



Web Site Mini-Guide: Registering .com Domain Names

This guide describes how to register a .com domain name and manage it temporarily, until you are ready to build a Web site using that name.

Registering a Name

Finding a name

At the DomainDiscover.com home page www.domaindiscover.com, type in your desired domain name in the Domain Registration area, and click the red arrow:

Domain registration

New domain pricing **\$9.95/yr***
 .com, .net, .org, .biz, .info, and .us [*pricing chart](#)

[Transfer](#) | [Renew](#)

If the domains have already been registered, you will see a message to that effect. Otherwise, you'll see a list of available names, including some other, similar, names that **are** available:

Requested domains		
Domain	Status	Price
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> abbeymattingley.com	available	\$9.95/year

You may also be interested in the following domains:

Similar domains (more)		Popular TLDs (more)	
<input type="checkbox"/> abbeymattingley.com	\$9.95/year	<input type="checkbox"/> abbeymattingley.biz	\$9.95/year
<input type="checkbox"/> abbeychannel.com	\$9.95/year	<input type="checkbox"/> abbeymattingley.info	\$2.00/year
<input type="checkbox"/> abbeychoices.com	\$9.95/year	<input type="checkbox"/> abbeymattingley.name	\$24.95/year
<input type="checkbox"/> abbeyclick.com	\$9.95/year	<input type="checkbox"/> abbeymattingley.net	\$9.95/year
<input type="checkbox"/> abbeyconceptss.com	\$9.95/year	<input type="checkbox"/> abbeymattingley.org	\$9.95/year
<input type="checkbox"/> abbeyconnection.com	\$9.95/year	<input type="checkbox"/> abbeymattingley.us	\$9.95/year

If any of these are suitable, you can check the box next to them.

If you're interested in protecting the name from other businesses, you can tick all the variations – i.e. .com, .biz, .org and .net. However, in most cases, it's sufficient to just get the .com version.

Choose the registration term – which in most cases has to be at least 2 years – and type in your name (or business name, if appropriate) as the owner:

Registration term:

Legal owner:

Nameserver #1 hostname (optional):

Nameserver #2 hostname (optional):

Then click the Add to Basket button to continue.


Signing up

You're then asked to log in to your account or to sign up for a new account. Go through that process, which is straightforward.

Registering the name

You will see a summary page:

Home > My Account > Account Details
Shopping Basket: gihan66

 1 domain was added to your basket.

Basket contents

Date	Description	Amount
08/23/2006 - 08/23/2008	New domain registration: abbeymattingley.com	\$19.90 <input type="checkbox"/>
Total		\$19.90

* Setup fee applies to accounts paying monthly.
 Host your domain: abbeymattingley.com

Continue shopping:
[Add another hosting service to this order](#)
[Add another dial-up account to this order](#)
[Add another domain to this order](#)

To review and complete your order, click:

Click the Proceed to Payment button to continue. This takes you through the payment process, and e-mails you a confirmation message. **Save that e-mail message for reference.**

The rest of this guide describes how to configure your domain name.

Control Panel

From the DomainDiscover.com home page, click the Login button on the right:



Then log in using your domain name and password:

Login

Account Control Panel [Email Administration](#) [FTP Administration](#)

Username:

Password:

Remember my username

Keep me logged in until I logout

This will take you into the Control Panel:

Domain Services

abbeymattingley.com Status: **active**

<p>Create date: 08/23/2006</p> <p>Expiration date: 08/23/2008 </p> <p>Modified date: 08/23/2006 </p>	<p>Contact Information</p> <p>Legal owner: Gihan Perera </p> <p>admin billing org tech</p>	<p>Preferences</p> <p>Renewal Method: notify (default) </p> <p>Registrar lock: on </p>
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Advanced Settings **663x263**

Nameservers: BUYDOMAINS1.DOMAINDISCOVER.COM ...

Web service: "Domain reserved" page

Email service: n/a

DNS service: active

Using your new domain name

Most people register a new domain name because they eventually plan to have a Web site with that domain name address.

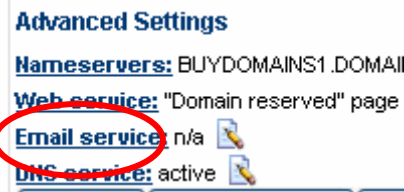
The next step depends on how far you've progressed on that path:

- If you haven't got a Web site yet, then just start using the domain name for e-mail now; and you can do the Web site later.
- If you do have a Web site and this domain name is just another name for an *existing* Web site, you can forward it to that Web site automatically.
- If you're building a Web site and this is the main domain name for your new site, then you should *redelegate* (a fancy name for "transfer") the name to your Web host.

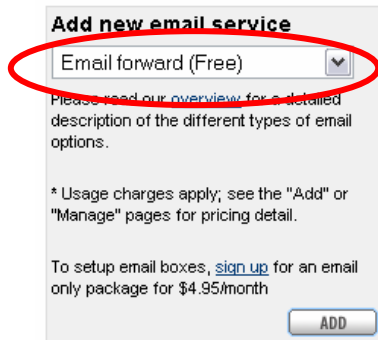
E-mail addresses

You can set up any number of e-mail addresses at your new domain name, and have them forwarded to other e-mail boxes of your choice. For example, if your domain name is example.com, you can have sales@example.com going to fred@bigpond.net.au; info@example.com going to mary-bloggs@aol.com; and joe@example.com going to joe@some-weird-isp.net.

From the Control Panel, click the Email service link:



Then choose the free forwarding option and click ADD:



This will give you a page showing your current e-mail forwarding rules (none, if you're doing this for the first time) and a form to add new forwarding:

Create email forward

Address:
 @

Destination:

Note: Fields marked with * are required.

Fill in the form (as shown above). The "Address" is the new alias that you would like (e.g. type in "joe" if you would like joe@example.com forwarded); and "Destination" is the complete e-mail address where you would like the e-mail to go (e.g. joe123@your-isp.net.au). The Destination address is usually a mailbox on your ISP's server.

Then click CREATE, and the forwarding rule is done.

You can have more than one alias coming to the same e-mail address if you choose. In fact, this is quite common. For example, you might have joe@example.com, joebloggs@example.com and sales@example.com all leading to the same mailbox.

Testing your new address

From your e-mail program, send a test message to your new address (e.g. joe@example.com). Then read the incoming mail at the destination mailbox and confirm that it arrives.

Sometimes this takes 24-48 hours to take effect, so be patient!

Configuring outgoing e-mail

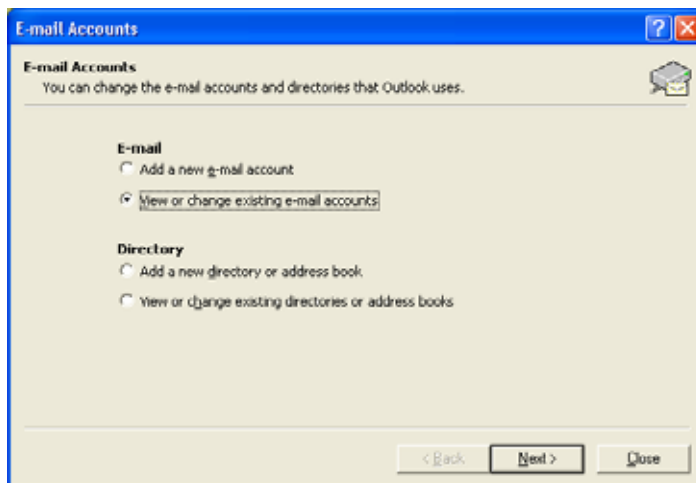
If this is your main domain name, you will probably also want all outgoing e-mail to look like it's coming from that domain name. In other words, people receiving e-mail from you should be getting it from joe@example.com, not joeb123@your-isp.net.au).

This is very easy to do. However, if you're already happy with the outgoing address for your e-mail, skip this step.

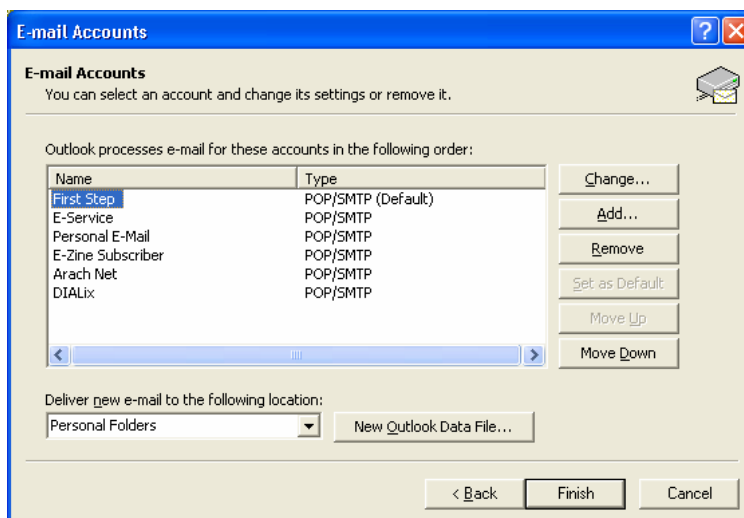
Essentially, you have to change one setting – your e-mail address. This is done entirely within your e-mail program, and has nothing to do with BuyDomains.

The exact process varies depending on your e-mail software. Here are the steps for Microsoft Outlook:

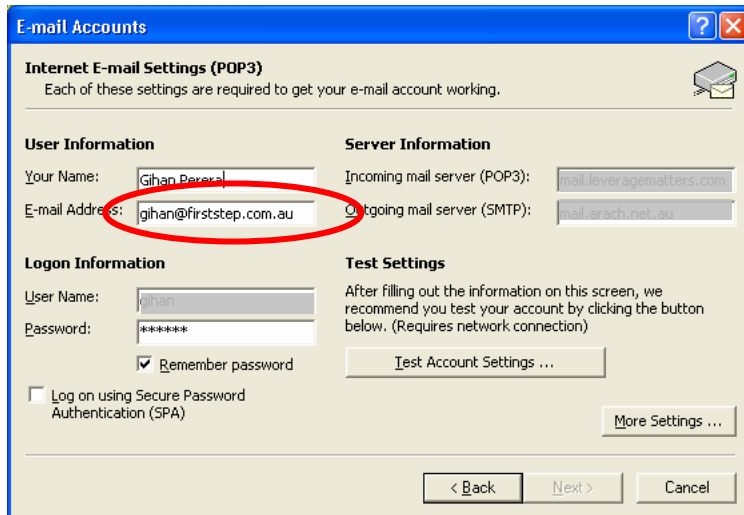
- From the Tools menu, choose E-Mail Accounts:



- Click "Next" for "View or change existing e-mail accounts":



- Choose the account that you would like to change (often, there is only one in the list) and click "Change". Then change the E-Mail Address field to your new address:



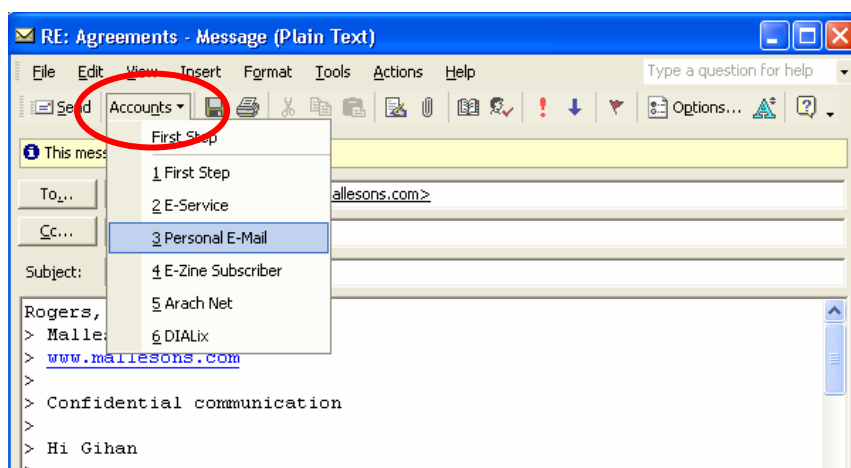
- Click "Next" and then "Finish" and you're done.

Multiple outgoing e-mail addresses

The procedure described above shows you how to modify your main e-mail account so that your outgoing e-mail now goes out with the new e-mail address. But what if you would like to use **different** outgoing addresses? For example, you might like to send personal e-mail from joe@example.com and business e-mail from sales@example.com.

To do this, create multiple accounts in Microsoft Outlook (or whatever you use as your e-mail program). All the accounts are identical, except that you set different e-mail addresses, as described above.

Then, when you are composing a new message or replying to an incoming message, you will get a drop-down menu allowing you to choose from which account the message will go:



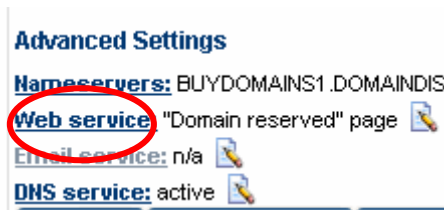
Forwarding the Web Address

In this section, you will see how to keep the domain name at DomainDiscover.com, but have it redirected automatically to another Web site address.

There are a few situations where this is handy – for example:




- You are planning to build a new Web site for this domain name in the future, but in the meantime you would just like this to point to an existing site.
- You would like a second domain name pointing to your existing Web site.
- You would like the new domain name pointing to a specific **page** on your existing Web site.

In all these cases, start by clicking the Web Service link:



This takes you to a page that gives you a number of forwarding options. These two are the most significant for our purposes:

Selected domain:
almondeffect.com ([additional domains...](#))

Display a blank page
 Use the BuyDomains.com "domain reserved" page
 Use the BuyDomains.com "under construction" page
 Use the BuyDomains.com "domain for sale" page
 Use a one-page website
 Redirect my domain to an existing URL 
 FrameForward(sm) my domain to an existing URL 
 Use a simple DNS entry 

These operate slightly differently, and each has its own pros and cons. So it's worth understanding them here before you make a choice.

- The **Redirect my domain** option means that whenever somebody types in (or clicks) the new domain name in their Web browser, the Web address will immediately change to the page you specify, and they will be automatically forwarded to that page. It then behaves exactly as if they had typed in that other page directly.
- The **Frame Forward** option doesn't forward them to the existing page. Instead, it displays the contents of that existing page in their browser window *but keeps the new domain name displayed in the browser*. The benefit of this is that the

user always sees the new domain name in their browser address bar. However, this could be a disadvantage, because if they click other links in the page they see, they will go to those pages, but the Web address in the browser will still show the new domain name. This makes it difficult for them to bookmark individual pages.

So make your choice based on which of these scenarios you prefer, and fill in the form. For example, if you choose Frame Forwarding, you might fill in something like this (Note that it's OK to leave out the description, keywords and shortcut icon – these are rarely used):

FrameForward(sm) my domain to an existing URL:

URL:

***Title bar:**

***Description (max 250 characters):**

***Keywords (separate with commas):**

***Shortcut icon URL (favicon):**

* optional

After you confirm the changes, it could take up to 48 hours for them to take effect, though it's often much faster.