

What is a catch-all email address?

The following tutorial was taken in part from: http://www.siteground.com/tutorials/email/catch_all_email.htm

The default or catch-all address is the one to which all e-mails, addressed to a non-available or mistakenly entered email account at your domain name are routed to. In case someone sends an email to info@yourdomain.com and you do not have such mailbox, the catch-all option will forward this email to your default email address.

The reason why this is important for Traffic Multiplier X:

As you create new blogs on various MU hosts, creating randomness in the emails is imperative, otherwise, you are likely to be banned from creating new blogs on that host.

While creating randomness with emails from one domain, you can further increase your chances of success (and not getting banned) by creating randomness by multiple emails on multiple domains.

Think of it like this...

Say you owned a MU domain.

You notice 1000 new blogs being built on that MU domain each day.

You then notice that all of those blogs are being built by the the same person (using just 1 email address).

Because they are taking a lot of your resources, you are likely to ban them from creating new blogs on your MU domain.

With Traffic Multiplier X, we want use to use catch-all domains.

Here's the scenario with a MU owner following our strategy...

You notice 1000 new blogs being built on your MU domain each day.

When you check your MU logs, you notice 100 different email addresses have created these 1000 blogs. You suck it up to you having a popular blog and move on. BUT, something else can occur...

The MU domain owner could notice all 100 of those different email accounts originating from the same domain.

If that happens, they are likely to ban anyone using an email address from that domain from creating new blogs.

So here's why we recommend MULTIPLE catch-all domains...

As a MU domain owner, you notice 1000 blogs being created each day.

You check your logs and see it's 1000 blogs were created that day.

You then see 1000 email address from multiple domains created those blogs.

You are happy because you have a popular blog!

* NO FLAGS are raised because of the randomness in the multiple domains used.

Ok, with that said, let's go through the process of creating catch-all accounts.

*** If using Cpanel, follow this video tutorial.**



Step 1:



To access the auto responders menu, click on the **Default Address** icon on the main screen of your cPanel interface.

Step 2:

Set Default Address

The default email address will "catch" any mail that is sent to an invalid email address for your domain. Mail sent to an address that does not exist will go to the default email address. To send all default mail to the mail user name of your cPanel account in the email address input field.

Default Address Maintenance

Send all unrouted e-mail for:

Current Setting: :fail: No Such User Here


- yourdomainname.com
- domain.com
- domain.yourdomainname.com

Discard all error to sender (at SMTP time)

Failure Message (seen by sender):

From the drop-down menu select the (sub)domain for which you would like to set up a default address.

Step 3:

 **Set Default Address**

The default email address will "catch" any mail that is sent to an invalid email address for your domain address that does not exist will go to the default email address. To send all default mail to the main user name of your cPanel account in the email address input field.

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Send all unrouted e-mail for:

Current Setting: :fail: No Such User Here

Forward to email address

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Discard with error to sender (at SMTP time)

Failure Message (seen by sender):

Forward all unrouted mail to an email address; in this case, you should type in the address in the field.

Step 4:

Click [**Change**] to apply your settings.

Helpful Tips

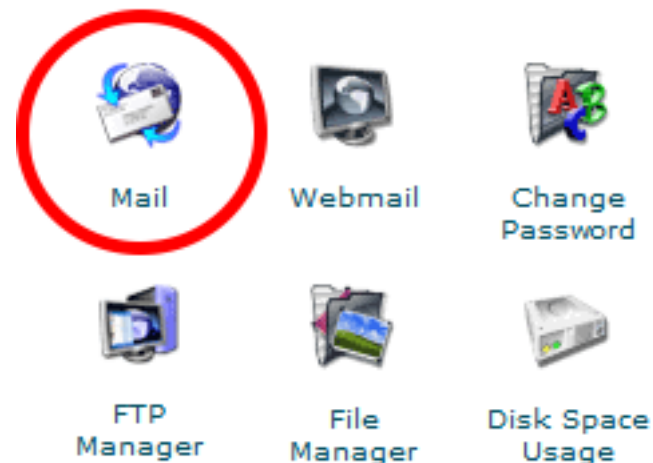
1. You must own the domain you are setting up a catch-all domain on. Gmail, Yahoo, and Hotmail will always fail.
2. Before registering with a host, ensure that they support Catch-all accounts. Some don't! We just recently found out that Host Gator doesn't allow this. We use our own dedicated servers, but I've also used my accounts with SEOHosting.com with no problems.

Alternate view if using Cpanel

I've taken screenshots from my own Cpanel account and added them here. My view looks different than the tutorial listed above, so this may help those with the same Cpanel theme (X) that I use.

Step 1: (Cpanel Theme X)

Update your contact information here.



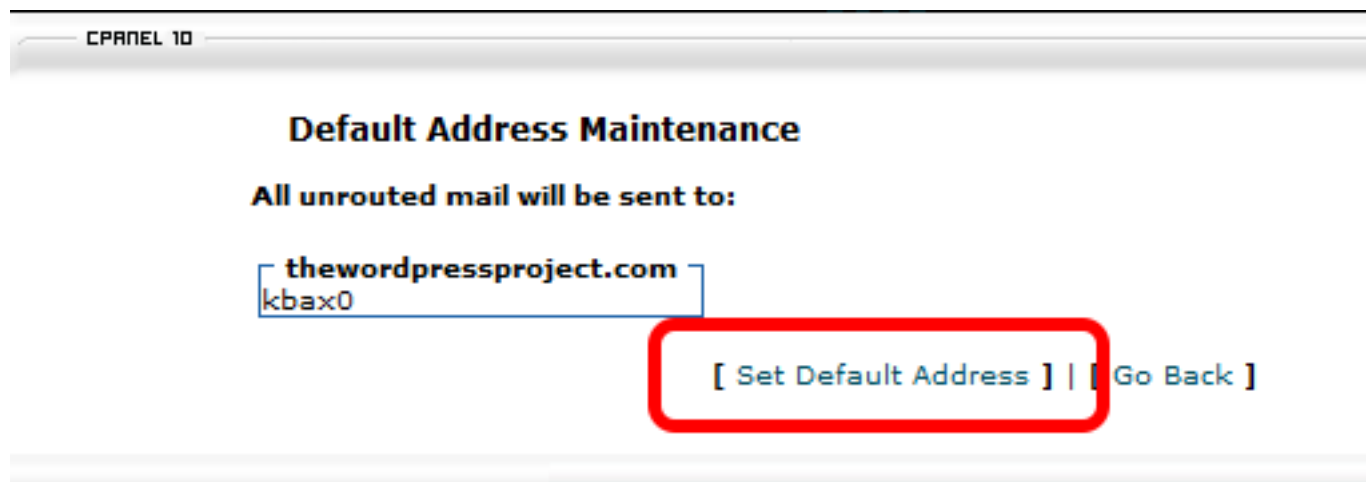
Click Mail.

Step 2: (Cpanel Theme X)

- » Web Mail
- » Email Domain Forwarding
- » Add/Remove/Manage Accounts
- » **Default Address**
- » Auto-responders
- » Email Filtering
- » Forwarders
- » Mailing Lists
- » SpamAssassin

Click Default Address.

Step 3: (Cpanel Theme X)



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Default Address Maintenance

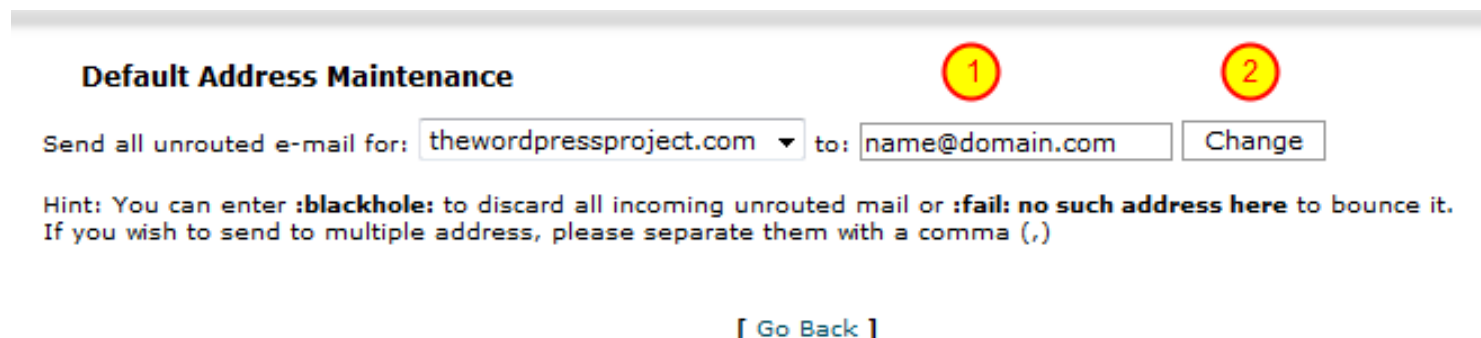
All unrouted mail will be sent to:

thewordpressproject.com
kbax0

[Set Default Address] | [Go Back]

Click Set Default Address.

Step 4: (Cpanel Theme X)



Default Address Maintenance

Send all unrouted e-mail for: thewordpressproject.com ▼ to: name@domain.com Change

Hint: You can enter **:blackhole:** to discard all incoming unrouted mail or **:fail: no such address here** to bounce it. If you wish to send to multiple address, please separate them with a comma (,)

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Add the default domain you will be using to redirect all catch-all emails to, then click Change.

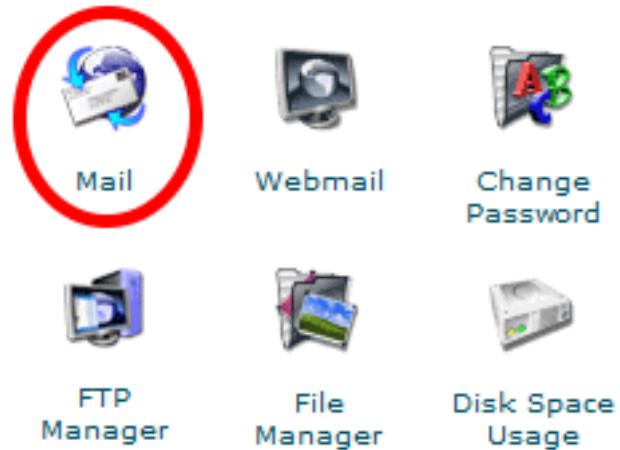
That's all there is to this.

NOTE: For example, let's say that you have 10 domains that you will use for your catch-all accounts.

You will need to take 1 domain and create a real email address on their and then use THAT domain where '1' is listed above. Don't worry, I'm going to show you how to do that as well...

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Update your contact information here.



Click Mail.

Step 2: Creating your default account

- » Web Mail
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- » Email Filtering

Click Add/Remove/Manage Accounts

Step 3: Creating your default account

Mail Account Maintenance

| <u>Address</u> | <u>Login</u> | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------|-------------------|
| Main Account | » kbax0 | Webmail | Configure Outlook |
| Show Disk Space Used | | | |

Be sure to enable SMTP Authentication in your E-mail client or you may not be able to send mail. If your e-mail client has trouble using a @ sign in the login, you can use +, :, or % sign instead.

[Add Account] [Go Back]

Click Add Account

Step 4: Creating your default account

Add Mail Account

E-mail: @ thewordpressproject.com ▾

Password:

Quota (optional): Meg

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1. Add a name (for simplicity, just use trafficx).
2. Add a password (make sure to remember this as you will need it for verifier).
3. Click Create. This will finalize the creation of your default email address.

This is the new address that you will use to redirect all of your catch-all domains to.

I hope you found this guide useful. If you have any support questions, please direct them to <http://www.GibbleLLC.com> or trafficx@supermediadownloader.com