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In article <548EBA5F-6EF8-4785-8592-F7B12A6ECDCA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Trance <Trance@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi,

I would like to set up a bunch of shares as follows:

- 1) readable/writable by everyone
- 2) readable by everyone, but only a select few can write
- 3) only a select few can read and write

I have a mixture of windows XP professional (my "server") and windows XP home (my "clients").

I tried to follow the instructions for disabling SFS and setting up groups and users, but this doesn't seem to work.

- 1) I setup a share which should only be readable by everyone, but is writable by a select few, and yet I can log into a test account which isn't in the access list and modify the contents of the folder.
- 2) I setup a share which should only be readable/writable by a single person, but if I log in using the same user/pass on the client I can't access this share. I tried to change the location when adding the user name such that it would be from the client computer but only the server computer appeared in the locations list. I seem to be able to access my client just fine.

I have been reading these posts for a few hours on and off, and the more I read the more frustrated I become. It seems like windows 95/98 were so much easier to set up and use than windows xp. It was really simple to decide which shares you wanted to be open to everyone, which shares you wanted to protect with a read password, and which shares you wanted to protect with a write password. With windows XP I have to do all kinds of funky work arounds. Why would microsoft take a step backward with ease of use? I am dumbfounded as to the reason.

BTW, buying MS server is not an option. The heck if I am going to pay over \$350 for something I could get for free before. I'll invest my time and energy into a linux solution before I shell out \$350 for a 5 user license.

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Sorry for the flame.

Windows XP is based on Windows NT and 2000, not on Windows 95 and 98. As you've discovered, control of shared file access works differently in NT/2000/XP than in 95/98:

1. Windows XP doesn't have passwords for shared files.
2. XP Professional controls access based on permissions that you define and on the user name and password of the person who requests access.
3. Permissions can only be defined for local user accounts that exist on the XP Professional computer. If a user account on another computer matches a local user account, it gets the permissions for the local account.

XP Professional's shared file access control is much more flexible and powerful, but harder to set up, than Windows 95/98. Have you seen the web site that Ron Lowe and I wrote? It has full details and illustrated examples of creating shares, defining share permissions, and accessing shares from other computers:

Windows XP Professional File Sharing
http://www.practicallynetworked.com/sharing/xp_filesharing/index.htm

I'll be happy to answer questions about it.

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