

# Host Your Own Email Server: How do I check if my email server is working?

A. First, check if email server is specified for your domain by running the following DOS/Linux command. You should see the email server of the domain.

```
c: > nslookup -type=mx yourdomain.com
```

We have provided [Mail Relay Testing Tool](#) that you can use to test if your mail server is configured correctly to accept emails for your domain.

Or, you can manually telnet to your mail server at port 25 and see if the server is accepting mails for your domain. If the email server is not configured correctly, you usually will get an error message after the rcpt to command.

```
c: > telnet youremailserver 25
```

```
> helo yourdomain.com
```

```
> mail from:<yourname@anydomain.com>
```

```
> rcpt to:<name@yourdomain.com>
```

```
> data
```

```
> from: <yourname@anydomain.com>
```

```
> Subject: //enter a test subject
```

```
> .../enter the mail message
```

```
> . //enter a dot to indicate the end of mail message
```

```
> quit
```

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