Making The www Part Optional

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I always get a surprise when I try to visit a well known company's website (e.g http://harveynorman.com.au) and get a 404 error. The problem here is that I get lazy and often don't bother putting in the www part of the hostname. I guess the sysadmins must be even lazier than me, because adding a mod_rewrite rule to allow this shortcut is very easy. Here's what it looks like:

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RewriteEngine On
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^domain1\.com\.au$ [OR]
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^domain2\.net$ [OR]
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^domain3\.com$
RewriteRule ^(.*) http://www.%{HTTP_HOST}$1 [R=permanent]
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