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"David Sherman" <dshermin@ameritech.net> wrote in message
news:ag0f715qc9rj7fsomtjh33f8hl8sot1t5l@4ax.com...

- > *True but lets take it like many users do it.*
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- > *I right click on a folder in Windows 2000 and Windows XP and share it.*
- > *I don't care whether it is simple sharing or not. Most users use*
- > *simple sharing*
- >
- > *XP should automatically ask for user name and password like Windows*
- > *2000 does. Try it.*
- >
- > *Take a Linux Live Distrubition like Knoppix 3.8 and/or Suse 9.2 or*
- > *9.3. Boot it and tell me what you see.*
- >
- > *Run nmap in Linux and get all the ip addresses.*
- >
- > *Go for the files!!*
- >
- >

True, I don't agree with Microsoft's decision to make simple file sharing the default. I especially don't like the fact that Home can only use simple file sharing. A lot of homes have multiple computers hooked up to a router. Then add wireless and the fact that most home users don't set up any security in to the equation. I can see three of my neighbour's networks right now. It's a disaster waiting to happen. I thought you were asking for help in your OP, not making a philisophical judgement :-)

Kerry

- > *On Mon, 02 May 2005 12:00:58 -0700, Malke <notreally@invalid.com>*
- > *wrote:*
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- >> *Kerry Brown wrote:*
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- >>> *"David Sherman" <dshermin@ameritech.net> wrote in message*

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>>> *news:c8jc71lg432l6fk468p9j2mcadv16aua87@4ax.com...*
>>>> *I have XP pro.*
>>>> *I know that file sharing can be turned off and on. But what if users*
>>>> *want it on.*
>>>> *If I bring in a Linux machine to the network, I would hope that this*
>>>> *Linux can't get to the XP shared files. If a :linux box hits a*
>>>> *Windows 2000 machine, the Linux user is asked a user name and*
>>>> *password. Why isn't this the case with Windows XP?*
>>>>
>>
>>*Linux, like all other grown-up operating systems except for XP Home, has*
>>*a Guest account which is usually disabled by default for security*
>>*reasons. XP Pro is exactly like this, too. Disable your Simple Sharing*
>>*on XP Pro and Pro will require users to be authenticated just like*
>>*Win2k or Linux, etc. You've just got XP Pro set up with Simple Sharing,*
>>*that's all.*
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>>*Malke*
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