

The most common issue that I run into with Godaddy is their email system. For the lowest service you are only allowed to send out 250 emails a day, each email is considered a "Relay SMTP sent email". Once you go past that, well you can't send out email again until it resets sometime in the evening. Another common issue is not being able to receive emails, and various pop3 and imap issues.

So to summarize what this article is about, it's how to switch over to a much better email server, which is Google Apps which is free to use and easy to setup, effectively getting rid of Godaddys email relay problem and various issues with email receiving problems. I promise this fix does not mess with with php email script, such as Wordpress sending out user confirmation emails.

Here is the walk through - Complete with pictures. This is very easy to do just takes a small amount of time.

So lets start from the beginning. Registration

1. [Sign up for Google Apps](#)
2. Put in your domain Name - No you are not transferring your domain, this is just branding your email address to your website example - you@yourwebsite.com. You don't have to feel in the organization info unless you really want to
- 3.

Time To start with the pictures 1. Go to [Godaddy.com](#) - Log into your account 2. Next Mouse over Domains Then click my Domains



3. Click the name of your Domain 4. Locate and Click Total DNS Control

Name Servers: (Last Update 5/10/2007)

Total DNS: (Available)
[Total DNS Control and MX Records](#)

Forwarding:
[Domain is not forwarded.](#)

5. Change the Cname Records - Locate Host Email and click the Pen button next to the X on the right side. This will save time setting it up - it essentially makes it so that you can goto email.yourhost.com - And get to your email box, use this if you are not setting up Pop or Imap email access through outlook, Thunderbird, etc

CNAMES (Aliases) Reset to Default Settings Add New CNAME Record				
✓	Host	Points To	TTL	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	team	ghs.google.com	1 Hour	 
<input type="checkbox"/>	calendar	ghs.google.com	1 Hour	 
<input type="checkbox"/>	email	ghs.google.com	1 Hour	 

6. Change the record to look like this - Then press ok

CNAME (Alias)

To create a new CNAME record for your domain, please complete the Alias Name, Points To Host Name, and TTL fields below; then click "Continue."

Note: The Points To Host Name should be defined as your domain name (i.e., "www.domainnamegoeshere.com") or "@" (Entering "@" will automatically insert your domain name as the host name for the CNAME Record). The Alias field should be the subdomain of your top-level domain the CNAME record points to your domain.

Enter an Alias Name:

Points To Host Name:

TTL:

7. Locate the MX Records - Delete Any Records in here - Do this by pressing the X on the Far side under action

MX (Mail Exchange)					
<input type="button" value="Reset to Default Settings"/> <input type="button" value="Add New MX Record"/>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Priority	Host	Goes To	TTL	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	@	aspmx1.google.com	1 Week	
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	@	alt1.aspmx1.google.com	1 Week	
<input type="checkbox"/>	30	@	alt2.aspmx1.google.com	1 Day	
<input type="checkbox"/>	40	@	aspmx2.googlemail.com	1 Week	
<input type="checkbox"/>	50	@	aspmx3.googlemail.com	1 Week	

8. Add in New MX records - This makes it so that Google apps can receive Email using your domain name First Picture are the settings you need to use - Second Picture is how the MX input should look

For the **Select the Priority Value** drop-down menu, enter the priority value.

For **Enter a Host Name**, leave the default setting to @.

For **Enter Goes To Address** enter the Google server name in the table below. Be sure to include the trailing dot at the end of each record.

For the **Select TTL Value** drop-down menu, enter **1 Week**. This will appear as **604800 seconds** within the DNS system.

Priority/Value	HostName	Goes To Address (Mail Server)	TTL Value
10	@	ASPMX.L.GOOGLE.COM.	1 week
20	@	ALT1.ASPMX.L.GOOGLE.COM.	1 week
30	@	ALT2.ASPMX.L.GOOGLE.COM.	1 week
40	@	ASPMX2.GOOGLEMAIL.COM.	1 week
50	@	ASPMX3.GOOGLEMAIL.COM.	1 week

MX (Mail Exchangers)

To create a new MX record for your domain; enter the priority value (0 - 9999) and complete the Host Name, "Goes To. IP Address, and TTL Value fields; then click "Continue."

Note: The "Host Name" should be defined as your domain name (i.e., "domainnamegoeshere.com") or "@" (Entering "@" will automatically insert your domain name as the host name for the MX Record). If the MX Record is for the domain "www.domainnamegoeshere.com," the host name should be entered as "www."

Priority:


Host Name:


Enter Goes To Address:


TTL:

Time to Start the Google Apps Setup

1. Log into your Google Apps Control Panel - You can either find this by going to your email to get the address where it is located at. The link should look like this <http://www.google.com/a/YOURHOST.com/> If you want to you can just copy the link change it to your host name - Don't forget to change the .com if your domain is not .com, and don't forget the trailing / at the end.

 **Email beta** - Not active
6 gigabytes of storage and search tools that help your users find information fast.
[Activate email](#)

 **Calendar beta** - Not active
Users can organize their schedules and share events and calendars with others.
[Activate calendar](#)

 **Docs beta** - Not active
Online word processing and spreadsheet program for easy document sharing.
[Activate docs](#)

5. Since you have already done all the work just scroll down to the bottom of this page and click I have Completed these Steps.


When finished, click on "I have completed these steps" to have Google check your MX records.

I have completed these steps

I will do this later

6. Click on Service Setting on the Menu Bar and goto Email

Dashboard User accounts Domain settings Advanced tools **Service settings** >

 To activate Google Apps services you must verify that you own your domain [Verify domain ownership](#)

Howbits.com
howbits.com, howbits.com.test-google-a.com
[Manage account information](#) [domain names](#)

[1 users](#) [Create new users](#)
You can create up to 100 user accounts for this domain.

- Email
- Chat
- Calendar
- Web Pages
- Docs

7. On this screen you want to change your Url for your email account so you are not always having to type in the long address to get to your email online. In this area you can also set up a Catch all Email. (A catch all email will get any email that comes into your domain, even if you don't have a email account for it. An example if someone sent a email to test@yourdomain.com it would goto this catch all. Or if the same person sent an email to 123@yourdomain.com you would get it all at one place)

Dashboard User accounts Domain settings Advanced tools Service settings

Email settings

General [Email addresses](#)

Web address Your users can access Email at:
<http://mail.google.com/a/howbits.com>
[Change URL](#)

Catch-all address If received email does not match any existing address:

Discard the email
 Forward the email to: [yellow box] @ howbits.com

8. Click the Dot next to Http://_____.yourhost.com/ Now type in email, Click Continue (You changed this already at godaddy, it was one of the first changes in cname area.)

Change URL for Email

Select a simple, easy-to-remember address that redirects to the login page for Email. [Change URLs for all domain services](#)

<http://mail.google.com/a/howbits.com> (default)

[http://email\[\]howbits.com/](http://email[]howbits.com/) (custom)

To enable your custom URLs, you must create CNAME records with your domain host.

Continue »

Cancel

You Are Now Done with Google Apps and Godaddy Setup These next steps are to get to your gmail account and to setup your pop3 / imap with gmail so that Thunderbird, outlook, etc can access your email. 1. Go to your email inbox (if you are following from the last step for google apps setup, just look at the top right of the screen and click inbox.) 2. The screen will look like this when it comes up, just click Settings in the top right


 [Settings](#) | [Help](#) | [Sign out](#)

[Show search options](#)
[Create a filter](#)

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[Refresh](#) 1 - 1 of 1

Select: [All](#), [None](#), [Read](#), [Unread](#), [Starred](#), [Unstarred](#)

 **Gmail Team** **Gmail is different. Here's what you need to** **2:52 pm**

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Select: [All](#), [None](#), [Read](#), [Unread](#), [Starred](#), [Unstarred](#)

3. On the menu tab under settings, click on Forwarding and POP/IMAP, Select which one you want to use. I prefer Imap, but some people like pop3. Just enable it and then click on the configuration instructions and select what email program you use and follow the instructions.

Settings

[General](#) [Accounts](#) [Labels](#) [Filters](#) **Forwarding and POP/IMAP** [Web Clips](#)

Forwarding:

Disable forwarding
 Forward a copy of incoming mail to and

Tip: You can also forward only some of your mail by [creating a filter!](#)

POP Download: [Learn more](#)

1. Status: POP is disabled

Enable POP for **all mail**
 Enable POP only for **mail that arrives from now on**

2. When messages are accessed with POP

3. Configure your email client (e.g. Outlook, Eudora, Netscape Mail)
[Configuration instructions](#)

IMAP Access: [Learn more](#)
(access Howbits.com from other clients using IMAP)

1. Status: IMAP is disabled

Enable IMAP
 Disable IMAP

2. Configure your email client (e.g. Outlook, Thunderbird, iPhone)
[Configuration instructions](#)

Alright now you no longer have to worry about relay and pop3 email access problems. See that was not to bad, its easy to do, seeing as I have set this up a few times I can get it done in a few minutes.