

# Re: Networking domain and non-domain PCs together

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Frank wrote:

Hi,

I have a laptop supplied to me by my employer, running XP Pro. This is part of a corporate domain so when I log in I have to specify a domain name. I have my own PC at home running XP Pro which is not part of a domain but a local workgroup.

I understand that I cannot network these two machines together and share resources i.e data and a printer due to the fact that one is part of a domain and one isn't.

Is there anyway around this limitation bearing in mind I am not allowed to do anything to the company laptop that could compromise it.

Are you asking how to use your home network resources from your domain-member laptop? Most certainly you can do this.

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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MS KB article about the Net Use command – <http://tinyurl.com/3bpnj>

Also:

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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