Samba and RH7.1

During the installation of RedHat 7.1 you get the question of what securitylevel you wish. High medium or none. Clicking medium or high results in ipchains and iptables settings blocking the ports 137, 138 and 139 (among a hole bunch of others). Which are the ports that samba uses.

The settings above will give error 53 network name not found on the windows box.

Ipchains are of course important, but for all newbies there are so many things to learn.

To get the network Samba/windows to work, open up a terminalwindow and type:

ntsysv

this gives a list of services which starts automgacilly on bootup time.

Scrolldown and search for those lines saying:

[*] ipchains
[*] iptables

unmark both and restart samba. Now it should be possible to se the linuxbox from windows with net view or from the network neighborhood.

Now that it is possible to use the network it is time to learn ipchains and iptables.