

DNS & Nameserver Setup Guide

How to point a domain to your VastyHost hosting account.

Propagation tip

DNS updates are often visible gradually. Avoid repeatedly changing records while caches are expiring unless you identify a definite configuration error.

What You Need

- Access to the registrar or DNS provider that manages your domain.
- The nameservers or DNS records supplied for your VastyHost service.
- A clear plan for whether website, email, or both are moving.

Option 1: Change Nameservers

- At the registrar, open the nameserver settings for the domain.
- If your account uses the standard VastyHost pair, enter ns1.vastyhost.com and ns2.vastyhost.com.
- Save the change and avoid making repeated edits while DNS is propagating.
- Once active, manage A, CNAME, MX and TXT records in the VastyHost/Plesk DNS zone.

Option 2: Keep Existing DNS and Edit Records

- Point the root A record to the VastyHost server IP assigned to your service.
- Point www with a CNAME to the root domain or use the supplied record.
- Preserve existing MX records if email remains with another provider.
- Add verification TXT records exactly as provided by external services.

How to Verify

- Confirm the domain resolves to the expected IP address.
- Open the website over both HTTP and HTTPS.
- If email was moved, test inbound and outbound mail.
- Check the authoritative nameservers to ensure the intended provider is answering.

Common Issues

- A typo in a nameserver or record value.
- DNS being edited at a provider that is no longer authoritative.
- Old A, AAAA or MX records conflicting with the new configuration.
- Local or ISP caching making old DNS data appear temporarily.

DNS Checklist

✓ Authoritative DNS provider confirmed
✓ Nameservers or A record updated
✓ www record checked
✓ MX records preserved or updated
✓ TXT verification records checked
✓ Website and email tested