

Hi, having some trouble with networking

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Hello,

Sorry if this is a well worn topic, but been searching out there for the past week and I'm getting nowhere,dont want to go back to windows XP!

Could anyone reccomend a good (basic) networking tutorial for a beginner in linux. I have setup modem and internet, but would like to share internet to 4 windows XP pc's and I amd completely stuck and tutorials on the web I have found just dont help.

In a bit more detail,

New to linux and having a bit of trouble networking. I'm in a student house, 4pc's running win xp and a server pc. This server pc was sharing the internet connection (adsl) and acting as a fileserver. However, with windows XP I'm having to reinstall it every month becuae it just slows down after a bit then crashes all the time (no idea why) which is why I want to change it to a unix/linux server.

So, bought redhat (not too sure which version, a new one maybe 9 (has iptables)). Managed to install it fine. Got some drivers for my modem (bt voyager -EciADSL drivers from <http://eciadsl.flashtux.org/>) and got all that setup, so I now have the internet installed and working.

My trouble lies in basic networking and sharing the internet connection. My network card has been recognised by redhat and it seems to be installed.

I ran netconfig from the console and assigned it 192.168.0.1 addresses with matching gateway etc address (it filled it in one the main ip was entered).

however, I cannot seem to ping it from my windows xp machine (I think I havent set it up correctly).

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So here comes my real problem. Searchin on the internt, news groups and tutorials found a handful of tutorials, but all are different and all have not helped me.

So, could anyone recommed any good tutorials, or even better help us in the right direction.

Not to sure also about the windows configuration side, but every time I utter the word windows in a search on google I get so many unrelated pages.

Thanks for any help.

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