

Re: Wit's End with Networking

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Jim,

I surmise that your problem is that you cannot share files and folders.

Correct.

Which method of authentication are you expecting to use?

Huh? The Network Wizard did not mention the word "authentication."

No, it does not, but that is because the Network Setup Wizard only provides the most basic part of file and printer sharing.

If you are using Guest authentication, then is the Guest account on each

computer operational?

If you are using classic authentication, have you setup identical accounts

on each of the computers?

Huh? There are no Guest accounts on either laptop.

If you are running XP SP2, there is an account called Guest on the machine. It cannot be deleted.

The Guest account may or may not show up on the login screen.

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use the "net" commands.
For example, "net share" lists all of the shareable folders on the particular machines.
"net use" creates a drive letter for a remote sharable folder.
Pay particular attention to the help instructions for these commands because operating systems are not mind readers.

Huh? My Macs seemed to be able to read minds pretty easily.

Sorry to say, the last Mac I used was a Mac SE.

Sorry, Jim. I have no idea what you're talking about. I'm the admin on both computers. I just want one to be able to see what's on the other, like my Macs do.

Then you need to learn about file and printer sharing. It only seems hard; I can completely change my setup in about 5 minutes per computer. The best resources are the websites of either MVP Jack or MVP Chuck. The last time I looked at Help & Support, it seemed that the text had not been updated to recognize the significant changes made by SP2.
Jim

I appreciate your attempt to help. Thanks.

"Jim" wrote:

"pubscout" <pubscout@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:2175E7AA-4962-47ED-A808-E7C80194A74C@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Here's my deal: I have four computers. One is an iMac hardwired to my Belking router. The other three are laptops—one MacBook and two PC's running XP Pro. All four can access the internet, three of them wirelessly.

My Macs can see each other, share files, copy files, etc. I'd like my PC's to do the same. I don't care if the PC's can see the Macs. I'd like to

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be
able to share files between the two PC's, since one is in a
remote part
of
the house.

My problem: Everything I've tried, using HP help, Microsoft
help and a
next
door neighbor who claims expertise on PC's has proven
unsuccessful.
I've
put
in about six hours on this and I'm where the title of this post
suggests.

Isn't there a simple way to have these two computers
recognize each
other?

Thanks in advance.

OK, exactly what have you tried?
I surmise that your problem is that you cannot share files and folders.
I surmise that the computers can ping each other.

Which method of authentication are you expecting to use?

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operating systems are not mind readers.

If you have not been able to get this working after such a very long
time,
you probably have the software tied in a knot. In such a case, it would
be
better
to delete everything and start over. By that, I mean to delete all
remote
drive letters and to delete all sharable folders.

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Jim