Share with other home computers running Windows 7

This computer can't connect to a homegroup.

To create or join a homegroup, your computer's network location must be set to Home.

What is a network location?

With a homegroup, you can share files and printers with other computers running Windows 7. You can also stream media to devices. The homegroup is protected with a password, and you'll always be able to choose what you share with the group.

Tell me more about homegroups

Change advanced sharing settings...

Start the HomeGroup troubleshooter
Media streaming is off.
Choose media streaming options...

File sharing connections

Windows 7 uses 128-bit encryption to help protect file sharing connections. Some devices don't support 128-bit encryption and must use 40- or 56-bit encryption.

- Use 128-bit encryption to help protect file sharing connections (recommended)
- Enable file sharing for devices that use 40- or 56-bit encryption

Password protected sharing

When password protected sharing is on, only people who have a user account and password on this computer can access shared files, printers attached to this computer, and the Public folders. To give other people access, you must turn off password protected sharing.

- Turn on password protected sharing
- Turn off password protected sharing

HomeGroup connections

Typically, Windows manages the connections to other homegroup computers. But if you have the same user accounts and passwords on all of your computers, you can have HomeGroup use your account instead. Help me decide

- Allow Windows to manage homegroup connections (recommended)
- Use user accounts and passwords to connect to other computers

Public

[Save changes] [Cancel]
Adjust your computer’s settings

- Action Center
- Color Management
- Device Manager
- Folder Options
- Intel(R) Graphics and Media
- Network and Sharing Center
- Phone and Modem
- RemoteApp and Desktop Connections
- System
- Windows Defender

Administrative Tools

Folder Options

General

- Folder views: You can apply the view (such as Details or Icons) that you are using for this folder to all folders of this type.
  - Apply to Folders
  - Reset Folders

Advanced settings:
- Use Sharing Wizard (Recommended)

AutoPlay
Change sharing options for different network profiles

Windows creates a separate network profile for each network you use. You can choose specific options for each profile.

Home or Work (current profile)

Network discovery

When network discovery is on, this computer can see other network computers and devices and is visible to other network computers. What is network discovery?

- Turn on network discovery
- Turn off network discovery

File and printer sharing

When file and printer sharing is on, files and printers that you have shared from this computer can be accessed by people on the network.

- Turn on file and printer sharing
- Turn off file and printer sharing

Public folder sharing

When Public folder sharing is on, people on the network, including homegroup members, can access files in the Public folders. What are the Public folders?

- Turn on sharing so anyone with network access can read and write files in the Public folders
- Turn off public folder sharing (people logged on to this computer can still access these folders)

Media streaming

When media streaming is on, people and devices on the network can access pictures, music, and video on this computer. Media streaming is off. Choose media streaming options.