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In news:1169786585.533573.83980@xx, Yarik <yarik@xxxxxxxx> stated, which I commented on below:

Hi,

When I include the following two entries into my "hosts" file

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192.168.1.22 zzyzx
192.168.1.22 zzyzx.com
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the first hostname (the one without dots) is being resolved just fine, but the second hostname (the one that does have a dot) isn't. What could be a cause of such strange behavior and how this problem could be fixed?

When this computer was set up for the first time, this problem did not occur. I believe it started to occur at some point, but unfortunately, I do not remember exactly when. I just remember that several months ago one of the hostnames defined in the "hosts" file suddenly became unresolvable, but at that point it was not important enough to investigate; now I desperately need to include some hostnames with dots...

Please, help! I cannot believe I am the first one stepping on this problem. :-)

Thank you,
Yarik.

P.S. The computer runs Windows 2000 Server SP4.

How many entries are in the hosts file?

Did you eliminate the possibility of a virus (the Qhosts virus), or spyware that may have hijacked the file?

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When you do an ipconfig /flushdns, then an ipconfig displaydns, does the entries you put in show up with the dots? Right after that, try to ping both entries, and post your results.

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It's easy:

How to Configure OEx for Internet News
<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=171164>

Infinite Diversities in Infinite Combinations
Assimilation Imminent. Resistance is Futile
"Very funny Scotty. Now, beam down my clothes."

The only constant in life is change...

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