

HOSTALIASES variable not being checked

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>From reading the man page for `gethostbyname(3)` I see that I can set the environment variable `HOSTALIASES` to point to a file with local aliases. When I do that, it doesn't seem to be working.

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$ cat hostalias
deb ftp.debian.org
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```
$ export HOSTALIASES=$HOME/hostalias
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$ ftp deb
ftp: deb: Name or service not known
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Has anyone gotten `HOSTALIASES` to work properly? I'm running sarge.

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