Network Administration Homework # 1

Accessing a Share

In coherence with the norm for windows there are multiple ways to access a shared resource. The easiest way is in exploring network neighborhood. Bring up NT Explorer double click the Network Neighborhood Icon and explore to the desired resource.

This method is fine when a resource is to be used infrequently. When a resource is to be accessed often, a more convenient method is desirable. This method is known as Mapping. Mapping associates a local drive letter with the Mapped resource. Previously Mapped resources are connected to automatically when a user logs on, by default. In order to bring up the Map Network Drive form, right click the My Computer icon on the your desktop and choose the Map Network Drive… option.
The corresponding form is similar to the NT Explorer interface. In order to map a standard share, simply explore to the share and press the OK button.

This method is inadequate for mapping hidden shares (those with names that terminate in a $), because they do not appear in the exploring section of the form. To map a hidden resource the user must type the full path in the Path box. The syntax of the path for a shared resource is “\Computer Name\Share Name” where “Computer Name” is the name of the computer in control of the resource and “Share Name” is the assigned share name.