

IE Problem or SpyWare Problem or neither ?

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Hello,

Hopefully someone can assist me.

Up until recently I had a perfectly good functioning LAN & internet connection between my 2 PCs (W2K). Now I only have the LAN connection, but can no longer

access the internet via LAN from the Client PC !! Internet connection to the Host is no problem and if I connect direct to the Client PC (take it off the LAN), I also have an internet connection.

LAN Setup:

On both LANs I'm using "Client for MS Network, File & Print Sharing, NetBui and TCP/IP". If I delete the NetBui I lose the LAN connection altogether. "Enable Internet Connection Sharing" & "Enable on-demand Dialing" on the internet connection are activated. I had static addresses on both machines with the same SubNet Mask (255.255.255.0) and on the Client I used the Default Gateway address of the Host.

IE connection for the Client is set to "LAN" and I'm using "Automatically detect settings" – nothing else is checked.

The Client can ping it's own IP address (192.168.1.2) and Name ("second") and those of the Host PC. The Host can NOT ping it's own IP address (192.168.1.1) and Name ("computer"), but can ping those of the Client.

Event Viewer tells me, when I attempt to connection to the internet with the Client : "The browser has received a server announcement indicating that the computer SECOND is a master browser, but this computer is not a master browser." or "The master browser has received a server announcement from the computer COMPUTER that believes that it is the master browser for the domain on transport NetBT_Tcpip_{226E041E-C240-4507-. The master browser is stopping or an election is being forced."

What I have done to date to attempt to fix this:

I have played with all combinations of addresses including automatic assigned addresses without any luck.

I have uninstalled the adapters and reinstalled the latest drivers (3COM Ethernet 10/100 PCI TX NIC (3C905B-TX).

Re-installed IE 6.0 (+ latest updates) – no results

Deinstalled and reinstalled Norton Antivirus & Firewall (ensured that the

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other PC is included in the exemption list).

Ran Micorosoft AntiSpyware and XoftSpy. Found and deleted a few SpyWare bugs – no result.

Ran HiJackThis, posted to a forum and deleted suggested files – no result.

Ran IspFix to see if the problem was in the Winsock – no result

Is this a Virus/SpyWare problem or have I received an MS update that has set things askew ?

Grateful for any clues ??

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