

Visionfs 3.10.911 Configuration Issues with Windows XP

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I need help to understand the "why's and how's" in configure WinXP for printing when using VisionFS. Does anyone have a good "how to" article that explains what needs to be configured properly on both XP and VisionFS?

I have recently had to integrate Windows XP and XP pro at two different client sites and have had difficulty with SMB printing.

At the first client: Running WinXP and trying to set up an XP to UNIX printer on the XP box. I used the control panel -> user accounts -> and added the WinXP users unix login ID and VisionFS password and was able to access the Visionfs shared directories. I was able to set up TermLite from the Vision tools -> TermLite share Ok.

When I clicked the XP "add printer" icon and selected "network printer," then browsed the network and selected the UNIX system -> lj4, XP informed me that "can't load printer driver, or non-XP compatible driver" (Sorry, I did not record the exact error message. In essence, XP is complaining about the UNIX shared printer not having a "proper" XP driver that it can copy to the machine being set up). XP did allow me to specify the printer driver from the standard list: HP -> LaserJet IIISi.

The problem is: I can't print from XP to the UNIX printer. I did manage to get a test page to print on one out of three attempts.

In this case, the XP system is brand new and still announces that "XX days remain to complete the registration of the system."

Client 2: I was asked to setup UNIX -> WinXP printing. I ran the visionfs print --install command with user name and password set to "administrator" and the administrator's password. However, I was unable to print from UNIX to the XP Pro system.

The error message logged in /usr/vision/vfsdata/logs/errorlp.log ended with "ErrorTimeout." Setting up printing to a Win2K system

worked without problems.

I finally got printing to work on the XP Pro system by accessing control panel -> user accounts -> administrator -> change password and entering the password that I had used to successfully log in to the XP Pro system as Administrator. Once the password was "changed," I was able to print ok. This occurred on two XP Pro systems at the client's site. Both systems are "registered" and I was able to login as administrator on both system using the password supplied when i arrived on-site. Printing only worked after I "changed" the password and entered the same password I had been using to log in with.

"The works not done until WordPerfect won't run!" -- rumored to be the motto at Microsoft. And probably at the heat of Win XP networking.

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