

(6) Learning Goal

By the end of this module, you'll have your very own **professional online address** (domain) connected to your website.

Why It Matters

Think of your domain name as your digital real estate:

- Your address on the internet → Example: www.digitalmoneylab.com
- Builds trust with visitors (instead of a random link like durable.site/username)
- • Easy to **share** on social media, emails, and business cards
- makes your brand look serious and professional

Imagine meeting a client:

 Would you rather say, "Visit me at digitalmoneylab.com" OR "Go to durable.site/9847hjs..."?
The first one clearly wins.

X Step 1: Find a Free Domain

We'll start simple with **Freenom.com**, which offers free domains with these extensions:

- .tk
- .ml
- .cf
- .gq

P How to Do It:

- 1. Go to Freenom.com.
- 2. Type your **brand name** in the search bar.
 - Example: If your business is *EcoFresh Juices*, try searching ecofresh.
- 3. Look for **free extensions** available \rightarrow choose one.
- 4. Register your domain (create a free account if needed).
- Pro Tip: Keep it short, simple, and easy to spell. Avoid numbers and hyphens.

Paid Option (Recommended Later)

Once your business starts earning, invest in a .com domain for long-term credibility.

- Use Namecheap or GoDaddy
- Typical cost: **\$8-\$12 per year**
- Example: ecofresh.com → stronger, trusted, global reach



🧠 Step 2: Connect Domain to Your Website

Now that you own your domain, let's connect it to your site.

Inside Durable.ai:

- 1. Go to your Website Settings.
- 2. Click Add Custom Domain.
- 3. Paste your Freenom domain (e.g., www.ecofresh.ml).
- 4. Save changes and wait a few minutes for it to sync.
- Now your website looks polished and professional!

Step 3: Test Your Domain

Don't stop after connecting — you need to **test** it:

- Open it in your browser → does the site load?
- Check on your phone → is it mobile-friendly?
- \mathbf{V} Share with a **friend or family member** \rightarrow do they see your site without issues?
- Sometimes it can take up to 24 hours for a new domain to fully activate.

Student Task

Action for Today:

- Register a free domain at Freenom.com
- Connect it to your Durable.ai website
- Test it on both desktop and mobile

Checklist

[] I found a free or cheap domain

[] I connected it to my website

[] I tested it on desktop & mobile

→ Pro Tip:

When you start earning money, **upgrade to a .com domain**.

- It makes your brand more trustworthy
- Easier to rank on Google
- A solid long-term investment for your business identity

Big Picture:

This step transforms your project from a "side hustle experiment" into a **real online business**. Owning your domain = owning your brand.