Setting up your network

http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/networking/setup/default.mspx

From choosing the right kind of network, to shopping for hardware and getting your network up and running, these how-to articles and tips will help you use Windows XP to build your home or small business network from the ground up.

Introduction to home and small business networking
Which type of network is best for you? This article walks you through the different types, helps you choose one, and shows you what hardware you need to set it up.

How to connect to the Internet
Get the accessory that every computer user needs: a connection to the Internet. Follow these steps to get connected.

Choosing the type of network to install
Should your home network be wired or wireless? Learn which one best suits the way you use your computers.

How to install a network adapter
To connect to a network, your computer needs a network adapter. Learn how to tell if your computer has one and how to add one if it doesn't.

How to set up a wireless network
Decided wireless is the way to go? Follow these steps to get your wireless network up and running.

How to set up a wired network
If a wired network is the best choice for you, this article can help you get it set up.

How to set up your computer for home networking
Get your computer ready to run on your home network using the Network Setup Wizard.

How to add a computer to your network using Windows XP
Once your network is up and running, connect additional computers with Windows XP.

If you're using an earlier version of Windows, see:

• How to add a computer to your network using Windows 2000

• How to add a computer to your network using Windows 98 or Windows Me

How to set up a network without a router
Connect your computers without the expense of a router.

Using Windows Connect Now technology
See how Windows Connect Now technology makes setting up a network in your home or small office even easier.

How to connect an Xbox or Xbox 360 to your network
Take gaming and entertainment to the next level by adding an Xbox to your network.