

Re: How to delete a network place?

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In article <#OscjhzvGHA.4512@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "ilyaz" <ilyaz33@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

"Steve Winograd [MVP]" <bcmaven@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:sgavd2p112njsvdegv8spqgaqah0f61op@xxxxxxxx

In article <#TFQ9yxvGHA.4460@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "ilyaz" <ilyaz33@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

You only have one network: the physical connection (router, cables,

network cards, etc) between the computers.

MSHOME is a workgroup name. A workgroup is just a logical grouping of computers that you can define for organizational purposes. Workgroups have no effect on network access using My Network Places. A single network can have any number of workgroups, and a computer in any workgroup can access a computer in any workgroup.

Creating a new workgroup wouldn't create a new network. There would be no advantage to creating a new workgroup, and there would be no disadvantage to keeping MSHOME as the workgroup name.

As you can see from reading messages in this news group, network browsing through My Network Places is inherently unreliable. You can spend a lot of time troubleshooting and trying to fix it, but I don't think it's worthwhile.

So, I recommend not using My Network Places at all. To access a shared folder, type its computer name and share name in the Start > Run box in this format:

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\\computer\share
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To see all of the shared folders on a computer, type:

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\\computer

Steve,

thanks a lot for your explanation. However, I'm afraid, you've overestimated my computerability... I understood everything you wrote up to the recommendation not to use My Network Places... After that, I was lost. Since I have two computers named OLD and NEW, on which one or on both should I run this command? Should I create a new network or it is possible to use this command on the old network?

I will appreciate a step-by-step instructions, if it's possible.

Thanks again for your assistance.

Ilya

You're welcome, Ilya. Changing the workgroup name wouldn't create a new network. Workgroups and network are completely different things. You can't create a new network, and you don't need to. The workgroup name(s) that you assign to your computers are completely irrelevant.

When you're sitting at the computer named OLD and you want to view the shared disks and folders that belong to the computer named NEW:

1. Click the Start button.
2. Click "Run" in the Start menu.
3. Type this in the "Open" box, then click the OK button:

\\NEW

When you're sitting at the computer named NEW and you want to view the shared disks and folders that belong to the computer named OLD:

1. Click the Start button.
2. Click "Run" in the Start menu.
3. Type this in the "Open" box, then click the OK button:

\\OLD

If "Run" doesn't appear in the Start menu, add it:

1. Right-click the Start button.
2. Click Properties.
3. Click Customize.

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4. Click Advanced.

5. Scroll down the list of start menu items and put a check mark in the box "Run command".

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

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