

# 30 YEARS of .COM

1904

Mark Twain predicts an internet-like "limitless-distance telephone."



1983

The domain name system is born, routing names to sites.



1985

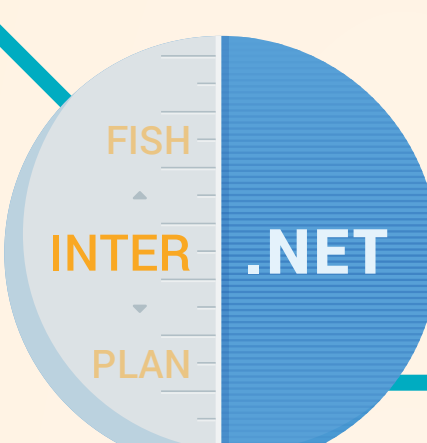
.COM launches alongside .EDU, .GOV, .MIL, .NET, .ORG, and .ARPA.



100 .coms

1987

The first 100 .COM domains are registered.



1992

The first domain hack is registered.

1994

Wired magazine highlights the need for major companies to claim their domains as extensions of their brand.



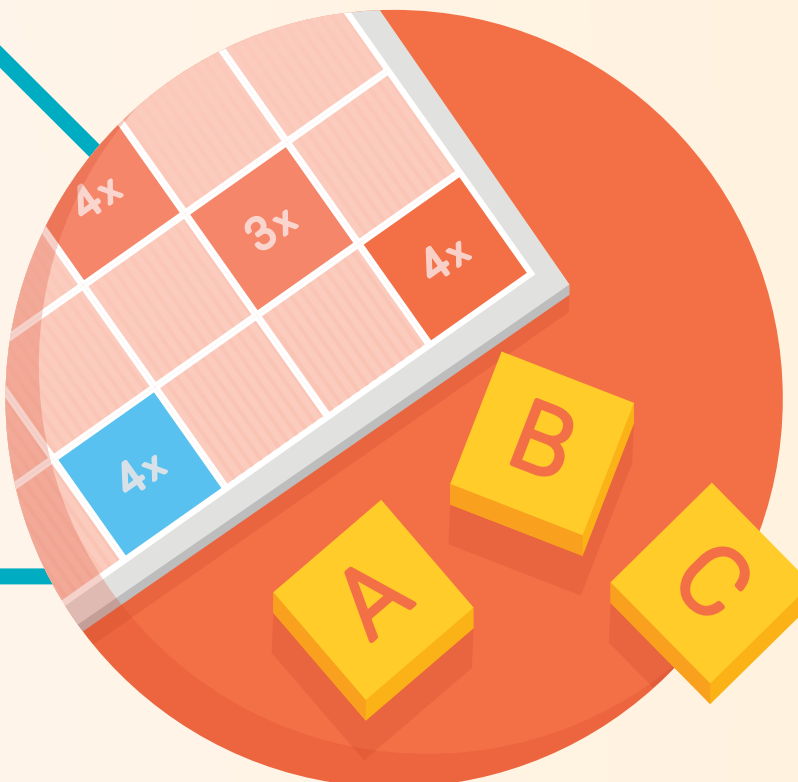
GOOGOL

1997

An early Googler intends to register googol.com – a word meaning 10^100 – for their internet startup, but misspells it as google.com. Today, most people misspell 'googol' as 'google'.

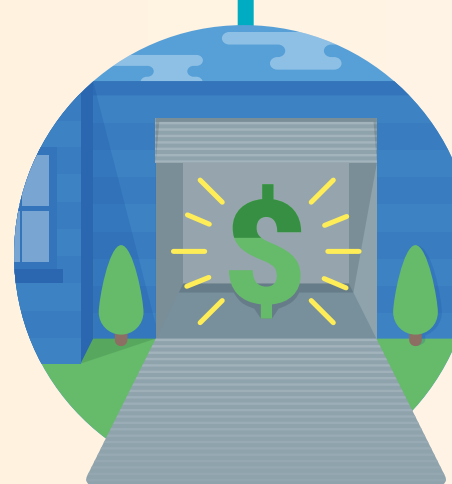
1997

All three and four-character .com domains are taken.



1997-2001

New internet-first start-ups put .com in their name.



2005

A new batch of TLDs are added.



2007

VacationRentals.com becomes the most expensive domain ever sold.



2013

The new gTLD program adds 1,000+ names, creating new homes on the web.



2014

Google Domains is announced @ Google I/O.



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2015

.COM turns 30. There are 270M registered domain names with 42% being .COMs.