

Fixed Error Reloading Apache2 Service - Could not reliably determine the server's fully qualified domain name using 127.0.1.1

This error occurred after I configured the first virtual host, enabled the site1.conf file from /sites-available/ directory over to the /sites-enabled/ directory using the a2ensite command, and then I tried to reload Apache2 using

```
sudo systemctl reload apache2
```

and received errors. I tried to restart apache2 using

```
sudo systemctl restart apache2
```

and I received an error.

I stopped the apache2 service, then tried to start apache2 using

```
sudo systemctl stop apache2  
sudo systemctl start apache2
```

I received this error:

```
"AH00558: apache2: Could not reliably determine the server's fully qualified domain name, using 127.0.1.1. Set the 'ServerName' directive globally to suppress this message."
```

When I checked the status of apache2 service I received a similar error.

```
sudo systemctl status apache2
```

Here is the Fix

```
cd /etc/apache2/  
sudo vim apache2.conf
```

At the very bottom of the conf file, insert

```
ServerName localhost
```

Press Esc, Type :wq Enter in order to save and quit vim.

Now, restart Apache2

```
sudo systemctl restart apache2
```

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