



Network Preparation - Overview

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Applies to: *Auction! V3* network edition

Background: As you prepare for your event, we want to remind you of the importance of configuring your network prior to the start of your event, and having local resources available to assist you in this endeavor.

Each computer is different due to its underlying operating system, its configuration and its security settings. Please test your network a few days prior to your event. We offer a **NETWORKING** section in our [On Demand Web Training](#) series. **Please review the online network training courses as we are unable to provide networking configuration support for our customers.**

*Configuring your computer network is a prerequisite for running *Auction!* in network mode; it is not part of the *Auction!* software or technical support agreement.*

Network configuration can be very challenging at times, and often requires a skilled person to inspect the computers, cables, firewall settings, passwords, IP addresses, permissions, etc. for success.

Note: We strongly recommend WIRED networks. Wireless networks are subject to slowdowns and external interference at event venues.

- 1) Networking in General
 - a) Supplies Needed:
 - i) Wired router, 4 port is fine for most events (if you need more ports, buy a larger router, do NOT combine two 4 port routers to make 8 total ports).
 - ii) Ethernet cables, 1 per computer, only buy the length needed between PCs.
 - b) Things Not Needed:
 - i) Dedicated server
 - ii) Internet connection
 - c) When setting up a Local Area Network (LAN), wired is strongly recommended, not wireless.
 - i) Test network connections in the days prior to event, so there's time for troubleshooting or changes, if necessary.
 - ii) Install *Auction!* on each PC, not on a server.
 - iii) Project data should be located on the host computer only.
 - iv) Install each printer locally on each computer, not through the wired network router, for fastest printing speeds. *Auction!* recognizes invoices have been printed by other printers, no matter which computer requested the document.
 - d) While it is possible to connect two computers via a cross-over cable, we do not give instructions in this FAQ. Please see <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-vista/Connect-two-computers-using-a-crossover-cable> for instructions from Microsoft.
 - e) If you have Windows 7 Starter edition on your NetBook, this computer cannot be the Host computer. This computer may JOIN a Win 7 HomeGroup, but will NOT be able to join any other sort of network. See section 3) d) in the [Network How To](#) FAQ for instructions on using a Windows 7 Home Premium, Professional or Ultimate computer to set up the HomeGroup.