

# How to own a Domain

And why I can steal it in 10 days  
if you don't follow this though

# Terms: The Basics

- Registrant- The domain owner and the ultimate authority
- The Admin Contact. The guy in charge
- The tech and billing contacts are irrelevant

# Registrant

- What the registrant is:
- Is the owner of the domain
- Has ultimate legal Authority
- If its in the name of company the 'company' has authority. And has supreme power.
- If no company name, individual is owner and has supreme power.

# Admin Contact

- Admin contact can make all changes to the domain including the registrant.
- Admin email is the primary one for passwords and such to be sent to or out of.
- Admin has much power and can override the Registrant if the registrant is unaware

# Tech Billing

- Pretty much meaningless in the end.
- Has no authority over domain, domain ownership

# Now for Problems

- You have a website and are neither registrant or Admin
- You have a website and are the registrant but not the admin
- You have a website and you are the admin and not the registrant.
- You have a website, You are the registrant and the Admin but bought the domain though a wholesaler.

# Now what

- If you are not the registrant or the admin.  
You have very limited options.
- Contact the place you registered the domain and hope they will allow you to alter it into your name.
- Typically this is where we see the most problems. The domain is in the name of the webmaster web designer, the neighbor,

- If you are registrant but not the admin
- Do you know the Admin
- If you are a business, is the name of the domain in the business' name. ?
- Many variations of this ...admin being a person that tries to hold the domain captive



- If you are admin but not owner. You have a huge potential issue.
- You need to log in and change that immediately so you are the legal owner and not bob's web design.

# Who did you buy your domain thought

- There are many many domain resellers out there but very few are top level.
- Most registration companies are fronts for other companies.
- This gets extremely tricky and how and who you buy your domain from can dictate the # of problems you have in the future.
- Make sure the people you are dealing with are reputable

# Expired Domains

- A domain expires annually unless you renew it.
- You have 35 days to reclaim your domain and pay standard renewal rates
- Day 36-75 you can pay a redemption rate of \$150 or more to redeem the domain

# What Why \$150

- The domain is actually repurchased for the year by the registry and they do charge a reclaim fee on that.
- If you do no reclaim the domain you may NEVER see it again.
- Most registrars put ads now on expired domains, if they make money you won't get your domain back.

# Now that your email address is correct and you own your domain

- Make sure the domain is locked...
- What is domain locking.
- Domain locking protects people from making requests to move your domain.
- Many Registrars, similar to DROA, will ask that you move your domain. They send out the request and even if you don't answer that request is honored because you did nothing to stop it.

# What is most important

- A. That you own your own domain, registrant, admin
  - B that your email is correct as ALL times
  - C That your domain is locked to prevent unlawful changes
  - D. that you use a reputable company/reseller that is honest and willing to work with you and answer the phone.
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- Does that negate the A B and C? **NO**