

## Hosts File

Before connecting to the VMWare server from home for the first time the hosts file must be configured. The absolute path to the hosts file is:

C:\windows\system32\drivers\etc\hosts.

You must open the file as Administrator. The easiest way to do that is to **open a command prompt as admin, CD to the c:\windows\system32\drivers\etc directory and type notepad hosts**

Add the following line to the end of the file and save it.

```
50.205.180.23 srvvcenter-cis.bcc.local
```

## Laptop Users

If you're using a laptop to connect to the vmware server from home AND you're using that same laptop to connect to the vmware server while on campus, you must include the following in your hosts file.

```
50.205.180.23 srvvcenter-cis.bcc.local
```

```
10.131.0.50    srvvcenter-cis.bcc.local
```

## Firewall Settings

Some firewalls are configured to prevent modification of the hosts file. The two I know of are Zone Alarm and WebRoot. If you use either one of these two firewalls you will need to tweak the settings before you're able to make a change to the file.

Zone Alarm: Go to Zone Alarm's firewall settings / Advanced / uncheck "Locks hosts file".

WebRoot: open Webroot go to advance settings / shield / and uncheck "prevent user from changing hosts file".