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Registry, registrar and registrant: who owns the domain?

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When you register a domain, three parties are involved. Knowing who does what avoids misunderstandings - above all about one important question: **who owns the domain**.

The three parties

Who	What they do
Registry	The organisation that runs an entire extension and keeps the official database of every domain ending in it. For country extensions this is a national body - .ao is run by DNS.AO , Angola's national registry. It sets the rules for that extension - prices, deadlines and requirements.
Registrar	The accredited company that handles the registration on your behalf, bills, renews, and gives you the panel to manage the domain. That is our role.
Registrant	The person or company the domain is registered to. That is your role - and you hold the rights to it.

The domain is yours, not ours

This is the part that causes the most confusion. We handle the registration, but you are the registrant. In practice that means:

1

You can take it to another provider whenever you want - see **how to transfer a domain**. You don't need our permission, only the transfer code, which we are required to give you.

2

The registrant details are yours and should be accurate. They are what proves the domain is yours if there is ever a dispute.

3

You don't buy a domain - you lease it. Registration runs in periods (usually years). If you don't renew, it expires and becomes available to someone else.

Why your contact details really matter

1

Expiry notices go to the registrant e-mail. If that address is wrong or unreachable, you can lose the domain without noticing.

2

Transfer confirmations go there too - without access to that mailbox, a transfer cannot complete.

3

Keep them current in **My Details** and in the domain's own contact details.

An expired domain can't always be recovered. Once the grace period passes it returns to the market and anyone can register it - competitors included. It is the most common way a business loses the address it has always used.

Registering for several years at once removes the risk of forgetting and, on some extensions, costs less. If the domain is your company name, it's worth it.

Questions about who owns your domain? We'll clear it up.

[Open a support ticket](#)

SEE ALSO

To see these details for a specific domain: **WHOIS: what it shows about your domain and how to check it.**

DOMAIN REGISTRATION**Is the name you have in mind still free?**

Type it here and find out in a second. DNS management included in the panel, renewal notices well ahead of time, and the domain registered in your name - never in ours.

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