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Securing Remote Desktop

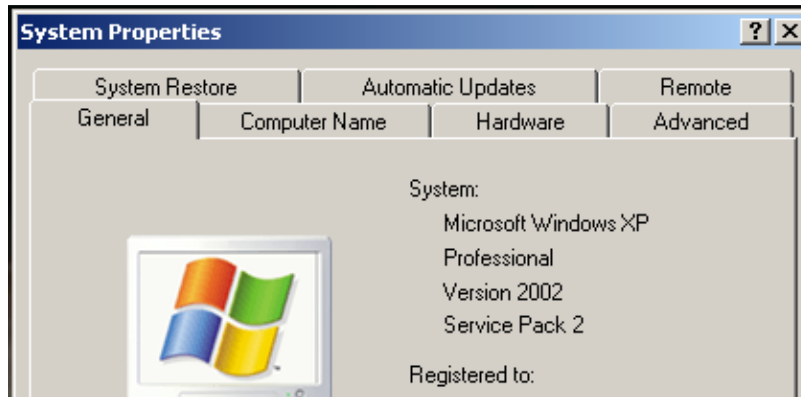
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The Remote Desktop feature available in Windows XP Professional allows you to remotely control your office computer while you are at home or traveling. This application offers tremendous flexibility by providing access to your office resources, data and applications when you are off campus. However, using this application does present additional risk to your computer, institutional data and university resources. Since Remote Desktop does present additional risks for you and the university, it is important to follow all the steps in this document. These steps will offer additional protection to prevent unauthorized access to your computer.

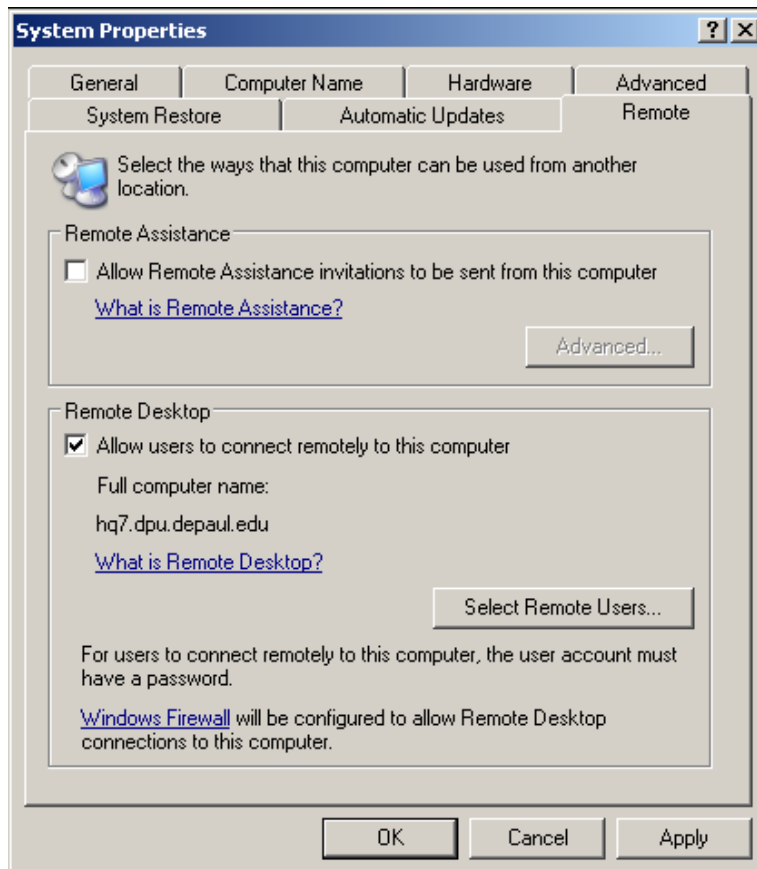
Note: Remote Desktop is currently not supported by Information Services.

I. Configure your user account for remote access

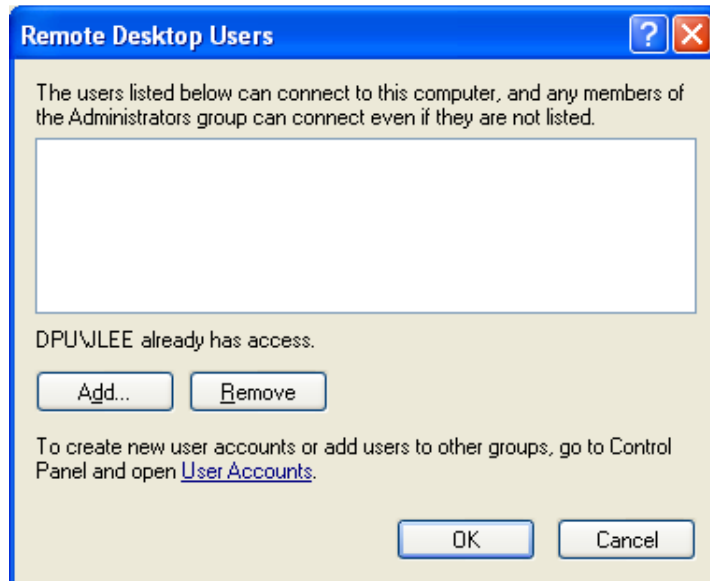
1.  → Settings → Control Panel → System
2. Select “Remote” tab



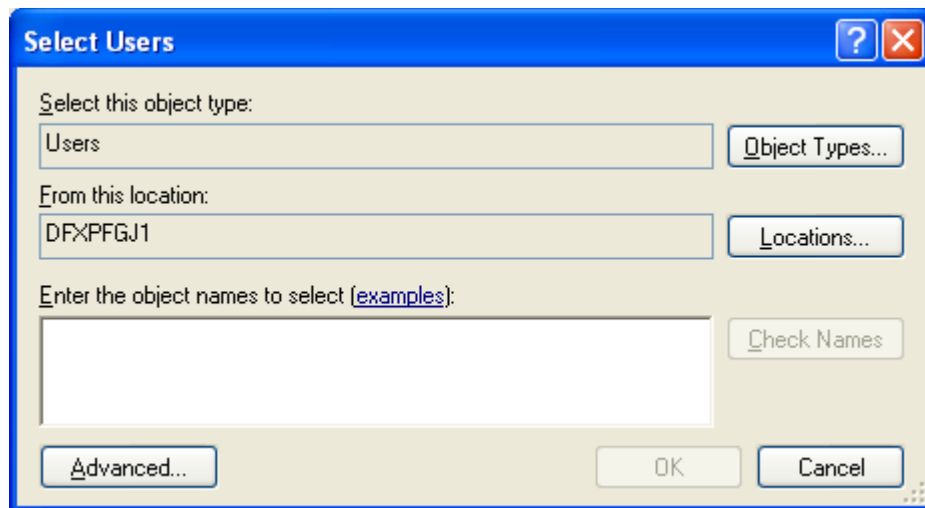
3. Uncheck “Allow Remote Assistance invitations to be sent from this computer”
4. Verify “Allow users to connect remotely to this computer” is checked



5. Click on “Select Remote Users...”
6. On the new window, select “Add”



7. A new windows titled “Select Users” will be displayed



8. Look for the field named “Enter the object names to select”
9. In the empty box, type in the following:
 - a. dpu\ and your Campus Connect username
 - b. Example: dpu\testuser


10. Press the button “Check Names”, your user name should appear as shown below



11. Press “OK”. Also press “OK” for System Properties window

II. Confirm windows firewall is configured properly for remote desktop

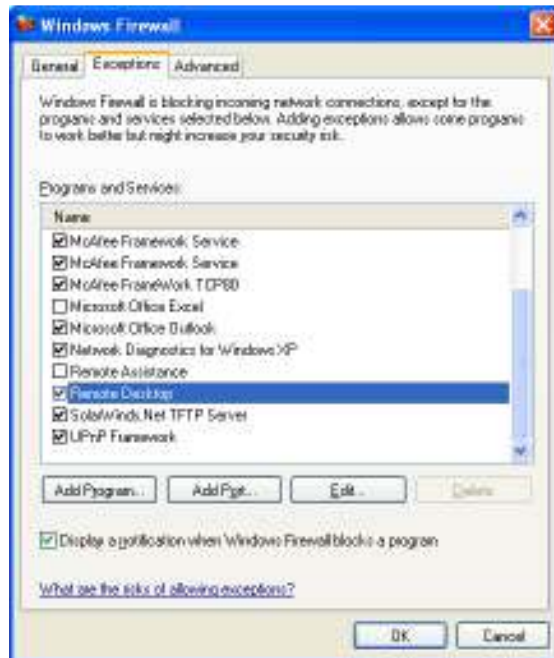
Windows Firewall is a network protection tool in Windows XP. Windows firewall should already be enabled on your DePaul University host computer.

1. Go to  → Settings → Network Connections
2. Right-click on “local Area Connections” and select “Properties”
3. Select the “Advanced” tab and click the button titled “Settings”



4. On the Windows Firewall window, click on the “Exceptions” tab

5. Verify that there is a check mark next to Remote Desktop



6. Press "OK" to exit