

[If registrars are going to abuse their power and threaten or take away names, we can always use IP addresses \(technology\)](#)

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If they don't want our money fuck them.

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You can manually edit your host file to make your browser still work with domain names.

For example, In Windows, your host file is at C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\hosts

Simply add a line such as: 104.20.81.63 voat.co

and your computer will now use any address with "voat.co" to go to that IP address specified in the host file.

Similar concept in Linux.

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could a browser integrate this? and why cant we make a registrar. what do you need to start registering domains for people

seems like you could start one up with little if you only have to redirect people from an address to an ip

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You could prop up your own dns server easily, but you'll be isolated. As in, no root dns servers will trust you, or turn to you to resolve hostname requests.

You'll have to convince individuals to configure their computer or router to use you as a dns server.

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If they are going to do that, [we'll just build ourselves a GNU one!](#)

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That sounds great until your isp starts playing the same game. You'll have to turn into morpheus, and hack into the matrix each time you want your site online.

You'll be regulated to hosting it from a raspberry pi teathered to burner cell phones

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If that's the highest the price for free speech goes, I'll consider myself lucky.

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Did something very similar to this not long ago. I don't know if I should go into detail. First rule of fight club and I'd hate to fuck over anyone else.

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The only reason registrars and DNS servers exist is so that we, the users, don't end up with a 500GB hosts file.

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voat should be prepared by registering a domain with Opennic. Their name system is completely independent of ICANN.

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RFC 2826 be damned. Alt DNS roots are the heroes we need now.

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I can live with IP addresses. If every wrong-think web site didn't have a domain name, that's fine: we'd just bookmark whatever IP address they're at. 129.45.255.3 is only annoying the first time around. However, nothing is stopping these people from using a dynamic DNS service either.

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We used to memorize phone numbers of people and places we frequently called back in the day, this is no different.

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The real question is, why does Andrew Anglin not know dick about how to run a website? Fucking use 8ch/4ch registrars already.

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As much as I agree, at least he's making an attempt.

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Aye, we can. But that doesn't stop the problem. The solution is to shame them, bring (or convince others to bring) lawsuits after them for abusing their power. The internet is now an infrastructure critical communications medium. It needs to be treated that way.

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Let's go back to ham radios.

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Hell, I'm all about going back to the old internet. Power to the people.

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Anything you do has to be ABC simple, and it would be even better if you didn't need the C, or the B. Idiot easy or it will die of loneliness.

I should be the tester. If I can do it, anyone can.

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It's would be a good idea if website didn't have more than 2-3 ip addresses. Many anti-ddos techniques rely on the DNS and letting users get to a website by IP alone creates vulnerabilities.

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In a few years IP6 and then complete control.

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