

Dokku - Add domain after setup

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I installed Dokku on my Digital Ocean droplet, but did it before setting my dns records, so Dokku was installed on IP. Now I changed my dns record, so site can be accessed through `site.com`. I can access my previously created Dokku containers through `site.com:port`, how can I change Dokku settings to access my app like this - `appname.site.com`

[node.js](#) [dns](#) [dokku](#)

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asked Feb 14 '14 at 17:35



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- 2 Try to explore this file:
`/home/dokku/VHOST`
- [illagrenan](#) Feb 26 '14 at 9:28
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- 2 Sure could use a way to reset the initial Dokku configuration to gain access to the setup GUI. Since I left domain configuration IP based, there is no VHOST file and I have no idea what it is supposed to

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your server. For instance, if you want an app name like `app.dokku.me`, your file would contain `dokku.me . -`
[Jose Diaz-Gonzalez](#)
Jan 28 '16 at 19:59

4 Answers

Per <https://github.com/progrium/dokku>:

Set up a domain and a wildcard domain pointing to that host. Make sure `/home/dokku/VHOST` is set to this domain. By default it's set to whatever hostname the host has. This file is only created if the hostname can be resolved by `dig` (`dig +short $(hostname -f)`). Otherwise you have to create the file manually and set it to your preferred domain. If this file still is not present when you push your app, dokku will publish the app with a port number (i.e. <http://example.com:49154> - note the missing subdomain).

To fix the issue, you will first need to update the `/home/dokku/VHOST` file, adding the domain name -- this will fix any

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(/home/dokku/foo,
/home/dokku/bar, etc.)
and redeployed for this
change to take effect,
since each Dokku
application has a
separate nginx.conf
within those
/home/dokku/ paths and
those will need to be re-
written.

answered Mar 11 '14 at 6:19



[shirkey](#)

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Works like a charm.
Thank you! – [eagor](#)
Nov 7 '14 at 15:13

1 Just a note for
anyone else, you
may need to re-link
containers (for
instance if you are
using a db plugin) if
you delete and then
add an app. Editing
the
/home/dokku/foo/nginx
x.conf properly would
save that step –
[TheBigC](#) Dec 16 '14
at 3:23

Deleting the apps
may be overkill, try
dokku ps:restart
<app> or dokku
ps:rebuild <app>
first. – [Epigene](#) Jan 8
'16 at 9:44

To extend [@shirkey](#)
[answer](#): you don't need
to re-create (destroy and
create again) an app in
order to apply those
changes. You can
manually create VHOST
file inside

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NO_VHOST) and change
 DOKKU_NGINX_PORT to 80
 (dokku config:set \$app
 DOKKU_NGINX_PORT=80) and
 restart the app (dokku
 ps:restart \$app).

lited May 23 '17 at 12:10



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iswered Jan 27 '16 at 15:52



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```
$ echo "example.com" >
/home/dokku/VHOST
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iswered Mar 12 '15 at 16:58



Le Dang Duong

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It is indeed not
 necessary to destroy
 and recreate apps. First,
 dokku domains:report
 tells you if global
 VHOSTS are already
 enabled or not. If not,
 run

```
dokku domains:add-global
echo yourdomain.tld | su
dokku domains:add myapp r
dokku domains:enable mya
```

The first of these adds
 yourdomain.tld to
 /home/dokku/HOSTNAM
 E. It should also add it to
 /home/dokku/VHOST,
 but it doesn't. So that
 needs to be done
 manually. Then tell
 dokku what (sub)domain
 you want to access

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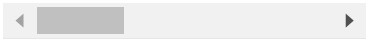
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