

# Re: XP pro to Windows 98 Network connectivity issues!

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On 30 Dec 2006 07:51:57 -0800, "Outerlimitz" <miles.joshua@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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On 29 Dec 2006 08:00:22 -0800,  
"Outerlimitz" <miles.joshua@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote:

Please help.

I have a small office network, comprised of a few windows XP machines and a few legacy machines running windows 98. The windows 98 machine is needed b/c we are running some really old automotive finance software and that is just the way "they" had it hooked up before me. The windows 98 machine is unable to locate the server where the software is located.

When I try to open this software I get this message.

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Finance and Insurance  
cannot find the working  
folder for this program.  
The program may have  
difficulty locating its files  
and documents. Make  
sure that the working folder  
is specified correctly in the  
property  
sheets for the program and  
any shortcuts to it.

Do you want to run the  
program anyway?

So I click yes then,

I get this message.

F:/Adam/DNAC/ficar/ficar.exe

Cannot find the file. Make  
sure the file exists on your  
system and that  
the path and file name are  
correct.

Now this machine is  
supposed to be on a  
network, but when I goto  
my  
work group on the Windows  
98 machine it only sees  
itself, hereby called  
Finance 02.

The server using XP does  
not show the finance02 box,  
but it does show a  
folder saying C on  
finance02.

I have no clue how to fix  
this. Can somebody please  
help me out. I  
can provide any information  
you need!

Thanks and cheers!

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Joshua Miles

Hi Joshua,

Having both Windows 98 and Windows XP on the same LAN presents a challenge, particularly with the browser (I'm not discussing Internet Explorer here).

<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/05/windows-9x-9598me-and-browser.html>

Pick one or two Windows XP computers (the most stable ones) to run the browser. Shut down the service on all Windows 98 computers, and on most Windows XP computers.

<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/04/nt-browser-or-why-cant-i-always-see.html>

Holy Cow.

Ok. So...i've read the information you have provided. I thank you big time but I think you just flew over my head. No worries tho. Ok. So

I have 3 machines running 98. Should I disable the Master browser in all three machines?

Also...the LAN connection shows limited or no connectivity. The LAN is for the network only and does not supply internet access.

What should I set the XP box with the server too?

Thank you so much!

Just as your department can have only one manager at any time, so should a LAN have only one master browser. If you have one computer that stays on and online 7 x 24, that's it. Disable the browse master on all Windows 98 computers, and on all other Windows XP computers.

But if you have no computers that are on and online 7 x 24, it gets more complicated. So let's start with that requirement – what's the story?

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Ok.

This particular project is for an auto group. In this office, we have several machines, of which there is a current LAN where one XP box is the server and there are 3 98 client machines. The 98 clients are there b/c there is some legacy software for building automotive deals...inventory...F&I...and accounting. We have just bought a new software package more hip to this millenium, and I need to install three new XP machines, two of which are clients and one is the server.

So, I need to keep these old legacy machines onboard b/c there is like 300 accounts that still require maintenance, payments, etc.

So the new software needs to be installed, and to do so requires one server and I will have two users each with there own XP client. THEN I have those old accounts that run this old software that still needs to be accessed.

As for internet access I have wireless thru—out the whole building.

I would like internet access on the client machines, but most important is just this whole network.

Geez...I know this all sounds crazy...and probably easy for you. I appreciate all your help.

Thanks and cheers!

Joshua

OK, Joshua,

Designate the XP computer the master browser. Make sure that its online whenever any others are. Make sure that the browser service is Enabled on it.

Stop and disable the browser service on the other XP computers, and stop the browse master on the Windows 98 computers.

The XP server becomes the only browser on the network. It will provide the service for the 98 and the XP clients. Just make sure that its always online.

Then power all computers off. Power the master browser server on, and then power each client computer on.

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Cheers,

Chuck, MS—MVP [Windows – Networking]

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