

Re: Unable to browse MCE PC?

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In article <OQHc5FQuHHA.4440@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Pheasant Plucker®" <pheasant@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

How did you determine that the Guest Account is off? Did you look in Control Panel > User Accounts? The Guest Account setting there has nothing to do with networking.

With Simple File Sharing enabled, there's no need for matching username/password setups.

With Simple File Sharing enabled, all users who request access over the network validate as Guest. That's why the Guest account **MUST** be enabled for network access when Simple File Sharing is enabled. If it isn't, other computers can't access this computer's shared disks and folders. To enable the Guest account for network access:

1. Open a command prompt window.
2. Type this command, then press Enter:

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net user guest /active:yes
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You might need to un-share and then re-share all shared disks and folders after that.

OK Steve, the bit about the Guest Account in Control Panel vs. the Guest net account I understand now(!).

You were right – the behaviour of the other 2 XP machines had the net user guest as active – the MCE box did not.

Hoping that would be the issue I enabled the net user guest account as you stated – the MCE box is now the same as the other XP machines on the network in that respect.

However before I even think about sharing disks/folders should I expect when I click the MCE PC in My Network Places to get the usual username/password

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box open up as before?

This does not happen now and I just get the \\MCE is not accessible. You might not have permission to use this network resource. Contact the administrator of this server to find out if you have access permissions. Logon failure: the user has not been granted the requested logon type at this computer.

I'm hard work for such a 'simple' issue aren't I?

Thanks for your patience.

Kind regards,

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You're welcome.

There will not be a username/password prompt when another computer accesses the MCE PC in My Network Places. With Simple File Sharing enabled, all users validate as Guest. With Guest enabled for network access, there's no prompt.

The "Logon failure" message indicates a specific, easily solved problem. On the MCE PC:

1. Click Start > Run, type "secpol.msc" in the box, and click OK.
2. Click Local Policies.
3. Click User Rights Assignment.
4. Click "Access this computer from the network" and make sure that the Everyone group is included.
5. Click "Deny access to this computer from the network" and make sure that the Everyone group is NOT included.

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Best Wishes,
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