

## Re: just simple facts

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Hi Umer,

I do use Client to browse local network but not on my dialup adapter.  
How is Client related to passwords please?  
It is different in Win2K – DUN password doesn't get unticked, it gets removed! As I'm on unlimited, phone bill is not an issue for me.

"Umer" <[network@welkin.biz](mailto:network@welkin.biz)> wrote in message  
news:Omwq2#C9BHA.2028@tkmsftngp04...

> *Dear..*

> *you got messed up to much..*

> *Client ... is required to browse and use the network resources..*

> *if u dont have client.. u cant access local network..*

> *life file sharing n all*

> *but u can use tcp/ip connections..*

> *password saving feature is ... somehow related to Client for*

> *mIc.....*

> *it is vulnerable as it lets u save ISP passwords :)..but that doesnt  
matter*

> *this much with win2k.. on win9x.. it was worse.. one could try to snatch*

> *saved passwords...*

> *ISP would recommend to hide their problem of authentication so u dont have*

> *to type password again n again*

> *btw.. when credentials are refused once.. password is unchecked  
already....*

> *so Autodial would give u a biiiiiiiiig telephone bill*

> *and if u think i got confused just as much as u are.. we can keep in touch*

> *to be unique :D*

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> "V4" <[dontmailme@overyonderblueyonder.co.uk](mailto:dontmailme@overyonderblueyonder.co.uk)> wrote in message

> news:tp\_A8.21784\$Gc5.152789021@news-text.cableinet.net...

> > *I'm tired, I've been reading too much. I admit I'm a security novice but*

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> > *am willing to learn. Unfortunately, after following some web-based*

> > *recommendations I find someone else attacking me for my new found  
beliefs.*

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> > *So, I read some more [their advice] and that is 'trashed' by another  
> > know-it-all, and so it goes on.*  
> >  
> > *I'm very busy studying Windows 2000 Server [among other things] so I  
hate  
> > wasting my time.*  
> > *Simply, I want to know what enabling 'Client for Microsoft Networks'  
> > does/allow.*  
> >  
> > *It all stems from Win2K Server DUN 'deleting' the saved dialup password  
> > when  
> > encountering an ISP Authentication error – i.e. My ISP, for whatever  
> > reason  
> > may refuse my credentials (which are correct and have been successfully  
> > accepted previously) and the connection is refused. DUN will then redial  
> > but, as I have discovered, it now has no password to pass on (confirmed  
by  
> > opening DUN settings where the password had mysteriously disappeared)  
and  
> > will loop in this failed authentication/redial process until limits are  
> > reached or human interaction occurs.*  
> >  
> > *My ISP recommended I re-enabled 'Client for Microsoft Networks' to cure  
> > this  
> > fault, stating this process is required to "cache" my password. This  
> > caused  
> > me some concern as I'd just followed several security articles claiming  
> > Client for Microsoft Networks and File and Print Sharing are not  
required  
> > for Internet access and should be disabled/uninstalled.*  
> >  
> > *In my endeavour to question the wisdom of my ISP I was "told" by others  
> > that  
> > I was [insert derogatory phrases] and pointed to many links that were,  
> > IMO,  
> > personal attacks of GRC aka Steve Gibson. With patience, I read through  
> > article after article of how "although I generally agree and cannot  
fault  
> > his reasoning...but I cannot agree xxxxxx–statement is entirely true or  
> > proved..." and came up with nothing concrete. They really do generally  
> > agree. Most of this appears to stem from the Linux vs Windows gangs – I  
> > don't want to go there at all – I'm forced to use Windows and I'm stuck  
> > with  
> > it, end of.*  
> >  
> > *Please, I just want facts.*  
> > *What are the vulnerabilities of Client for Microsoft Networks [NOT File  
&  
> > Print Sharing]?*  
> > *How does it work?*  
> > *Is it required to remember DUN passwords?*

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> > *Why would an ISP 'recommend' it be installed for Internet access?*

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> > *All input welcome and thank you for reading [listening to] this.*

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