

Re: Adding machine to existing network

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An "open mind"? Hmm...

Two things – it may well be the firewall (Zone Alarm), as it blocked a ping request from the original machine to the rebuilt one.

Second thing is, the rebuilt machine doesn't have any NetBios info in "Connection Properties". I had to download all my drivers from Dell when I rebuilt; shouldn't this have been included?

Thanks

"Chuck" wrote:

On Tue, 15 Aug 2006 11:37:01 -0700, RJB <RJB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hey, sorry in advance, I've been up all night on this machine, and my brain is freezing at troubleshooting this.

I have a machine I've reformatted and reinstalled SP2.

I have two wireless laptops connected through a Linksys router that is plugged into a DSL modem.

The two laptops used to "See" each other, could ping, share files, etc.

Here is what I have done to restore this:

- On the rebuilt machine, I named it what it USED to be called
- I assigned it the same workgroup as the other machine
- I ran the "Set up a home or small office network" wizard
- I turned on "File and Print Sharing" in Network Properties
- I have opened the HD up under Sharing and Security.

And I STILL can't see the other machines in the workgroup. What am I missing?

Do I have to reboot every machine?

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Do I have to rename the workgroup?

Thanks!

Rebooting every computer might resolve the symptom, but if you depend upon that as a solution, you might be rebooting a lot. Let's try and fix the problem.

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. Read this article with an open mind.

<<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/10/irregularities-in-workgroup-visibility.html>>
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Check the NetBT setting, and make it consistent for all computers. Configure firewalls appropriately!

<<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2006/04/netbios-over-tcpip.html>>
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Or you can look at "browstat status", "ipconfig /all", "net config server", and "net config workstation", from each computer, and diagnose the problem. Read this article, and linked articles, and follow instructions precisely (download browstat!):

<<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/05/troubleshooting-network-neighborhood.html#AskingForHelp>>
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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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