

Re: Resolving website with lan address of .com

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I added the following line to the host file.
1.2.3.4 www.wewbsite.com

I would rather do it properly. In DNS do I just add a host(A) in the localdomain zone with the same information as above?

Thanks again very much for your assistance.

"Kevin D. Goodknecht Sr. [MVP]" wrote:

Joe K wrote:

Thanks Kevin,
Agreed, I don't know what they were thinking setting up the domain with .com instead of .local or .lan.

This is a purely political decision, I don't get into whether it is right or wrong, I only give you the options you have if this is the choice they make. I do recommend that they have a full understanding of the effects of naming the internal and external domains the same. Most all things can be worked around. What I said was accessing an external website by <http://landomain.com> is not possible and still have GPOs and Logon/Logoff scripts work. Internal clients must use www.landomain.com.

What I did temporarily is add an entry into the host file on each machine pointing to the website and flushed everyone's DNS cache. There are only 5 workstations and a Win2K Server. This resolves the site externally & allows the DNS internally & externally to be handled by the DC.

Which record did you add to the Hosts file?

It makes little sense to add this to the hosts file, you may not be around when they get a new machine, you should have just added the www record to DNS that would have fixed it permanently.

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If you added the landomain.com to the host file, you did more harm than good, regardless if they have 5 or 5000 member workstations, group policies are applied from the \\landomain.com\SYSVOL\landomain.com\policies share and Logon/Logoff scripts are in the \\landomain.com\NETLOGON share, if the domain name resolves to the website, whether in DNS or the host files they (member workstations & users) will try to connect to the webserver to get the GPOs and Logon/Logoff scripts.

One more quick ??

Would changing the domain to .local mean re-doing the entire network?
i.e. domain membership, computer & user accounts, AD, DNS etc.

It is possible to rename a Domain if the forest is in Windows Server 2003 Native mode, but it is not a simple process and should not be taken lightly. I suggest you spend a few weeks studying the process before you consider starting a domain rename.

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Best regards,
Kevin D. Goodknecht Sr. [MVP]
Hope This Helps

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