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Subject: Re: Dns resolution failure..

Posted by [rkagan](#) on Wed, 14 Jun 2006 09:16:12 GMT

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On Tue, Jun 13, 2006 at 11:14:05AM -0700, Aaron Stewart wrote:

> What's bugging me (and I can't wrap my brain around it) is that we can ping the outside world,  
> wget to IP addresses, and ssh into external hosts. The only thing that seems to be  
> failing is DNS at the application level.. Again, nslookup and host both work without issue.

Check that you have 'dns' among the services for 'hosts' map in  
/etc/nsswitch.conf, e.g.

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# grep hosts /etc/nsswitch.conf  
hosts: files dns
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The point is that 'nslookup' and 'host' do DNS lookups (only) while the  
applications use (through standard libc functions) whatever is  
configured for NSS (Name Service Switch).

Roman.

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