The Uniform Solution for Windows
Technical Support

Configuring a Network in Windows
Windows XP Professional or Home Editions

The instructions below are for configuring a small home or office network. Prior to running The Network Wizard, you should turn off all power management features on the Network Card and in the Desktop Properties. These power management features if not turned off could cause your network to freeze at times. Follow the instructions below to turn these features off.

Turning off the Power Management Features

1. Right-click on the **My Computer** icon and left-click **Properties**. Click on the **Hardware** tab to bring to the forefront then click on the **Device Manager** button. When the list is populated, click on the **plus sign** in front of the **Network Adapters**. Indented under Network Adapters is your Network Card. Right-click on the **Network Card** and left-click on **Properties** click on the **Power Management** tab to bring to the forefront and deselect "**Allow the computer to turn off this device to save power**". Close all screens back to the desktop.

2. Right-click in a blank area on the **Desktop** and left-click on **Properties**. Click on the **Screen Saver** tab to bring to the forefront then click on the **Power** button. Set all the power management features to **never**. Click on the **Hibernatio**n tab to bring to the forefront and deselect "**Enable Hibernation**".

Network Configurations

1. **My Network Places**
   Double-click on the icon "**My Network Places"** and on the left-hand side of the screen click on **View Network Connections**. Right-click on **Local Area Connection** and left-click on **Properties**. Left-click on **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** to highlight then click on the **Properties** button. When the screen opens make sure **Obtain an IP address automatically** is selected then click OK and you will return to the previous screen. Put a check mark in **Show icon in notification area when connected** click OK or close.

2. **Setup a Home or Small Office Network**
   On the left-hand side of your screen under **Network Task**
   - Click on **Setup a home or small office network**,
   - The **Network Wizard** screen appears, click next.
   - The **Before you continue** screen appears click next.
   - If the screen appears asking if you want to use the shared connections, select NO, let me choose another way to connect to the internet click next.
   - The **Select a method** screen appears click on **Other** click next.
   - The **Other Network connections** screen appears click **This computer belongs to a network that does not have an Internet connection** (since you are setting up a network between computers, you are not going to select any settings for Internet. The Internet can be setup later) click next.

- **Give the computer a description and name** screen appears. Do not enter a description just a computer name click next.
- The **Name your network** screen appears; enter a name for your network. The default network is MSHome. We recommend you change the network name. We use **UNIFORM** but you can use whatever name you like. Follow the prompts on the screen to finish setting up the network. You must reboot your computer for the changes to take effect.

  NOTE: If you have more than one item listed under Network Adapters in the Device Manager a screen will appear during the setup, asking you to select a connection or let Windows choose, your want to make sure you select the **Local Area Connection** in the list and make sure no other items are selected in the list before you continue.