

Internet Address For Life?

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The Department of Commerce has opened up the *.us* e-mail address to all U.S. residents. What does that mean? Well, you could have a permanent and portable Internet and e-mail address for life—good to use no matter how often you change service providers. No more switching from *X@aol.com* to *X@yahoo.com*, for example. You'd always be *X@yourname.us*.

To get a *.us* account, you need to register your domain name and pay a fee. If you have a common name or a name that's already registered, such as Ford, you'll probably have to get creative. (Some nonprofit groups have complained that not enough addresses were set aside for them.) Registration already has begun. For details, visit www.about.us.