

## RE: Link from corporate site to internal corp. network

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If it's truly a private network then it will be a broken link – that is it won't resolve to anything. People can click on it, but it won't go anywhere.

Say the internal machine is `dopey.internal.mycompany.com` on a page on `www.mycompany.com`

For outside users, the browser will try to resolve "dopey" and get to "mycompany.com"'s external DNS server who will return "not found"

For internal users, the browser will try to resolve "dopey" and get to "mycompany.com"'s internal DNS server who will return "Sure, dopey is 10.1.2.3" and the link will work fine.

What you should do is to use the http headers to detect internal vs. external users and send them a different version of the page.

-----Burton

-----Original Message-----

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I am just curious what other professionals out there think of this. I have been forced into letting our web dev dept. put a link on a company web site to the internal network which is on private IP's. What security problems can this cause. I don't really see an obvious issue but I just don't like the idea myself.

Thank You,

Chris D.

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