

What is a CNAME?

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The CNAME (canonical name) record is a DNS record which points a domain name to a host name, rather than to an IP address. Please note that you cannot use CNAME to point to a sub-directory, specific file, or URL, but only to a hostname or a subdomain. So for example, you can use CNAME to point `www.your-domain.com` to: `new-domain.com` `www.new-domain.com` `your.new-domain.com` But you can't use CNAME to point `www.your-domain.com` to: `new-domain.com/yourdomain.html` `new-domain.com/yourdomain/` To change the CNAME: Log into your Domain Control Panel for your domain Click 'DNS Management' Under 'Create New A/AAAA/CNAME records': In 'Subdomain', enter: `www` In 'Address', enter: `www.new-domain.com`. **Note:** The trailing full stop (.) is required in the Address field to indicate a fully qualified domain name. Click 'Update DNS' Your CNAME will be changed Please allow 48 hours for the DNS change to be propagated across the Internet.

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