

# Non-Cornell domain names

If faculty want a non-Cornell domain name, they will usually just use a 3rd party domain registrar. This page contains a few services recommended by others on campus.

## See also

- [Network tools](#)
- [Off-site hosting examples](#)

## Recommended Domain Name Registrars

Here are the recommended domain name registrar services thanks to responses from campus IT Support Providers in January 2016, sorted by Oliver's preference based on his quick look-see:

<https://www.hover.com/>  
<https://www.namecheap.com/>  
<https://www.dreamhost.com/>  
<https://www.easydns.com/> (what I've used, FWIW, but seems expensive for what you get)  
<http://icdsoft.com/>  
<https://www.godaddy.com/>

All offer services beyond registration.

- In Chemistry, the few faculty who who have wanted a non-Cornell domain name simply want it to point to their research web site. And that redirection service should be cheaper than adding web hosting or other services.

## In rare cases, Cornell can provide the DNS services

There are (appropriate) hoops to jump through to procure Cornell-based DNS services, and this option is usually only worth doing if it's a Cornell resource needing a non-Cornell domain name, as far as Oliver can tell. Should be a really, really rare need!

- [https://dnsdb.cit.cornell.edu/dnsdb-cgi/domain\\_request.pl](https://dnsdb.cit.cornell.edu/dnsdb-cgi/domain_request.pl)
  - If you have purchased a non-Cornell name and would like to manage it via DNSDB => Request CIT DNS Service

So at least in some circumstances CIT can serve DNS service provider for a non-Cornell domain. This relates to:

- <http://www.it.cornell.edu/services/netreg/howto/domain/steps.cfm>

Operationally, this would allow a Cornell-provisioned service, such as CU Blogs, to have the non-Cornell domain name show up persistently in the URL when navigating the web site. Normally just use the non-Cornell domain name to get to that said web site, at which point the web site sports the Cornell-based domain name.

Note: The registrar must still be retained from a third-party domain name registrar.