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"Brian" <nixtootec@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I have a question along the same lines hope no one minds. If we do have multiple subnets is it recommended that there is a wins server on each end of the subnet or will just one suffice? If there is multiple wins servers required anyone know of a good website that explains that type of setup? Not trying to interrupt but figured a good place. TIA

One (or 2 for fault tolerance) can suffice in many cases. You do NOT want to PLAN for a WINS Server "per subnet" but perhaps for 1-2 WINS Server per (major) Site.

WINS registration and resolution is by IP "datagram" (similar to DNS) so the client and WINS server do not need to be on the same subnet.

Kevin D. Goodknecht Sr. [MVP] wrote:

Read inline please.

In
news:EA2B935E-EC04-43AC-80D0-1FC4975AA335@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
study <study@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> typed:

Thank you for your response.
I've never published shared folders in active directory before.
The
instructions in doing so seems to be straight forward but the
problem
is we have hundreds of shard folders.

Publishing shares in Active Directory is still the best way to go because XP has the ability to search AD for shares. You can save Active Directory

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shared folder searches in the Profile's Nethood folder and get the equivalent as browsing across subnets.

We do have multiple subnets. All our clients are XP or later.
So
without WINS and without publishing the shared folders in
AD, would
we have issues because we're not using WINS?

With that many shares, WINS would be a practical necessity if you don't publish your shares in AD because it would be impossible to map all shares to network drives. You would therefore need the ability for users to browse network places for the shares they want.