3 Decades of .COM MILESTONES

1985–1995

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- Tech giants Apple and Cisco register Apple.com and Cisco.com
- The first commercial dial-up internet provider, The World, launches
- The World Wide Web launches to the public, enabling easy access to information shared on .com websites
- Over 100 .com websites are live
- e-Commerce powerhouse Amazon.com is registered

1996–2005

- First web-based mail service, HotMaIl.com launches
- Expedia.com launches, changing the way we book travel
- Netflix.com launches as first mainstream online video rental service
- Google.com goes live, changing the way people find information online
- Alibaba.com launches in China
- Pappal.com and Blogger.com are registered
- Verizon Inc. becomes registry operator for .com domains
- Skype launches via Skype.com, making VoIP mainstream
- LinkedIn.com launches, bringing professional networking online
- Facebook launches as TheFacebook.com
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2006–2015

- Twitter.com launches
- Flipkart.com, a leading destination for online shopping in India, launches
- Sina Weibo, a leading Chinese microblogging website, launches on Weibo.com
- Pinterest.com and Instagram.com launch
- DNSSEC is implemented in the .com zone
- Snapchat.com is registered
- Tencent launches China’s first private online bank, WeBank.com
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THE FUTURE

The number of possible .COM domain names is over 10 to the 98th power.

To put data monetarily into perspective, today there are approximately 2.5 billion internet users around the globe. If every user registered a .COM domain name every second for 30 million years, a total of about 2.4 septillion domain names (that’s 2.4 followed by 24 zeros) would be registered. And, that’s less than one billionth of a billionth of 1% of total availability! There are a LOT of great .COM domains left for registrants.

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