## How to Update Your Hosts File

- 1. Press the Windows key on your keyboard.
- 2. Type Notepad in the search field.
- 3. In the search results, right-click Notepad and select "Run as administrator".



4. In Notepad, open the following file: c:\Windows\System32\Drivers\etc\hosts

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5. Make the necessary changes to the file.

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# Copyright (c) 1993-2009 Microsoft Corp.
# This is a sample HOSTS file used by Microsoft TCP/IP for Windows.
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# 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
55.555.55.5 mydomainname.com
55.555.55.5 www.mydomainname.com
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- 6. Click File > Save (or Ctrl + S ) to save your changes.
- If you want to turn OFF your host file just add a "#" in front of the host entries and then Click File > Save (or Ctrl + S) to save your changes. (screenshot below)

23 hosts - Notepad File Edit Format View Help # 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 client host x.acme.com # localhost name resolution is handled within DNS itself. localhost 127.0.0.1 # # ::1 localhost #55.555.55.5 mydomainname.com #55.555.55.5 www.mydomainname.com