

Re: XP Security Issue

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In article <v6214t3q4srt30@corp.supernews.com>,

administrator@yellowhead.com says...

- > *I just received a new computer. I wanted Windows 2000 installed on it, but the*
- > *company I purchased it from said that the package was only available with XP. I*
- > *haven't decided yet if I will keep XP or install 2000. After much work, I*
- > *finally got the user interface so that it is somewhat reasonable (that standard*
- > *kiddyland interface is the pits), but there seems to be a lot of deficiency in*
- > *the network side of things.*
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- > *There does not appear to be any way of using passwords on Netbios connections,*
- > *and the NTFS permissions are not accessible on the home version. Any shared*
- > *directories seem to be completely open. To verify that, I went to a different*
- > *network and attempted to connect to one of the shared directories that are set*
- > *up by default (SharedDocs, which is C:\Documents and Settings\All*
- > *Users\Documents\). It seems that I can connect to it from anywhere, and what*
- > *makes matters even worse is that I cannot change it except by editing the*
- > *registry. Am I missing something, or is every XP system connected to the*
- > *Internet just as vulnerable?*
- >
- > *J.A. Coutts*
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You can turn off FILE/PRINTER sharing, and unless you have a network you don't really need it.

If you are using a DSL/Cable connection get yourself a ROUTER with NAT (linksys) and put yourself behind it.

XP, even Home, has a firewall of sorts, it should have been enabled by default – look up on the web how to enable it.

You need to disable all the eye-candy, it eats memory, and you can set it to look just like 2000.

If you want a network OS, get XP Professional – I switched all my workstations from 2000 to XP Prof and love it.

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