

# VPN Connection Trouble in Finding Folders

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Hello,

I have been trying to setup VPN access to a machine behind a router/firewall to share a specific MS Access Database (configuration below). I do not want to allow broader access to the machine. The problem I am having is one MS XP machine logs in fine (after turning off MS firewall) and can discover the machine and the shared directory no problem. When a different XP machine (with firewall off) tries to connect it can connect to the machine via the VPN (I see it connected on the XP machine acting as the VPN server) but it can not discover the directory. Also using explorer and giving it a path to the directory via \\cmconsult\shareddocs does not work either.

Any ideas from anyone would be greatly appreciated  
Mike

The configuration is as follows:

- Router (LinkSys WRTG54) is hooked via cable modem to internet. Router is configured with DHCP from the cable modem. Router has PPTP pass through enabled. And is forwarding ports 1723 & 47 (thanks again texas snowman!).
  - Have setup a dynamic host name with DYNDNS.ORG called cmconsult.dynalias.com. Router is configured to automatically update the SYNDNS.ORG of the IP address for the internet side.
  - XP machine (with all updates) connected using a wired connection to the 54G has the VPN server setup according to instructions. I have turned off allowing access to the local network since the files I want to allow access are on the same machine as the VPN server. A limited user account has been setup to limit access. The machine is using a fixed IP address to enable port forwarding from the router. The host name has been configured as cmconsult and the primary suffix has been setup as dynalias.com (the check box on changing primary DNS suffix on changing of domains is off). It is a member of the Workgroup domain
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