

Re: Unable to open shared files on wireless network

Source:

http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.network_web/2006-08/msg00957.html

- *From:* Chuck <none@xxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Tue, 15 Aug 2006 07:17:02 -0700
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On 15 Aug 2006 05:44:17 -0700, "Jeff" <jeff.lennon@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Chuck wrote:

On 11 Aug 2006 11:00:04 -0700, "Jeff" <jeff.lennon@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Chuck wrote:

On 10 Aug 2006 09:08:47 -0700, "Jeff"
<jeff.lennon@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Chuck wrote:

On 10 Aug
2006
06:12:42
-0700,
"Jeff"
<jeff.lennon@xxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

I
am
having
a
sharing
problem
I
think.
I
have

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a
desktop
pc
running
Windows
XP
PRO
and
a
laptop
also
running
Windows
XP
PRO.
They
are
both
networked
through
my
wireless
router
D-Link
DI524.
Internet
and
network
drive
mapping
works
great.
I
can
access
all
media
files
on
my
laptop
from
my
wired
computer.
But,
I
cannot
access
anything
shared

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on
the
desktop
from
the
laptop.

I
can't
seem
to
figure
this
out
since
the
desktop
can
access
everything
on
my
laptop
but
not
vice
versa,
so
I
know
it's
not
a
router
firewall
setting.
I
have
both
computers
in
my
trusted
zone
in
Zonealarm
and
I
still
can't
open

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MP3
or
video
files.
MP3
play
for
at
most
4
seconds
before
being
cut
off.
Videos
don't
start
from
the
beginning.
If
I
access
all
from
Windows
Media
Player
9,
i
get
the
error
that
it
cannot
open
the
file
and
to
check
network
connections
etc.

Both
computers
are
assigned

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to
the
workgroup:
HOME.
Both
computers
have
the
same
user
ID
and
password.
Both
computers
can
see
each
other
on
the
network.
Both
computers
can
be
successfully
pinged
by
the
other
computer.

Any
ideas
why
I
can't
open
any
files
with
my
laptop
stored
on
my
desktop
but
shared
on

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the
network?

Jeff,

One of the most common causes of this problem would be a misconfigured or overlooked personal firewall, or other security component.

There are several other possibilities too, and any might be the cause of your problem.

What antivirus products do you use?

Read this article with an open mind.

<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2005/10/irregularities-in-workgroup-v>
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Besides that, you have the WiFi issue. Are both computers connected by WiFi?

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Computer A – Self Built
Computer B – Dell
Inspiron 7500

Windows XP PRO SP2
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Chaintech 7NJIF2 400MHZ
FSB
Amd Athlon XP 2500
(1.8GHZ) Pentium III 450
MHZ
ATI Radeon 9600 PRO
128MB ATI Rage Mobile
4MB
1.0 GHZ PC2700 DDR
SDRAM 128 MB PC100
SDRAM
NFORCE 2 Integrated NIC
802.11g 2.4ghz 54Mbps
WiFi
AVG 7.0 Anti-virus AVG
7.0 Anti-virus
ZoneAlarm Firewall
ZoneAlarm Firewall

Both connected to D-Link
524 802.11g Router

Computer A is WIRED
directly to the router.
Computer B is connected
via WiFi.

Both computers are set up in
TRUSTED ZONE of one
another's firewalls.
Per the article, I have no
ping issue associated with
the NFORCE hidden
firewall, so that does not
apply to my problem.

I'm at work right now, so I
can't check all the settings
listed on that

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webpage right now. It just seems wierd that I have access to everything but when it comes to my audio and video files I can't open them. I have the drives set to share with everyone and allow users write access.

Well, if it's Ethernet / WiFi mixed, then it's not going to be a WiFi collision scenario that I'd envisioned. But how about you eliminate the possibilities. Try all Ethernet (and all WiFi if at all possible). See if the problem continues, without WiFi in the picture.

However, I don't agree with saying that since you can ping then an nVidia firewall problem is not the cause. Read the nVidia forums please.

<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2006/02/hidden-personal-firewall-nvidia-nforce.html>
<http://nitecruzr.blogspot.com/2006/02/hidden-personal-firewall-nvidia-nforce.html>

Well my problem has been solved. I upgraded my laptops hard drive from a 5 GB to a 40 GB drive and reinstalled Windows XP and the whole shebang... But before I did all that, I was trying to get onto the internet and my wireless card would not connect to my network.

Long story short, I just took out my PCMCIA wirless adapter and plugged it back in. Worked like a charm. I'm assuming the card's configuration settings were reset back to default, because after I did that, I was able to connect to videos and audio files over my network.

I didn't make any changes prior to doing this, so I'm assuming some setting was wrong and blocking the files from being used? I don't know, all I know is I could only hear about 4 – 5 seconds of

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MP3 files
before they stopped playing.

So then I proceeded to format my old drive and added my new one with a fresh install of windows XP (which is okay since I've only had this computer for about two weeks) and when I installed the drivers for the wireless card (doesn't come with windows xp) and corrected my workstation to match Computer A, everything works flawlessly.

So needless to say that problem has been taken care of. Unfortunately I'm not sure what setting needed to be fixed with the wireless card and hoping if it happens again, taking out the card and plugging it back in will fix again.

Thanks for all the suggestions, BTW.

That's great news. Thanks for letting us know.

Maybe the problem was just the installation (physical connection) between the WiFi card and the pcmcia (aka pc card, aka cardbus) socket. If the problem returns, we'll address it again.

Well the problem has returned, but as stated above most of the time it can be resolved by removing the card and re-inserting it. Maybe it has something to do with the wireless networking configuration software and windows wireless networking competing for control of the card. It seems if I unload the marvell configuration program that sits in the system tray then unplug the card, then restart the marvell software and plug the card back in, it works most of the time.

Sometimes I have to go into windows wireless setting after that and select the box for let windows manage wireless networking check box. It's weird, but it happens this way.

Something is wrong but this temporary workaround is helping keep the problem in line, just wish I knew what was causing this problem.

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If it's an intermittent problem, make sure that you're only running one connection manager at any time. Be aggressive and inquisitive here, and use Autoruns.

<<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2006/01/stabilise-your-wifi-use-only-one-wifi.html>>
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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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