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Thank you very much for califying things. I will give it a try as you suggest.

Am I correct, by the way, in interpreting your answer to mean that there is not a way of simply instructing the cliient computer to bypass all this complex business about whether or not there's a mirrored account or a guest account and simply ask the user to always supply a user name and password?

John

"Chuck" wrote:

On Fri, 2 Jun 2006 08:36:01 -0700, John Bigelow
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"Chuck" wrote:

On Thu, 1 Jun 2006 10:23:03 -0700, John Bigelow
<JohnBigelow@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I work in an office with about a dozen people and their respective computers, connected via a Peer to Peer LAN with one another and a shared network storage device. In addition to using space on the shared storage device we periodically wish to connect to shared folders on one anothers' computers.

My computer, and most if not all of the others in the office, run XP Pro with SP2.

When I connect (or, rather attempt to

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connect) to another machine on the network I understand that my computer automatically sends a user name and password to the computer to which I'm trying to connect. I understand that the user name and password sent are the user name and password under which I logged on to my own machine.

I would like to change that behavior. I would like have my computer prompt me to supply a user name and password to be passed on the remote machine each time I attempt to connect.

I have the impression that once upon a time when I was looking for something else, I saw an option somewhere in Windows for changing to the desired form of behavior, but now that I want it, I can't find it anywhere.

Do any of you know how (or if) I can do this? If so, I would be grateful to know how.

Thank you.

John

John,

If Advanced File Sharing is active, and you have a matching account on the server, you should get access without prompting. That's how most folks like it.

[<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/06/file-sharing-under-windows-xp.html#Activate>](http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/06/file-sharing-under-windows-xp.html#Activate)
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If you don't have a matching account on the server, and if the Guest account on the server is not enabled, then the server should request that you authenticate using an account / password that is on the server.

If the Guest account on the server is not active, and Simple File Sharing is active, then you just won't get access.

See my article, and the referenced white paper from

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Microsoft:

<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/06/file-sharing-under-windows-xp.html#OtherOS>
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Thank you for the helpful information, but I think I'm missing something because I don't see how this answers the question I asked.

As I read the material to which you referred me, it describes how to manage a system in which a one computer – acting as a client – gets access to another – acting as a server – by automatically proferring a user name and password based on information stored on the computer, either in the windows users profile or elsewhere.

I want to change that behavior. I don't want the client to ever automatically offer a user name and password. Instead, I want the user to be prompted to provide it every time.

I posted my question because I thought I had onece seen where I had the ability to make this change, but I can't recall where it is.

So, I reiterate my initial question in perhaps slightly clearer language. How do I instruct my computer NOT to automatically offer a user name and password to a server and to, instead, prompt the user to enter one every time it connects to a server resource?

John,

All of the references that I provide assume that one is trying to do what you are trying to avoid doing, so my apologies for confusing references. So let me rephrase everything. Read the whole set of rules below.

- 1) If your server is using Advanced File Sharing, and you're logged in locally with an account that is mirrored on the server, you'll get connected automatically.
- 2) If you're logged in locally with an account that is NOT mirrored on the server, and Guest is activated for network access, you'll authenticate with Guest.
- 3) If you're logged in locally with an account that is NOT mirrored on the server, and Guest is NOT activated for network access, it will ask you to authenticate.
- 4) The Microsoft white paper is a good reference here. You need to:
 - # Enable Advanced File Sharing.
 - # Disable Guest for network access.
 - # Ensure that no non-Guest accounts are mirrored on any potential clients.
 - # Ensure that at least one non-Guest account is activated for network access.

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Access the server from your client. When it pops up with an authentication demand, use the non-Guest account defined on the server.

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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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