

# Re: HELP! Resetting to a domain under Windows XP

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Malke:

Thank you for the tip for future use, but I think I'm still in a quandry. We don't have an IT department at my office; we're a very small shop. How do I rejoin the laptop to the work domain?

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Ethan

"Malke" wrote:

> Ethan wrote:

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>> To Anyone who can help:

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>> I have a laptop that was setup for a domain at work. I brought the  
>> laptop home and wanted to connect to my home LAN, which is relatively  
>> unsecure running on a workgroup called "workgroup". I went to "System"  
>> under the control panel and then chose the "Computer Name" tab, hit  
>> the "Change" button, and keyed in "Workgroup" under the workgroup tab.  
>> I was asked to key-in a username and password to authorize the change,  
>> so I entered my work username and password, and it was accepted. I got  
>> a message saying the system would need to reboot to effect the  
>> changes.

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>> The system rebooted, and now it won't accept any name or password  
>> combination I attempt. I also tried to just leave it blank, since none  
>> of the other computers on my home network require either. Nothing I  
>> have tried works.

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>> Is there a way to change the setting back without being able to log  
>> onto Windows? Any help would be greatly appreciated!!! Thanks!

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> You just disjoined your computer from the domain and now you can't log  
> in because you don't know the local administrator password. Take the  
> machine to your IT Dept. and be very humble and nice to them tomorrow.  
> They will rejoin your computer to the domain. There is no other way to

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> do this.  
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> Then when you want to use it at home in the future, see the following:  
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> Information from MVP Lanwench:  
> You don't need to change to a workgroup just to access resources on it.  
> You shouldn't play with your laptop's network settings at all. Once  
> you've logged in using your domain account (using cached credentials),  
> and have an IP address on the home network, you can map drives, use  
> printers, whatnot, very easily – one way, in a command line:  
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> net use x: \\computername\sharename /user:computername\username <enter>  
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> More:  
>  
> MS KB article about the Net Use command – <http://tinyurl.com/3bpnj>  
>  
> Managing One Windows XP–based Laptop for the Office and Home by MVP  
> Charlie Russel  
> <http://tinyurl.com/cpy9q>  
>  
> <http://winhlp.com/wxdomainworkgroup.htm> – MVP Hans–Georg Michna  
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> Malke  
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> Elephant Boy Computers  
> www.elephantboycomputers.com  
> "Don't Panic!"  
> MS–MVP Windows – Shell/User  
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◇ *From:* Richard G. Harper

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