


How to create a default address in cPanel


This address will receive any mail sent to an invalid email address for the current domain. The default address is also commonly called a “catch-all address.”

It is possible to define how the default address handles the incoming messages.

Set Up a Default Address

To set up your default address:

1. Select the domain for which you wish to set up a default address.
2. Click one of the following options:
 - *Forward to email address* — Enter the address in the text box. You do not need to type “@” and the domain name.
 - *Discard with error to sender* — Enter an error message for the sender to read.
3. You can also click *Advanced Options* to:
 - Discard incoming messages without an automatic response.
 **Note:** This option is not recommended since the sender will be unaware that the delivery failed.
 - Automatically forward messages to a program by defining a path to the program, for example **/home/\$utility**, in the *Pipe to a Program* field.
 - Forward incoming messages to your system account.
4. Click the *Change* button.

 **Note:** If your domain is targeted by spammers, forwarding mail to a default address is likely to yield a large amount of spam.