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I get asked by hams (and others) to set them up with their own domain with (maybe) a website but, more importantly, their own (domain) email... so that they can get off of the unreliable Yahoo or AOL or Gmail platforms. Thus, I've written down procedures that they must do before I can do this for them.

Signing up for a domain and hosting can easily be done online, but you must have a working email address. If you don't have one you can get a free account from Gmail or perhaps 'borrow' an address from a friend who will give you a temporary one on their domain. (I do that for my clients who don't have any email.)

Here are the steps to take:

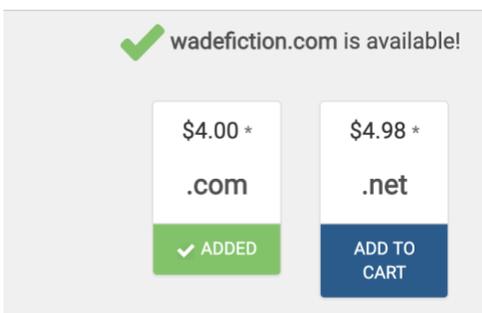
Find A Domain Name

Find a domain name that you like and is available. You have to register it with a registry company, and all of them have some kind of a search facility. GoDaddy, the best known. I suggest you just use them to search **but do not and register** your new domain with them.

GoDaddy has a low "teaser-rate" but by the time you buy all the 'features' you need, you are paying more than the one-price-for-everything that Pair Domains charges. We do all our domains with Pair Domains... we have about 20 of them and recommend this company for your domain registration (and hosting.)

<https://www.pairdomains.com/>

For example, WadeFiction.com is available for currently \$4 a the first year... later it goes to \$18 or so): (Note that web domains and email are NOT case sensitive: wadefiction.com = WadEFicTION.com)



I sign up for multi-year on some of my domains so as to get a larger discount.

Make sure you copy and save your registry username and password they give you. If you lose it, it is a major pain to get it back! I will need the login to set the DNS nameservers for your website and email. (Note, you can have email without a website, but you must have a web HOST even if you don't set up a site.)

Find A Host

Sign up for web/email hosting with a good company. There are lots of hosts... some very good, and some terrible. We recommend Pair Networks (parent company of Pair Domains):

<https://www.pair.com/webhosting/shared.html>

Buy the cheapest package they have... Package-1

HOSTING PLAN: SHARED WEB HOSTING - PACKAGE 1

BILLING TERM	ORDER SUMMARY
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 12 Months (5% Off)	Monthly \$4.76
<input type="radio"/> 6 Months	Hosting Fee 12 Months \$57.12
<input type="radio"/> 3 Months	Setup Fee 0
<input type="radio"/> 1 Month	

Coupon Code
accepted: Referral Code for 20% off.

TOTAL (USD) You Save(\$14.28) **\$57.12**

→ Here is a referral code for a discount: pairref-W4RgFUZ3

Pay the hosting fee yearly so you get the discount. (You do not need the additional SIM feature or any other features.)

You will get an email with a user, password, and billing-ID for hosting. SAVE THOSE. I will need them to log into your hosting account to set up your email and site.

Create Email Addresses

Finally, tell me the email addresses you want. You can have hundreds of them for your domain although most people only have two or three which I'll be happy to input for you. To get your email you can either configure your email program (Apple Mail, Outlook, Thunderbird, etc.) to poll your email boxes or you can use the Pair webmail system, which is quite good.

Assume you get wadefiction.com as your domain. You can have email addresses like:

walter@wadefiction.com
margaret@wadefiction.com
W6UAF@ wadefiction.com
old.man@ wadefiction.com

You can have any name you want at your own domain. You can also set up 'forwards' such that the last three of the addresses above would actually drop all their mail into walter@wadefiction.com. That way you only have to poll (read) one email box to get email from other addresses.

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