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I am setting up Apple Internet Mail Server (AIMS) and MacDNS on the same machine
for my domain, company.com. I have given the server itself the name
'mail.company.com', but I would like my users to be able to receive email
'@company.com' instead of '@mail.company.com'. How can I achieve this?

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Because 'company.com' represents the whole domain, not a single machine in that
domain, you do not need to enter it as a permanent host with a unique IP
address. You just want to assign a mail exchanger to it. When e-mail is to be
delivered to 'user@company.com', the sending mailserver will query for the mail
exchanger of 'company.com' and get the address of 'mail.company.com.

Here is how to accomplish this:

Step 1

In MacDNS, create a permanent host for the server itself (if you have not
already done so), giving it whatever name you like, such as "mail.company.com".
You may want to make some aliases to it, if it runs other services as well, such
as "ftp.company.com" and/or "www.company.com". Also add a mail exchanger for
the server, which would just point back to itself (example: 10
mail.company.com)

Step 2

In MacDNS, create an 'MX-only host' record, for host 'company.com'. Type in the
appropriate numeric preference and hostname in Mail Exchanger field, such as "10
 mail.company.com".

Step 3

In AIMS, under 'Server:Preferences" menu in "Server names", add both of these domains (for example, 'company.com' <default> and 'mail.company.com').

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