Subject: Oh noes! My megahurtz have been hijacked!
Posted by ViperFUD on Wed, 04 Aug 2004 11:25:33 GMT

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Not if that entry is

127.0.0.1   localhost

all that does is map "localhost" to your computer (127.0.0.1).

it's actually kinda useful to map othersite to your coputer, ie
127.0.0.1   media.fastclick.net
127.0.0.1   ad.doubleclick.net

(from my computer) which will block ads from those sites.

now, some viruses will be evil and make it say
127.0.0.1   http://www.mcafee.com

so you can't get anti-virus software. that's bad. and if you see anything mapped to anything
OTHER than 127.0.0.1 it means its redirecting somethign to a different site. Which is also bad.

anyways,
Viper