

Re: Need help closing security holes in my Windows XP home system!

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> *On Fri, 25 Feb 2005 04:46:31 -0800, Joe wrote:*

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>>*Leythos wrote:*

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>>>*On Fri, 25 Feb 2005 03:02:18 -0800, Bob Ladbury wrote:*

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>>>>*I have a two-computer home network system. I only recently learned how
>>>>to setup a network system, and now I'm concerned about having opened up
>>>>new portals of access to internet hackers, because of all the
>>>>configuring I had to do to get this system to work. Here's a list of
>>>>some of those possible security holes:*

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>>>>1. *My router came with a default MAC address printed on the bottom.*

>>>>*Should I change this, if so, to what? (Can you tell I don't know what
>>>>the heck a MAC address is?)*

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>>>>*No, leave it alone – the MAC address is a physical code that relates to
>>>>your unique hardware as in your segment of the network – no other device
>>>>in your segment should have the same MAC.*

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>>>>2. *I had to enable the GUEST ACCOUNT in XP Pro in order to get the
>>>>printer sharing to work. Can hackers off the net use this now enabled
>>>>account to access the computer? What about the ADMINISTRATOR account?*

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>>>>*This is a big screw-up, you never enable GUEST, NEVER! What you needed to
>>>>do was setup the same users/passwords on both machines – so that if you*

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