

LOCAL Dispatcher setup

- 1) Go to the below url and download the file "httpd-2.2.25-win32-x86-no_ssl.msi"
<http://archive.apache.org/dist/httpd/binaries/win32/>
- 2) Download the "dispatcher-apache2.2-windows-x86-4.1.11" dispatcher module from the below url.
<https://www.adobe.com/content/companies/public/adobe/dispatcher/dispatcher.html>
- 3) Install the downloaded .msi file.
- 4) Extract the dispatcher module zip file into some location and keep it.
- 5) Now copy disp_apache2.2.dll to apache modules folder (eg. C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Apache2.2\modules)
- 6) Open apache httpd.conf file (eg. C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Apache2.2\conf\httpd.conf) and add the following line to include dispatcher configuration (added in next steps)

Include conf/dispatcher.conf

```
#LoadModule userdir_module modules/mod_userdir.so
#LoadModule usertrack_module modules/mod_usertrack.so
#LoadModule version_module modules/mod_version.so
#LoadModule vhost_alias_module modules/mod_vhost_alias.so

Include conf/dispatcher.conf

<IfModule !mpm_netware_module>
<IfModule !mpm_winnt_module>
#
# If you wish httpd to run as a different user or group, you must run
# httpd as root initially and it will switch.
#
# User/Group: The name (or #number) of the user/group to run httpd as.
# It is usually good practice to create a dedicated user and group for
# running httpd, as with most system services.
```

- 7) Create file dispatcher.conf in conf folder (eg. C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Apache2.2\conf\dispatcher.conf) and add the following configuration.

LoadModule dispatcher_module modules\disp_apache2.2.dll

<IfModule disp_apache2.c>
DispatcherConfig conf/dispatcher.any
DispatcherLog logs/dispatcher.log
DispatcherLogLevel 3
DispatcherNoServerHeader 0
DispatcherDeclineRoot 0
DispatcherUseProcessedURL 0
DispatcherPassError 0
</IfModule>

<Directory />

```

<IfModule disp_apache2.c>
    SetHandler dispatcher-handler
    ModMimeUsePathInfo On
</IfModule>

```

```

Options FollowSymLinks
AllowOverride None
</Directory>

```

Note : #1 loads the dispatcher module, #4 specifies the dispatcher rules file (created in next step)

- 8) Create file dispatcher.any in conf folder (eg. C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Apache2.2\conf\dispatcher.any) with the following configuration

```

/farms {
/geomatrixx-outdoors {
/clientheaders {
    "*"
}
/virtualhosts {
    "*"
}
/renders {
/rend01 {
    /hostname "127.0.0.1"
    /port "4503"
}
}
/filter {
/0001 {
    /type "deny" /glob "*"
}
/0002 {
    /type "allow" /url "/content*"
}
/0003 {
    /type "allow" /url "/etc/designs*"
}
/0004 {
    /type "allow" /url "/etc/clientlibs*"
}
}
/cache {
/docroot "C:/dev/code/install/Apache2.2/dispatcher/cache"
/rules {
/0000 {
    /glob "*"
    /type "allow"
}
}
}

```

```
}  
}  
}
```

Note : #2 is name of farm which could be any, #10 render is the publish instance serving pages to be cached (1:1 dispatcher to publish mapping recommended). #17 first denies access to every resource and making exceptions at #20 to allow resources under /content, #23 for allowing site css, #26 for js files, minimally needed for typical websites. #30 specifies the cache folder where static content generated from publish servers is cached for any future requests until any cached content is invalidated (next sections). Rule at #32 directs dispatcher to cache all content. For more indepth dispatcher configuration check adobe documentation

- 9) With the above configuration in place, restart apache server, open a new browser instance and access the sample page on dispatcher running on default port 80 – <http://localhost/content/geometrix-outdoors/en.html> (Note You have to run the AEM publish instance)



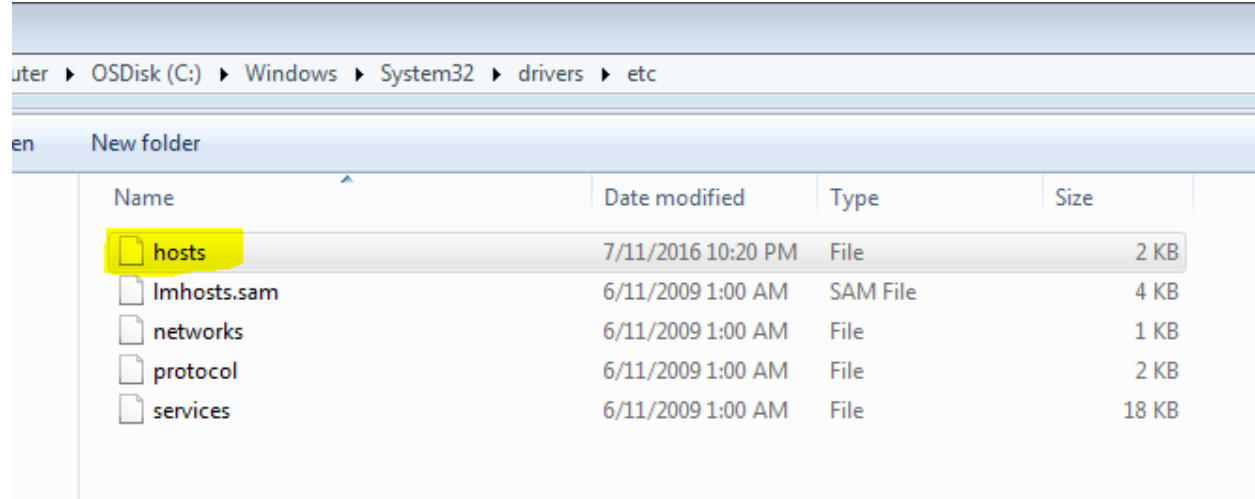
- 10) The following statements should have been logged in logs/dispatcher.log (Create a dispatcher.log file under logs folder Ex: C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Apache2.2\logs) and also you can change the logs location at the “**DispatcherLog logs/dispatcher.log**” at the dispatcher.conf file.

For reference :

<http://experience-aem.blogspot.in/2015/03/aem-6-sp2-simple-dispatcher-configuration.html>

Creating a Localhost as a domain name

Change the settings in the hosts file as below shown screenshot.

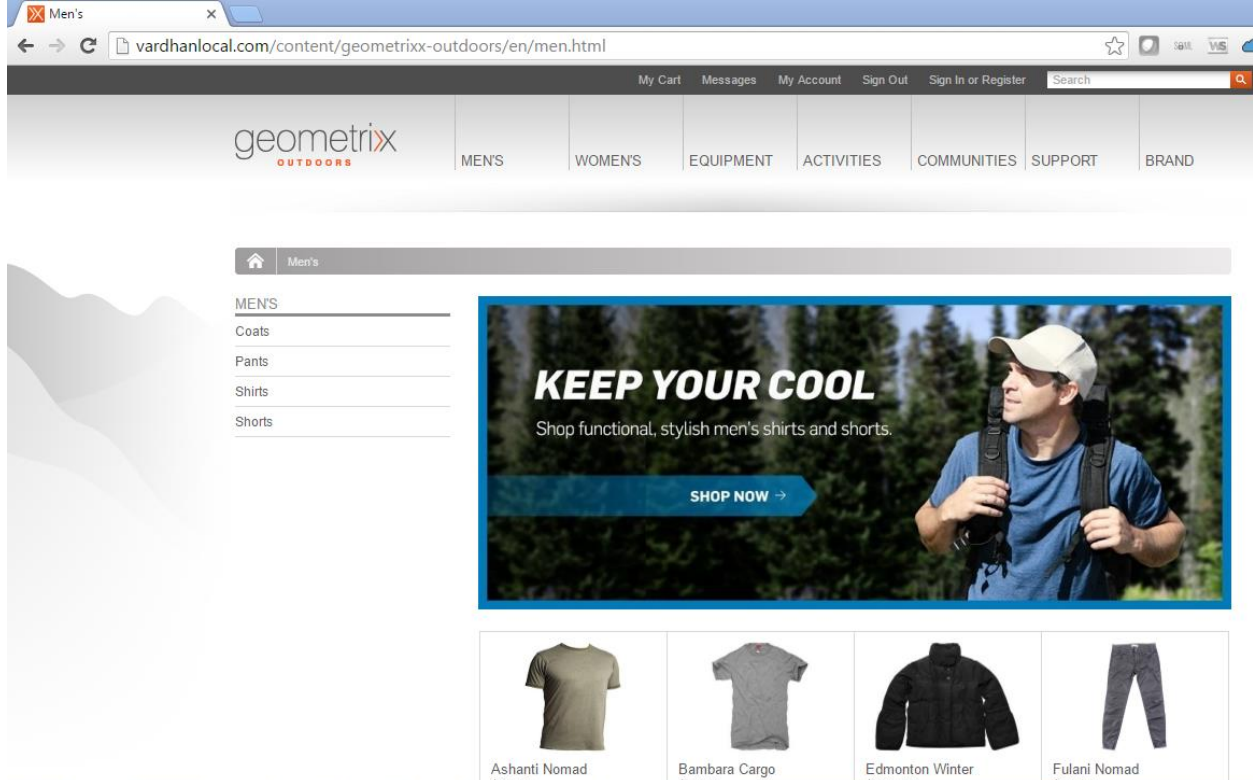


Add entries of your like name as the domain names as shown below example.

```
# Copyright (c) 1993-2009 Microsoft Corp.
#
# This is a sample HOSTS file used by Microsoft TCP/IP for Windows.
#
# This file contains the mappings of IP addresses to host names. Each
# entry should be kept on an individual line. The IP address should
# be placed in the first column followed by the corresponding host name.
# The IP address and the host name should be separated by at least one
# space.
#
# Additionally, comments (such as these) may be inserted on individual
# lines or following the machine name denoted by a '#' symbol.
#
# For example:
#
#       102.54.94.97      rhino.acme.com          # source server
#       38.25.63.10     x.acme.com              # x client host

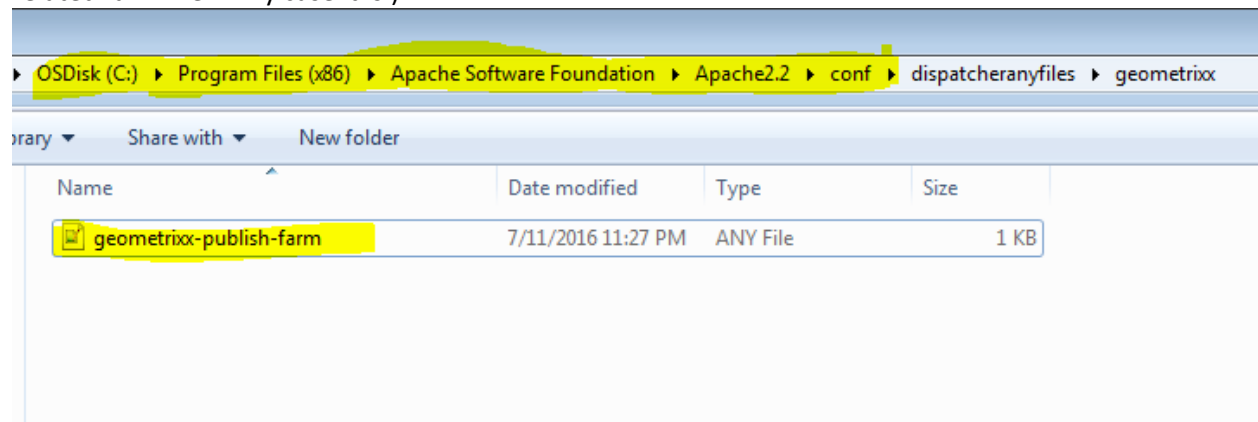
# localhost name resolution is handled within DNS itself.
# 127.0.0.1      localhost
# ::1           localhost
127.0.0.1       vardhan
127.0.0.1       vardhanlocal.86
127.0.0.1       www.vardhanlocal.86
127.0.0.1       vardhanlocal.96
127.0.0.1       www.vardhanlocal.96
127.0.0.1       vardhanlocal.com
127.0.0.1       www.vardhanlocal.com
127.0.0.1       localhost
```

Access the project via the domain name as shown in the below screenshot. Your pages should be render as below.



Map the domain name with local dispatcher

Open the dispatcher.any file (if you have separated the farms related to module open the specific site related farm file in my case it is)



Make sure your virtualhost allows your domain name in the below screenshot "*" represents to allow all hosts.

```
geometrix-publish-fam.any
1 /geometrix-outdoors {
2   /clientheaders {
3     "*"
4   }
5   /virtualhosts {
6     "*"
7   }
8   /renders {
9     /rend01 {
10      /hostname "127.0.0.1"
11      /port "4503"
12    }
13  }
14  /filter {
15    /0001 {
16      /type "deny" /glob "*"
17    }
18    /0002 {
19      /type "allow" /url "/content*"
20    }
21    /0003 {
22      /type "allow" /url "/etc/designs*"
23    }
24    /0004 {
25      /type "allow" /url "/etc/clientlibs*"
26    }
27  }
28  /cache {
29    /docroot "D:\localdispatcher-cache"
30    /rules {
31      /0000 {
32        /glob "*"
33        /type "allow"
34      }
35    }
36  }
37 }
```

Else if you want to allow only the specific domain names specify as shown below.
Once you access via the domain name it will create a cache also

The screenshot shows a web browser with two tabs: 'Men's' and '404 Not Found'. The address bar displays the URL `vardhanlocal.com/content/geometrix-outdoors/en/men.html`. The website header features the 'geometrix OUTDOORS' logo and a navigation menu with links for MENS, WOMEN'S, EQUIPMENT, ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITIES, SUPPORT, and BRAND. A sidebar on the left lists categories: MEN'S, Coats, Pants, Shirts, and Shorts. The main content area includes a hero banner with the text 'KEEP YOUR COOL' and 'Shop functional, stylish men's shirts and shorts.', followed by a 'SHOP NOW' button. Below the banner is a grid of four product images: Ashanti Nomad (a green t-shirt), Bambara Cargo (a grey t-shirt), Edmonton Winter (a black jacket), and Fulani Nomad (a pair of blue jeans). At the bottom of the browser window, a file explorer window is open, showing the path 'Data Disk (D:) > localdispatchercache > content >'. The file explorer displays a table with columns for Name, Date modified, Type, and Size. The table contains one entry: 'geometrix-outdoors' with a date of '7/12/2016 10:04 AM' and a type of 'File folder'.

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
geometrix-outdoors	7/12/2016 10:04 AM	File folder	

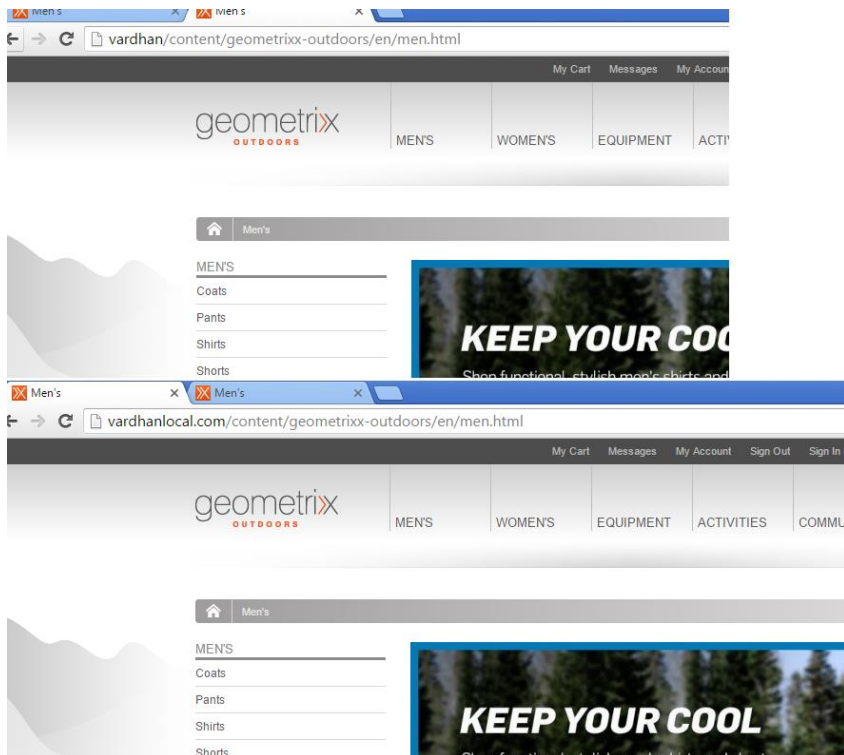
Other domain names will not work as the virtualhost allows only specific domain name

The screenshot shows a web browser with two tabs: 'Men's' and '404 Not Found'. The address bar displays the URL `vardhan/content/geometrix-outdoors/en/men.html`.

Not Found

The requested URL `/content/geometrix-outdoors/en/men.html` was not found on this server.

If we allow virtual host to all (i.e. *) then both the domains will work as shown below.



Shortening of the URLs via the ETC maps

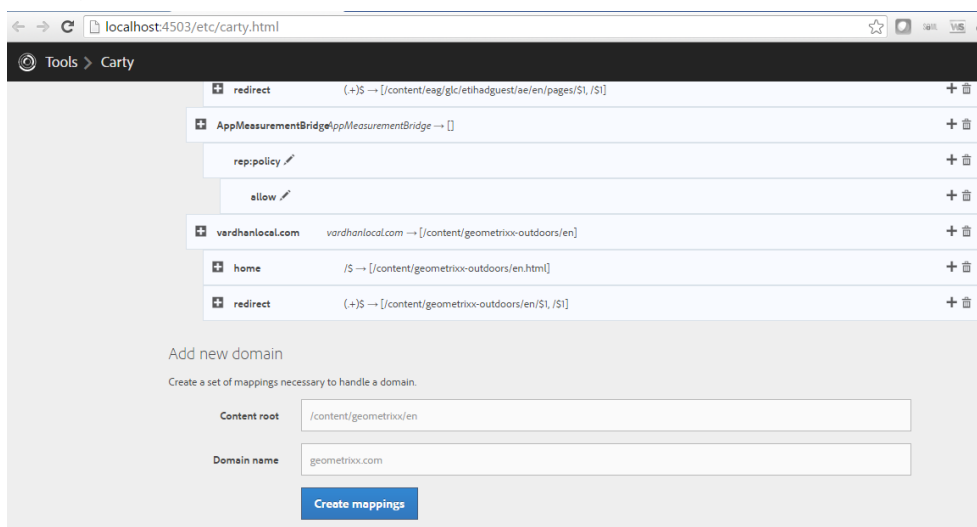
ETC maps nodes screenshot as below you can use a third party developed plugin like below to generate a etc maps

<http://cognifide.github.io/Carty/>

attached the zip file here you can install in your AEM instance and generate the maps (generated maps sometimes might be wrong verify once according to the screenshots of etc/maps)



carty-1.0-SNAPSHOT.zip



The screenshot displays three virtual host configurations in the Apache HTTPD interface. Each configuration is shown in a separate panel, illustrating the process of adding and configuring virtual hosts.

Configuration 1 (Top):

- Tree View:** Shows the file system structure starting from `http`, with `vardhanlocal.com` selected under the `home` directory.
- Properties Table:**

Name	Type	Value
1 jcr:created	Date	2016-07-12T12:37:23.911+04:00
2 jcr:createdBy	String	admin
3 jcr:primaryType	Name	slings:Mapping
4 sling:internalRedirect	String[]	/content/geometrix-outdoors/en

Configuration 2 (Middle):

- Tree View:** Shows the file system structure starting from `map`, with `home` selected under the `http` directory.
- Properties Table:**

Name	Type	Value
1 jcr:created	Date	2016-07-12T12:37:23.923+04:00
2 jcr:createdBy	String	admin
3 jcr:primaryType	Name	slings:Mapping
4 sling:internalRedirect	String[]	/content/geometrix-outdoors/en.html
5 sling:match	String	/S

Configuration 3 (Bottom):

- Tree View:** Shows the file system structure starting from `map`, with `redirect` selected under the `http` directory.
- Properties Table:**

Name	Type	Value
1 jcr:created	Date	2016-07-12T12:37:23.977+04:00
2 jcr:createdBy	String	admin
3 jcr:primaryType	Name	slings:Mapping
4 sling:internalRedirect	String[]	/content/geometrix-outdoors/en/\$1, /\$1
5 sling:match	String	(.+)\$

Add a virtual host entries in your dispatcher.any file or in a separate virtualhost file.

In my case I have added them in a separate file. And enabled the file include in the httpd.conf file. Also enable the rewrite module else virtualhost file entry rewrite will not work.

new 1 x httpd.conf x UseFullUri.txt x new 2 x new 3 x new 4 x new 5

```
101 #LoadModule info_module modules/mod_info.so
102 LoadModule isapi_module modules/mod_isapi.so
103 #LoadModule ldap_module modules/mod_ldap.so
104 #LoadModule logio_module modules/mod_logio.so
105 LoadModule log_config_module modules/mod_log_config.so
106 #LoadModule log_forensic_module modules/mod_log_forensic.so
107 #LoadModule mem_cache_module modules/mod_mem_cache.so
108 LoadModule mime_module modules/mod_mime.so
109 #LoadModule mime_magic_module modules/mod_mime_magic.so
110 LoadModule negotiation_module modules/mod_negotiation.so
111 #LoadModule proxy_module modules/mod_proxy.so
112 #LoadModule proxy_ajp_module modules/mod_proxy_ajp.so
113 #LoadModule proxy_balancer_module modules/mod_proxy_balancer.so
114 #LoadModule proxy_connect_module modules/mod_proxy_connect.so
115 #LoadModule proxy_ftp_module modules/mod_proxy_ftp.so
116 #LoadModule proxy_http_module modules/mod_proxy_http.so
117 #LoadModule proxy_scgi_module modules/mod_proxy_scgi.so
118 #LoadModule reqtimeout_module modules/mod_reqtimeout.so
119 LoadModule rewrite_module modules/mod_rewrite.so
120 LoadModule setenvif_module modules/mod_setenvif.so
121 #LoadModule spelling_module modules/mod_spelling.so
122 #LoadModule ssl_module modules/mod_ssl.so
123 #LoadModule status_module modules/mod_status.so
```

new 1 x httpd.conf x UseFullUrl.txt x new 2 x new 3 x ne












```

455 #Include conf/extra/httpd-mpm.conf
456
457 # Multi-language error messages
458 #Include conf/extra/httpd-multilang-errordoc.conf
459
460 # Fancy directory listings
461 #Include conf/extra/httpd-autoindex.conf
462
463 # Language settings
464 #Include conf/extra/httpd-languages.conf
465
466 # User home directories
467 #Include conf/extra/httpd-userdir.conf
468
469 # Real-time info on requests and configuration
470 #Include conf/extra/httpd-info.conf
471
472 # Virtual hosts
473 Include conf/extra/httpd-vhosts.conf
474
475 # Local access to the Apache HTTP Server Manual
476 #Include conf/extra/httpd-manual.conf
477
478 # Distributed authoring and versioning (WebDAV)
479 #Include conf/extra/httpd-dav.conf
480
481 # Various default settings
482 #Include conf/extra/httpd-default.conf
483
484 # Secure (SSL/TLS) connections

```

OSDisk (C:) ▶ Program Files (x86) ▶ Apache Software Foundation ▶ Apache2.2 ▶ conf ▶ extra

New folder

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
 httpd-autoindex	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	3 KB
 httpd-dav	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	2 KB
 httpd-default	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	3 KB
 httpd-info	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	2 KB
 httpd-languages	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	6 KB
 httpd-manual	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	2 KB
 httpd-mpm	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	4 KB
 httpd-multilang-errordoc	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	3 KB
 httpd-ssl	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	12 KB
 httpd-userdir	2/11/2016 5:00 PM	CONF File	1 KB
 httpd-vhosts	7/12/2016 2:02 PM	CONF File	4 KB

```

<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerAdmin webmaster@dummy-host2.cts.com
    DocumentRoot "D:\localdispatcher\cache"
    ServerName vardhanlocal.com
    ErrorLog "logs/wardhanlocal.com-error.log"
    CustomLog "logs/wardhanlocal.com-access.log" common

    <Directory D:\localdispatcher\cache>
        Options FollowSymLinks
        #AllowOverride None

        Allow from all
        Order Deny,Allow
    </Directory>

    <IfModule disp_apache2.c>

        SetHandler dispatcher-handler
        #DispatcherPassError 0
    </IfModule>

    <IfModule mod_rewrite.c>
        RewriteEngine On

        # Home Page Rewrites
        RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} ^/apps [OR]
        RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} ^/content [OR]
        RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} ^/etc [OR]
        RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} ^/home [OR]
        RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} ^/libs [OR]
        RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} ^/tmp [OR]
        RewriteCond %{REQUEST_URI} ^/var
        RewriteRule ^.*$ - [PT,L]
        RewriteRule ^//?$ /content/geometrixx-outdoors/en.html [PT,NC,L]
        #RewriteRule ^/(.*)\.html$ $1.html [PT,L]
        RewriteRule ^(.+\.html?)$ /content/geometrixx-outdoors/en/$1 [PT,NC,L]
    </IfModule>
</VirtualHost>

```

Make sure to pay attention on the highlighted rewrite rules and the SetHandler configurations, these are the crucial ones to render your page properly else the request might be stopped at dispatcher level itself not propagating to the publish instances of AEM.

That's it once you done all the above configuration without any mistakes you should be able to see the domain name access of our home page. And all other pages should be rendered with short form of the urls by hiding the content paths that has been configured in etc/maps

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