

[DCOM callbacks and "Simple file sharing" \(http://www.sandon.it/node/42\)](http://www.sandon.it/node/42)

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In the past days I hit another DCOM issue: callbacks do not work if "Simple file sharing" is enabled (Settings ? Control Panel ? Folder Options ? View). That's because the full name of that option is "[Simple file sharing and **ForceGuest**](http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/advisory/906574.mspx)" (<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/advisory/906574.mspx>). When enabled, Windows will ignore incoming calls credentials and will authenticate everybody as "guests". And of course a DCOM callback won't work properly this way unless permissions allow such kind of access (dangerous!).

"Simple file sharing" is enabled by default in Windows "home" editions, and usually in Professional/Business/Ultimate editions when not joined to a domain.

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