

Re: Domain Controller Not Sharing, Workgroup Inaccessible – Please Help :)

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Well, one idea... check the "share" permissions (not the NTFS file permissions). Perhaps they've been changed. Typically they should be Everyone=Full/Read/Change, with restrictions put in the NTFS file permissions.

–Frank

"Chris Henson" <phluidREMOVEME@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:ocCfg.18808\\$JW5.1025@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](news:ocCfg.18808$JW5.1025@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi, I've got an interesting problem with a Windows 2000 Server operating as the PDC in a small environment of Windows XP SP2 workstations. The server had been behaving normally up until a couple weeks ago, when I noticed some file system problems. I corrected these with the use of chkdsk, and everything seemed fine initially, aside from some unrelated problems with the tape drive.

However, as a few days went by, I realised there were more issues than I'd originally thought. The server has stopped sharing properly. When trying to browse the domain from Explorer, I receive a workgroup inaccessible error. Trying to browse to the server by its UNC name "works," but no shares are actually visible, it's just blank. Trying to connect to a printer immediately errors saying that the share was not found. All shares are visible using a 'net share' command, and I've tried removing and re-adding the shares, resetting the permissions, etc.

Now, here's the interesting thing – All the client stations have a pre-existing mapped drive to a share on the server (\\server\data) – And that works fine! I.e., under Explorer from a client, you can go to the mapped drive and work with files as normal, but when if you open explorer and type \\server\data into the address bar, it simply errors with a share not found.

I'm at a loss on this one – I've verified that all the administrative shares are intact, that the shares exist as far as the server is concerned, etc, no network connectivity problems, etc.

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Any ideas on this? Thanks in advance!

Chris