# Peer to Peer Environment
## IDEXX Recommended Settings

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<th>This document is presented to IDEXX Computer Systems customers who will be using their hardware in a peer to peer environment. This document outlines our recommended peer to peer environment settings for workstations.</th>
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| Prerequisite items (recommended) | • Complete the steps in the IDEXX Recommended Settings documents that are applicable to the operating systems in your environment.  
• Network cabling completed.  
• Every computer must have the same username and password. |

### Set the IP Address

1. **Windows® XP & Windows Vista®:**
   a) Click **Start > Settings > Network Connections**.
2. **Windows® 7:**
   a) Click **Start > Control Panel**.
   b) Click **Network and Sharing Center**.
   c) Click **Change adapter settings**.
3. Right-click **Local Area Connection** (it may be listed as Local Area Connection followed by a number) and left click **Properties**.
4. Double-click **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** or **Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)** (which ever item is present).
5. Select **Use the following IP Address** and **Use the following DNS server addresses** and enter the correct IP address information.  
   **Note:** See the IP Address Configuration IDEXX Recommended Settings document.
6. Click **OK** twice and close the Network Connections window.

### Set the Workgroup

1. Click **Start > Run…**  
2. Type **\SERVER**.  
3. Click **OK**.
4. **Note:** IDEXX recommends that all computers are in the same workgroup. IDEXX recommends a Workgroup name of *Workgroup*.
5. Click **OK** three times.  
6. Click **Yes** or **Restart Now** to reboot.

### Check Network Permissions

From all workstations perform the following:
1. Click **Start > Run…**.
2. Type **\SERVER**.  
   **Note:** If your server has a different name then type **\computername**.
3. Click **OK**.
4. If a Windows Explorer window opens then the workstation is ready.

For further assistance, please call IDEXX Hardware Support at 1-800-695-2877 and reference KB3931.