

## Re: Why is hosts file not being used?

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Ran into the same problem as you did this morning. Tried a whole lot of stuff and saw this posting while I was looking for answers. After 3 hours I discovered that the PC with the problem was a dual-boot PC with win 2k3 and win xp and I had been changing the win xp hosts file. DOH!!!

Rick Mortensen wrote:

> *\*Thanks Ace,*  
>  
> *ipconfig /displaydns shows everything in the cache; after*  
> *clearing it (ipconfig /flushdns) it comes up empty.*  
>  
> *Yes I have been testing the hosts file with ping; read*  
> *several MS articles regarding a <CR> after the last entry*  
> *so I even made sure that was in there. I replaced the*  
> *hosts file with a known working copy from another machine*  
> *in case there was some corruption not showing up in notepad.*  
>  
> *After not really getting the direction I had hoped from*  
> *here (this appears to be really deep) I engaged MS Support*  
> *and while it is slow it appears they at least are looking*  
> *in the right direction. I am starting to suspect one of*  
> *the files associated with winsock was either replaced or*  
> *corrupted somehow. Everything I check against another*  
> *WIN2K PC in the registry appears to be correct...*  
>  
> *Feel free to keep posting your thoughts though; you might*  
> *beat them to it and while it isn't a race I would like to*  
> *get this machine back to health without reloading*  
> *Windows...*  
>  
> *Thanks*  
>  
> *Rick*  
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> ;>  
> > *When you run an ipconfig /displaydns, what do you see?*

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> >  
> > *Then run an ipconfig /flushdns, then run a /displaydns  
> again. What you  
> \*should\* see is two entries for localhost, and whatever  
> entries you may have  
> entered in the hosts file.*  
> >  
> > *Curious, how did you determine that its not using the  
> hosts file? How are  
> you testing it? Pinging? Web address?*  
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> > --  
> > *Regards,*  
> > *Ace*  
> > *\*:what*

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