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Spectrum blocking university websites

Apr 23, 2018

For work I need access to the following websites:

<https://sslvpn.mednet.ucla.edu>

<https://assist.dgsom.ucla.edu/>

Since 4/20/18, they've been blocked through my ISP (Spectrum Time Warner). I'm able to access the website fine through my phone (Verizon) and other proxy websites. So the problem seems to be coming from Spectrum. Spectrum denies that block any websites. I'm not sure why else I'm unable to ping or go to the addresses above. I've tried using the IP address as well and get time out errors.

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karlbeckman

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Posts: 2,214

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✓ **ACCEPTED ANSWER**

@bobackwrote:

Always faults after cenic.net

OK, that's your clue for where to tell UCLA to look for the malfunctioning DNS. It should be at cenic.net or the next device beyond. Either way it is outside Spectrum's transport network, and they are not at fault.

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dstoffa

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What kind of error message are you getting?

What DNS are you using?



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couldn't. Are you able to?

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I'm not designating any specific DNS. I get the error hooked up to my cable modem directly.

I just tried opening new links to both sites from here in the Great Lakes area and got the expected displays - VPN log-in and the UCLA home page. If you continue to have issues with the UCLA site, you should be able to get IT support from your employer or from UCLA's IT staff.

BTW, someone should have pointed out that you DO need a router

between the modem LAN jack and your computer, especially when you are trying to run a VPN into the UCLA site.



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I can connect using Spectrum internet.



Julia_R

Posts: 4,222

LEAD MOD

Apr 25, 2018

Good morning.

I can reach both from here on my work network and on our test connection on wireless.

Are you still having issues?

Regards,

Julia R.

Spectrum-Social Media Customer

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Lead Moderator-Community Forums



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Those of us who can access UCLA are not using the same network route as [@boback](#).

Spectrum has several different IXP locations around the country and the internet routes from each of those handoff sites to UCLA's servers will all be different. Something in the chain from boback's IXP to UCLA is not passing traffic.

This is often caused by one DNS that did not process its daily DNS update correctly. If boback posts his tracert listing, we should be able to see both the last good device name and/or its IP address and the next device downstream which is failing to route properly.



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Here's my tracing:

Tracing route to
sslvpn.mednet.ucla.edu
[149.142.80.10]
over a maximum of 30 hops:

1	<1 ms	<1 ms	<1 ms	192.168.1.1
2	10 ms	8 ms	10 ms	142.254.182.193
3	13 ms	7 ms	9 ms	76.167.31.213
4	15 ms	11 ms	11 ms	agg20.lamrcadq02r.socal.rr.com [72.129.10.130]
5	21 ms	14 ms	15 ms	agg28.tustcaft01r.socal.rr.com [72.129.9.2]
6	17 ms	15 ms	15 ms	bu-ether16.tustca4200w-

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bcr00.tbone.rr.com [66.109.6.64]
 7  18 ms  15 ms  14 ms
be4.clmkohpe01r.midwest.rr.com
[107.14.19.37]
 8  42 ms  11 ms  12 ms
0.ae2.pr0.lax00.tbone.rr.com
[107.14.19.138]
 9  13 ms  16 ms  10 ms
UniversityCorpforAdvancedInternet.a
s11164.any2ix.coresite.com
[206.72.210.14]
10  22 ms  12 ms  12 ms et-1-0-
2.0.rtsw.losa.net.internet2.edu
[64.57.20.82]
11  13 ms  15 ms  9 ms
64.57.20.83
12  14 ms  13 ms  13 ms dc-lax-
agg6--lax-agg8-100ge-#3.cenic.net
[137.164.11.34]
13  *      *      *  Request timed
out.
14  16 ms  12 ms  15 ms
bd11f1.anderson--cr00f2.csb1.ucla.net
[169.232.4.4]
15  13 ms  13 ms  12 ms
cr00f2.csb1--
dr00f1.anderson.ucla.net
[169.232.4.57]
16  *      *      *  Request timed
out.
17  *

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Thanks for the explanation,
karlbeckman.



tech-sgt

Posts: **1**

Apr 30, 2018

I can hit both of those with no
problems from my spectrum home
network.

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