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## Cannot ping Linux / UNIX / Windows server by name but can ping by its IP address

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**Q.** I have Debian Linux server in remote data center. I can ping server by its IP but not by hostname such as server.domain.com. How do I ping server by hostname?

**A.** This is client side DNS problem. All you have to do is setup correct DNS server:

=> [Linux DNS Client Configuration](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

=> [Solaris DNS Client Configuration](#) <sup>[3]</sup>



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