

Re: Unable to open shared files on wireless network

Source:

http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.network_web/2006-08/msg00978.html

- *From:* "Jeff" <jeff.lennon@xxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* 15 Aug 2006 18:50:56 -0700
-

Chuck wrote:

On 15 Aug 2006 11:23:49 -0700, "Jeff" <jeff.lennon@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

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:

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Chuck
wrote:

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

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

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network
drive
mapping
works
great.
I
can
access
all
media
files
on
my
laptop
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,

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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
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

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Media
Player
9,
i
get
the
error
that
it
cannot
open
the
file
and
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

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pinged
by
the
other
computer.

Any
ideas
why
I
can't
open
any
files
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.

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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/irregul>
<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/10/irregul>

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

Computer
A
–
Self

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Built
Computer
B

—
Dell
Inspiron
7500

Windows
XP
PRO
SP2

Windows
XP
PRO
SP2

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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cause.

Read

the

nVidia

forums

please.

<<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2006/02/hidden-personal-fire>

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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

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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 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

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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,

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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. Its 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.

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>>

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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.

Jeff,

If you have multiple connection managers, you should look at each one, and decide for yourself which one fits your needs. I had a choice of 3 on my laptop: Intel (the WiFi card), HP (the laptop), Microsoft (the OS). I decided in favour of Intel. The Microsoft product (WZC) has one major advantage - it is packaged as a service (ie starts when Windows starts, not after you login). If immediate connectivity is your preference, WZC is the best choice. Just make sure that you prevent all portions of all competing products from running.

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Well I had a problem again with the damn thing. So I found a newer driver for the Marvell Libertas 8335 (thats the card model I guess, not written on card itself generic) and it was a bitch to install but so far so good. How do I get windows not to load its wireless software on bootup?

I went into the wireless connection icon in the system task bar and unselected the checkbox for let windows configure my wireless settings. Is that all I need to do to disable it? Well thats what I have it at

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now, and it lights up after marvell software connects the card, is this still okay? I'll update tomorrow if my ability to play media fails (heres to hoping it doesnt)

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