

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.

[CNAME Record Domain Direct](#)

1. Go to domaindirect.com, click **my account** and log in to your domain.
2. On the **Domain** tab, click **Advanced Settings**.
3. Click **Edit Zone File**.
Note: Do not delete the A record for `*.domain.com` and `domain.com` or you will have problems later.
4. Under **CNAME**, add entries for "calendar," "docs," and "start." Or any custom URL that you've chosen. (ex: `blog.mydomain.com`)
5. Point each of them to **www.compendiumblog.com**.

Additional information:

1. Return to the DomainDirect control panel and click **Domain Forwarding**. Set it to forward all `www` requests to **`http://www.domain.com`**. If you don't do this, someone typing **domain.com** in a web browser will get an error message instead of reaching any pages you have at **www.domain.com**.
2. Disable the **URL Keeper** feature.
Note: Subdomain forwarding -- which you can set up on this page -- will still continue to work.