

Re: Workgroup Networking Issues with 2 XP MCE

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In article <5C1A9A06-84D7-41DD-B5F1-E359259F5984@xxxxxxxxxxxx>, JosefK100 <Josefk100@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I've been having a devil of a time getting my two XP MCE computers (1 HP, 1 Dell) to fully access each other's files. I've scoured the MS newsgroups for solutions but can't figure out what the issue is.

They are both connected by ethernet to a Netgear wireless hub. I can ping HP from Dell by name and vice-versa. Both show up in View Workgroup Computers. File and Printer Sharing are both enabled. Hard drives and folders are set for Sharing. Both Admin accounts are under the same username and pwd. Guest accounts are enabled.

I was able to access and map HP network drives on Dell, but not vice versa. When I try to add HP manually through Add a Network Place, I am asked for a password to the guest account, but username is not changeable to login with a different account.

I searched and tried this solution:

Guest Password Requirement – Steve Winograd [MVP]

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In article <08CA2AEA-14C7-4022-AFD5-0F7D3B054E3D@xxxxxxxxxxxx>,

On PC#2:

1. Type this line at a command prompt to enable the Guest account for networked access:

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net user guest /active:yes
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2. Remove any network password from the Guest account:

- a. Click Start > Run.
- b. Type "control userpasswords2" in the box and click OK.
- c. Click Guest.

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- d. Click Reset Password.
- e. Click OK without entering a new password.

When prompted for the new pword, I entered it, but still could not log on.

I saw some mention of NetBIOS being a potential issue, so I added that protocol to both computers – now I can't access HP from Dell! Before I do anything else that gets me into worse trouble, I'd appreciate some guidance.

I'm amazed at how byzantine a process it is to set-up file sharing between two computers, and I am relatively tech savvy!

What did you enter when prompted for the new password? My message that you quoted said not to enter a password.

How did you add NetBIOS? It isn't one of the choices when you go to a network connection's properties and click Install > Protocol > Add. "NWLink IPX/SPX/NetBIOS Compatible Transport Protocol" is something different and should not be installed. If you installed that protocol, uninstall it.

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Best Wishes,
Steve Winograd, MS–MVP (Windows Networking)

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