

# How to Forward Your Domain Name if it's NOT Registered Through Magiclnet.com

## Also: How to Create "Agent Friendly" websites

[www.magiclnet.com/domainforward](http://www.magiclnet.com/domainforward)

Congratulations on your new web site. You should have received a confirmation with instructions on how to access your sites V-Deck administration area.

This FAQ will explain how to point your Domain Name URL to your new website hosted by Magiclnet.com. The following procedure applies to "parked" domains and a domain that is registered through another registrar and for which the website host is being changed to Magiclnet.com.

### Here's what you need to do to point your domain to your website:

- 1) go to your domain registrar's website (I'll use Godaddy.com for this example)
- 2) click on the My Account tab
- 3) click on Manage Domains
- 4) click on your domain name to open it for editing
- 5) on the right side of the screen look in the Domain Details box for "Forwarding" and click on the + sign to open for editing
- 6) click on the link for "click here to see details or to modify". A new dialog box will open titled "Forward Domains"
- 7) click on "single domain" in the Apply to: area at the top of this box
- 8) go to the Forward To: field and enter the following:
  - A) If you are forwarding from a parked domain to your site on the Magiclnet servers, enter the DNS information as follows –  
DNS1 = ns1.securehostserver.com  
DNS2 = ns2.securehostserver.com.
  - B) If you forwarding from a parked domain to an existing domain on your Magiclnet server, enter the following:  
<http://www.yourexistingdomain.com>. Your URL will be forwarded to your primary website host.

If you do nothing further, both domain names will go to the same website. However, if someone enters the "yourparkeddomain" address, it will show up on the command line as "yourparkeddomain.com". (To see what I mean, go to [www.alburger.com](http://www.alburger.com) and notice what happens in the command line - it changes to [www.voiceacting.com](http://www.voiceacting.com).)

You can **Mask** your forwarded site so that the forwarded domain title will stay on the command line. To do this, check the "Mask Domain" check box and enter in the field for Masked Title: <http://www.yourparkeddomain.com>. You can capitalize words of the domain or give it any title you want. To see how this works, go to [www.speakingmagic.com](http://www.speakingmagic.com). My "speakingmagic" site actually lives as a set of folders on my "commercial clinic" website host. The real location of this website is [www.commercialclinic.com/speakingmagic](http://www.commercialclinic.com/speakingmagic). Notice that if you go to the full link, the "commercialclinic" name stays in the command line address for every page. Also notice that if you go to the masked domain of [www.speakingmagic.com](http://www.speakingmagic.com), that as you change pages, the address title never changes. I recommend Masking your site for the forwarded address. By Masking your domain, you

have the additional benefits of including a Meta Tag Description and Keywords that will make your forwarded site easier for the search engines to locate. The Meta Tag Description is a short phrase that describes your site. Keywords are individual words, separated by a comma, that provide a very specific description of the site's content: here's an example -

voiceover, voice talent, voice actor, voice, talent, voiceactor, voiceover talent, actor, performer

For most websites you can click on "view" then "source" to see their sites code. Near the top you should see the information for metatags and keywords.

If you have an existing domain hosted by Magiclnet, that site is effectively your primary website ("yourprimarydomain"). You can forward [www.yourparkeddomain.com](http://www.yourparkeddomain.com) to any page or folder on your primary site. In other words, if you forward "yourparkeddomain" to the home page of "yourprimarydomain" both addresses will go to exactly the same place. However, if you want to build a completely separate website for "yourparkeddomain" you can do that by simply putting that website in a separate folder on the "yourexistingdomain" host. This is very handy for performers, professional speakers, and others who need an "agent friendly" website that does not contain any contact information.

Here's an example (don't try clicking on these – they don't go anywhere!):

Let's say your primary website is [www.MyDomain.com](http://www.MyDomain.com) but you have also registered the following domain names: MyDomain1.com, MyDomain2.com, and MyDomain3.com.

Your main website that most people will visit is [www.MyDomain.com](http://www.MyDomain.com)

Your generic "agent friendly" website that contains your information but does NOT contain any contact information is created in a sub-folder with the path [www.MyDomain.com/MyDomain1](http://www.MyDomain.com/MyDomain1)

Within this folder lives a duplicated version of your primary website, except for the contact information. Any links within pages of this site will probably need to be modified to reflect the correct path.

A website for a specific agent might be in the folder [www.MyDomain.com/MyDomain2](http://www.MyDomain.com/MyDomain2).

Within this folder lives a duplicated version of your primary website with all contact information leading to a specific agent.

Entire "Agent Friendly" websites can be built for whatever purpose you might require. All you need to do is register a specific domain name (ie: [www.mydomain-agentname.com](http://www.mydomain-agentname.com)) and forward that domain to either a sub-domain on your site, or to a specific page on your site that contains the "agent friendly" pages for that agent.