

## Re: Can't use "www" url to webserver on LAN?

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"Rich Grise" <null@example.net> wrote in  
news:p9r%b.11430\$921.4715@nwrddc02.gnilink.net:

- > *When you use www., you're telling the browser to go look for host (or*
- > *virtual host) www on domain <myfqdn>. Try putting the hostname of the*
- > *web server box in front of the fqdn. (e.g., I'd have*
- > *thunderbird.myfqdn.net, vehicle.myfqdn.net, and entheos.myfqdn.net.)*
- > *I've found that sometimes omitting the www in IE, it picks it up,*
- > *presumably because that's what the server calls itself.*
- >
- > *It sounds like, in this case, things are opposite of what we've all*
- > *come to expect – i.e. IE is doing exactly what it's told, and your*
- > *other browsers "take care of it for you." ;–)*
- >
- > *Good Luck!*
- > *Rich*

Hmmm, the machine name before the FQDN does not work in either lynx or IE. If I try to do this with IE, I get page not found. If I try this with lynx on win32, I get "looking for "www.<machine name>.<FQDN>.com", "guessing", and then a dial up prompt appears, asking me if I would like to dial out to try this. WTF, I am on a LAN fer Chrissakes, what the heck do I want to dial out for?

Look here:

<http://ohmster.com/~ohmster/test/snap011.gif>

(You can probably use the www prefix for this URL, I cannot on my LAN since switching to PPPoE) This is the setup page at no-ip.com for my domain. See how www.ohmster.com points to my current IP. Also the domain itself, the prefix "mail", and the prefix "ftp" all point to my current IP.

Look here:

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This is what I sometimes see if I use the "www" prefix when viewing my site from my LAN on IE. That is an MS server page and not an apache page, I am

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almost sure of it unless IE is generating the page, it might be.

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This is the current site as it should appear and probably would appear if you  
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