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## MacTCP: Host File's 7K Storage Limit

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TOPIC -----

Only about the first 118 lines of my Hosts file is being read when I press the "Host" button in the "Edit Command" box of MacX. Any items beyond line 118 bring up the message: "that Host cannot be translated", and they do not show up in the list window despite the fact that they are in the Hosts file.

Is there a limit as to how big the Hosts file can be, or can I change a setting to use a larger file? My host file is currently 484 lines.

DISCUSSION -----

Yes, it is a known limitation on MacTCP Hosts file (and was stated in the Release Notes of MacTCP 1.0) that there is a 7K of storage limitation of parsing Hosts file.

The only workaround we can suggest is to use DNR (Domain Name Resolver) in MacTCP. This will reduce the size of the Hosts file.

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