

## Re: Questions on controlling Home PC remotely – i.e. security and performance

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My son uses LogMeIn to work on my computer from his place. The guy from my company uses GoToMyPC So I've seen both.

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Sue -- Firefighter mom -- still rabid UW DAWG fan!  
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I have used GoToMyPC, and while I thought it was amazing and wonderful for retrieving a file I needed from my home computer, there was a lag. I can't imagine using it to actually do my work via the "connection." (If that is what you were asking... I sort of lost the plot. :)

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Hi everyone,

I've been madly researching everything I can find on remote control of home pc. I'm about to go away for two weeks and will be taking my laptop. Unfortunately, I will only have dial-up access whilst away.

Four that I've looked at are:

- 1.Windows XP – Remote Desktop
- 2.PCRemote
- 3.Logmein
- 4.Gotomypc

Windows XP Remote Desktop is the most economical option as I have XP on two home PCs that are networked as well as XP Home on my laptop. I believe so long as the host machine (Home PC) has XP, client machines will function with XP Home (i.e.laptop from holiday location). I've also read Microsoft has an extra download for XP Home. I'm not sure if this gives XP Home the same functionality as XP Pro, but it's something to

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look into further.

My main concerns are security and performance. My home PCs are networked via a Linksys router (which also acts as a firewall). I will need to install firewall software on my laptop once it's not part of the home network. If any of you could share your thoughts on easy-to-configure software for this purpose I'd be ever so grateful. (I often hear talk about Zone Labs or Zone Alarm). I have Avast Antivirus already installed.

The next issue I'd like to learn more about is performance. At home I have ADSL and, as mentioned, I have my PCs networked via the router. I have the IP addresses for both computers. As I only have dial-up while away I'm wanting to know that I remotely control my main PC at home via the laptop, say for checking and sending email, which internet connection is used? I'm thinking the dial-up connection will slow down any commands I will be sending to the home PC, but that the actual functions carried out, i.e. checking and send email from my home PC, would use my home ADSL connection. Is that correct? It all gets a bit like mathematics after a while...I get the formula at the beginning but once I add in too many variables I soon lose the plot.

Let's say I'm correct and functions I'm carrying out remotely are being performed by the home pc – what about applications, such as Word, Shorthand, Dragon Naturally Speaking. Will I be able to use these apps remotely (as if I was sitting in front of the Home PC) without performance suffering? Or do I need the apps to also be installed on the laptop? The reason I ask is that in the past when I've used the laptop whilst away I have to wait while it catches up – i.e. it lags when I'm using Word/Shorthand, whilst transcribing voice files using DSS Player and USB footpedal.

So many questions, I know, but I have to admit the technicalities do get the better of me sometimes.

Sorry for the very long post and hope I've managed to explain things clearly enough.

Any help with the above would be great appreciated as I leave for two weeks away in a couple of days.

Cheers and best wishes to all,

Julie (MT in Oz)

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