

## linux box on XP home network

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Please be patient with me; it's been 10 years since I played with Linux and I've forgotten a LOT. Not to mention, the last time I played with Linux I had one computer on a dial-up, not 4 computers on a home LAN.

The situation. I have a cable modem. Attached to the cable modem is a four-port router. Attached to the router are 3 desktops running Windows XP and one laptop running Mandrake 10. I just installed Mandrake on the laptop last night. (FWIW, it's a Dell Inspiron 8100 with a built-in ethernet card.)

The laptop can reach the internet. I can browse the web. But I can't find the other computers on the home network (which means I can't reach the shared printer on one of the XP boxes). I can't find any reference to the XP workgroup anywhere, but maybe I'm not looking in the right place.

Using KDE desktop, which utility do I use to try to find the network? Do I assume correctly that I'm going to have to tell it the workgroup name and all that? I can't even find where to do that.

Would it be better if I wiped everything and started over with another distribution, if there's one better for a mixed home network?

I have other issues with the touchpad and X — would someone please point me to the proper group to ask about those? I can take a stab and guess, but I'm frankly afraid to ask the wrong question on the wrong newsgroup.

Any information greatly appreciated. Email addy works as-is if that is more convenient.

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