

Re: DNS Client Config

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Thanks, I guess that will have to do. Do you know of any negative impacts from setting a secondary to an external DNS server? Obviously loss of resources if the primary goes down, but what about security?

"Meinolf Weber" wrote:

Hello Barry,

Maybe this one is better for you:

Do not configure the client DNS settings to point to your ISP's DNS servers. If you do so, you may experience issues when you try to join the Windows 2000-based or Windows Server 2003-based server to the domain, or when you try to log on to the domain from that computer. Instead, the internal DNS server should forward to the ISP's DNS servers to resolve external names.

From "Windows 2000 Server and Windows Server 2003 member servers", you can see a member server like a normal client:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/825036>

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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I was really looking for something about workstations and desktops. I am in a tough situation here, at odds with superiors. I was looking for something that says do not assign users a secondary DNS server that points to your ISP's DNS server. There is no need. I don't know if that will be enough, they are dug in. Thanks for the help.

"Meinolf Weber" wrote:

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Hello Barry,

This states, NOT to configure the ISP's DNS server on the NIC. What else do you need?

"If this server needs to resolve names from its Internet service provider (ISP), you must configure a forwarder."

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Meinolf Weber

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Thanks, but that doesn't really spell it out. I am having a hard time finding something that says never set a secondary DNS server on a Windows domain client to an external DNS server. I need something I can show that says only use internal DNS servers and this is why you don't use external.

"Meinolf Weber" wrote:

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See here:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/323380>

Best regards

Meinolf Weber

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I am looking for a white paper that says in plain English that when setting up DHCP, you don't need to add the ISP's DNS server as a secondary DNS. It is best to use one of the many internal DNS's, and then use forwarders. I can't seem to find a document that spells that out. This is in a medium sized AD environment.