

Re: Pinging 192.168.1.x IP address returns wrong IP

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In most cases, this is DNS suffix issue. Use ipconfig /all to check the settings or check this search result for more details.

troubleshooting ping issues Ping lists a public IP instead of private IP. Symptom: when you ping a LAN computer like ping chicagotechpc1, you may receive a public ip 64.176.153.103 ...
www.chicagotech.net/troubleshootingping.htm

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Networking, Internet, Routing, VPN Troubleshooting on
<http://www.ChicagoTech.net>
How to Setup Windows, Network, VPN & Remote Access on
<http://www.HowToNetworking.com>
"Gary" <tuffboystl@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I have a couple Windows XP Pro machines with most of the updates.

I have 12 of them at remote locations. I am using Netgear's VPN client to connect to the main office for the remote locations to enter their accounting data.

This has worked pretty well on several PCs. However, on a few of them, when I ping any address at 192.168.1.x, it will return ping results for 10.44.something. I don't remember the exact IP address. I did google the IP address just in case but I didn't come up with anything good.

I noticed this on two machines after installing the VPN client. Interestingly enough, it happens both when connected and disconnected from the VPN.

My first thought was spyware. I used ad aware and spybot on the machines with caught a little..nothing significant. But didn't fix anything. I used this WinXP TCP/IP fix program that I found on the web. I like using it for certain spyware that screws up the protocol in some way. But that did nothing. I'm pretty good at eradicating most destructive spyware. Somehow

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though, I still think it's spyware...but I almost want to blame the VPN software. I actually uninstalled the VPN software on one of the machines to make sure the problem would still exist. It still returned the wrong address.

So, I'm stuck. I'm not sure what troubleshooting there is left to do. Pinging an IP address to me seems like the most basic test to see if TCP/IP is working. I would assume it's not DNS...since pinging an IP address shouldn't query a DNS server.

Does anyone have any suggestions on what to do next?

Thank you!
Gary