

Re: Unable to resolve hostname (winsock problem?)

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Yes, I did all that. The setting are identical.

The ODDEST THING is that I was speaking to my boss this morning, describing the problem and ended with "you'll just never believe this." and he said, "I believe it. It happens to me." He has a laptop (mine is a desktop), and he uses a Verizon Aircard when he's on the train going to work. If he doesn't keep a cmd window open, constantly pinging a hostname, the machine loses its ability to resolve hostnames. TOTALLY DIFFERENT SYSTEM, Network, etc., but very similar situation.

"Charlie Tame" wrote:

- > Did you find the start>settings>network connections>local area whatever it
- > is and check both machines by clicking the properties button and then double
- > clicking on the TCP/IP protocol line? See if they are the same settings in
- > there and if not make them the same? I suppose it's also possible that some
- > spyware as yet undiscovered could be trying to redirect your inquiries and
- > causing a delay so it times out.
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- > Sorry I don't have any more ideas right now, it's not one of my better days
- > (weeks)? :)
- >
- > Charlie
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- > "RonGGGG" <RonGGGG@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
- > news:7C49A2F4-D7CE-45D0-839E-986D769808BA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- >> The only thing in my hosts file is localhost.
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- >> The odd thing is that the problem seems to occur after there is no DNS
- >> activity for a while. I've been piniging a website all night using ping
- >> <hostname> to force DNS hostname resolution and this morning, no problem.
- >> Of
- >> course, I can't do this forever.
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- >> So, the problem occurs when I don't try to resolve hostnames for a while.
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- >> There are no errors written to the event log.

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>> The other computer attached to my linksys works perfectly even when my XP
>> computer has the problem.
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>> "Charlie Tame" wrote:
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>>> Try searching for a file called "HOSTS" without the quotes and without an
>>> extension. The default file is a simple example with the instructions
>>> briefly included in it, you can open it with notepad when you find it.
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>>> Some spyware puts odd things in there.
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>>> This can be used to resolve names just like the DNS you mention and if
>>> that's been screwed up it may be stopping your resolution from taking
>>> place.
>>> If you can use a numeric address and reach websites it's no likely an IP
>>> problem.
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>>> Here is a sample of a hosts file
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>>> # Copyright (c) 1993-1999 Microsoft Corp.
>>> # This is a sample HOSTS file used by Microsoft TCP/IP for Windows.
>>> # This file contains the mappings of IP addresses to host names. Each
>>> # entry should be kept on an individual line. The IP address should
>>> # be placed in the first column followed by the corresponding host name.
>>> # The IP address and the host name should be separated by at least one
>>> # space.
>>> # Additionally, comments (such as these) may be inserted on individual
>>> # lines or following the machine name denoted by a '#' symbol.
>>> # For example:
>>> # 102.54.94.97 rhino.acme.com # source server
>>> # 38.25.63.10 x.acme.com # x client host
>>> 127.0.0.1 localhost
>>> 127.0.0.1 www.florganizer.com #REMOVED ADWARE URL
>>> 127.0.0.1 www.netpalnow.com #REMOVED ADWARE URL
>>> 127.0.0.1 www.addictivetechologies.com #REMOVED ADWARE URL
>>> 127.0.0.1 www.mindseti.com #REMOVED ADWARE URL
>>> 127.0.0.1 www.mindsetinteractive.com #REMOVED ADWARE URL
>>> 127.0.0.1 coolwebsearch.com
>>> 127.0.0.1 stats.coolwebsearch.com
>>> 127.0.0.1 www.coolwebsearch.com #[CWS/IEFeats]
>>>
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>>> The lines starting with # and the one line below referring to localhost
>>> are
>>> in there by default, the lines added below there were added by Kerio
>>> Personal Firewall to divert popup calls in web pages to localhost, which
>>> without a web server running is the same as nowhere. is also possible for
>>> the router to be blocking something for one machine and not the other,
>>> although I think it's more likely spyware / crapware damage to the

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>>> computer
>>> until we can establish otherwise. :)
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>>> Charlie
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>>> "RonGGGG" <RonGGGG@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
>>> news:99FB0CA0-2E12-4F67-90CC-98184001558E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>> >I will try that. But...if the other computer on the router has no
>>> >problem,
>>> >no
>>> > errors occur, and the internet is available (pinging and email) why
>>> > would
>>> > the
>>> > router be a possible culprit.
>>> >
>>> > What I don't understand is this: when I use ping to resolve a hostname,
>>> > I
>>> > assume that the string contains a hostname it is passed first to the
>>> > nearest
>>> > DN server so the name can be resolved and then forwarded to the
>>> > resulting
>>> > IP
>>> > address.
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>>> > The IP Address part works perfectly. It is only the address resolution
>>> > which
>>> > fails. I don't know enough about IP protocol to know if the address the
>>> > hostname resolves to has to be passed back to the caller (me) and then
>>> > the
>>> > url re-issued or it is just forwarded to the IP address.
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>>> > It it is returned, then perhaps there is something wrong with the
>>> > downlink
>>> > part of the stack...I'm way out of my depth here.
>>> >
>>> > Just very weird.
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>>> > I will directly connect the computer to the modem.
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>>> > RON
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>>> > "siljaline" wrote:
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>>>>> "RonGGGG" wrote:
>>>>> >I have two computers on a lan connected via a linksys router, using
>>>>> >Time
>>>>> > Warner's cable modem. Until recently, no problems.
>>>>> > Now, on the XP machine (6.0.2900.2180.xpsp_sp2_gdr.050301-1519) from

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