

Re: How to Share folders over a network for workgroups – not working?

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John,

I understand that these users can see each other shares. If you have computers A and B in HR workgroup and you want to limit access to shares — you will have to create 2 accounts on computer A and 2 accounts on computer B (4 accounts all together). You have to note here that passwords will not synchronize between computer A and B when user changes password on computer A. If user changes password on computer A he/she will also need to manually change password on computer B for that same account... It can get even more confusing. E.g. if you have 5 computers and 5 users — you will need to manage 25 accounts.

If you do this you can limit who can access shares on computers A (only users that have `_local_` accounts on this computer A). You `_can't_` use accounts from computer A on computer B in Workgroup.

Now if you do this — and user A with username Anne needs to access share on computer B and user Anne gets prompted for username and password it will need to enter `B\Anne` under username and password in its own field (this is the password that you set locally on computer B for account Anne...). Same goes for the other direction.

If user Bob wants to access share on computer A from computer B — once he gets prompted for username Bob will need to enter `A\Bob` for the username...

Sorry — but this is how workgroups work.

If you want to make management of this workgroup easier, you will have to set up domain where you have central account management on domain controller. These accounts can be then used on all computers that join domain that you set up. You can use these account to set restrictions who can log on and who can access files and shares etc...

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Mike

Microsoft MVP – Windows Security

"John Leonard – Sage" <sagegrp@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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> Mike

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> The problem I am having is as, follows:

> I have setup one Work Group (HR) and have two different users – they can

> both see and share folders ok.

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> My problem is setting up the security. I cannot restrict the security to

> only those two users. See my comments below.

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> Thanks

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> John

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> "Miha Pihler [MVP]" <mihap-news@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

> news:eUSCocm3FHA.700@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

>> Hi John,

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>> In a workgroup you will only be able to see users and groups that you

>> create on that server. Let say you have server A where you created

>> accounts Anne and Amber. On server B you created accounts Bob and Ben.

>> When you make a share on server A you will _only_ be able to see and use

>> accounts Anne and Amber while on server B you will _only_ be able to see

>> and use Bob and Ben. This is how workgroups work.

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>> If you need this functionality (to see other users on your server) you

>> will need to set up a domain environment...

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>> Mike

>> Microsoft MVP – Windows Security

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>> "John Leonard – Sage" <sagegrp@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

>> news:OpOZrok3FHA.3876@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

>>> Hi Mike

>>> I have a Work Group "HR" setup on the LAN – they are not members of the

>>> Domain. Just use the LAN.

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>>> Going back to my original problem, as follows:

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>>> Using Article 323420 to setup a shared folder in a work group using

>>> Windows

>>> 2003 Enterprise, is not working for me.

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>>> I first go to the Security Tab and Advanced to setup – following the

>>> instructions. First couple steps work. However, when I go to "Select

>>> Users or

>>> Groups" and try to add a user , it does not find one? When I go to

>>> Advanced and use find – the only thing it sees is the current work

>>> station

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>>> and objects within it?
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>>> How do I get to see and add the other users of the group, to this
>>> share??
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>>> What is going wrong?
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>>> "Miha Pihler [MVP]" <mihap-news@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>> news:eJMjKm82FHA.3020@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>> Hi,
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>>>> If you are using Work group you will only see local users and group
>>>> that are created on the server. You can't see other users and groups on
>>>> other servers.
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>>>> It is a bit different if you are running server as member of domain. In
>>>> this case, you create groups and users in Active Directory and you can
>>>> then use them across the domain -- on all servers and computer that are
>>>> member of this domain...
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>>>> Mike
>>>> Microsoft MVP – Windows Security
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>>>> "North Coast Sea Foods" <jleonard@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
>>>> message news:%23qVGRyX2FHA.636@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>>> No – it is a work group server on the LAN
>>>>> "Miha Pihler [MVP]" <mihap-news@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>>>> news:e6pb3Uc1FHA.268@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>>>> Is this server where files and folders are created member of domain?
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>>>>>> --
>>>>>> Mike
>>>>>> Microsoft MVP – Windows Security
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>>>>>> "North Coast Sea Foods" <jleonard@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
>>>>>> message
>>>>>> news:uFJc0ua1FHA.2064@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>>>> > Our LAN consist of a Windows 2003 domain, Echange 2003 and
>>>>>> > standalone
>>>>>> > work
>>>>>> > groups.
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>>>>>> > I am only trying to share files for specific work groups. i.e. I
>>>>>> > have a
>>>>>> > Human Resourse dept and I only want users within that group to work
>>>>>> > with
>>>>>> > the
>>>>>> > folders and files. At present, if a user is logged on to the domain
>>>>>> > via
>>>>>> > active directory, they can also see the folders and files of a

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>>>>>> > shared
>>>>>> > folder
>>>>>> > in Human Resources Work Group.
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>>>>>> > That is what I am trying to eliminate, by not using Simple File
>>>>>> > Sharing.
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>>>>>> > "Miha Pihler [MVP]" <mihap-news@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>>>>> > news:#kBkBOa1FHA.3660@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>>>> >> Which other users? Do you have workgroup or domain?
>>>>>> >>
>>>>>> >> If you have workgroup you will _only_ be able to see groups and
>>>>>> >> users
>>>>>> >> that
>>>>>> >> are created on that server...
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>>>>>> >> Mike
>>>>>> >> Microsoft MVP – Windows Security
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