

Re: Home Wireless Networking and File Sharing

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On Fri, 9 May 2008 02:15:01 -0700, Charlie3110
<Charlie3110@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Malke if you are there. This is an ongoing query from our last communication when you helped me sort out file sharing between my home network. You recommended and I quote " 1. Create matching user accounts and passwords on all machines. You do not need to be logged into the same account on all machines and the passwords assigned to each user account can be different; the accounts/passwords just need to exist and match on all machines. If you wish a machine to boot directly to the Desktop (into one particular user's account) for convenience, you can do this. The instructions at this link work for both XP and Vista:" I have done that on all of the laptops and main PC and called them all the same "Guest" I haven't given them a password as it didn't ask for one but unless you tell me that this is essential I at least have an open user account of the same name on all of the PCs. However when I try to access the networking from some of the laptops and from my Desk top to certain laptops I get the message "\\charlie (laptop name)\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." What does this mean please Malke and what do I do now? Does the fact that I wasn't asked to add a password mean that I haven't set up a usable account? Any advice /help would be very welcome. Thanks

Charlie,

The "Guest" account is a special account that's present on all computers, though not always active, already. Proper security says that it should be disabled except when absolutely required, as it provides unauthenticated access to all network users. What you setup is an additional non-Guest account named "Guest". You need to make sure that your non-Guest account is Activated for network access, and that all shares are properly permissioned for "Guest".
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But my real advice would be for you to remove your "Guest" account, and prevent confusion between it and the built-in "Guest" account. But DO NOT remove the actual built-in "Guest" account please. Then, setup a real non-Guest account, with a non-"Guest" name, activate it properly, and permission the shared folders.

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Cheers,

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