

Domain names

Domain Name Registration

We will be happy to register your domain name for you (subject to availability) with the host of your choice, but also offer to register your domain name through our hosting company. A .co.uk domain name can be purchased through us from as little as £5.18 + VAT. A .com or .biz from £7.99 + VAT.

Before purchasing your domain name, here are some facts that you may find useful regarding domain registration.

- Do you want a .co.uk or a .com domain name?

If your business is mainly applicable to the United Kingdom, you may prefer to have a .co.uk domain name. A .co.uk domain can be cheaper to purchase than a .com name with some internet service providers. Your .co.uk domain name can be between 3 and 63 characters in length. If you use "Ltd" or "PLC" in the domain name, then the name must match exactly the name registered with Companies House. Although registered in the UK, they are still accessible from anywhere on the internet.

Businesses that want to reach a world-wide audience may find it better to have a .com domain name. These are registered at www.crsnic.net and can be a maximum of 67 characters in length. Only the characters abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789 are permitted. Names may not start or end with a hyphen.

- Do you need domain space?

If you are trying to keep your costs down, did you know that some domain hosts will redirect your site to your free web space on another ISP (Internet Service Provider) eg. Orange (formerly Wanadoo). This means that all you need pay for is to register your domain name. You can then install your web site on your free service provider and redirect any traffic to your domain name to this address. Some hosts will place an advertising banner on your site, but many hosts offer a totally free redirection service.

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How many Email addresses should your site have?

You may wish to opt to have email addresses at your site for all employees. Most domain hosts offer a single email id such as info@yourname.co.uk that can be diverted to a general office. It is possible to have many personal email addresses such as sales-manager@yourname.co.uk or john.smith@yourname.co.uk . A charge is sometimes made for these additional addresses.