP Pro machine. I connected into the router and I
>> can see both attached just fine and I don't see anything out of the ordinary
>> in terms of the configuration of the router to indicate that the router is
>> the cause of the problem. I disabled the XP firewalls on both machines and I
>> even disabled my Norton's Internet Security as well. I also recently
>> replaced the router but I was having the same problem on the previous router.
>> Peer-to-Peer windows component is enabled on both machines. I even tried
>> hard wiring the XP Home machine to see if it was the wireless NIC but it
>> proved unsuccessful. I really don't know what else to try. Any help would
>> be greatly appreciated. Thanks

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