

Troubleshooting Guide

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How do I enable Windows 2000-like file sharing and security in Windows XP workgroups?

As many network administrators probably know the Microsoft changed the rule how XP system handles the default Workgroup security.

Now from a default XP installation and only as a member of Workgroup you cannot for instance Map a Network share to the XP client like \\xpclient\c\$ always asked for the username/password, and can't connect to the Registry remotely, keep getting Access Denied. You familiar with this?

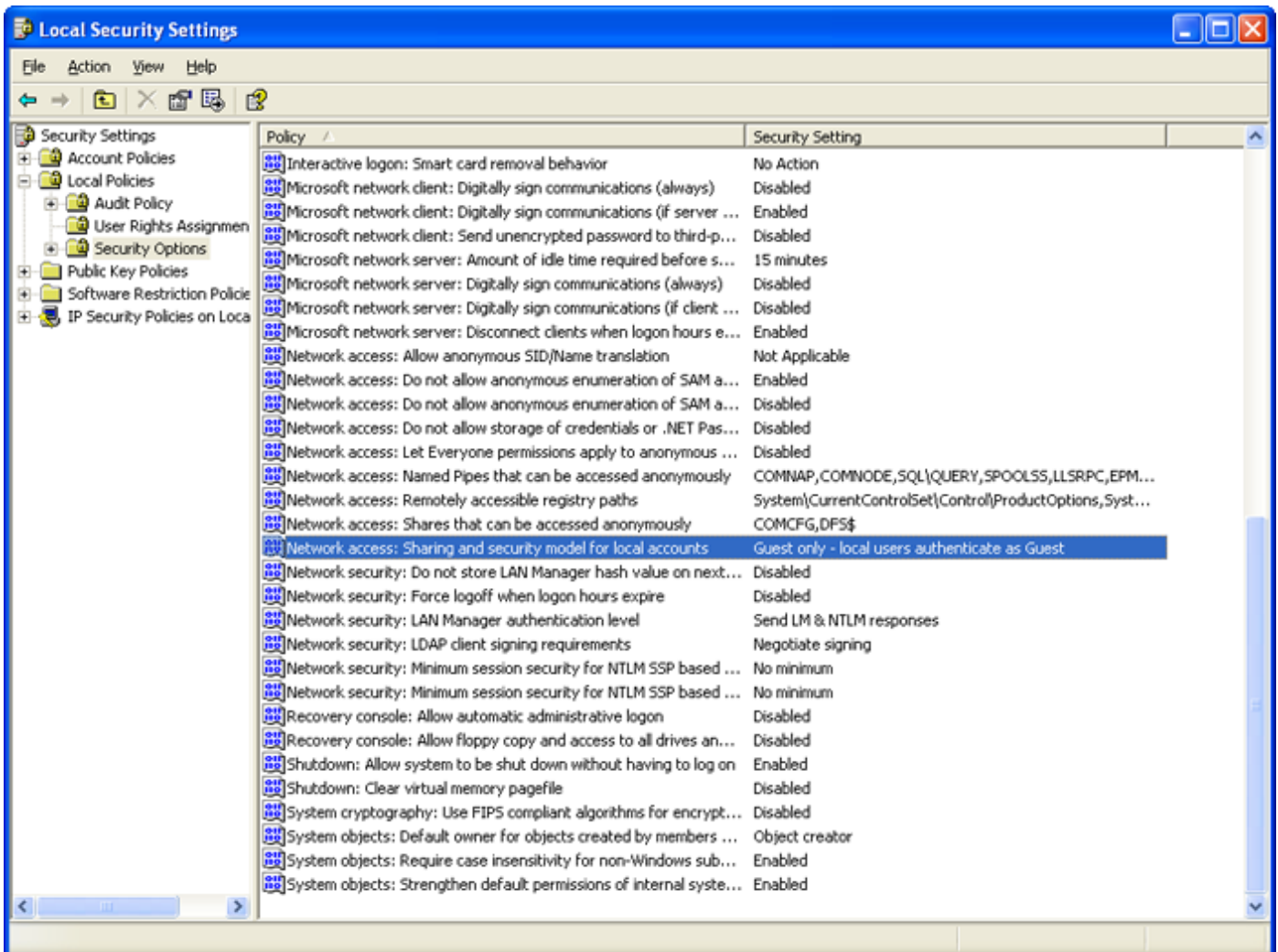
Solution 1.

The solution 1 and most used is to make the XP client a member of a domain, when you assign the client to be a domain member this policy will get Enabled automatically.

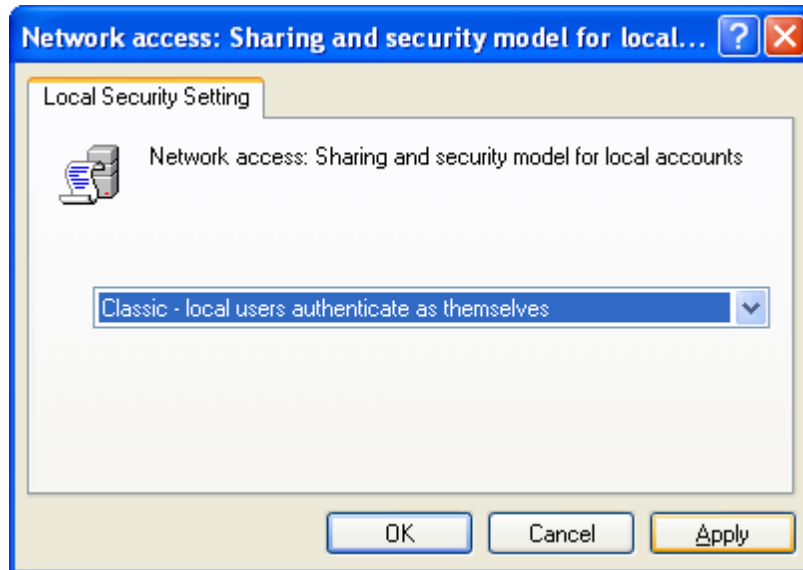
Solution 2.

The solution 2 is to change the correct policy variable from the Local Policy Editor to allow connections to the XP client from not only as Guest user's. Please follow this step by step introduction below.

1. Go to the command prompt cmd.exe and write Secpol.msc /s this will run the local Policy Editor for the client.



2. Locate the Security Settings from the left panel.
3. Double click on Network access: Sharing and security model for local accounts policy variable and select Classic - local users authenticate as themselves from the combobox.



4. Click OK button to close the dialog, and close the local Policy Editor as well.
5. Reboot the system for the change to take effect.



This changes must be done from the Administrator user or user that has administrator rights from the logon to the XP client.

Now you have share permissions and file security on NTFS volumes, on FAT volumes, the Security menu will remain unavailable.

Now you should be able to connect successfully to the XP client from your user logon and from the client you wish to connect from if the username and password match together. You must add the username to the Administrator group to gain full access.