

Re: set up network between win xp and win 2000 computers – helpless!

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In article <6A7AACAB-F886-44C5-BD2E-5468A8946901@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Sarah:-) <[Sarah:-\)@discussions.microsoft.com](mailto:Sarah:-)@discussions.microsoft.com)> wrote:

I'm trying to connect a win xp media centre computer and a windows 2000 professional. The xp has an ethernet port connected to a large LAN, and a USB Belkin ethernet adapter, which i've connected to crossover cable, which is connected to the ethernet card of the win2000 laptop. I think so far everythings right. (??)

The problem is that i've run the networking setup wizard on the XP, so far so good, but win2000 doesn't support the networking wizard (i created a floppy and everything). Now i can just about manage to run the wizard, but now i'm lost... what do i do on the win2000 laptop? I've tried control panel

network and dialup connections > make new connection, but am not sure what

options to select, and random trying has gotten me nowhere. Please, could you walk me through what to do? (a 'for dummies' version would be much appreciated!!!)

Thanks so much!!!

You don't need to create a new connection on the Windows 2000 computer, and you don't need to run the Network Setup Wizard.

If possible, connect the Windows 2000 computer directly to the large LAN, which would eliminate the need for a crossover cable connection between 2000 and XP. If there isn't a network switch or hub port available for Windows 2000, you could get a switch, connect it to the existing LAN port, and connect the Windows XP and 2000 computers to the switch.

To add the Windows 2000 computer to the large LAN via a crossover cable connection to the XP computer, create a network bridge on XP between the Ethernet port and the USB adapter, as shown here:

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XP ICS – Network Bridge

http://www.practicallynetworked.com/sharing/xp_ics/networkbridge.htm

The default network settings on Windows 2000 should let it join the existing LAN. If not, configure Windows 2000 the same as the other computers. That probably means setting TCP/IP to obtain an IP address automatically.

Setting the Windows 2000 computer's workgroup name the same as the other computers will make networking them a little easier.

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Best Wishes,

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