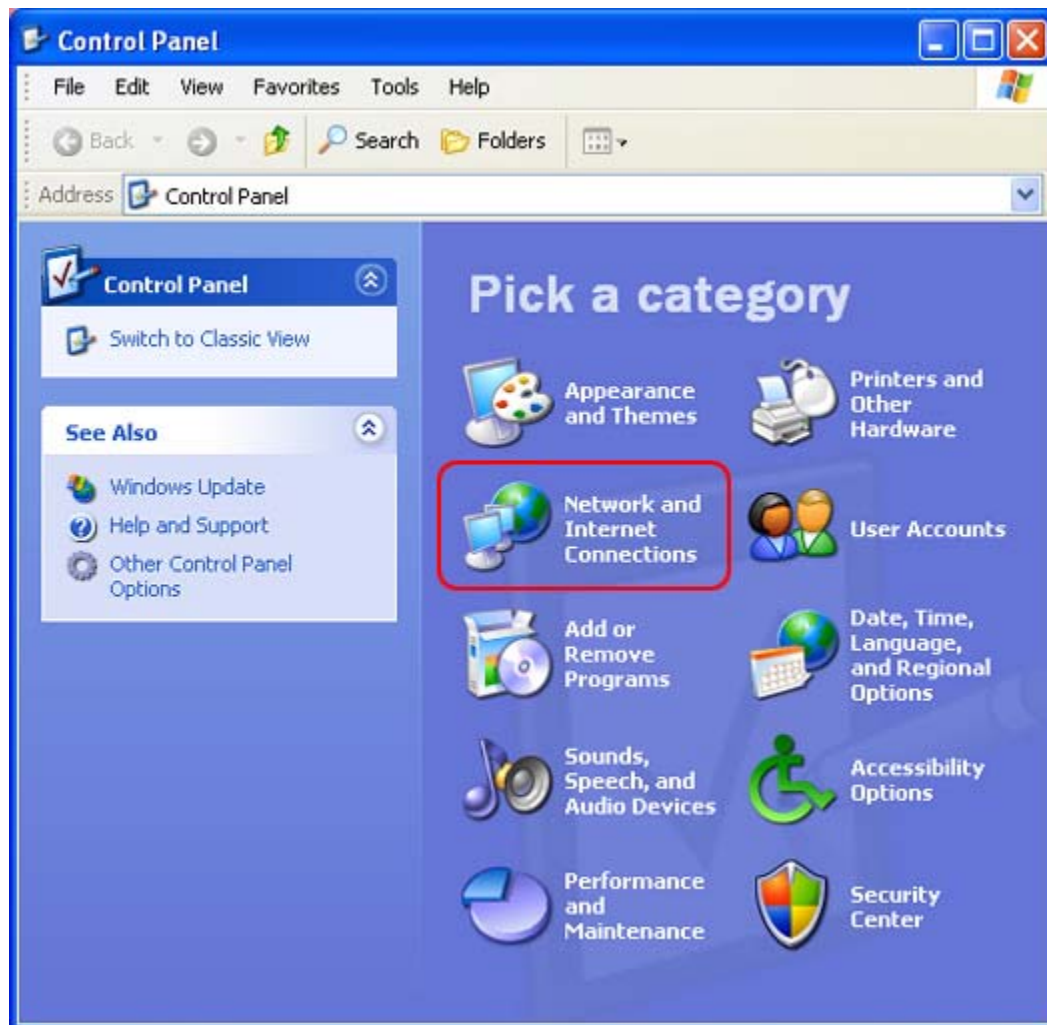


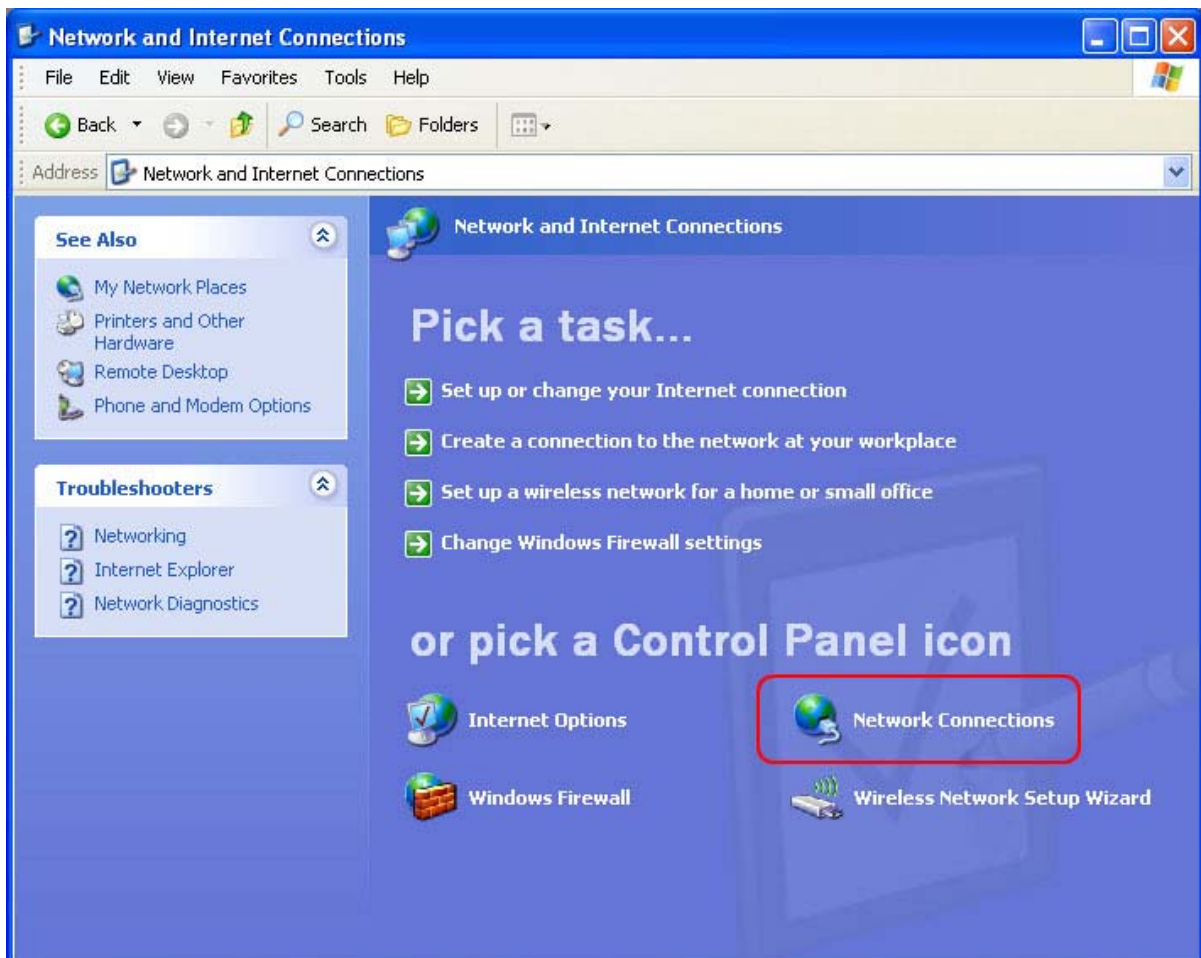
# Configuring Windows to Share Printers and Folders

To configure Windows XP to allow printer and folder sharing:

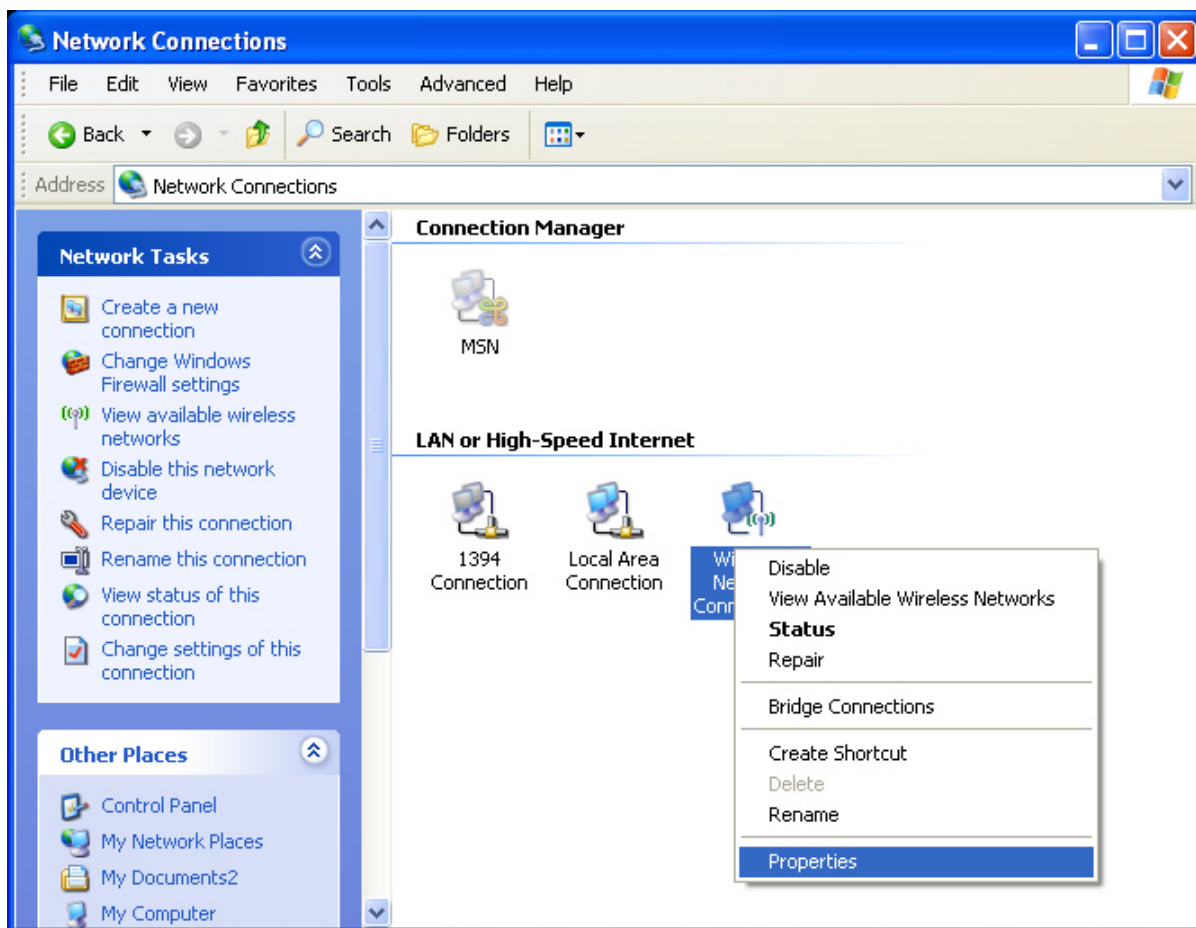
1. Select **Start** in the lower left taskbar.
2. Select **Network and Internet Connections** from the pop-up menu.



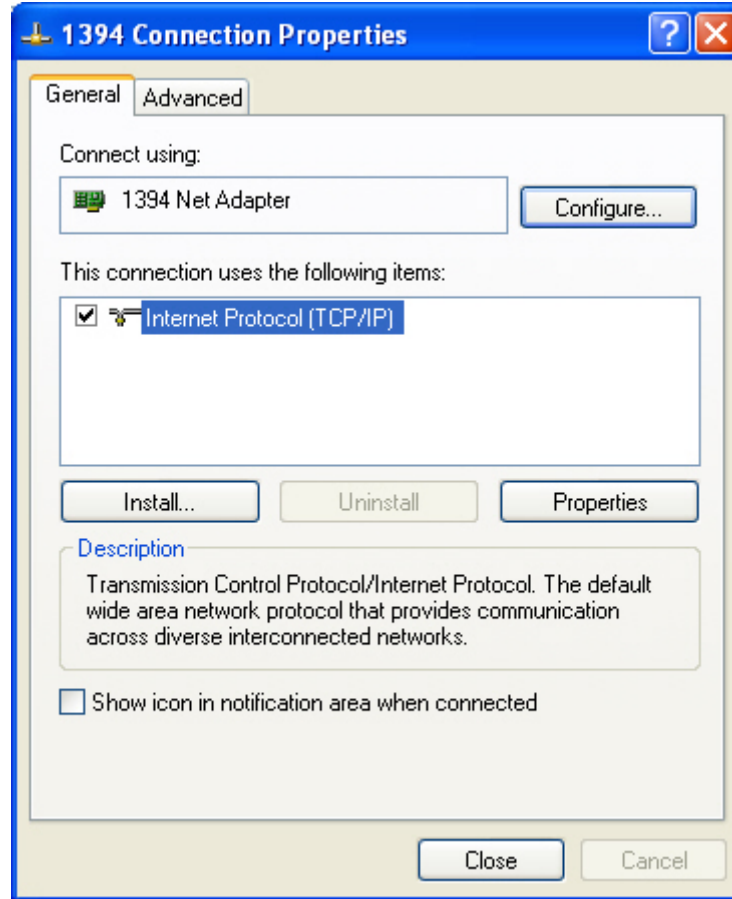
3. Click **Network Connections**.



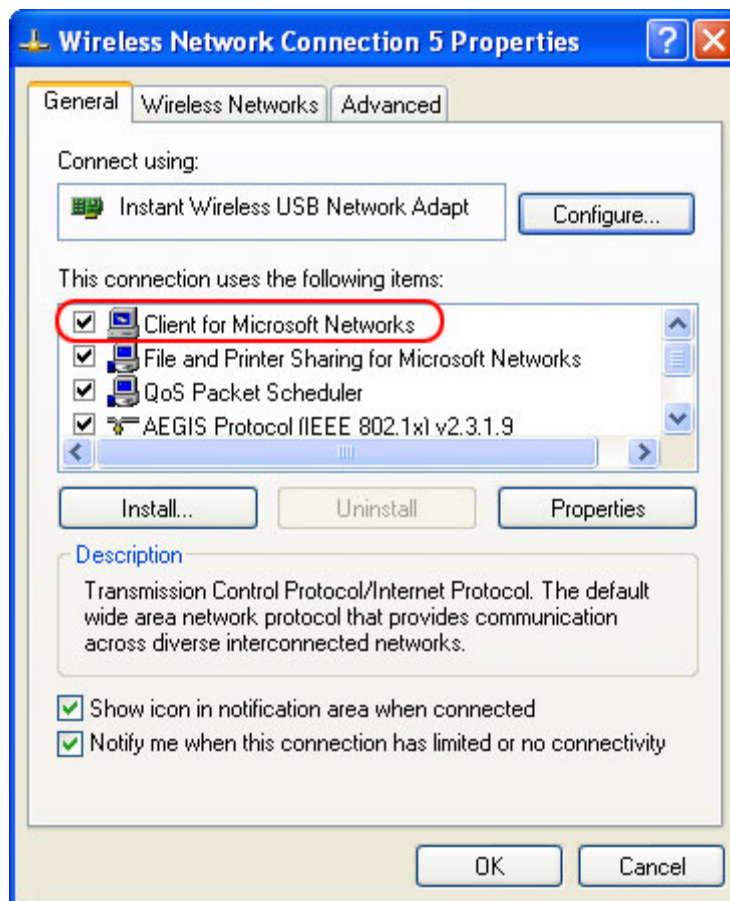
4. Right click on your home network connection icon and select **Properties**.



5. Select the **General** tab.



6. Verify that **Client for Microsoft Networks** is included under "This connection uses the following items" and that it is checked.
  - The Client for Microsoft Networks is required for you to access shared folders and printers.



7. If the "Client for Microsoft Networks" component is already installed, you can skip to [Step 10](#).

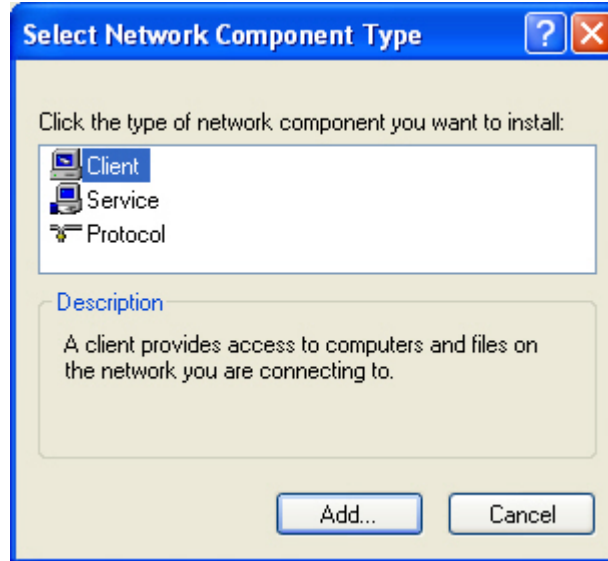
Or

If "Client for Microsoft Networks" isn't checked, select **Client for Microsoft Networks**. You may skip to [Step 10](#).

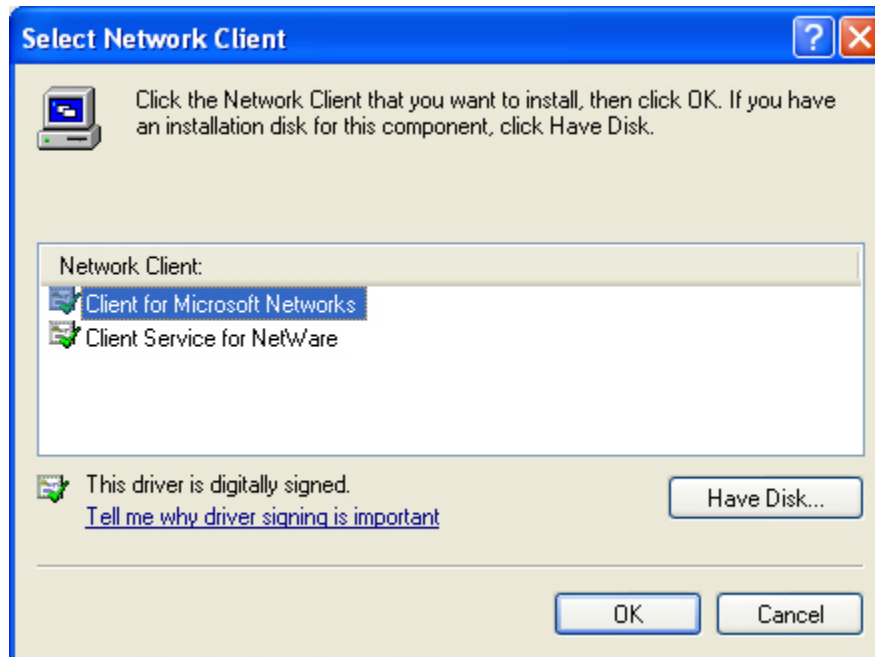
Or

If "Client for Microsoft Networks" isn't listed, click **Install** and complete the remaining steps in this section.

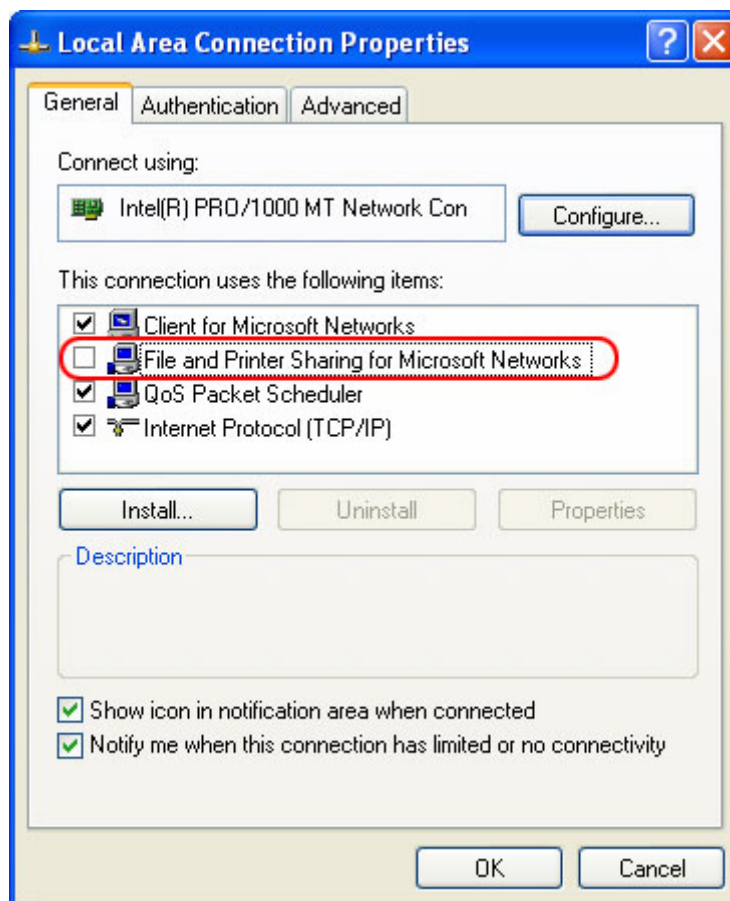
8. Select **Client** and click **Add**.



9. Select **Client for Microsoft Networks** and click **OK**.



10. Verify that **File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks** is listed under "This connection uses the following items" and that it is checked.
  - The File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks component is required to share folders or printers on your computer.



11. If the "File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks" component is already installed, you can skip to [Step 14](#).

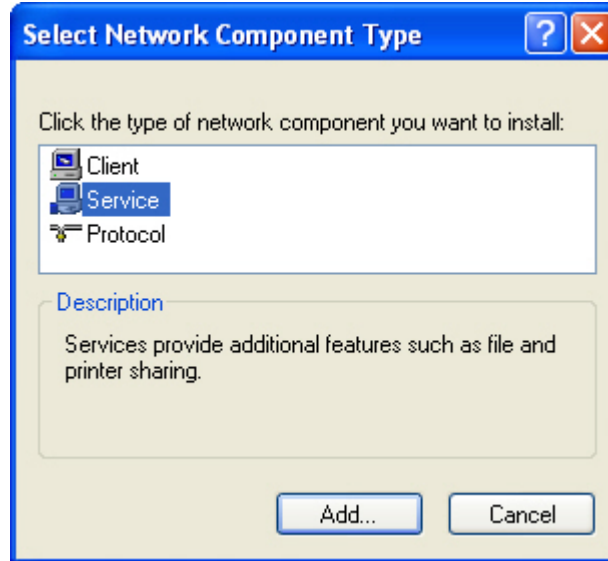
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If "File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks" isn't checked, select **File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks**. You can skip to [Step 14](#).

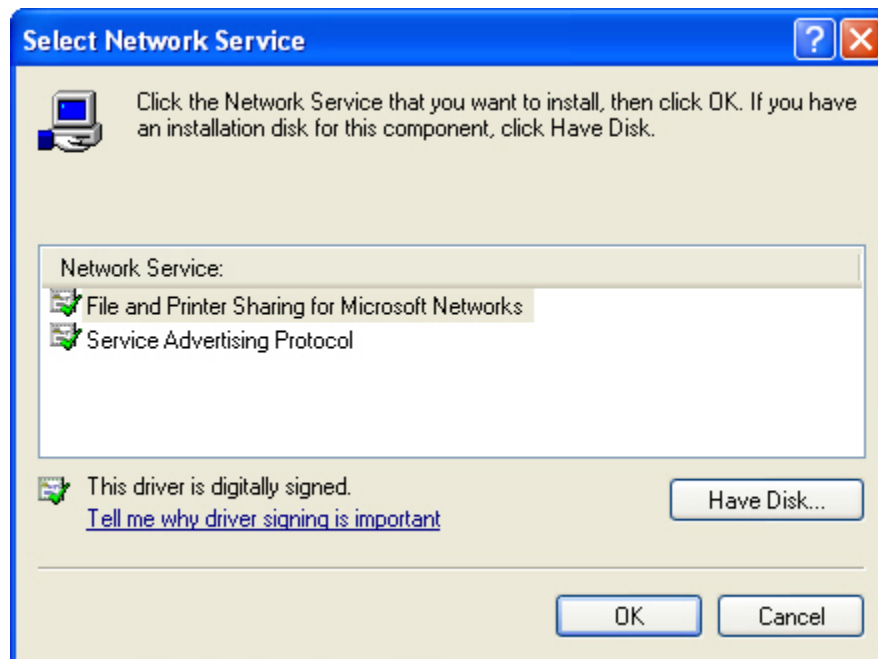
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If "File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks" isn't listed, click **Install** and complete the remaining steps in this section.

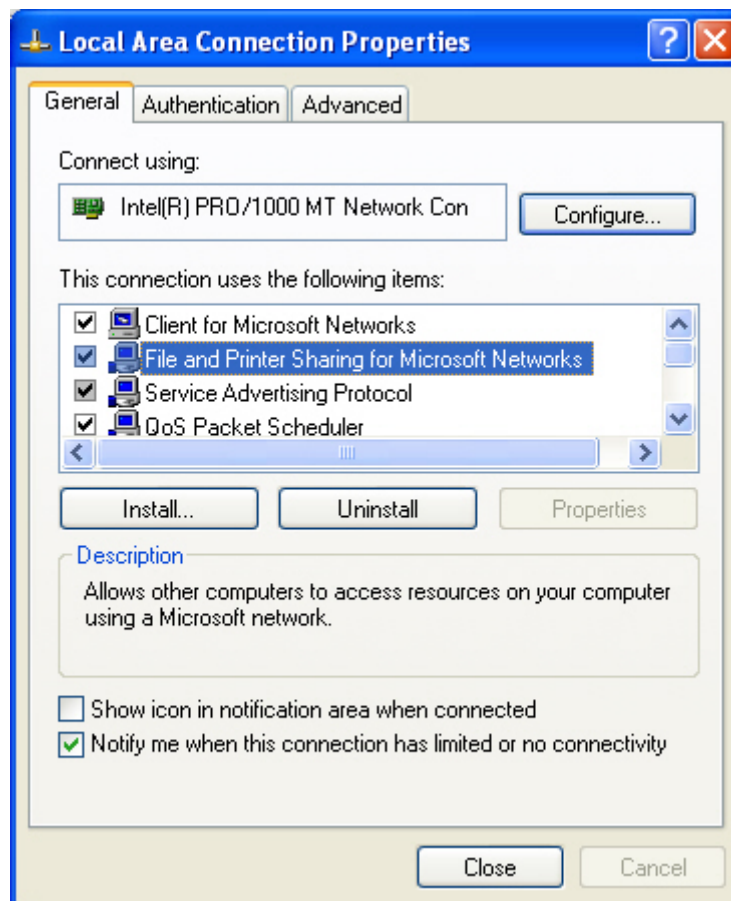
12. Select **Service** and click **Add**.



13. Select **File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks** and click **OK**.



14. Verify that **File and Printer Sharing for Microsoft Networks** and **Client for Microsoft Networks** display under "This connection uses the following items."



15. Click **Close**. Windows XP is now configured to allow you to access shared files and printers on other networked computers. Other computers on your home network can also access the shared folders and printers on your computer.
16. To continue configuring Windows XP to share folders, you must identify the folders on your computer you want to share.

**Or**

To continue configuring Windows XP to share printers, you must add the shared printers to your available printer list.