

How do I create a CNAME record for my custom domain?

A CNAME, or Canonical Name, record is an entry within the Domain Name System (DNS) that specifies where a user can find your web pages, or any other URL. You'll use this to associate your custom domain with your blog.

After registering your domain, decide if you want to use a particular subdomain for your blog. E.g. instead of www.mydomain.com you could use something like blog.mydomain.com, if you want. Then you'll create a corresponding CNAME record for that address, associating it with www.compendiumblog.com. Keep in mind that changes to DNS records make take up to 48 hours to take effect.

Each hosting service has slightly different ways to create CNAME records. Guidelines are provided here for some of the common services. When in doubt, check with the particular company you're using for additional help or instructions.

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1. Log in to your account at <https://admin.1and1.com>
2. If it's not already selected, click the **Administration** tab.
3. Click **Domains**. The **Domain Overview** page appears.
4. From the **New** drop-down menu, select **Create Subdomain**. (If you've already created a subdomain for your blog's address, skip to step six.)
5. Enter only the subdomain you want to use, and click **OK**. For example, if you chose blog.mydomain.com for your blog's address, you should enter [blog](http://blog.mydomain.com) here.
6. Select the checkbox next to the subdomain that you will be using. (Example: blog.mydomain.com)
7. From the **DNS** menu, select **Edit DNS Settings**.
8. Click the radio button next to **CNAME**.
9. Enter www.compendiumblog.com next to **Alias**.
10. Click **OK**.