

Buy Your First Domain Name

1. Go to <http://www.godaddy.com> to purchase a domain name
2. Brainstorm some domain names
3. Search for your favorite domain name on GoDaddy and see if it's available. If not, try another domain name on your list.
4. Be sure to purchase a ".com" domain name so that it's easy for people to find.
5. Scroll down page and avoid the other options. Click "**Continue**" at the bottom of the page.
6. On the next page, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click, "**No thanks, continue to checkout.**"
7. Complete your domain registration information, if this is your first time purchasing a domain name or log-in to your existing account. (If creating a new account, the appropriate button is already checked for you.)
8. On the next screen, verify that the information you entered is correct. Then, click "**Continue.**"
9. Select the number of years you want to buy the domain name for, from 1 to 10 years. (If you purchase 2 years, the search engines feel that you'll be sticking around and aren't a fly-by-night business. This isn't an issue after your site has been around a while.)
10. Decide whether you want GoDaddy to debit your PayPal account or credit card and renew your domain automatically or if you'd like to do it yourself when the time comes. You should probably auto-renew, and the domain name is protected from ever expiring.
11. Click on "**Quick Checkout.**"
12. Review your shopping cart and verify all the information.
13. Select your payment option.

- 14. Read the Registration Agreement and the Terms of Service. Click those boxes, showing that you have read them, and then, click "**Checkout Now.**"
- 15. Fill in your payment details (PayPal password or credit card information)
- 16. Click to go back to GoDaddy.
- 17. Verify your payment information and then, click on "**Continue with Check Out.**"
- 18. Fill in your personal information (Name, address, etc.)
- 19. Fill in box 2 with a new account password, if you've created a new account. Boxes 3 and 4 are self-explanatory. Click "**Continue with Checkout.**"
- 20. Verify the information and click "**Checkout Now.**"
- 21. Type in the code at the Secure Checkout page and enter it by clicking "**Next.**"
- 22. Print your thank you page or copy your customer number, log-in, and password. You'll also receive this information in email.