How do I setup a domain redirect?

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You can setup a domain redirect in a couple of ways. We'll outline these below:

Using the control panel Redirects tool

1. Login to your control panel and head to either your list of packages, or list of domainsand select to **Manage** the domain you wish to add the redirect for.
2. Select the **Redirects** icon, under **Web Tools**.
3. Add the domain you would like to be redirected and then the destination address.
4. In general, you'd want to use the **301 Permanent Redirect**, but if you are planning on only temporarily redirecting the site then you can use a **302 Temporary Redirect**.

The difference between the two types of redirects is down to how search engines handle them.

Search engines use the redirect type as a way to figure out if the old site needs to be kept indexed.

Essentially if you want the new site to be a replacement for the old site, you should use a 301 Permanent Redirect, if you're developing a new website and your current website may be down for a short time, you may want to use a 302 Temporary Redirect.

Using .htaccess

A .htaccess file is an important Apache configuration file usually resides within the public_html folder of your site, it's a way to add specific rules on a per-hostname basis. A .htaccess rule allows for further configuration of your redirect should you need a more specific redirect. Below are some common examples you may need to add.

Redirect your website to a new domain

To redirect your website to another domain using a .htaccess rule you'd want to add the following rule to your .htaccess file and then save the file:

```
RewriteEngine on
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^oldsite.com [NC,OR]
```

```
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^www.oldsite.com [NC]
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ https://newsite.com/$1 [L,R=301,NC]
```

Force www. instead of non-www.

You could achieve this by editing the site and home URL (if your site is WordPress), but it can also be achieved by using the following rule:

```
RewriteEngine on
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^mywebsite.com [NC]
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ https://www.mywebsite.com/$1 [L,R=301,NC]
```

Force HTTPS

You can use the **Force HTTPS** tool from within the control panel to always enable https://, however you can also add the following rule:

```
RewriteCond %{HTTPS} !=on
RewriteRule (.*) https://%{HTTP_HOST}%{REQUEST_URI}
```