

How to create an alias for your iCloud email address

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The screenshot shows the 'Accounts' tab in an email client's settings. A 'Create Mail Alias' dialog box is open, highlighted with a red border. The dialog contains the following fields and options:

- Alias:** A text field with 'Name' and '@icloud.com'.
- Full Name:** A text field with 'Sandy'.
- Label:** A text field with 'Shopping'.
- Label Color:** A row of six colored circles (purple, red, orange, green, blue, grey).

At the bottom of the dialog are 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons. A help icon (?) is also present. The background shows the 'Accounts' tab selected in the settings menu, with a 'Done' button at the bottom right.

If you want to disguise your iCloud email address when signing up for newsletters, posting comments online, or simply don't want to give out your true email address, you can use an alias.

Why use an email alias?

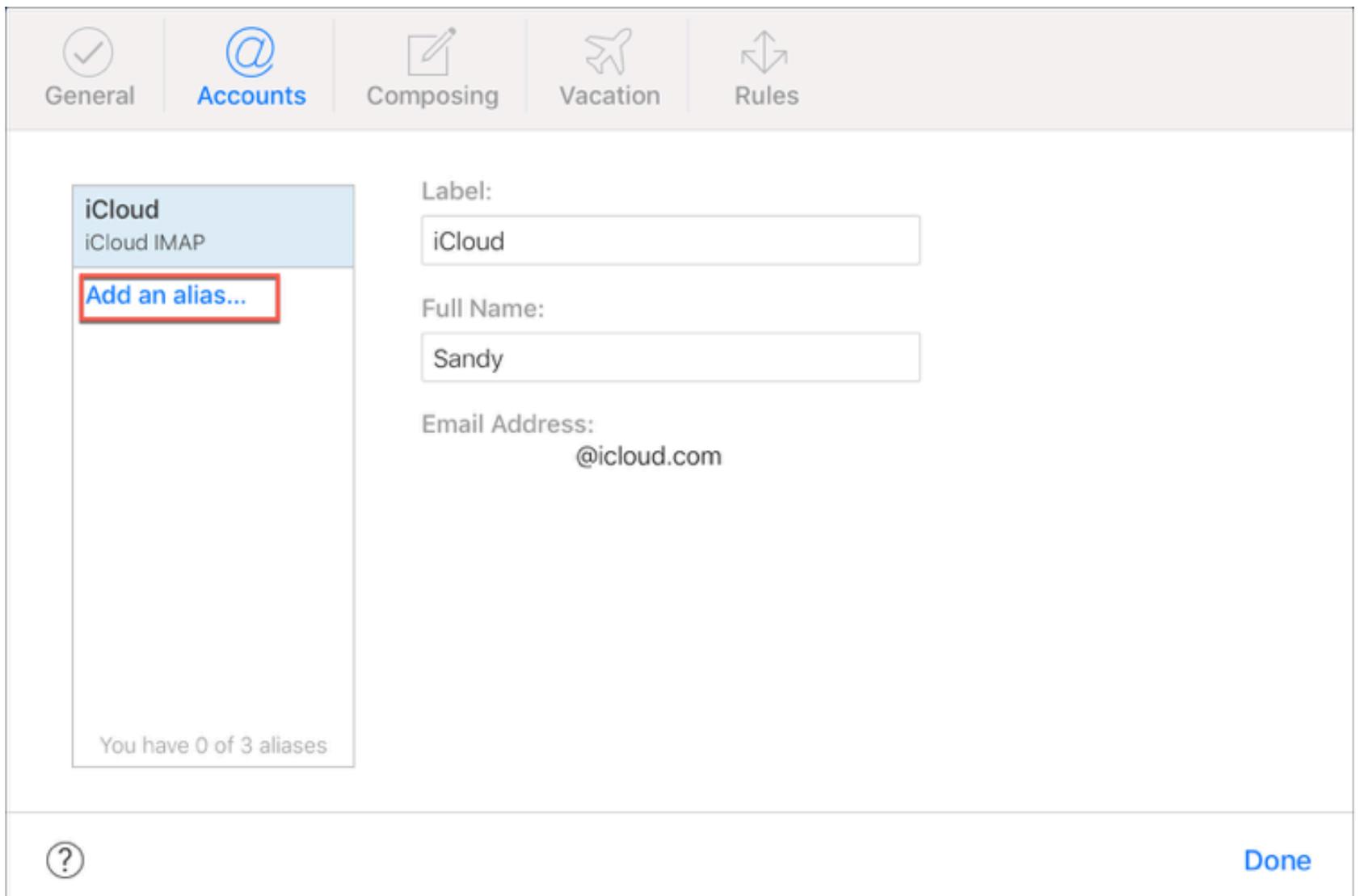
An email alias is a different name you set up for your email address, but the emails still come into your primary email inbox. For example, if your email address is myname@icloud.com, you can set up an alias for youcantfindme@icloud.com. Then, use that alias when you don't want to give out your primary address. All emails to your alias will still arrive to your main [iCloud inbox](#).

Here's how to create an alias for your iCloud email address.

Head over to iCloud.com

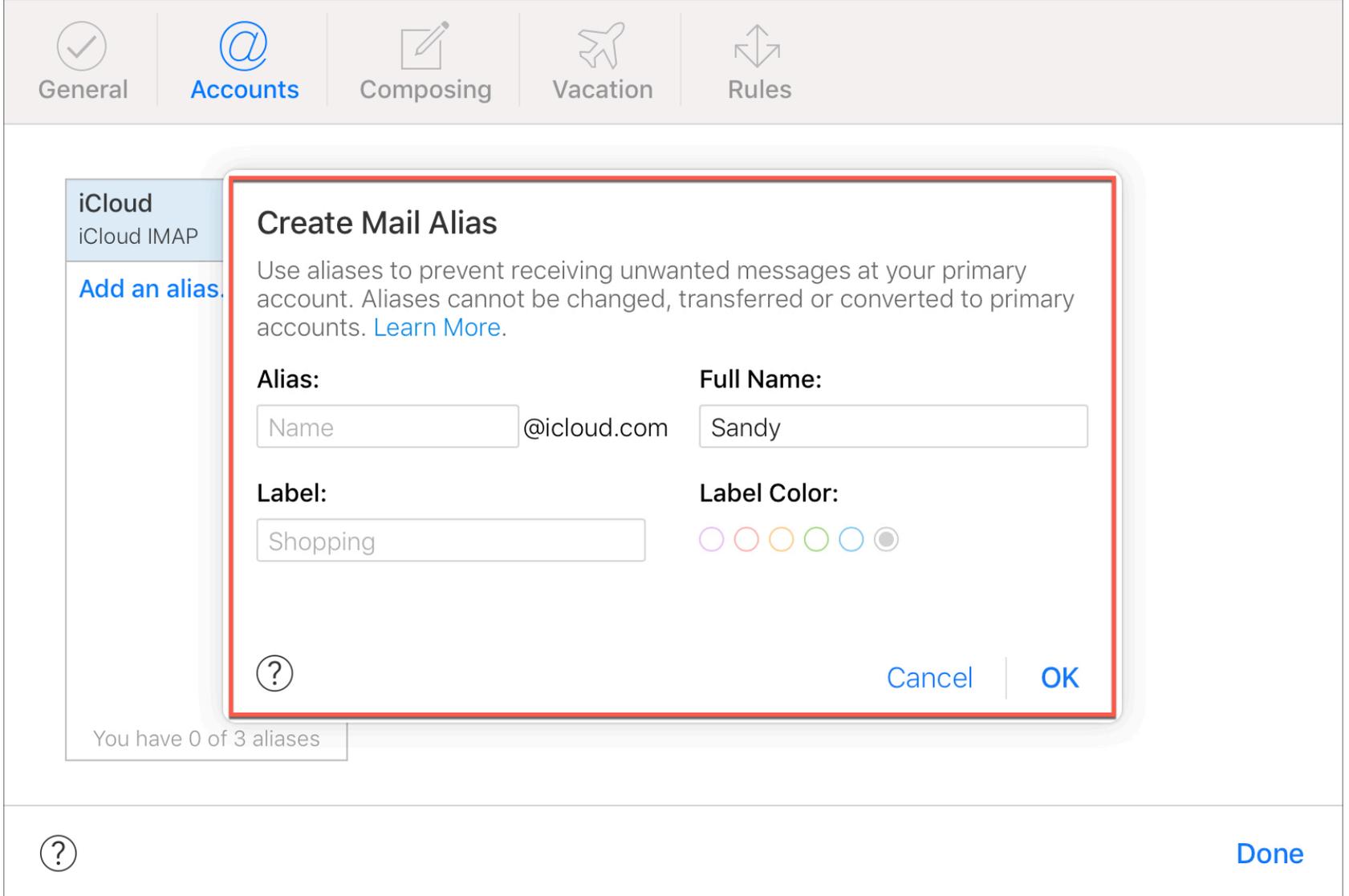
Log into your [iCloud.com](https://www.icloud.com) account and access your **Mail**. Then, just follow these steps.

- 1) Click **Settings** (gear icon) on the bottom left and select **Preferences**.
- 2) In the pop-up window, click **Accounts**.
- 3) Select **Add an alias**.

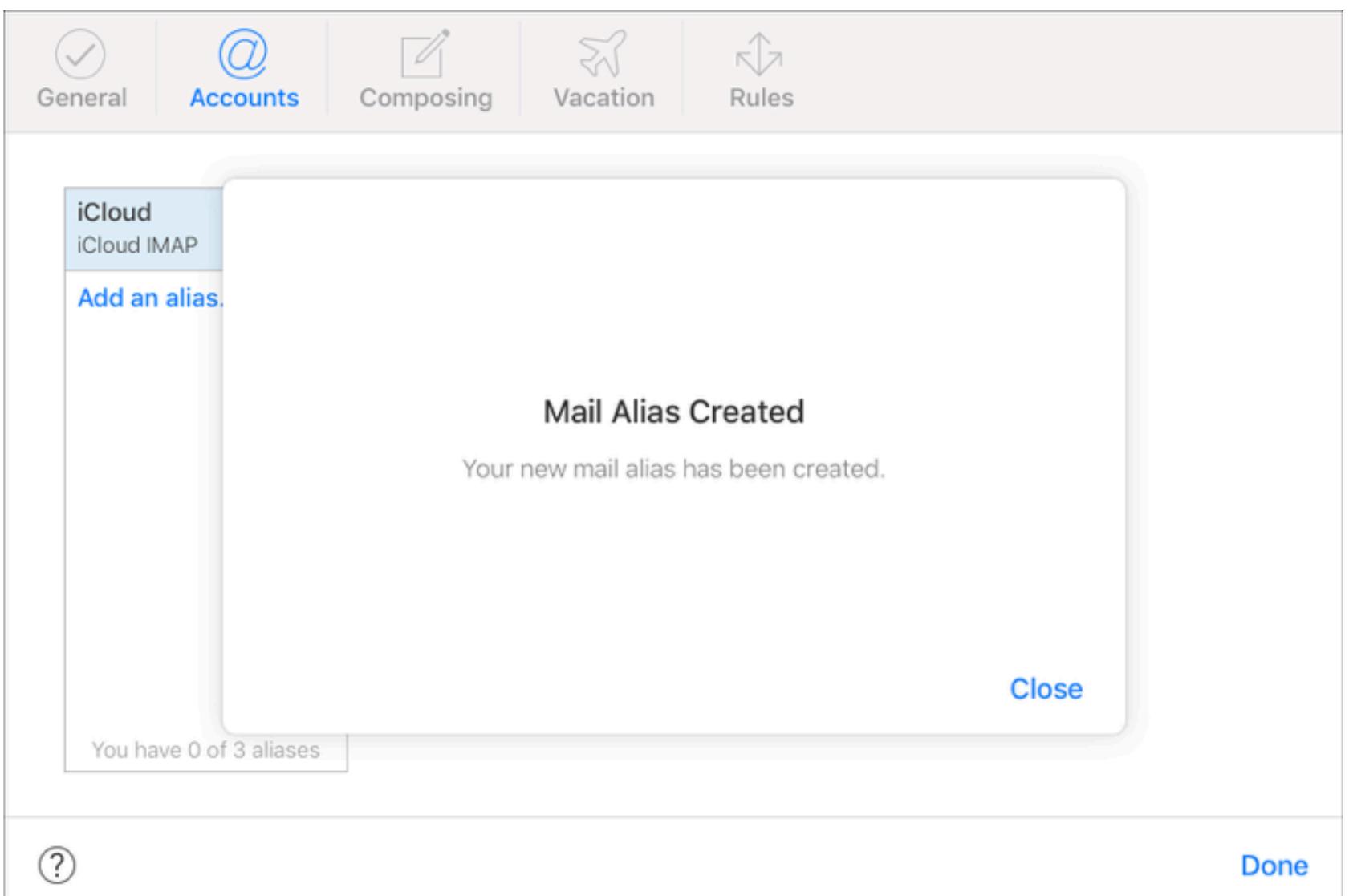


The screenshot shows the 'Accounts' settings page in iCloud Mail. The 'Accounts' tab is selected. On the left, under the 'iCloud' account, the 'Add an alias...' button is highlighted with a red box. On the right, there are input fields for 'Label' (containing 'iCloud'), 'Full Name' (containing 'Sandy'), and 'Email Address' (containing '@icloud.com'). A 'Done' button is in the bottom right corner.

- 4) In the next pop-up window, create your **Alias**, add your **Full Name**, and optionally choose a **Label** and **Label Color**.
- 5) Click **OK**.



6) Click **Close** on the confirmation screen and **Done** to return to your inbox.



Now you can use that alias email address whenever you like.

Plus, when you compose an email from your iCloud account, you will see a drop-down when you click your email address. Then, pick your alias and the email will be sent with it instead of your primary address. This works on the iCloud website and the Mail app for Mac and iOS.

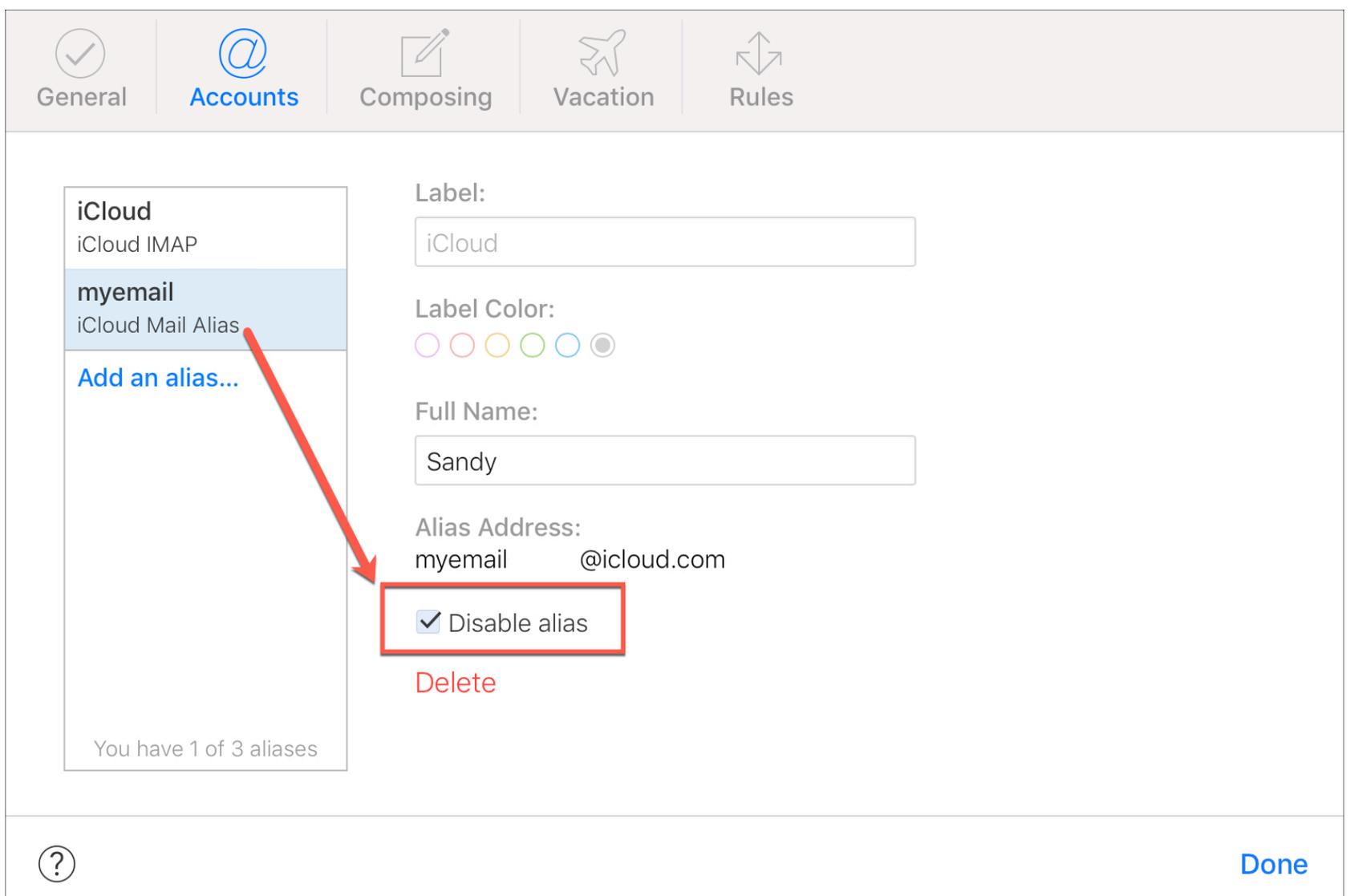
Disable your alias

If you ever want to disable the alias, head back to **iCloud.com**, and access **Accounts** as in the steps above.

1) Select the alias email address in the list.

2) Check the box for **Disable alias**.

3) Click **Done**.



The screenshot shows the iCloud Accounts settings page. The 'Accounts' tab is selected. On the left, a list of accounts includes 'iCloud IMAP' and 'myemail iCloud Mail Alias'. A red arrow points from the 'myemail' alias to the 'Disable alias' checkbox in the settings panel on the right. The settings panel shows the following information:

- Label: iCloud
- Label Color: (Color selection options)
- Full Name: Sandy
- Alias Address: myemail @icloud.com
- Disable alias
- Delete

At the bottom of the page, there is a question mark icon on the left and a 'Done' button on the right.

Wrapping it up

Creating an alias for your iCloud email address is a great way to keep

your main email concealed. Is this something you plan to set up and use regularly?