Creating Companies

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About Addon Companies

Addon companies are a good alternative to purchasing additional licenses and maintaining separate installations. They allow for separate client bases, packages, order forms, extensions, branding and much more, all in the same installation. Staff can have access to one or more companies, and even have different roles in each company. Each company can be accessed at a different hostname, which makes it possible to run multiple companies from the same interface completely transparent to the customer. A standard Blesta installation contains one company.

Purchasing Addon Companies

To request additional company licenses simply log into the client area and click "Manage" next to the license you wish to purchase, then "Addons". Choose Addon Company, and complete the steps. Addon companies are immediately available to add within your Blesta installation after they have been paid for.

Creating a New Company

⚠️ **Additional companies require additional company licenses**

You will only be able to add a new company if your license permits you. For example, if you're licensed for 5 companies you may only add up to 5.

To create an additional company, visit [Settings] > [System] > Companies. You will see a list of your existing companies. By default there will be 1 company that cannot be deleted, which is your initial, included company.

Companies				
				+
Name ▾	Hostname	Address	Phone	Options
My Company	account.mydomain.com	123 Main Street	714.123.1236	Edit

Then, click the "Add Company" button in the upper right corner. The following form will be displayed:

Add Company

Import Company Settings From

[My Company ⇕]

Name

[   ]

Hostname ?

[   ]

Address

[   ]

Phone

[   ]

Fax

[   ]

[Create Company]

Enter the following details:

Field Name	Description
Import Company Settings From	There are many settings associated with a company, select the company for which you wish to copy the settings for use in this new company. The settings can be changed after the company is created.
Name	Enter the name for this company.
Hostname	Enter the hostname for this company, for example "account.domain.com", or "www.domain.com". It's important to enter this correctly, if you plan to utilize a unique URL for each company.
Address	Enter the address for the company. This is the address that will be displayed on invoices that are sent from this company, if the address is displayed at all. (See [Settings] > [Company] > [Billing/Payment] > Invoice Customization for invoice address options)
Phone	Enter the phone number for this company.
Fax	Enter the fax number for this company.

When finished, click "Create Company" to create the new company.

Configuring Company Hostnames

In order to get Blesta to load companies at the hostnames specified under [Settings] > [System] > Companies, it's necessary to point each hostname to the same document root. For example, if you have Blesta installed at /var/www/html/, then each virtual host should point to this location. Each virtual host may have it's own IP address and SSL certificate, but they must all be on the same server, and point to the same document root. You'll also need to make sure the proper DNS records exist to point the hostnames to the correct IP address, typically this will be an A record.

We suggest when using multi-company, you use subdomains for your Blesta installation, otherwise it will not be possible to have different website content at each hostname.

Here is an example of virtualhost's as configured for Apache in httpd.conf for 2 companies, account.domain1.com on IP address 192.168.0.11 and account.domain2.com on IP address 192.168.0.12. Note how both point to the same document root, where Blesta is installed.

See https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/vhosts/examples.html for more examples. Note that the important part is that the docroot is the same, and that Apache runs as the same user, so if a **SuexecUserGroup** is defined, they should be the same.

httpd.conf

```
<VirtualHost 192.168.0.11:80>
DocumentRoot /var/www/html
ServerName account.domain1.com
<Directory "/var/www/html">
allow from all
Options -Indexes
</Directory>
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost 192.168.0.12:80>
DocumentRoot /var/www/html
ServerName account.domain2.com
<Directory "/var/www/html">
allow from all
Options -Indexes
</Directory>
</VirtualHost>
```