

## How to Make Sure your First Domain Name is available using 1&1 Hosting?

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Follow this illustrated report, and lets see if your name is available as a domain name!

First of all however a word of caution : Sometimes you will find that your name has been taken by your names sake somewhere in the cyber world, but not to worry, there is a way round this..

Lets look at my blog domain name for example ,[www.john-edwards-blog.com](http://www.john-edwards-blog.com) I ultimately wanted [www.johnedwards.com](http://www.johnedwards.com), but I found out that a certain senator in the good old US of A, had taken that, so I placed an hyphen between each part of my name followed by blog as my name wasn't even available as [www.john-edwards.com](http://www.john-edwards.com) .

So as you can see, you too can use this technique if you find your name isn't available?

So lets dive into the step by step illustrations for domain name availability!

STEP#1



The screenshot shows the 1&1 Domains website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with '1&1 Domains' and links for '1&1 Products', 'Overview', 'Affiliate Program', 'Service', and 'Contact'. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'Choose a domain' and 'Package Selection'. The main content area features a 'DOMAIN MARKETPLACE' sign and a 'NEW DOMAINS' sign. A yellow starburst graphic says 'Special Offers! Secure your domain name today!'. A callout box with a white background and black text says 'First check to see if your name is available, and check the .com box!'. Below this, there's a red box with the text 'Check the availability of your desired domain:'. Inside this box, there's a text input field with 'www.haroldsmyth' and a 'Check' button. To the right of the input field, there are checkboxes for various domain extensions: .info, .eu, .org, .co.uk, .me.uk, .biz, .com, and .net. The .com checkbox is checked. Below the checkboxes, there's a link that says 'Show more Top Level Domains'. To the left of the red box, there's a table of domain extensions and prices:

Domains	Price	Duration	Price
.com	£8.99*	first year	£5.99*
.net	£8.99*	first year	£5.99*
.org	£8.99*	first year	£5.99*
.eu	£8.99*	first year	£5.99*
.co.uk		per year	£2.99
.me.uk		per year	£2.99
.org.uk		per year	£2.99
.biz		per year	£8.99
.mobi		per year	£12.99

Below the table, there's a link that says 'Transfer an existing domain to 1&1'.

The most recognized and commonly used domain name extensions you will see on the internet is **.com**, so to make your domain name more remember able for the internet browser, I'm sure you will agree it makes sense to register your domain name a **.com**!

## STEP#2

The screenshot shows the T&I Domains website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 1&1 Products, Overview, Affiliate Program, Service, Contact, and a phone number 1-877-461-2631. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'Choose a domain' and 'Package Selection'. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'NEW DOMAINS' and 'DOMAIN MARKET-PLACE'. A yellow starburst graphic says 'On Sale Now!' and the text reads 'Register your domain name today!'. To the right, there is a comparison table for domain prices:

	T&I	Yahoo!	Go Daddy
.com	\$8.99	\$9.95	\$10.69
Private Domain Registration	FREE	\$9.00	\$8.99
ICANN Fee	Included	Included	\$0.18
Total Annual Cost	<del>\$9.99</del> \$6.99 (first year)	\$18.95	\$19.86

Below the banner, there is a 'Domains' table with various extensions and their prices:

Domain	Price
.com	\$ 6.99*
.net	\$ 6.99*
.org	\$ 6.99*
.us	\$ 8.99
.info	\$ 8.99
.biz	\$ 8.99
.tv	\$ 29.99
.mobi	\$ 19.99
.name	\$ 12.99

The main registration area shows a search for 'www.haroldsmyth.com'. The status is 'available'. A callout box says: 'As we can see www.haroldsmyth.com is available, and it's now time to register it when we set up the hosting for your blog!'. Below the search, there are alternative suggestions: 'haroldsmvth.net' with status 'available'. A 'continue' button is visible.

As you can see, our example name [www.haroldsmyth.com](http://www.haroldsmyth.com) is available, but had it not been we could have tweaked it to maybe [www.harold-smyth.com](http://www.harold-smyth.com). Or [www.harold-smyth-blog.com](http://www.harold-smyth-blog.com), I'm sure you are starting to get the picture?

Once you have established your domain name choice, it is time to register it, and I will show you how to do just that in the next report when I will show you how to set up the hosting for your blog, don't worry all will be revealed when I show you...

How to register your Domain Name and set up Hosting For Your Blog with D9 Hosting?

STAY TUNED....Ed.