

Build a Better Blog: Mapping a domain to a TypePad blog

For this process you will need to log in to your TypePad account and the account for your domain registrar.

Step 0: Remove any existing redirects/forwards

If the domain you want to map is currently forwarded to your TypePad blog, log in to your account at your domain registrar and remove the forward before you do anything else. If it is not forwarded, skip to Step 1.

Step 1: Log in to your TypePad account

To get the information you'll need to map the domain, go to the Control Panel area.

- Select Site Access tab
- Click Domain Mapping link

Step 2: Click the "Begin Here: Map a Domain Name" button

A new window will open, instructing you to select one of several options to move forward.

- Enter your domain name in the space provided and click "Get DNS Settings" button
Typepad will return a list of settings to configure the DNS.
- Leave this window open. You will need this information in the next step, and you'll need to come back here to enter more information.

NOTE: The list of settings has items for A Record, MX Records, and CNAME record. **The only one you need to concern yourself with is CNAME.** From TypePad: *It is highly recommended that you modify or create CNAME records only. A records, which point directly to IP addresses, can be more difficult to maintain over time. CNAME records are much more flexible.*

Step 3: Enter the DNS settings at your domain registrar

Log into your domain registrar account.

- Access the Advanced DNS settings (GoDaddy calls this "Total DNS Control")
- Click Total DNS Control and MX Records

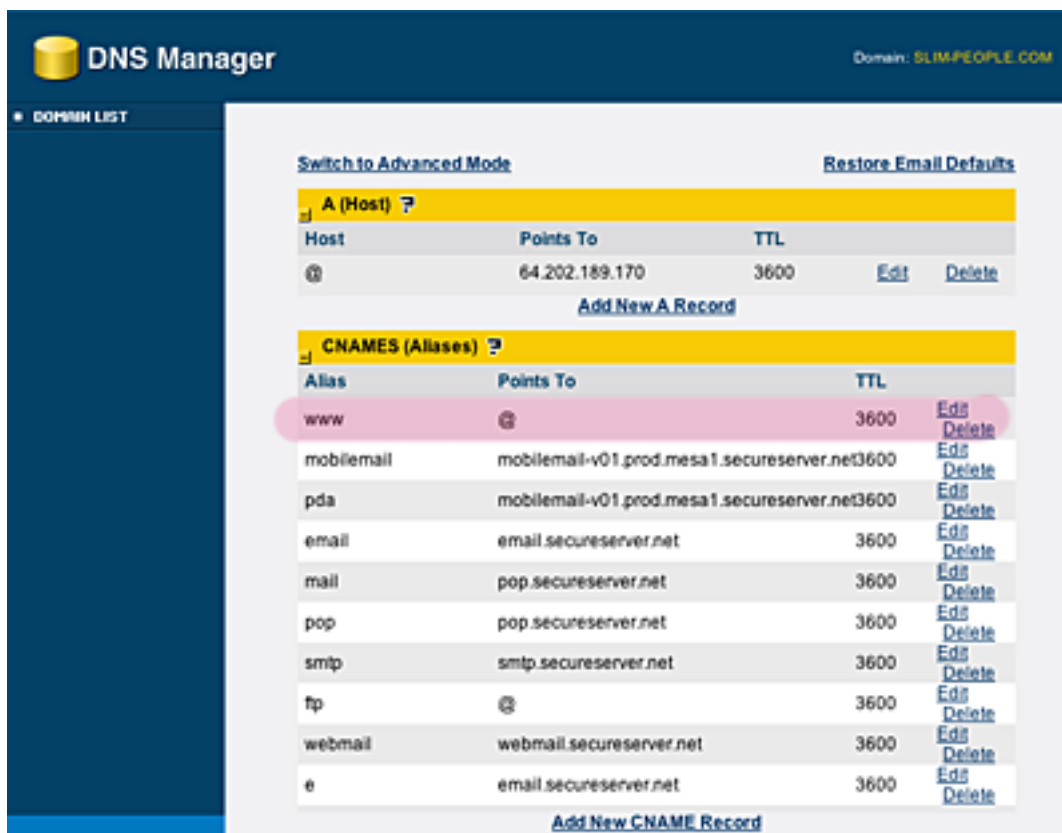


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This screen will appear (or a less blurry version of it) with its ominous “advanced functionality” warning:



➔ Take a deep breath, and select “Launch Total DNS Control Manager.” This will open the following window:



The only item that you need to change is the first one under CNAMES, www (highlighted in the screenshot above in pink).

➔ Click the Edit link on the right to change that.

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This window will then appear:

CNAME (Aliases) Record Wizard Instructions

To edit this CNAME record for your domain, please complete the Alias Name, Points To Host Name, and TTL fields below; then click "Continue".

Note: The Points To Host Name should be defined as your domain name (i.e., "www.domainnamegoeshere.com") or "@" (Entering "@" will automatically insert your domain name as the host name for the CNAME Record). The Alias field should be the subdomain of your domain.

Step 1

Enter an Alias Name

Step 2

Enter Points To Host Name

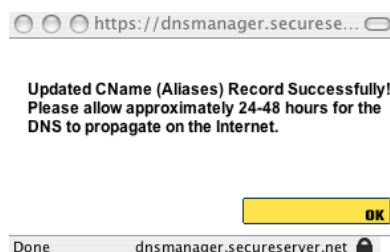
Step 3

Select TTL Value

The only item to be concerned with here is Step 2. There you will enter the "points to" domain from the TypePad DNS Settings. You did keep that handy, right?

Note: Do **not** enter the full domain for the blog you are mapping to – only the main URL for your TypePad account (in this case, nextlevelpartner.typepad.com, as highlighted in blue, or it may be yourdomain.blogs.com).

- ➔ Click on Continue. The same screen will appear again, giving you one more chance to edit before you submit your change.
- ➔ Click Update, and this confirmation window will appear:



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Step 4: Back to TypePad

Map a Domain: Configure your TypePad Settings

Once you've updated your DNS settings and pointed your domain at your TypePad site, you're ready to finalize the configuration by associating the domain with your TypePad site, weblog, or photo album.

3 Map the domain **www.slim-people.com** to:

My main site (nextlevelpartner.typepad.com)

My weblog:

My photo album:



You did keep TypePad open, didn't you?

- Click on the "Complete Final Step" button. The screen shown above will appear; you will be presented with a list of items you can choose from to map your domain to.
- You'll want to choose the specific domain from the pull down list.
- Click "Add Domain."

You are done for the time being...after a few hours, you will want to start testing your domain to see if it has propagated yet. *Make sure you test with the www (e.g. www.slim-people.com); the domain without the www won't work without a little more intervention. (That will come later.)*

Until the domain has propagated, you'll likely get a 404 screen when you test it. But once your blog shows up at the domain, you are ready to move to the final steps!

Step 5: Activate the Mapping

You've tested your domain and it is now finally pointing to the blog. To complete the mapping process, go back to the Domain Mapping Area (see Step 1) and scroll to the bottom of the page.

There you will see a checklist containing the names of domains you have set up for mapping. (If this is your first attempt, the domain in question will probably be the only thing listed there.)

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Your Domains

Below is the list of domains that you have already mapped to your TypePad site. To delete a domain mapping, check the Remove box in the table below, and press the Remove button. To activate a domain, check the Active box in the table below, and press the Set button.

Note: Do not set your domain as "Active" until you are sure that the domain's DNS record has been updated.

You have 3 domains in your list of mapped domains.

Domain	Mapped To	Active	Remove
www.biztipsblog.com	nextlevelpartner.typepad.com	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
www.conversationsclub.com	nextlevelpartner.typepad.com/experts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
www.slim-people.com	nextlevelpartner.typepad.com/slim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Click the Active box to the right of the domain you are mapping
- Press the Set button

Step 6: Republish your blog

Complete the mapping process by republishing your blog. This will make the new domain work with the existing permalinks.

- Go to the Design tab for the blog you are mapping to.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the Design screen
- Click on the Publish button.
- Select "Publish all files" in the Publish pop-up

Once the blog has been republished, view your blog. You'll notice that all of the permalinks will have your domain name (but they will still be accessible by their old URL as well).

Step 7: Redirect

To complete the domain mapping process, you'll want to redirect the base domain to the URL.

Sound confusing? Seem like you just UNdid that in Step 0?

The process you just completed mapped the domain with the www prefix to your blog. To get the domain to point there without the www, you'll want to redirect it. (It's worth 30 seconds of your time!)

To redirect, just go back to your domain registrar account

- Choose domain forwarding/redirect for the domain you have just mapped
- Enter http://www.domain.com (e.g. redirect slim-people.com to <http://www.slim-people.com>)
- Save the redirect

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Not sure you want to do this yourself?

We can do it for you for a fee of ~~\$75~~ **\$50**. It takes approximately 24-48 hours for the domain mapping to take affect, after we receive your payment and the information requested when you submit your fee.

Use this link to get started: http://snipurl.com/Domain_Mapping



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