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Brooks Davis wrote:

On Tue, Oct 24, 2006 at 09:16:07AM +0200, Harti Brandt wrote:

On Mon, 23 Oct 2006, Joe Holden wrote:

JH>Andrey V. Elsukov wrote:

JH>> Doug Barton wrote:

JH>>> If you're talking about a laptop where you're not sure what the DHCP

JH>>> server is going to send you, then I have this in /etc/rc.local:

JH>>

JH>> Hi, Doug.

JH>>

JH>> What you think about adding a new feature to dhclient – Alternate IP

JH>> Configuration. This configuration can be specified in dhclient.conf

JH>> and take effect when a DHCP server not respond. MS Windows have a

JH>> similar feature.

JH>>

JH>Really I was hoping dhclient would have this sort of functionality where

JH>it would resolve the ip given and set that as hostname, as as far as im

JH>aware, isc-dhcpd will not send hostnames?

Sure it does. On my machines I set hostname to "" in rc.conf and let dhclient set it. Works fine.

Once upon a time I implemented some code to add a default\_hostname variable to rc.conf which was then used by the startup scripts and dhclient-script to allow the local network to override the name if desired while insuring that the system had a name at all times (required for laptop use). I'd take patches to do this.

— Brooks

P.S. hacking this into rc.local won't work longterm because addresses will be assigned in a totally different context.

I wrote an rc.d script called updatehost that does this, its called

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after other net scripts, and basically gets the ip from \$interface (set by updatehost\_flags="blah0" in rc.conf, and resolves that, seems to work, a dirty hack but it does the trick.

Thanks,  
Joe

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