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Source:

http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.network_web/2006-08/msg00968.html

- *From:* "Jeff" <jeff.lennon@xxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* 15 Aug 2006 11:23:49 -0700
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Chuck wrote:

On 15 Aug 2006 05:44:17 -0700, "Jeff" <jeff.lennon@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

Chuck wrote:

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

Chuck wrote:

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

Chuck
wrote:

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

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I
am
having
a
sharing
problem
I
think.
I
have
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

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from
my
wired
computer.
But,
I
cannot
access
anything
shared
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

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my
trusted
zone
in
Zonealarm
and
I
still
can't
open
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

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to
check
network
connections
etc.

Both
computers
are
assigned
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

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with
my
laptop
stored
on
my
desktop
but
shared
on
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

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problem.
What
antivirus
products
do
you
use?
Read
this
article
with
an
open
mind.

<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/10/irregularities-in-work>
<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/10/irregularities-in-work>

Besides
that,
you
have
the
WiFi
issue.
Are
both
computers
connected
by
WiFi?

Computer A
– Self Built
Computer B
– Dell
Inspiron
7500

Windows
XP PRO
SP2
Windows
XP PRO
SP2
Chaintech
7NJIF2
400MHZ
FSB

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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.

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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 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

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

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 wireless 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

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– 5 seconds of 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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Jeff,

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>>
<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.

My email is AT DOT

actual address pchuck mvps org.

I will try this when i get home later. Which program should I be using? Is windows decent enough or should I use the manage that came with my card? Also, how do I disable windows wireless manager? Is that listed as 'disable' under the secondary menu (i.e. right click) will that disable Windows wireless network manager or disable my wireless card (I guess I will have to find out).

Anyway, thanks for the tips, and hopefully this autorun will help me with my problem.

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