

Free Custom Domain Email accounts setup with Google Domains Without Google Apps / G Suite Subscription

Using Google Domains to get Free Email on your own domain

Gone are the days, when Google Apps for Work / Business (now known as G Suite) offered FREE services and you could setup your domain emails to work with Google.

But there is a work-around and you can still get Google to use your own domain to create free email accounts which will work just as smooth as Gmail does.

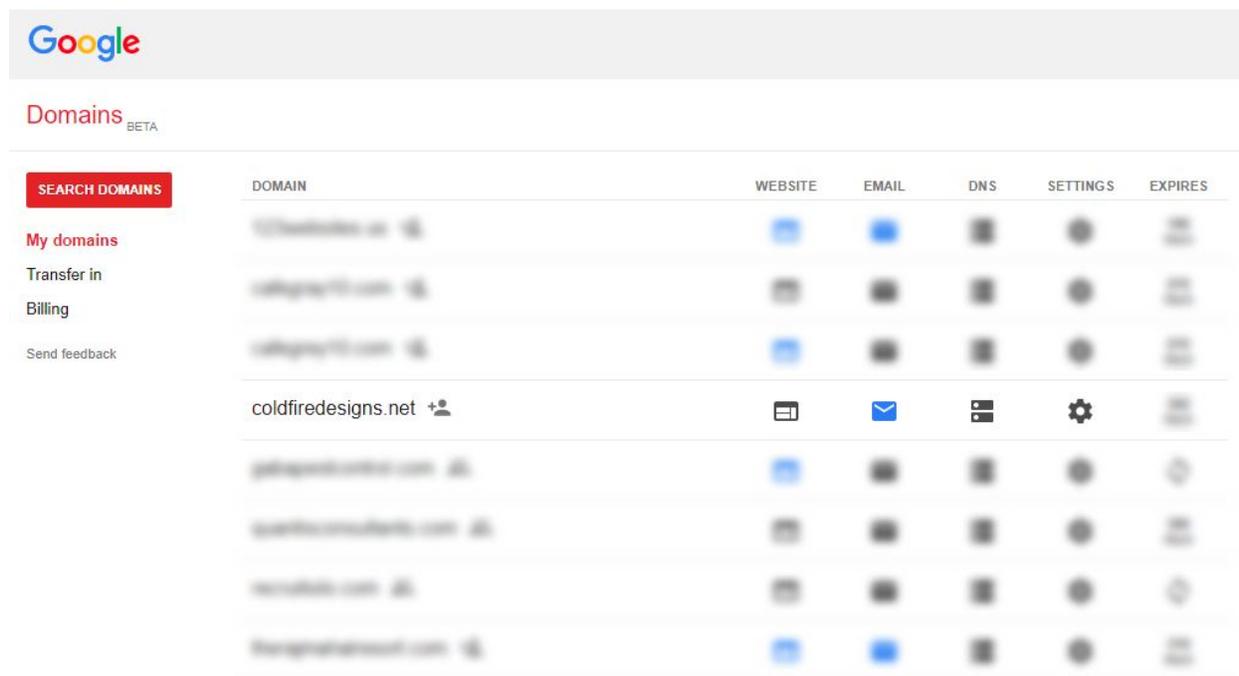
Please follow the instructions below to setup your own domain on Google to get Free Business Email Accounts.

Step 1.

Buy or Register your domain from Google Domains. (Required)

Google Domains URL <https://domains.google/>

If you have registered your domain name from any other domain registrar, you will need to Transfer your domain to Google Domains. For transferring your domain to google, please follow this <https://support.google.com/domains/answer/3251236>



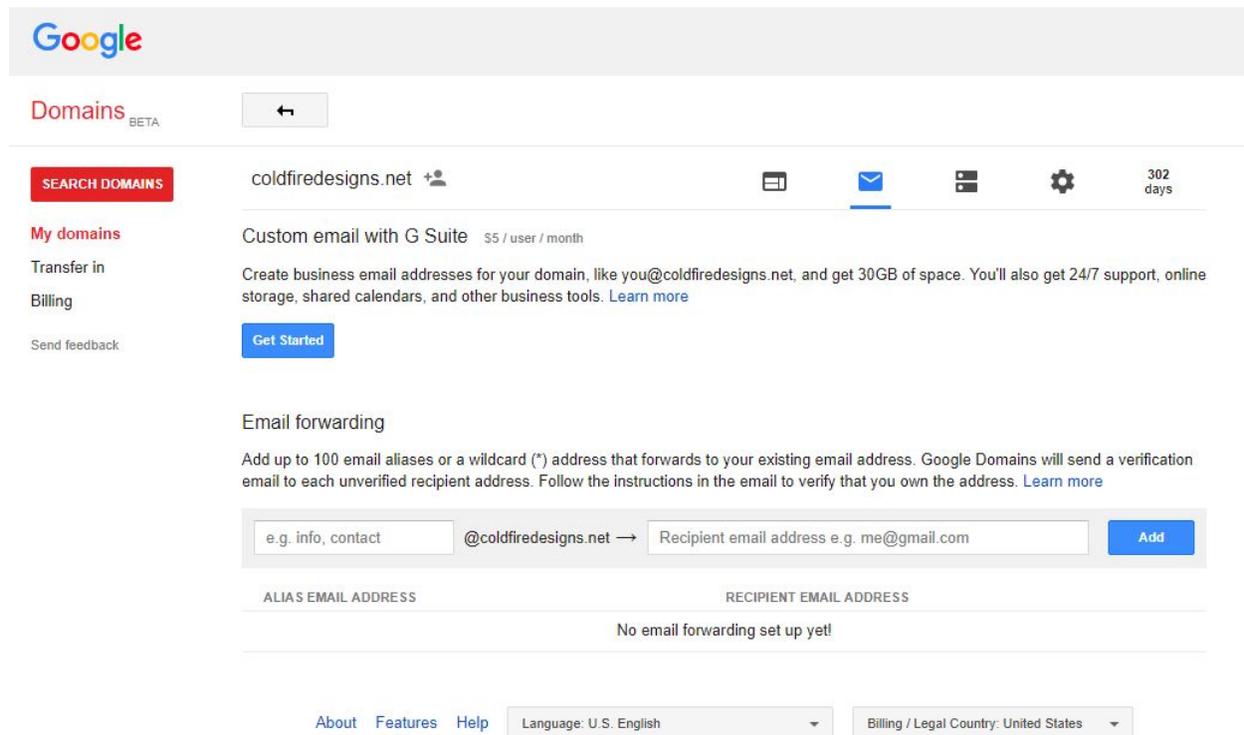
The screenshot shows the Google Domains BETA interface. At the top left is the Google logo. Below it, the word "Domains" is followed by "BETA" in smaller text. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a red "SEARCH DOMAINS" button and links for "My domains", "Transfer in", "Billing", and "Send feedback". The main area is a table with the following columns: DOMAIN, WEBSITE, EMAIL, DNS, SETTINGS, and EXPIRES. The table lists several domains, with "coldfiredesigns.net" highlighted in blue. This domain has icons for a website, email, DNS, and settings, and a plus sign next to its name. Other domains in the list have similar icons for website, email, DNS, and settings, but they are not highlighted.

DOMAIN	WEBSITE	EMAIL	DNS	SETTINGS	EXPIRES
example.com	🌐	✉️	⚙️	⚙️	📅
example.com	🌐	✉️	⚙️	⚙️	📅
example.com	🌐	✉️	⚙️	⚙️	📅
coldfiredesigns.net +	🌐	✉️	⚙️	⚙️	📅
example.com	🌐	✉️	⚙️	⚙️	📅
example.com	🌐	✉️	⚙️	⚙️	📅
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Step 2.

Create Forwarding Email Addresses for your domain

Google Domains give you up to 100 forwarding email accounts which you can create for your domain name once you have your domain setup on Google Domains.



The screenshot shows the Google Domains interface for the domain 'coldfiredesigns.net'. The page is titled 'Domains BETA' and includes a navigation menu with 'SEARCH DOMAINS', 'My domains', 'Transfer in', 'Billing', and 'Send feedback'. The main content area displays 'Custom email with G Suite \$5 / user / month' and a 'Get Started' button. Below this, the 'Email forwarding' section is active, showing instructions to add up to 100 email aliases or wildcard addresses. A form is provided to add a new alias, with the domain '@coldfiredesigns.net' selected. The form has two input fields: 'ALIAS EMAIL ADDRESS' (containing 'e.g. info, contact') and 'RECIPIENT EMAIL ADDRESS' (containing 'Recipient email address e.g. me@gmail.com'). An 'Add' button is to the right of the recipient field. Below the form, it states 'No email forwarding set up yet!'. At the bottom, there are links for 'About', 'Features', and 'Help', along with dropdown menus for 'Language: U.S. English' and 'Billing / Legal Country: United States'.

For example:

You registered mydomain.com

You can create user1@mydomain.com, user2@mydomain.com, etc. up to 100 email addresses.

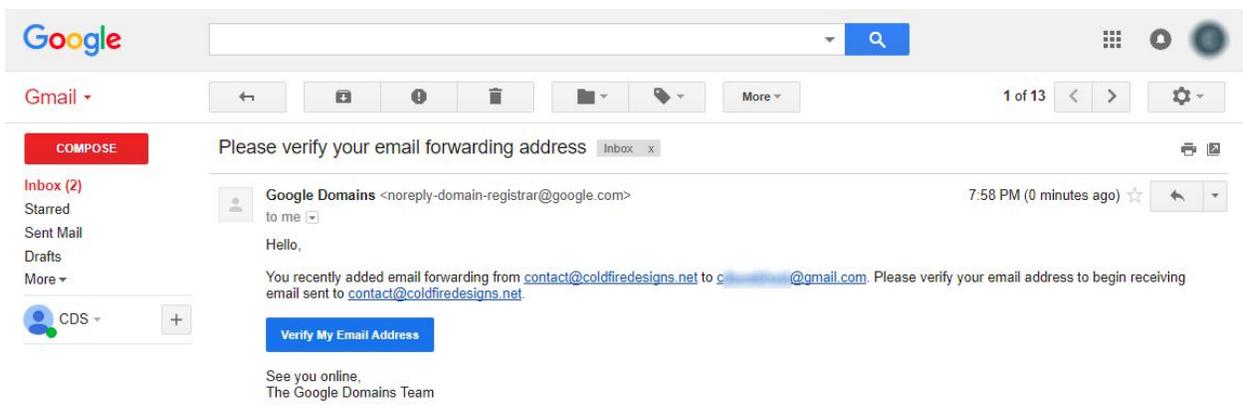
Email forwarding

Add up to 100 email aliases or a wildcard (*) address that forwards to your existing email address. Google Domains will send a verification email to each unverified recipient address. Follow the instructions in the email to verify that you own the address. [Learn more](#)

e.g. info, contact	@coldfiredesigns.net →	Recipient email address e.g. me@gmail.com	Add
ALIAS EMAIL ADDRESS	RECIPIENT EMAIL ADDRESS		
contact@coldfiredesigns.net	 c[REDACTED]@gmail.com	Delete	Edit
	Email won't work until it's verified. Resend verification email		

Please note that these are not actual email accounts, these are just **forwarding email addresses** which will let you create your custom domain emails and are **redirected to your existing Gmail account**.

You will need to verify the forwarded email account by signing in your existing Gmail account and follow the instruction in the email received.



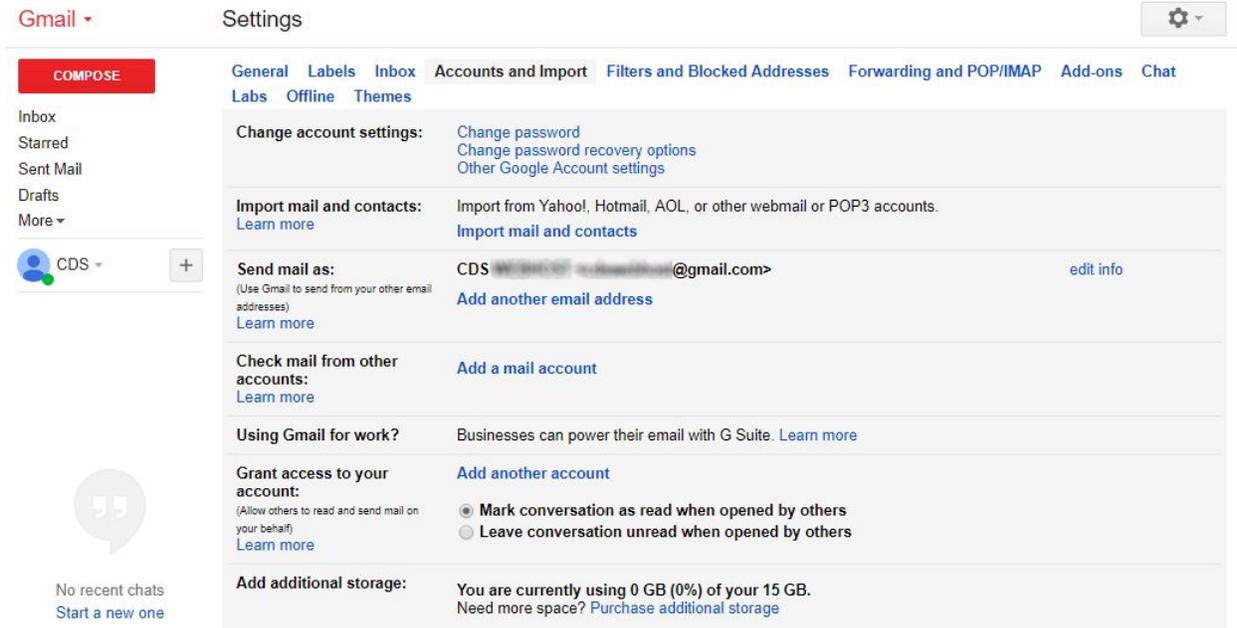
For detailed info on how to create forwarding email accounts, please see this link <https://support.google.com/domains/answer/3251241>

Step 3.

Using your custom domain email accounts to send emails.

You have now verified your newly created forwarding email account from Google Domains. But you know that forwarding email is only one way that is you can only receive emails on this new email account like user1@mydomain.com but cannot send any emails from this email address. So, here's the work-around.

Go to your existing **Gmail Account's Settings** (*the one which you are forwarding to*)



The screenshot shows the Gmail Settings page for an account. The 'Accounts and Import' tab is selected. The left sidebar shows navigation options like 'Compose', 'Inbox', 'Starred', 'Sent Mail', 'Drafts', and 'More'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Change account settings:** Includes links for 'Change password', 'Change password recovery options', and 'Other Google Account settings'.
- Import mail and contacts:** Includes a link to 'Import mail and contacts'.
- Send mail as:** Shows a single account 'CDS [redacted]@gmail.com' with an 'edit info' link and an 'Add another email address' link.
- Check mail from other accounts:** Includes an 'Add a mail account' link.
- Using Gmail for work?:** Includes a 'Learn more' link.
- Grant access to your account:** Includes an 'Add another account' link and two radio button options: 'Mark conversation as read when opened by others' (selected) and 'Leave conversation unread when opened by others'.
- Add additional storage:** Shows 'You are currently using 0 GB (0%) of your 15 GB.' and a link to 'Purchase additional storage'.

At the bottom left, there is a chat icon and the text 'No recent chats Start a new one'.

Accounts & Imports > Send mail as > **Add another email address**

The first screenshot shows the 'Add another email address you own' page. It prompts the user to 'Enter information about your other email address.' The form includes fields for 'Name' (Coldfire Designs) and 'Email address' (contact@coldfiredesigns.net). There is a checkbox for 'Treat as an alias' and a link for 'Specify a different "reply-to" address'. Buttons for 'Cancel' and 'Next Step »' are at the bottom.

The second screenshot shows the 'Send mail through your SMTP server' configuration page. It asks the user to 'Configure your mail to be sent through coldfiredesigns.net SMTP servers'. The form includes fields for 'SMTP Server' (smtp.gmail.com), 'Port' (587), 'Username' (c...@gmail.com), and 'Password'. There are radio buttons for 'Secured connection using TLS (recommended)' and 'Secured connection using SSL'. Buttons for 'Cancel', « Back, and 'Add Account » are at the bottom.

Use **Gmail's SMTP Config** as shown in the screenshot above.

SMTP Server: smtp.gmail.com

Username: username@gmail.com (Your Gmail account with @gmail.com)

Password: Your Gmail account password (Feel secure - you are already on Google)

Secured connection using TLS (Try SSL if doesn't work for you)

Port: 465 (This is the outgoing port for SMTP)

While signing in, your login attempt might be blocked and

You may need to:

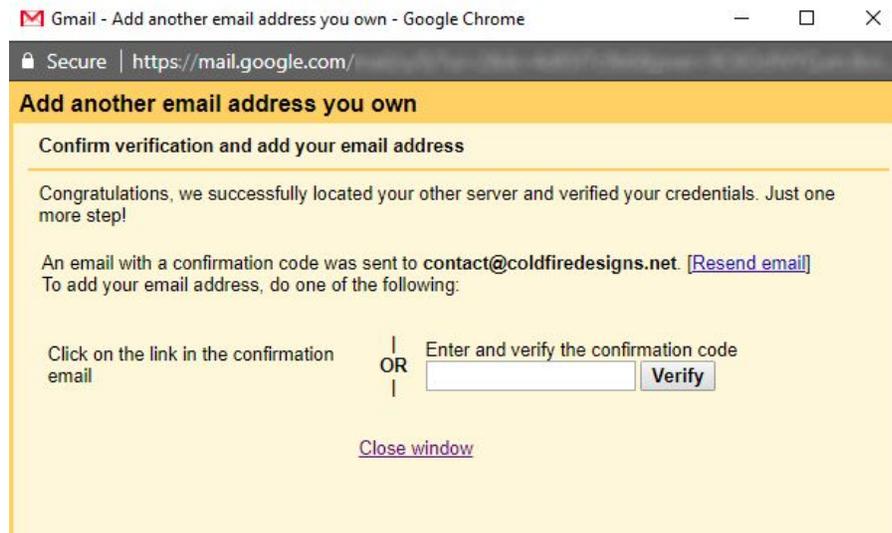
Enable Less Secure Apps <https://myaccount.google.com/lesssecureapps>

If enabling the less secure apps option doesn't work for you, **Generate App Password** for your Google Account <https://security.google.com/settings/security/apppasswords>

This option is available only when **2 Step Verification** is enabled for your account

For detailed usage of App Password <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/185833>

Once, you are signed in / connected, a **verification code** will be sent to your new account (which is forwarding to your existing Gmail account), so check your inbox and verify with the code.



That's it. You can now send emails with the new business email address user1@mydomain.com Hurray!

PRO TIP

You can create new Gmail accounts like **user1.mydomain@gmail.com** and forward your email for user1@mydomain.com to this account. Under the new Gmail account user1.mydomain@gmail.com set your forwarded email address "user1@mydomain.com" as default sending email account.

Now, you can **send and receive** emails at **user1@mydomain.com** without any hassle. Bravo Google! Bravo Gmail!

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