

## Re: WME --> Windows Media Player – URLs that function/don't from home/work

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I think some of these free DNS sites will only work for HTTP (port 80) redirects. They strip off any port appended to the URL. As a test, go to your work PC and type "telnet machine-name 8080" and see if you get a connection. It should work, which means the service is truncating the URLs it's sent.

"Jim Lewandowski" <[jlewand@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:jlewand@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:9vAEf.16156\\$S7.3260@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:9vAEf.16156$S7.3260@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

At home, I got WME to successfully work with my webcam (a miracle). At home, to TEST, I used Windows Media Player and used the "Copy Internet URL"/"Copy LAN URL" both are the SAME (one is uppercase, one is lowercase). This URL looks like the "machine name" as far as Windows is concerned. All OK.

At work, semi-obviously, using this internal "Lan-ish" URL does NOT work. From work I had to use the actual IP address of my home PC.

Since, I want to make this easier, I signed up for a no-ip.com "domain". All good, up and running. However, I can not get it to work. To summarize:

At Home

Fire up WME – set to "pull" to port 8080

<http://machine-name:8080> works in Windows Media Player  
<http://IPaddressofmyPC:8080> does NOT work (C00D11B3) in WMP  
<http://myname.no-ip.info:8080> does NOT work (C00D11B3) in WMP

At work

<http://machine-name:8080> does not work (11B3??) in WMP  
<http://IPaddressofmyPC:8080> works in WMP  
haven't tried the no-ip URL yet but will Fri AM.

Can someone explain not only WHY the above combos work/don't work but HOW this really works (no-ip has no doc., WME has no doc, I've scoured the internet

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newsgroups and regular webpages for almost 2 full days with nothing remotely close to explaining HOW this works).

IOW, what is REALLY happening when you put in the no-ip address – is it a URL redirect just like when you have "URL forwarding" for a domain name?

What is happening to "port 8080" when WME is running?

When WMP gets either a HARD IP address of the new funky no-ip URL, what happens behind the scenes to get it all hooked up to work?

JL