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On Wed, 08 Mar 2006 08:31:22 -0700, "Steve Winograd [MVP]" <bcmaven@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <rc3t02h981a5uhps11d38m67i8a6qmrhcn@xxxxxxxx>, Frank <Frank@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

XP Pro SP2 : How can I share "C:\Program Files" ? I can share other drives, including "D:\Program Files", various drive roots, and even "C:\", but when I try to access "C:\Program Files", I get "(C)\Program Files is not accessible. Access is denied."

By default, Windows XP doesn't allow sharing the Program Files and Windows folders or 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.

With Windows XP Professional, you can disable simple file sharing, which removes those sharing restrictions:

1. Open My Computer and click Tools | Folder Options | View.
2. Scroll to the end of the advanced settings.
3. Un-check "Use simple file sharing (recommended)".

You'll then need to create matching user accounts on each computer to allow access to the shared folder. Details here:

Windows XP Professional File Sharing
http://www.practicallynetworked.com/sharing/xp_filesharing/index.htm

Thanks; Good article. I can share the subfolders, but it's not quite as convenient as I would like.

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I'm using Simple File Sharing; this is a network of usually 5–6 machines of 98, 2K, XP. I'm regularly plugging in laptops and other machines, so managing accounts would be quite a task.

Only two people use the network, and it's behind a NAT firewall. All file sharing is bound only to NetBUI, so I want it to be as open as possible. Does anyone know exactly how and where XP treats certain folders differently? Is it by registry settings, hardcoded into a DLL, or in some config file?

Frank

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