

Publish Your Site: Organizing Site Structure with Subdomains

Subdomains are additional domain names that enable you to:

- Organize logically the structure of your site
- Host additional Web sites or parts of a Web site on the same server without the need to pay for registration of additional domain names

An example of using subdomains:

You have a Web site `your-product.com` dedicated to promoting your software product. For publishing user's guides, tutorials and list of frequently asked questions, you can organize the subdomain `'userdocs'`, so that your users will be able to access online user documentation directly by visiting the domain name `userdocs.your-product.com`.

To set up a subdomain:

- On your Home page, click the domain name you need.
- Click the **Subdomains** icon.
- Click the **Add New Subdomain** icon.
- Type the subdomain name as desired. This can be, for example, a topic of your site, organization department, or any other combination of letters, numbers and hyphens (up to 63 characters in length).

The subdomain name must begin with an alphabet character. Subdomain names are case insensitive.

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- If this subdomain will hold a part of your own Web site that you manage on your own, leave the **Use the FTP user account of the parent domain** option selected. If this subdomain will hold a separate web site that will belong to or will be managed by another person, select the **Create a separate user account for this subdomain** option, and specify the login name and password that will be used for accessing the web space through FTP and publishing web site content.
- If this subdomain will require secure transactions, select the **SSL support** checkbox. Then, the SSL certificate installed under the parent domain will be used for encrypting transactions.

By default, when you publish the site, you need to upload the web content that should be accessible via secure connections to the httpsdocs directory, and the content that should be accessible via plain HTTP, to the httpdocs directory. For your convenience, you can choose to publish all content through a single location – httpdocs directory, to do this, select the option **Use a single directory for housing SSL and non-SSL content**.

- Specify the programming languages in which your web site is developed. Otherwise, your web site may not function properly.

For example, if your web site is written mainly in ASP and uses some applications written in PHP, such as those from the Application Vault (**Home > domain name > Application Vault**), select the **ASP support** and **PHP support** check boxes.

- If you wish to limit the amount of disk space that can be occupied by web content under this subdomain, type the desired value in megabytes into the **Hard disk quota** box.

When the specified limit is exceeded, you will not be able to add files to the web space, and editing existing files may corrupt them.

- To complete the setup, click **OK**. It may take up to 48 hours for the information on new subdomain to spread in the Domain Name System and become available to the Internet users.

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To publish web content to the subdomain's web space, follow the instruction presented in the Publishing Your Site section.

To remove a subdomain with its web content:

- On your Home page, click the domain name you need.
- Click **Subdomains**.
- Select a check box corresponding to the subdomain name that you wish to remove, and click **Remove Selected**.
- Confirm removal and click **OK**. The subdomain configuration and its web content will be removed from the server.

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