

Add blogs as subdomains to your WordPress Multisite instance in Amazon Lightsail

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A WordPress Multisite instance in Amazon Lightsail is designed to use multiple domains, or subdomains, for each blog site that you create within that instance. In this guide, we'll show you how to add a blog site as a subdomain of your WordPress Multisite instance. For example, if your main blog's primary domain is `example.com`, you can create new blog sites that use the `earth.example.com` and `moon.example.com` subdomains on the same instance.

Note

You can also add sites using domains to your WordPress Multisite instance. For more information, see [Add blogs as domains to your WordPress Multisite instance in Amazon Lightsail](#).

Prerequisites

Complete the following prerequisites in the order shown:

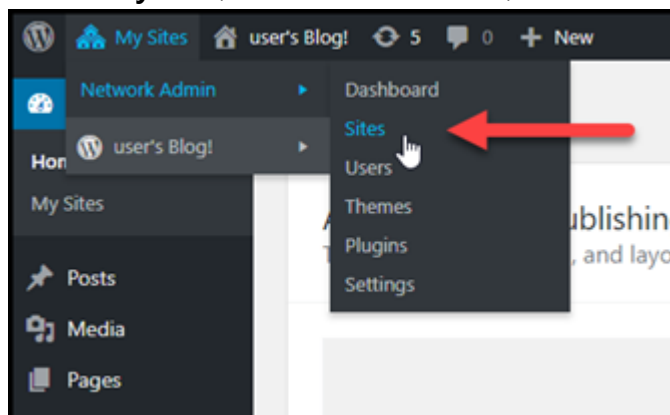
- Create a WordPress Multisite instance in Lightsail. For more information, see [Create an Amazon Lightsail instance](#).
- Create a static IP and attach it to your WordPress Multisite instance in Lightsail. For more information, see [Create a static IP and attach it to an instance in Amazon Lightsail](#).
- Add your domain to Lightsail by creating a DNS zone, then point it to the static IP that you attached to your WordPress Multisite instance. For more information, see [Creating a DNS zone to manage your domain's DNS records in Amazon Lightsail](#).
- Define the primary domain for your WordPress Multisite instance in Lightsail. For more information, see [Define the primary domain for your WordPress Multisite instance in Amazon Lightsail](#).

Add a blog as a subdomain to your WordPress Multisite instance

Complete these steps to create new blogs on your WordPress Multisite instance that use a subdomain of your main blog's primary domain.

1. Sign in to the administration dashboard of your WordPress Multisite instance. **Note**
For more information, see [Getting the application user name and password for your 'Powered by Bitnami' instance in Amazon Lightsail](#).

2. Choose **My Sites**, then **Network Admin**, and **Sites** in the top navigation pane.



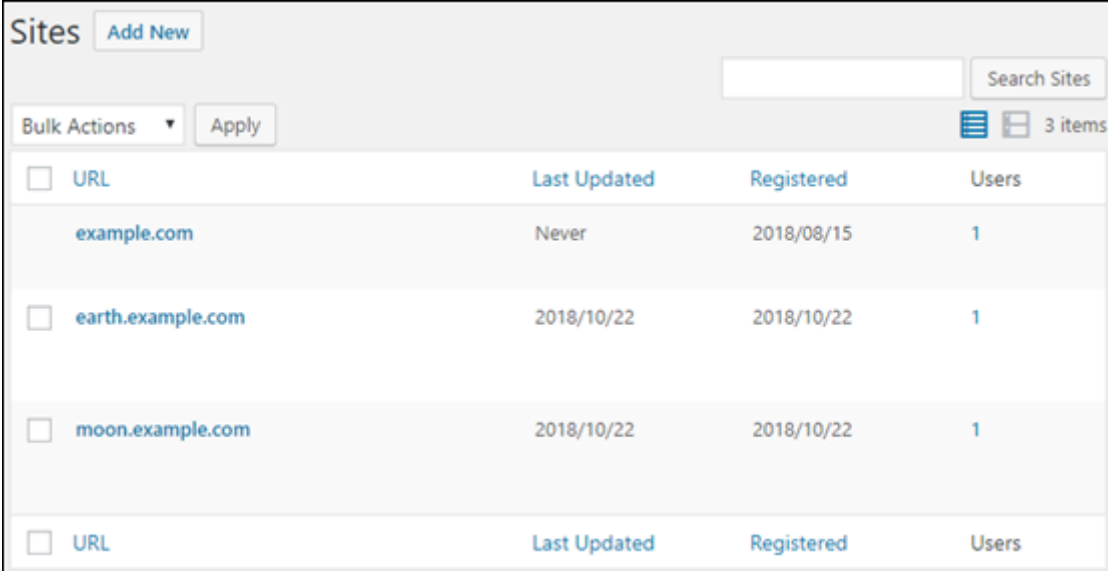
3. Choose **Add New** to add a new blog site.
4. Enter a site address, which is the subdomain that will be used for the new blog site.

A screenshot of the 'Add New Site' form in the WordPress Network Admin interface. The form has four input fields: 'Site Address (URL)' with the value 'earth' and a '.example.com' suffix, 'Site Title' with the value 'Earth's Blog Site', 'Site Language' with a dropdown menu set to 'English (United States)', and 'Admin Email' with the value 'admin@example.com'. Below the fields, there is a note: 'A new user will be created if the above email address is not in the database. The username and a link to set the password will be mailed to this email address.' At the bottom left, there is a blue 'Add Site' button.

5. Enter a site title, select a site language, and enter an admin email.
6. Choose **Add Site**.

At this point, the new blog site has been created in your WordPress Multisite instance, but the subdomain is not yet configured to route to the new blog site. Continue to the next step to add an

address record (A record) to your domain's DNS zone.



The screenshot shows the 'Sites' management interface in WordPress. It includes a search bar, a 'Bulk Actions' dropdown, and an 'Apply' button. The table lists three sites with their URLs, last updated dates, registered dates, and the number of users.

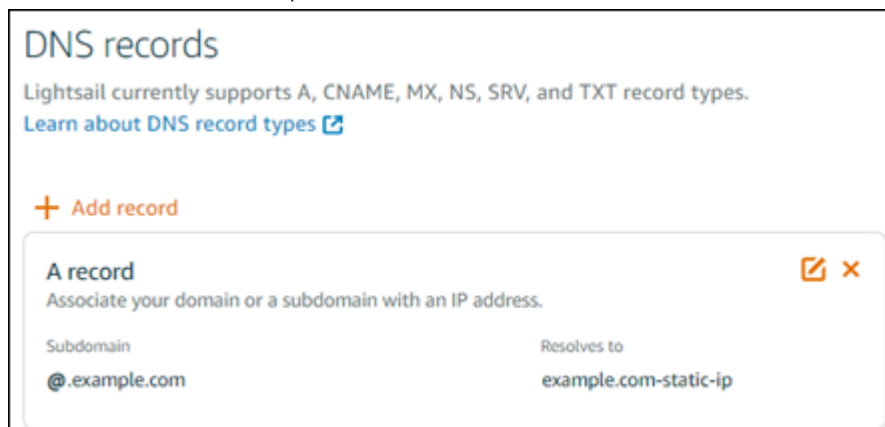
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<input type="checkbox"/>	earth.example.com	2018/10/22	2018/10/22	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	moon.example.com	2018/10/22	2018/10/22	1
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Add an address record (A record) to your domain's DNS zone

Complete these steps to point the subdomain for your new blog site to your WordPress Multisite instance. You must perform these steps for every blog site that you create on your WordPress Multisite instance.

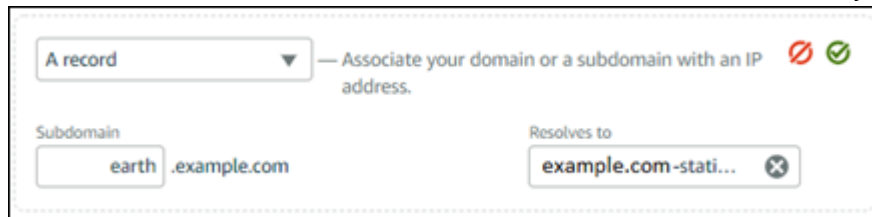
For demonstration purposes, we'll use the Lightsail DNS zone. However, the steps may be similar for other DNS zones typically hosted by domain registrars.

1. Sign in to the [Lightsail console](#).
2. On the Lightsail home page, choose the **Networking** tab.
3. Under the **DNS zones** section of the page, choose the DNS zone for the domain that you defined as the primary domain for your WordPress Multisite instance.
4. In the DNS zone editor, choose **Add record**.



5. Choose **A record** in the record type drop-down menu.
6. In the **Subdomain** text box, enter the subdomain specified as the site address when creating the new blog site on your WordPress Multisite instance.

7. In the **Resolves to** text box, choose the static IP address attached to your WordPress Multisite instance.



The screenshot shows the AWS Route 53 console interface for configuring an A record. At the top, a dropdown menu is set to 'A record' with a downward arrow. To its right is the text '— Associate your domain or a subdomain with an IP address.' followed by a red 'X' icon and a green checkmark icon. Below this, the 'Subdomain' section has a text input field containing 'earth' followed by '.example.com'. To the right of this, the 'Resolves to' section has a text input field containing 'example.com -stati...' with a small 'x' icon to its right. The entire form is enclosed in a dashed border.

8. Choose the Save icon.

That is all you need to do. After the change propagates through the internet's DNS, the domain will redirect to the new blog site on your WordPress Multisite instance.