

Disable the Windows XP Network Bridge

Windows XP includes the Network Bridge, a feature of the Network Connections folder that allows a computer with multiple network adapters installed to act as a bridge, connecting multiple LAN segments together to form a single network segment. The most common example is a laptop that has a network interface for a wired network and a network interface for a wireless network, although this may apply to any desktop computer as well.

This feature was designed for home networks and is detrimental to the campus network. It unfortunately appears to be the default behavior of the configuration wizard. Bridging by user devices is prohibited. Computers running Windows XP on the University campus network (wired or wireless) must have this feature disabled. If detected, the network switches will automatically disable your port for 5 minutes.

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- Start
- Control Panels
- Network And Internet Connections
- Double-click Network Connections

...or, for the classic menu layout:

- Start
- Settings
- Control Panels
- Double-click Network Connections

Under the **Network Bridge** section, right-click on the **Network Bridge** icon and select **Delete**.