

IIs 5.0 configuration problem in windows server 2000 -- can't connect to default web site from internet

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hi everybody,

I recently installed windows server 2000, which, by default, is embedded with IIs 5.0 server. When I type <http://localhost> or <http://127.0.0.1> in the address bar of Internet Explorer, I do get to connect to the default website, but when I type my computer's IP address, I get the following error 'the page can not be displayed'. On the other end, when I go to MS Dos and ping the IP address, I do get a response (i.e., 4 lines of reply). My computer is connected, along with another two computers' into a router, and the router is connected to the internet with a DSL cable line.

Even though my IP is dynamic, it remains constant as long as I don't turn off my cable modem. The way I get my IP address is by going to the following web site: <http://oi.sfsu.edu/cgi-bin/student/whatsmyip>. I'm planning to get one in the future, and all I do right now is testing the possibility to connect from outside to the default website with the IP that, though dynamic, can serve the purpose of carrying out that test, as I was told by the DSL cable company technician. My first question is whether I'm correct to assume that typing my IP address in the IE will display the default page of the Default website. And if that assumption is correct, then what am I missing in terms of configuration? I'm not so knowledgeable with the terminology, but I can say that there is no so-called 'friendly text' (I believe it's called DSN) associated with the default website. I have not populated any text field of any form whatsoever of windows 2000 server (configuration form) with the IP address. Is it possible that an attempt to connect to the website through the server is not routed to the server, since the router is connected to the windows 2000 server computer, and another 2 computers? In that case should I configure the router in some manner? Or is there something I need to do with respect to the setup of the IIS 5.0. I've tried to do several things by trial and error, and none of my attempts yielded good

results. I went to the router website (typing 192.168.0.1 in the IE address bar), and I placed my IP address in in fields where I believed doing so might direct attempted internet connection to open my default website, but of course it was all to no avail.

It's been two days of actually my self being glued to the computer and trying to find a similar case like mine on the net, or maybe just plain instructions what one needs to do in order to achieve a connection from outside to my website through the IP address. All the explanations seem to relate a bit to my problem, but none is adequate.

If someone could help me in that matter, I will be greatly appreciative. I have a hunch that the solution to the problem is so simple that it hardly even merits being documented, but of course, to me, someone to whom this all configuration stuff is new, let alone the terminology, it can take forever unless someone can pour some light on the issue.

Thank you in advance

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