

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.

[Adding CNAME records to your DreamHost-hosted DNS domain](#)

You can add CNAME records to your domain in the DreamHost [Control Panel](#), under [Domains->Manage Domains->DNS](#).

This can be useful if you run servers outside of DreamHost and you would like to direct additional names to those machines.

It should be noted that for hostnames, you should use an [A record](#), not a CNAME. A CNAME, or alias, is appropriate for additional names that refer to that same host, as in the example above.