Deploy with a Custom Domain

Objectives

By the end of this lesson you will be able to:

— Explain how to obtain a custom domain name

— Identify resources for deploying your site

Buy a custom domain

— 1and1

— Name.com

— Register.com

— Name Cheap

If you plan to use Heroku or Surge, make sure your provider allows for ALIAS/ANAME/CNAME

Know what you need in a host

— front end only?

— server? Which type?

— database? Which type?

— space?

— other...

So far you've used Heroku and Surge. You can use your custom domain with either of these services or you can choose to deploy elsewhere.

Surge

After creating your custom domain, add it to Surge.
Follow the instructions from surge - Setting a CNAME

Heroku

— After creating your custom domain, add it to Heroku. Open your app in the Heroku panel and go to the Settings tab.

— In the Domains and Certificates section add your custom domain to the correct field.

— Follow the instructions on Heroku

Other hosts

— Digital Ocean

— AWS

— Pivotal Cloud Foundry

Deployment can be tricky and there are so many options out there. Use what you've learned here at Galvanize to assess what you need, find resources, and then jump right in and try it out.