HOSTS SETUP

1: Turn off all internet access.

2: You need to find your existing hosts file so navigate to here (hidden files and folders need to be   shown);

Windows 7/Vista/XP   =   C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS\ETC
Windows 2K   =   C:\WINNT\SYSTEM32\DRIVERS\ETC

3: In the ETC folder is a file called hosts, open this file with notepad (double click then open with   notepad), in notepad the file will look like this;

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# 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
```

4: If you have any information after the;
   #   ::1   localhost
Then copy all of this information and paste it to a new text document and save it to your desktop.

5: Close the hosts file that you opened with notepad and then rename it to hostsbackup.

6: If you can't rename the file then you have permission errors so check the following;

A, Check file is not read only (right click hosts & tick the read/write box).
B, Right click the hosts file and select properties, security, edit, your user,
   take full control by ticking the full control box, click apply.
   In XP to see the security tab do this;
   1, Launch Windows Explorer or My Computer.
   2, Click on the Tools at the menu bar, then click on Folder Options.
   3, Click on View tab.
   4, In the Advanced Settings section at the bottom of the list, clear the tick
      On the use simple file sharing check box.
   5, Click OK.
C, 64bit users start internet explorer or my computer and type;
   C:\windows\system32\drivers\etc
   into the address bar and the hosts will appear.
D, Many firewalls and antivirus software prevent the hosts from being edited or even

change it back again after you have edited it so if you still can't save the hosts
after all the above steps then restart in safe mode and change it there.

E, Windows 7 users getting error;
Access to C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\ hosts was denied
or
Cannot create the C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\hosts file.
Make sure that the path and file name are correct.
follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**

    , click **All Programs**, click **Accessories**, right-click **Notepad**, and then click **Run as administrator**.

    If you are prompted for an administrator password or for a confirmation, type the password, or click **Allow** or **Yes**.

2. Open the Hosts file, make the necessary changes, and then click **Save** on the **Edit** menu. If using Windows 7, you will need to click **Save** on the **File** menu.

7: So now your hosts should be renamed to hostsbackup and now you need to simply copy the hosts from this folder and paste it to the ETC folder.

8: If you had any extra entries from step 4 the open the text document on the desktop and select all then copy. Open your new hosts file with notepad and paste the entries after the # and on a new line;

```
127.0.0.1 practivate.adobe.ipp ereg.adobe.com ereg.wip.adobe.com ereg.wip1.ado
127.0.0.1 wip1.adobe.com wip2.adobe.com wip3.adobe.com wip4.adobe.com www.adobe
127.0.0.1 wwis-dubc1-vip60.adobe.com
#
#        Any other entries you had go here (new line no # no space);
```

Example;

```
127.0.0.1 practivate.adobe.ipp ereg.adobe.com ereg.wip.adobe.com ereg.wip1
127.0.0.1 wip1.adobe.com wip2.adobe.com wip3.adobe.com wip4.adobe.com www.
127.0.0.1 wwis-dubc1-vip60.adobe.com
#
#        Any other entries you had go here (new line no # no space);
127.0.0.1 www.activate.nero.com
127.0.0.1 microsoft.com genuine
```

9: This is the final step, Close all browser windows and open a "Command Prompt" (Start Menu > All Programs > Accessories > Command Prompt) type ipconfig /flushdns into the cmd prompt then press Enter then close the Command Prompt.

This host file that you have copied is different from previous Adobe hosts as it has far more entries but has been optimised to save space and memory (hosts is loaded into memory on start-up), if you have had

any previous hosts files/blocks by thethingy then you should replace your old one with this.

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