

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: gandi.net](#)

1. Log in to your account at gandi.net.
2. Click the **Administration** tab and then the **control panel** link.
3. Click the domain you want to manage and go to **Technical Settings**.
4. Click **Manage DNS zone file**.
5. Click **Add an entry**:

Name: fill in this field with the unique string or address. (ex: `blog.mydomain.com`)

Type: Change this menu to CNAME.

Value: Enter **`www.compendiumblog.com`**. for a custom URL. Be sure to include a trailing dot (.) at the end of the value.

6. Click **Submit**.
7. You should be back to the list of entries. Click **Submit Changes**