

Your domain name is the first thing people see when they find your website. Your web address is the first impression about you or your organization. Having the right domain name is critical to giving a positive first impression, no matter what your website does.

## Generic TLDs

Generic TLDs (gTLDs) are global extensions. These extensions are recognized all over the world. Choosing one of these extensions will appeal to the widest range of people. Examples include .COM, .NET, and .ORG.

TLD	Transfer Ins	ID Protect	Registration	Preconfigure
<p><b>.BIZ</b></p> <p>Dedicated exclusively to the business community. The .BIZ domain can only be used for a "bona fide business or commercial use"</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.COM</b></p> <p>Short for .commercial. Domain names with the .com extension are by far the most popular, and can be purchased by any individual or business.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.INFO</b></p> <p>The first unrestricted top-level domain since .com, .info domains are available to the general public.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.NAME</b></p> <p>Available to the general public, .name email addresses are listed as firstname@lastname.name or lastname@firstname.name, while Web sites are listed as www.firstname.lastname.name.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.NET</b></p> <p>Short for .network, this domain extension was originally designed to be used by technical Web sites. However, domains using this extension can be registered by anyone.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.ORG</b></p> <p>When you buy a .ORG, your organization is linked to a well-established brand of trust and integrity. One of the original top-level domains (TLDs), .ORG became the registry of choice for organizations dedicated to serving the public interest, and today .ORG is considered one of the most trusted domains on the internet.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.XXX</b></p> <p>Designed specifically for the global adult entertainment industry as a trusted brand, globally recognized and extolling responsible and safe behavior.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	Yes

## Hybrid TLDs

Hybrid TLDs tell people what your website is all about. Because they are new, they also let people know you are on the cutting edge. Examples are .CO, .PRO and .ME.

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<b>.ASIA</b> Admin Contact must be located in .ASIA approved region or meet registrant contact requirements for Charter Eligibility Declaration (CED).	No	No	1-10 yrs	Yes
<b>.CM</b> No residency requirements for this ccTLD.	No	Yes	1-5 yrs	No
<b>.CO</b> No residency requirements for .CO. Ideal for companies. Anyone can register a .CO, .COM.CO, .NET.CO or .NOM.CO domain name.	Yes	Yes	1-5 yrs	No
<b>.ME</b> One of the fastest growing ccTLDs of 2008 is the new .ME domain. .ME is used to personalize your web presence and make a statement by a name. Plus it is a great tool for both individuals and businesses to help people remember where to find them online.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.MOBI</b> .Mobi is the only TLD dedicated to the unique needs of mobile web users. Visitors can trust that a website is compatible with their mobile device if it ends in .mobi.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.PRO</b> For those who provide professional services and are licensed by a government certification body.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.TEL</b> The .TEL is a service that allows individuals and businesses alike to store and manage all their contact information and keywords directly in the DNS without the need to build, host or manage a website.	Yes	No	1-10 yrs	Yes
<b>.TV</b> .TV is the address for rich and dynamic media on the web.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No

## Country Code TLDs

Country Code TLDs (ccTLDs) are country specific extensions. Choose a Country Code TLD if you want to get customers from a specific country or just want to show everyone where you're from. Some examples are Germany (.DE), India (.IN), and Canada (.CA).

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<p><b>.AC</b></p> <p>Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.</p>	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<p><b>.AM</b></p> <p>Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.</p>	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<p><b>.AT</b></p> <p>Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.</p>	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<p><b>.BE</b></p> <p>Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.</p>	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<p><b>.BZ</b></p> <p>The country-coded Top Level Domain (ccTLD) for the country of Belize. Anyone in the world can register a .bz name.</p>	No	No	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.CA</b></p> <p>Canada's ccTLD. There are additional contact attributes required for the Canadian ccTLD.</p>	Yes	No	1-10 yrs	Yes
<p><b>.CC</b></p> <p>Top level domain for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Anyone in the world can register a .cc domain for any purpose.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.CN</b></p> <p>One of the hottest and fastest growing ccTLDs in the world is the .CN domain. As of January 2008, .CN has over 9 million registrations and ranks as the 4th largest TLD. According to figures reported by CNNIC in June, 2007, China now has 162 million Internet users or 12.3% of the country's total population, up from 137 million users in 2006.</p>	No	No	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.DE</b></p> <p>Germany's ccTLD The administrative contact must have a street address or P.O. box within Germany. .DE names require a minimum of 2 name servers. Please review our for .DE specific legal information.</p>	Yes	No	1-10 yrs	Yes
<p><b>.EU</b></p> <p>To register a .EU domain name, you must meet one of the following requirements: i) Undertakings having their registered office, central administration or principal place of business within the European community; ii) Organizations established within the</p>	Yes	No	1-10 yrs	Yes

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European Community without prejudice to the application of national law; iii) Natural persons resident within the European Community.				
<b>.FM</b> Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.	No	No	1-10 yrs	Yes
<b>.GS</b> Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<b>.IN</b> Top level domain for India. Anyone in the world can register a .in name.	Yes	No	1-5 yrs	No
<b>.IO</b> Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<b>.IT</b> Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process. Individual registrants may only register one .IT domain. Companies may register more, but must provide a tax ID number. Registrants must reside in the European Union.	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<b>.JP</b> Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<b>.LA</b> Open TLD, great for Los Angeles residents and businesses. Totally open TLD.	No	No	1 yr	No
<b>.MS</b> WHOIS changes must be made at the Registry.	No	No	1 yr	No
<b>.NL</b> Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. You must fax in info after purchase to complete registration. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<b>.NU</b> "NU" means "NOW" in some European countries and is a very popular TLD. No restrictions and can be registered by anyone.	No	No	2-10 yrs	No
<b>.NZ</b> The ccTLD for the country of New Zealand. There are no residency restrictions, these domains can be registered by anyone. These domains have special renewal restrictions. Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<b>.SH</b> Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.	No	No	1 yr	Yes
<b>.TC</b> WHOIS changes must be made at the Registry.	No	No	1 yr	No

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<b>.TM</b> Turkmenistan's ccTLD	No	No	10 yrs	Yes
<b>.TW</b> Taiwan's ccTLD	Yes	No	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.US</b> You must meet all the .US Nexus registration requirements to register a name in the .US TLD.	Yes	No	1-10 yrs	Yes
<b>.UK</b> Currently, contact information modifications are not immediate. .UK names require a minimum of 2 name servers. Name servers changes/updates may take up to half an hour. A renewal cannot be issued until at least six (6) months prior to the domain's expiration date and effects of a renewal do not occur instantly. Please review our registration agreement for .UK specific legal information.	Yes	No	2 yrs	Yes
<b>.VG</b> WHOIS changes must be made at the Registry.	No	No	1 yr	No
<b>.WS</b> The country-coded Top Level Domain (ccTLD) for the country of Western Samoa but branded as WebSite. Anyone in the world can register a .WS name.	No	Yes	1-10 yrs	No

## Second-Level Domains

Second-Level Domains (ccSLDs) are the combination of a global extension and the country you're from. Choose one of these extensions to signify your country while promoting your global presence. Good examples are China (.CN.COM) and Germany (.DE.COM).

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<b>.BR.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Brazil.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.CN.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for China.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.COM.DE</b> Germany's newest domain extension.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.DE.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Germany.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.EU.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Europe.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.GR.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Greece.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.HU.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Hungary.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.NO.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Norway.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.QC.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Quebec.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.RU.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for the Russian Federation.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.SA.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Saudi Arabia.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.SE.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Sweden.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.UK.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for the United Kingdom.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.US.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for the United States.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.US.ORG</b> 2nd Level Domain alternative for the United States.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<b>.UY.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for Uruguay.	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No

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<p><b>.ZA.COM</b> 2nd Level Domain for South Africa.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.COM.MX</b> Special renewal terms exist for this TLD. Please see terms and conditions during the registration process.</p>	No	No	2 yrs	Yes
<p><b>.UK.NET</b> 2nd Level Domain for the United Kingdom.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.SE.NET</b> 2nd Level Domain for Sweden.</p>	Yes	Yes	1-10 yrs	No
<p><b>.KIDS.US</b> Finally, there's an Internet domain that parents and children can trust for educational and appropriate online fun: kids.us! All content on affiliated sites is regularly screened and monitored, making kids.us the most "youth-friendly" space on the Web.</p>				

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