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TOPIC -----

When I log into the CDE environment of AIX on my Network Server, CDE appears to take a long time to get past the blue screen. The desktop will finally appear, but this can take 15 minutes. My system is properly registered with the DNS Server. As a side note, I am unable to ping loopback.

DISCUSSION -----

If you are configuring your system to use DNS for host resolution, AIX defaults to using DNS resolution before using /etc/hosts. CDE depends on the host name & IP address assigned to properly function, but during the login sequence, your system is querying the DNS server. To speed up the login sequence, and to let you resolve names in the host file prior to requesting them from DNS, create a file called /etc/netsvc.conf, and add this line:

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hosts=local, bind.
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This will allow AIX to resolve your hostname for CDE and improve login time

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