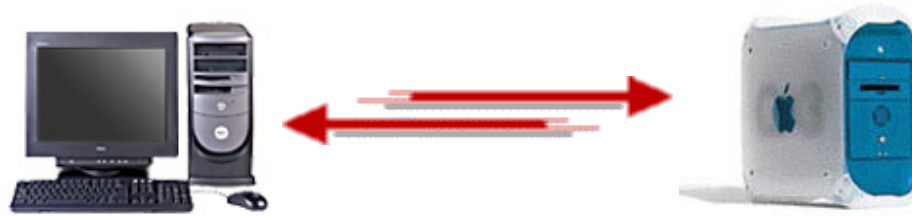


# Sharing files on a Mac using Jaguar with a PC running Windows XP



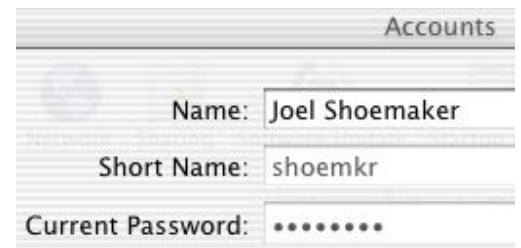
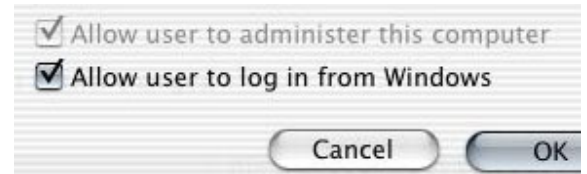
Note: The below assumes you already have both your Mac and PC computers connected to a network (ethernet or wireless) and that they can ping one another.

Once you know your computers can "see" one another, one way to share files between the two is to enable Windows file sharing on your Mac then connect to it from your PC. For an overview of the procedure, check the following Apple KB article: <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=107083>



Begin by starting Windows file sharing on your Mac. Open System Preferences, select the Sharing control panel, and on the Services tab check the box next to Windows File Sharing. This should turn on file sharing, and the path for accessing your Mac from a Windows PC should be shown at the bottom of the window (e.g. \\192.168.1.2\shoemkr).

Next we need specify which users setup on your Mac can connect from a Windows computer. While still within System Preferences, switch to the Accounts control panel. Choose the Users tab, select one of the users you would like to be able login with, then click the Edit User button. At the bottom of the window that appears check the box to "Allow user to log in from Windows," then click OK. Perform the same steps for any other users you would like. (Note: Be sure to use the "Short Name" specified for this user - that is shown within this same window - when you actually attempt to connect to your Mac from Windows.)



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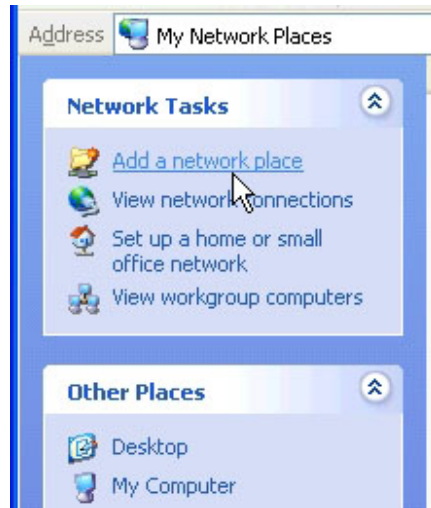
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Access all of your Mac's hard drive(s) rather than just a single folder.

Note that you can also often connect to your Mac using its computer name (as specified in the Sharing control panel under System Preferences) rather than its IP address.

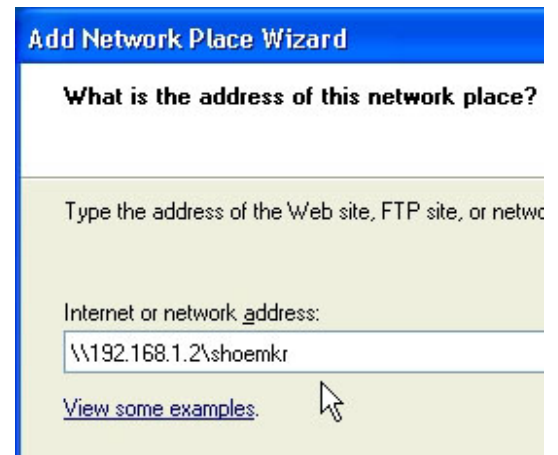


The next window will then prompt you for the Internet or network address you would like to connect to. Enter the address for accessing your Mac by using the path previously displayed within the Sharing control panel (as shown), then click Next.



If you left the "Open this network place when I click Finish" box checked, a window showing your Mac's shared folder (by default the Home folder for the user who logged in) should appear. An icon for this network place that you have setup will also be added within My Network Places. To make reconnecting to your Mac in the future even easier, you can make a shortcut to your "My Mac" network place on your Windows Desktop. Then you can

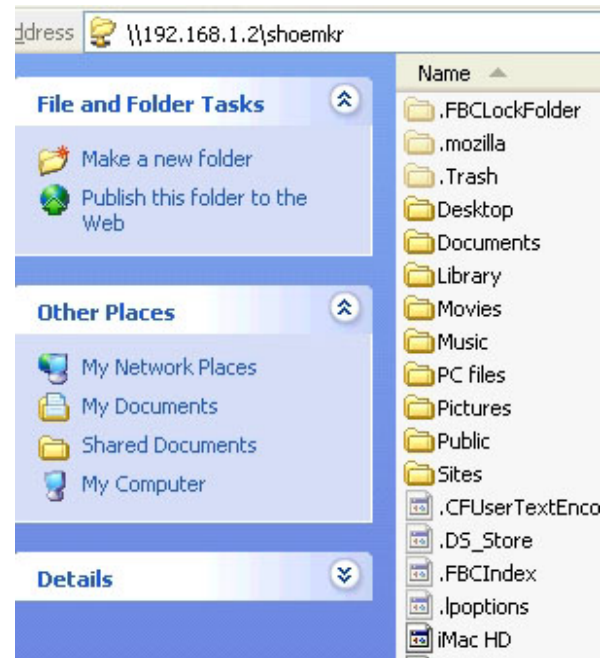
Now move to your Windows PC. Double-click on the My Computer icon on your Desktop, then within the Other Places area shown on the window that opens, click on My Network Places. To add a network place for your Mac, click on the Add a network place option. On the first screen of the Add Network Place Wizard that appears click Next, then select "Choose another network location" and click Next again.



You will now be prompted to login to your Mac. Type in the Short Name for the user you would like to connect with along with that user's password, then click OK. If your login is successful you should then be prompted to type in a name for the network place you are setting up. Enter a name (for example, "My Mac") and click Next yet again, then click Finish on the final window that is displayed.



just double-click that icon, type in a user name and password, and a window will again appear showing the contents of the Home folder for the user you logged in with.



This is one method I use for sharing files between my Mac OS X 10.2.x-based B/W G3/400 and my Windows XP Pro.-based Dell P4 via a DSL router/hub. Please keep in mind that you may run into some problems specific to your network and machine setup when trying to get your computers connected that could keep things from functioning properly. Be sure to check the extra tips and guides shown within the left frame of this page, as well as both the [Apple](#) and [Microsoft](#) knowledge bases for help in fixing the particular issues you need to resolve to get things working.

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