

Re: Networking an Apple Mac to a PC

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richardmclarke wrote:

I have a Macbook with OSX 10.5.2 that I want to network to my home PC with XP Home SP2 via a wireless router.

I have followed the standard network setup procedure and I can "see" the PC from the macbook but I can't connect to it.

I can read and write to the mac from the PC.

I can access the internet from the Mac.

I can access PCs on other networks (my work network).

I have reset the firewall settings in XP.

I have disabled all security on the PC.

I used to be able to connect to the PC with OSX 10.4, the problems started when I upgraded to 10.5.2

I have called Apple and they have informed me it is a security issue with Microsoft and I need to change some security settings in XP to allow the Mac to access it.

Can anyone please let me know what I have to do on my PC to allow the Mac to access it. (all folders have full share access, the Mac and PC are on the same workgroup – I have even redone the network setup wizard).

In Leopard, make sure you are using SMB to connect and not AFP. Find this in the Options section under Sharing in System Preferences.

Make sure you've created identical users/passwords on both machines that match.

You need a firewall in Windows. Having an antivirus and firewall running on Windows will not impact file sharing with the Mac. You simply need to make sure that 1) you are only using one firewall; 2) if using a third-party firewall you've configured it to allow the Local Area Network as trusted.

If you are using a Norton or McAfee product on Windows, uninstall it completely and replace with a better antivirus (NOD32, Kaspersky, or Avast

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if free is desired) and use the built-in Windows Firewall.

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