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In article <1149357487.600983.315930@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, pdc124@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

I want to share an email client with access from either a laptop (WinXPHome) or a desktop.

Ive installed the app on the win98 machine and shared the relevant folder with read/write access and then created a shortcut to it (\\win98machine\pmail\Programs) and add it to the winXP laptop.

When I try to run the app from the XP machine i get a 'reinstall this program' error message .

Is there a problem with WinXPHome/Win98 and running exe files across a networked connection?

I cant come up with any other explanation.

How do i fix this ?

or is there a way of running Outlook express in a similar way – ie common access to folders/adressbooks etc ona 2 computer network.

In general, it isn't possible to install a program on one computer and run that program from a second computer. The second computer won't have the necessary support files and configuration information (registry entries) that the installation process creates.

Here's a method that might work:

1. On the Win98 machine, share the folder where Pegasus stores its

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data files. That might be different than the folder where it stores its program files.

2. Install Pegasus on the XP machine, and configure it to use the shared Win98 folder for its data files.

I haven't tried it, so I don't know whether it will work. If you try it, don't run Pegasus simultaneously on both computers -- that would almost certainly corrupt the data storage.

Here's another possible way to do what you want:

1. Install Pegasus on both computers. Don't share any folders.
2. Configure your E-mail account(s) to use IMAP, so that messages are stored on the E-mail server and not on either computer. Both computers will see the same messages.
3. If Your E-mail account(s) can't use IMAP, configure them to use POP and to leave messages on the server. Both computers will see the same incoming messages.

Here's one last method that will work for all types of E-mail accounts:

1. Install Pegasus on one of the computers.
2. Install a remote control program, such as RealVNC, on both computers.
3. When you want to access E-mail from the second computer, use the remote control program to access the first computer.

Ive tried the first method – with seprate installations pointing to a common directory holding emails addressbooks etc

On the XPbox I get the pegasus mail splash screen and then it hangs. Task Manager shows 98% CPU usage – seemingly indefinitely . But it doesnt slow down other running apps really significantly (?)

ive done this sort of thing before on a win98/win98 NW and it worked 'out of the box'

I suspect its something to do with how winXPHome shares files and executable permissions

I currently use tightVNC server on the win98 box and access it from a tightVNC client – but less than ideal arranegment.

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Havent gone the IMAP route yet – im a believer in KeepItSimpleStu\*\*\*8 – particularly as this is for my 80 yr old parents.

There must be a way of finding out ( or checking) the file permissions on an XP share – but how ?

and how do I chmod 777 ;-) the shared folder

You're welcome.

I don't think that you're seeing a permission problem. A permission problem should result in an error message. A shared Win98 folder doesn't have any permissions beyond read/write.

Sharing E-mail storage between two computers is always dicey unless the application was specifically designed to support sharing.

I think that the simplest solution would be to install Pegasus on both computers and configure the E-mail account(s) to leave incoming messages on the server.

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Best Wishes,  
Steve Winograd, MS-MVP (Windows Networking)

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