

Welcome to 'your FREE website transfer guide'. This guide has been created to give a basic introduction of how your website, domain and hosting fit together and explain what action needs to be taken to transfer your website to another company. It has not been created with the intention of teaching you to suck eggs, so if there is any information you already understand, do feel free to skip to the next available section

Domain Name

What is a domain name?

A domain name is the address a web user types into a web browser to visit a website. See figure 1.1 below:

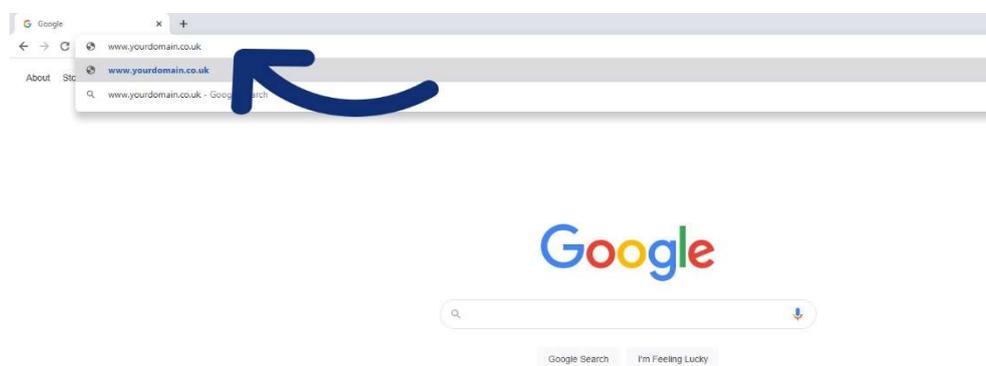


Figure 1.1 domain example

The domain name is used to point website visitors to your website files which are stored on a webserver, the website is then displayed in the visitor's browser.

Domain names have a governing body, a bit like the DVLA for vehicles and number plates in the UK.

The governing bodies for '.co.uk, .uk' and any other domain ending in '.uk' is [Nominet](#). For .com domains it is [ICANN](#). Below the governing bodies you have the domain 'Registrars'. These are companies that are able to register the domains on your behalf, the registration generally has a term of 12 to 24 months (1 to 2 years). This depends on their pricing and term structure.

If the renewal period lapses, you normally have thirty-days cooling off before the domain is released back into the pool which enables someone else to purchase it.

You can find which registrar hosts a domain name by checking it on [Who.is](#). This will show the current registrar, when it was last renewed and when it expires.

You can transfer a domain to a different registrar anytime before the domain expires. All '.uk' domains are free to transfer, so don't be led into paying for a domain transfer!

'.com' domains on the other hand can only be renewed by transferring it to another registrar, no shorter than 30 days before it expires, or no shorter than 30 days after the domain has been renewed. A '.com' domain takes 7 days to transfer.

Updating the contact details i.e., name, address, phone number and email address need to be kept up to date at all times as this can cause issues should you want to transfer them out at a later date.

If you would like to transfer a '.uk' domain, you just need to login to your domain registrar control panel and update the 'IPS Tag' to new registrars. Alternatively, you may need to submit a support ticket to have the existing registrar change it for you.

With a '.com', you generally have to apply for a transfer which will request a specific code. This usually arrives instantly from the current registrar. You will then need to provide this to your new provider.

Web Hosting

A website needs its files to be stored on a server where anyone who wants to visit the site has access.

The webserver can be used to build the website before it is launched this allows it to be tested before going live.

The average web server uses around 20kw of electric in a day to power it, 20kw of energy is the same power it takes to boil 200 kettles. To counteract the energy usage, there are companies out there such as [Dynamic Servers Limited](#) who provide website hosting on servers which are powered 100% by renewable energy.

Dynamic Servers Limited also register domains, so you can have the hosting and domain(s) sorted in one transaction, they also make the whole process seamless.

Thank you

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