

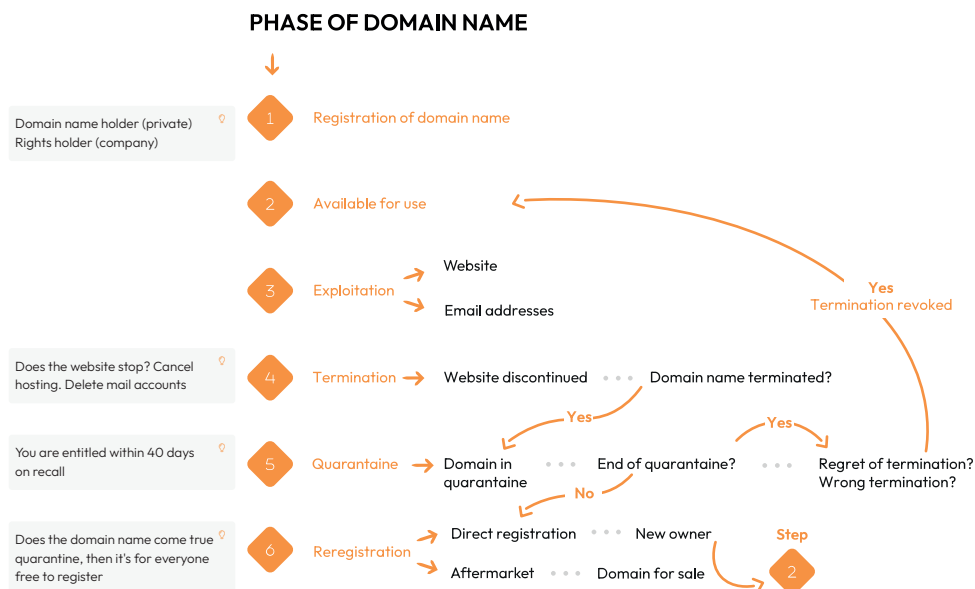


Explaining the life cycle of domain names

How does re-registering an existing domain name and offering it for sale work? Who is actually the owner of a domain name? In this leaflet, we will explain this.

Domain name for sale

Domain names that have been previously registered and are now for sale are known as the aftermarket or secondary market. These are names that have been cancelled and become available for re-registration after a quarantine period.



Who owns the domain name

After registration, you have what is known as usage rights. You pay for the registration once and then periodically for the renewal of the registration. You are never really the owner of a domain name, which can sometimes cause confusion. If you register a domain name for business purposes (in the name of a company), then the company is the rightful owner. If the domain name is registered under your own name, then you are the domain name holder. If you do not pay for the renewal or cancel, the name becomes available again.

Do you have any questions? We are happy to help!

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