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On Tue, 2006-10-31 at 10:21 -0800, Dav Clark wrote:

Surely I should be able to co-erce linux into using these URLs (which do actually resolve with host)?

You are right, sure you could "co-erce" GNU/Linux to use it, ... you have all sources available, so shoot:

- bind
- mozilla
- glibc

When you finish "co-ercing" those get back here, I give you more so you can use [http://\\*g'o`o\\*\\*!\\*#le.c0m](http://*g'o`o**!*#le.c0m) !

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Pascal Hambourg wrote:

These hostnames are just invalid.  
From RFC 1912 – Common DNS Operational and Configuration Errors :

DNS domain names consist of "labels" separated by single dots. The DNS is very liberal in its rules for the allowable characters in a domain name. However, if a domain name is used to name a host, it should follow rules restricting host names. Further if a name is used for mail, it must follow the naming rules for names in mail addresses.

Allowable characters in a label for a host name are only ASCII letters, digits, and the '-' character. Labels may not be all numbers, but may have a leading digit (e.g., 3com.com). Labels must

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end and begin only with a letter or digit.