

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 www.networksolutions.com.
2. In the **Account Manager**, select **Manage Domain Names**.
3. Click the domain that you're using..
4. If you haven't already done so, tick the option for **Custom DNS Settings** and click **Edit**. If you have already used this option, click **Edit DNS**.
5. In the **Edit DNS** page, click **Continue** for the **DNS Manager - Advanced Tools** section.
6. To add a CNAME record, click **Add/Edit** for the **Host Aliases** section.
 - For custom URLs, enter the part of the address that you picked as part of your account setup. For example, if you picked **blog.mydomain.com** as your address, enter only **blog** in the **Alias** box.
 - As the host name, enter **www.compendiumblog.com** for domain verification.
7. Click **Continue**.

Please note that if you want to repurpose an already used domain entry (for instance, if you want your blog to be at www.myblog.com instead of blog.myblog.com), you will need to delete the existing entry. For the previous example, you would need to delete the entry for 'www' and use the above process (steps 1-7) to create a CNAME for www.