

## Re: FTP to a 5.2 system – any known problems?

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> *There's a system we connect to, and ftp data in both directions. It*  
> *worked very well. Then they upgraded from 4.3 to 5.2 – and now it*  
> *don't.*  
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> *Logon negotiations and directory listings are slow, but getting or*  
> *putting a file is as fast as it was previously. We transfer a lot of*  
> *small files, so it's causing a major problem [long negotiation for*  
> *each file].*  
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> *The other clients they have all use ftp in the other direction, and*  
> *they've not reported any problems.*  
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A follow-up to my own posting, in case anyone else has the problem.

A bit of searching revealed people had had problems with DNS when they went to 5.2 – and it was the problem here. Don't know whether something gets missed out on the upgrade or a default is the other way around but in this case that had DNS checking on, and our IP not in the hosts file. And their ftp client took the same settings, so every request of ours was causing a call onto the 'net before being actioned.

Add our address, change the setting so hosts is checked before DNS, and we're running again.

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Paul