

**Host Mechanic** is a [portable](#) application to edit, delete and restore the Windows default *hosts* file. This application makes it easy to add entries to Windows hosts file; you won't have to navigate to system32/drivers/etc folder every time just to add new domains and change mapped IPs. All you need is to launch the application, enter the domain followed by IP address to add the domain entry to hosts file. Moreover, it lets you restore the Windows hosts file and block websites by mapping them with localhost. For those who aren't familiar with hosts file, it allows users and authenticated applications to map domains with defined IPs to either block the access or boost the access speed.

To modify the host file, launch Host Mechanic, enter the IP address and the host address. Click *Add to Host* to insert the mapped entry into Windows hosts file. The *Restore Default Host File* lets you restore the previously used hosts file. Underneath the restore option, you have Delete Host File option to remove the hosts file.

