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Subject: PEBCAK

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So I was working on getting my PARIS rig running through Microsoft RDC; armed with this, I'd have the desktop of the PC that's running PARIS appear in a window on my G5 running OSX, 10.4.11.

Network problem after network problem. The onboard networking on the PC was hosed somehow; the Mac and PC didn't enjoy chatting through a crossover cable; my desire to have the PC be "internet free" meant plugging directly into a second network interface on the Mac rather than through the DSL modem and that was "interesting" to configure.

Armed with new second router (dedicated to administering internal traffic), new network cards, new cables, etc, I crawled under the desk (I haven't built my studio desk yet and the current arrangement is somewhat primitive, cramped and awkward), got the new cards all installed and hooked up and configured and RDC popped up.

But alas, PARIS would now not boot at all - hardware on master card could now not be found.

Ah, I said knowingly. It's the IRQs. The network card must have screwed them up.

So there I go under the desk again, swapping slots and juggling cards, replacing a fading mobo battery while I'm at it (EDS cards do an excellent job of physically blocking access to my motherboard battery), unplugging, replugging. Nothing. PARIS is as dead as the proverbial doornail.

And then I wonder if it's not lying to me at all; if there's actually a good reason why PARIS really can't see the hardware. So I crawl back under and there's the MEC cable hanging loose, unplugged during one of my gyrations (power was off on everything of course).

Plugged it in, and of course up it came.

An error or two to track down (PARIS won't boot for me by clicking the icon over the network - I get an unhandled exception if I don't boot it from the PC) and there it was - PARIS running very smoothly and nicely and happily in a window on my OSX desktop. Files transferrable over the network (I can't "push" files from my Mac using RDC, I have to drag them in from the PC side, but I'm going to address that outside the RDC app).

- Kerry

PS: PEBCAK = Problem Exists Between Chair And Keyboard

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