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Here's some updated information for you to add to the website

<http://theillustratednetwork.mvp.org> .

a). Since all my PC's are connected within the same subnet and are behind a belkin router and DSL line to the internet, and all I want is to RDP from/to these various PC's but not from or to the external world (internet), I do not need to setup RDP port forwarding in the Belkin router. Only if I want to go to the office or from the office using RDP, do I have to setup port forwarding. Thus, a local subnet doing RDP without port forwarding has been tested and works. Please update the website to make the distinction between these two different scenarios since not everyone wants to go to/from the internet.

b). Modifying the section on where one adds users to the list of users allowed to RDP to the computer that a "password" is required to do this. Thus if one has a boot to the desktop without any accounts, then one has to be created with a password and if a user account has been defined, but without a password, one has to be defined. If I recall ,older RDP clients would allow one to login without a password based on a pulldown menu option.

c). The portquery UI tool helped me isolate my problem about not being able to connect from a desktop with a directly wired lan cable to the belking router which wirelessly connected to a laptop. Although Terminal Services is listed as "Started", my "Startup Status" was "Manual". The "theillustratednetwork" picture shows this as "Automatic". Question: which way is correct? However, I was able to connect leaving it as "Manual". The command "netstat -a" didn't show the port "3389" as "listening". I have , "let users connect to this PC for RDP" checkbox set and added my user account name that has a password to the remote users list.

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Moreover, the firewall did have in the exceptions screen "Remote Desktop" checkbox checked. I would think that