



WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A DOMAIN REGISTRAR

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# DOMAIN REGISTRAR REVIEW REPORT

A comparison of Top Domain Registrars  
Revealing their Traps, Features and Prices

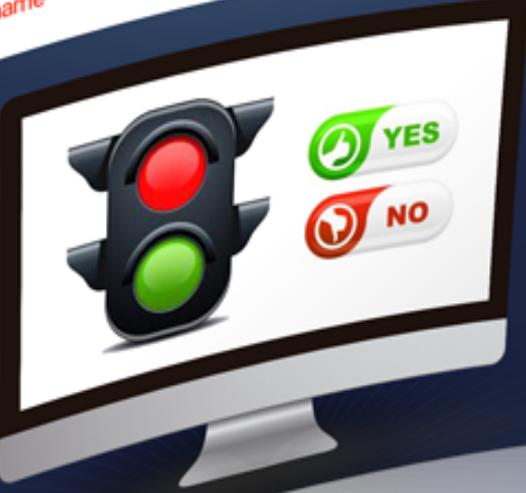
iwantmyname

Moniker

Namecheap

GoDaddy  
It's go time

HostGator  
It's all in the connections



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## Traps of Registrars

Many people get lured by attractive prices for a domain name only to find out later that the renewal fee for their domain is very high and they have to pay for a minimum of two years to avail the attractive first year price.

For Example, the big name like Godaddy advertises a dot com registration for \$2.99 but when you go to checkout you will be paying a minimum of \$18.34 to avail the first year discounted price. That means you are paying over \$9 per year for your first two years and are getting locked into paying \$14.99 for your domain each year after. If you change your registration Term to 1 year you will be quoted \$12.99 for your domain name (excluding ican fee of 0.18\$). So the \$2.99 discount advertised turns out to be only a trap to lure unsuspecting clients into paying \$14.99 renewal fees for subsequent years.

If you are someone who is trapped into paying high renewal fees, you should consider transferring your domains to another registrar with more sensible pricing. You will find that in the domain industry its not “you get what you pay for” but rather the “smart ones get their moneys worth”.

What if there was a registrar that offered the same features as godaddy, even the same backend and same controlpanel, in fact the registrar that I recommend is a godaddy reseller, meaning they have the same parent company and same technology, just different business models so you get better prices and features with same functionality minus the traps. [Value-Name.com](http://Value-Name.com) has the same control pannel and infrastructure as godaddy, but you get a better price and free addons like email forwarding that you have to pay extra for with godaddy. And since they are smaller, you get better phone support from their 24 by 7 support center.

The following page shows the first year registration price and the renewal price of the top domain registrars. It also lists the price for new generic top level domains taking .club as a baseline example.

Registrar	New .com 1 year	Domain Renewal	New GTLDs Starting from (.club checked)	Private Registration per year	Economy Hosting per month
 GoDaddy® <i>It's go time</i>	\$12.99	\$14.99	\$ 14.99	\$7.99	\$3.49
 namecheap	\$10.69	\$10.69	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$3.98
 iwantmyname	\$14.90	\$14.90	\$29.00	Not Offered	Not Offered
 HostGator <i>we eat up the competition</i>	\$12.95	\$12.95	Not Offered	\$9.95	\$3.96
 Moniker	\$9.59	Not Clear	\$12.99	Not Clear	Uses Hostgator
 network solutions®	\$34.99	\$34.99	\$15.99	\$9.99	\$2.95 first month only
 register.com	\$38.00	Not Clear	Not Available	\$11.00	\$5.95
 YAHOO!	\$9.95	\$34.95	Not Available	\$11.88	\$5.99
 DOMAIN.COM	\$9.99	Not Clear	\$14.99	\$8.99	\$3.75
 Value-Name.com	\$8.99	\$8.99	\$14.99	\$1.95	\$2.79

The last row in the comparison table shows that Value-Name.com scores on all fronts. Not only is their registration and renewal fee the same low \$8.99 USD, their price for new gTLDs and Hosting is also the least, and their fee for private registration is almost 5 times lower than the average !

Since Value-Name.com is a godaddy reseller, you will get the same backend hosting, infrastructure, software and control panel as godaddy with better support and pricing. They also provide free email storage and forwarding with each domain. I have transferred all my domains to Value-Name.com

Here is a list of features you should expect from any domain registrar, sure enough the one we recommend Value-Name.com has all these features included.

### **Domain Forwarding and Masking**

Direct different WWW addresses to an existing site. When someone types your domain name into a browser, they will automatically be forwarded/redirected to whatever URL you choose. And with masking, users don't see the underlying address; only what they type.



### **Auto Renew Protection**

Keep your domain name secure by automatically renewing your registration. Never worry about forgetting to do it manually. You'll keep your domains, hosting, Web site builders and other products where they belong: in your name, in your account and under your control!



### **Total DNS Control**

Manage your domain name server (DNS) records, set your email, FTP, sub-domains, web site location, and more. Our Domain Control Center makes it easy.



## Change of Registration \*\*

Assign your domain name to another registrant, right online. You can change all four contact fields for the domain whenever you want.

\*\*Note: changes of registrant's name are not available for .UK names without a fee from the Registry.



## Status Alerts

Monitor key status indicators to your domain and get instant alerts if there's any change



## Domain Locking

Prevent anyone from making changes to your domain's vital ownership/administrative information. Domain Locking prevents unauthorized or accidental transfers, and stops anyone from misdirecting your name servers.



## Email Forwarding and Storage

Get [yourname@yourdomain.com](mailto:yourname@yourdomain.com) kind of email id, Emails can be stored and accessed from the space provided or they may be redirected to another email id like gmail.



## 24 by 7 phone support

It is important that if you are having any problem with your domain name, you should be able to pick up the phone and contact a support person who can help to resolve your problem.

