

Web Hosting and Domain Name

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This quick guide to domain name web hosting will help you understand the process of hosting your domain name online. Finding and registering a domain name is one thing, but you still must host your domain name. Web hosting is similar to "renting" space on the Web, either by the month or year. You rent that space according to the size and needs of your website.

There are several ways to do this. One way might save you time, while others save you money. Some methods offer short-term benefits while others offer long-term benefits. Read below before making your choice about domain name web hosting.

Already Registered - Now What?

If your domain name has already been registered with a registrar or domain name reseller, then you have two options. One, do nothing. Leave the domain name's registration right where it is and pay the bill each term.

You can find domain names and managed web hosting elsewhere. You'll have two separate bills with two companies - one for domain name registration and one for hosting.

Two, you can find a Web hosting provider and transfer your domain name registration to that company. This will enable you to have everything billed with the same company. Keep in mind that if you registered your domain name before you secured Web hosting, then your bills might come at different times. The domain name renewal will be billed at one-year intervals (or anniversaries) from the date of registration. If you secure it for more than one year, it will renew on that date within the next two or more years.

You should really dig a little deeper into the subject of Internet hosting services and choosing domain name registrars. The information you gain might just give you the confidence you need to become a real webmaster.

Finding a Domain Name for Sale

You might find a great domain name for sale online that really suits your business. Beware of possible pitfalls before buying. First, check to be sure what type of company owned that domain name, and that the domain name was not banned for illegal practices online. This is crucial for the future of your business because the domain name might never get listed again with the major search engines if it was banned previously.

If you purchase the domain name, this doesn't always mean that you are "registering" the domain name. This just means you're buying the name itself from the previous owner or a broker. It means you're free to register the domain name. So, check beforehand to see what's included in your purchase. The domain name for sale might be \$100 or \$10,000, depending on its popularity and demand, but you still might be required to register it after the sale.

Advantages and Disadvantages to Registering with Your Web Hosting Provider

There are advantages and disadvantages to registering a domain name with your Web host. An advantage is you'll have all of your information, billing, and passwords with only one company. This helps eliminate confusion when it comes time to renew your domain name. You might even receive a free year of domain name web hosting and registration by signing on.

The disadvantage is that you might pay more for your domain name in the long run. And, some hosting companies just aren't savvy when it comes to domain name registration services even though they offer great Web hosting services.

Take the above information about managed dedicated hosting into consideration when registering your domain name.

Domain name web hosting and registration can be an easy process if you know what to expect.

Oftentimes it is difficult to sort out all the details related to the Internet and the domain name system, but I know you won't have any trouble making sense of this information. If so, read it over again just to make sure. Now, go and design your website and get a domain name