

## 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](http://www.mydomain.com) you could use something like [blog.mydomain.com](http://blog.mydomain.com), if you want. Then you'll create a corresponding CNAME record for that address, associating it with [www.compendiumblog.com](http://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.

### [GoDaddy.com](http://GoDaddy.com)

1. Log in to your account at [www.godaddy.com](http://www.godaddy.com).
2. Open the **Domains** tab and select **My Domain Names**. You'll be directed to the **Manage Domains** page.
3. Click the domain that you'd like to use with your blog.
4. Click the **Total DNS Control And MX Records** in the box entitled **Total DNS Control**.
5. Click **Add New CNAME Record**. If you've already created a CNAME record for your blog's address, click **Edit** next to the existing CNAME record.
6. For the **Name**, enter only the subdomain of the address you want to use for your blog. For example, if you picked [blog.mydomain.com](http://blog.mydomain.com) as your address, enter [blog](http://blog) here.
7. Enter [www.compendiumblog.com](http://www.compendiumblog.com) as the **Host Name**.
8. Click **Continue**, and then click **Add**. If you're editing an existing CNAME record, click **Continue** and **Update**.