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Registering a .ao domain: at DNS.AO or through a provider?

Comparisons and alternatives

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DNS.AO is the national registry for the **.ao** zone, under INFOSI. That is where the zone is managed - which is why people ask whether to deal with them directly or go through a provider.

What DNS.AO is, and is not

The DNS.AO portal manages **.ao**, **.co.ao**, **.it.ao**, **.org.ao**, **.edu.ao** and **.gov.ao**, provides the whois and publishes registry news, including price campaigns. It also runs an **application to become a Registrar of the AO Zone**: that is how companies get accredited with the registry so they can register domains on behalf of clients.

Look up the WHOIS of a domain

Search

Shows the registrant, the dates, the registrar, the status and the nameservers.

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What changes in practice

	Directly with the registry	Through Interweb
The domain	Registered in your name	Registered in your name - the same
DNS management	You handle it yourself	Your own panel, records at hand
Site and e-mail	On you, at another provider	In the same place, if you want
Renewal	You have to remember	Automatic notices and an invoice
When something goes wrong	You deal with the registry	We deal with the registry
Price	You may catch registry campaigns	List price, in kwanzas

The honest answer

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If all you want is to reserve the name and you have someone handling DNS, dealing with the registry directly is perfectly reasonable - and during a campaign it can be cheaper.

2

If you want the name working - site up, e-mail arriving, DNS managed, all on one invoice - a provider saves you the work you do not see.

3

If you registered directly and now want to simplify, the domain can be moved without the site going offline.

[Search a domain](#)
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The domain is always yours. Whichever route you take, the registrant is your company. A provider handles the registration **in your name** - if anyone tells you the domain will be in theirs, be suspicious and read **who is who in a domain registration** .

Want to register or move a .ao? Tell us which one.

[Open a support ticket](#)

SEE ALSO

Who is who in this process: **Registry, registrar and registrant: who owns the domain?**.

And where to host the site: **Hosting in Angola or abroad: what actually changes**.

To choose between Angolan providers: **Hosting providers in Angola: what to compare before deciding**.

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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