

## Re: Domain .local or .co.uk Help Plz ?

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Hi Steve,

I know that this was the recommendation in the past. Recently I was corrected by Mike Brannigan [MSFT] that that isn't so any more...

If you check the link that I provided in my first post you will find this in it:

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Note

\* Using single label names or unregistered suffixes, such as .local, is not recommended.

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Mike, mct

"Steve Bruce, mct" <steve@xmaslake.com> wrote in message

news:ut\$bzmZSuEHA.3156@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

> *Microsoft offers many scenarios, but your suggestion is not a Microsoft  
> preference over having a separate zone ending with an unregistered  
> extension.*

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> *"Miha Pihler" <mihap-news@atlantis.si> wrote in message*

> *news:uh5%23u\$RuEHA.2596@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...*

>> *Hi*

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>> *There are many possible scenarios... In general Microsoft recommends to  
>> use*

>> *a sub-zone from your currently own/registered company DNS namespace*

>> *(company.co.uk), e.g corp.company.co.uk or ad.company.co.uk or*

>> *lan.company.co.uk ...*

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>> *Beside this, you can use domain.com or almost anything else for your*

>> *internal network (e.g. domain.lan, domain.local, domain.ad, ...). The*

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only

> > *thing to avoid when naming your internal domain is domain names that are  
> > registered or could be registered in the future. It could cause problems  
> > when sending e-mails or doing other work (browsing) with such company...*

> > *Problem that can arise if you have domain.com for your internal AND your  
> > external domain is DNS configuration. You would have to setup two  
> > different*

> > *DNS servers (you would have to do this in either case). You mentioned  
that*

> > *you have website at www.company.co.uk hosting on computer that is not in  
> > your domain. This DNS record will have to be created in your public DNS  
so*

> > *that website is visible from the internet. Now your client that are also  
> > configured with domain.com domain will query your internal DNS for  
record*

> > *www.company.co.uk, but since there is no such computer on the network it  
> > will not be able to answer with an IP and it will not use forwarders*

since

> > *it is authoritative (knows everything about company.co.uk).*

> > *You can solve this problem with creating www record (A or CNAME record)*

in

> > *your internal DNS, but it can get complicated to administer such DNS in  
> > larg(er) networks...*

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> > *For more information on these check*

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> > *Windows Server Deployment 2003 Resource Kit*

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<http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windowsserv/2003/all/deployguide/en-us/default.asp>

> >

> > *Downloadable copies of ALL the books at*

> >

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserver2003/techinfo/reskit/deploykit.mspx>

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> > *I hope this helps,*

> >

> > *Mike*

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> > *"PeOpLeS" <PeOpLeS@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message*

> > *news:28E5F4AF-6F42-4FF2-8B1C-621C67903617@microsoft.com...*

> >> *Hello Gentlemen.*

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> >> *I was wondering if there is any advantage/disadvanged or any difference*

> >> *if*

> > *i*

> >> *set up a Domain with a domain name ending with .local or .co.uk ?*

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> >> *The domain name is owned and has a wesite. The website is hosted*

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> >> *elsewhere*  
> >> *tho.*  
> >>  
> >> *The DC will be running Small Business Server 2003 Std and running*  
> >> *Exchange*  
> >> *2003.*  
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> >> *Thanks for any input :)*  
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