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## Apache: [warn] \_default\_ VirtualHost overlap on port 80, the first has precedence Error and Solution

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Question: I'm using Apache 2 to host multiple site on a single host using Apache name based VirtualHost feature [2]. However, Apache is displaying lots of warning as follows:



Performing sanity check on apache22 configuration:

[Portal Oct 05 06:59:34 2008] [warn] \_default\_ VirtualHost overlap on port 80, the first has precedence [Portal Oct 05 06:59:34 2008] [warn] \_default\_ VirtualHost overlap on port 80, the first has precedence [Portal Oct 05 06:59:34 2008] [warn] NameVirtualHost 81.aaa.www.yyy:80 has no VirtualHosts Syntax OK

Stopping apache22.

Waiting for PIDS: 14968.

Syntax OK

Starting apache22.

[Portal Oct 05 06:59:36 2008] [warn] \_default\_ VirtualHost overlap on port 80, the first has precedence

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How do I fix this warning and host multiple websites under UNIX / Linux Apache 2 webserver?

Answer: The NameVirtualHost directive is a required to configure name-based virtual hosts. Add this to your httpd.conf file to fix this issue. Open httpd.conf file:

```
# vi httpd.conf
```

## Add NameVirtualHost as follows:

```
NameVirtualHost *:80
```

## OR add server IP

```
NameVirtualHost 202.54.1.1:80
```

Save and close the file. Restart httpd web server under RHEL / Red Hat / Fedora / CentOS Linux [3]:

```
# service httpd restart
```

OR type the following to restart Apache 2 under Debian / Ubuntu Linux [4]:

```
# /etc/init.d/apache2 restart
```

## Sample Apache 2 Virtual hosting configuration

If you want to maintain multiple domains/hostnames on your machine you can setup VirtualHost containers for them. Most configurations use only name-based virtual hosts so the server doesn't need to worry about IP addresses. This is indicated by the asterisks in the directives below.

```
# My Virtual Hosts Config File for Two Domains
NameVirtualHost *:80

<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerAdmin webmaster@theos.in
    DocumentRoot "/usr/local/docs/theos.in"
    ServerName www.theos.in
    ServerAlias theos.in
```

```
ErrorLog "/var/log/theos.in-error_log"
   CustomLog "/var/log/theos.in-access_log" common

</VirtualHost>

<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerAdmin webmaster@nixcraft.com
    DocumentRoot "/usr/local/docs/nixcraft.com"
    ServerName www.nixcraft.com
    ServerAlias nixcraft.com
    ErrorLog "/var/log/nixcraft.com-error_log"
    CustomLog "/var/log/nixcraft.com-access_log" common
</VirtualHost>
```

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