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Map a Custom Domain

Guide for mapping a custom domain to your app.

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Background

When you [deploy your app to Heroku](#), Heroku gives you a default `herokuapp.com` URL (e.g., `https://cryptic-eyrie-5775.herokuapp.com/`). When you are ready to use Heroku for live traffic, you can add your own custom domain (e.g. `http://www.yourname.com`).

Instructions

1. Buy a domain name. A popular domain registration service is [Google Domains](#). Search for a domain name (e.g. yourname.com) and purchase it.

2. In your project, from the terminal tell Heroku which domain you want to map to your application.

   ```
   $ heroku domains:add www.yourname.com
   ```

3. Go to [your Google Domains account](#). In the left menu click **My domains**.

4. Go to your domain name and click the DNS icon ▬.

5. Scroll down to the **Custom resource records** section, and add a CNAME record pointing the `www` subdomain to your Rails app's `herokuapp.com` hostname.

   This change will take 1-2 minutes to take effect.

6. Check that your DNS is correctly configured:

   ```
   $ host wwww.yourname.com
   ```

7. Visit `www.yourname.com` to see if it works.

Check out [Heroku's custom domains docs](#) for more information.

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