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Happy New Year!

Ever wondered how domain pricing really works, and why the price of the same domain can vary wildly between registrars? Find out in the [latest episode](#) of the Openprovider Podcast, in which our CEO, Arno Vis, shares what actually goes on behind the scenes of domain pricing.

In this newsletter, you'll also find a host of fresh TLD offers - from **.org** to **.eu** to **.blog**! We also share our take on solving four of the biggest current challenges of the domain industry, and the latest update of our WHMCS domains module (our biggest one yet!).

As usual, at the end of this newsletter, you will also find a roundup of upcoming price and policy changes. Happy reading!

TLD in the spotlight

.blog is a TLD for customers who create. For writers, educators, freelancers, agencies, and anyone sharing ideas, a **.blog** domain signals authenticity and independence.

You can position it to your customers as a home for original content - articles, videos, photos, podcasts, artwork - all in one dedicated place.

Here are 3 reasons to highlight **.blog** in your offer:

- **Instant recognition online** with a TLD made for publishing.
- **Strong brand alignment** for creators and content-driven businesses.
- **More choice for short, memorable domains** because of its excellent availability.

And all of that comes at a great price! Until March 31st, register **.blog** at Openprovider for just **\$1.99** for the first year.* Now that's a great deal to start the year!

[Learn more about .blog](#)

**Promotion valid until 31/03/2026, for Members only, and for new, one-year registrations only. After the first year of registration, the regular renewal rate of \$20.20/year will apply. All prices exclude VAT.*

Latest offers



The banner features a dark blue background with a large yellow '.CO' on the left. To its right is a decorative border of yellow and orange stars. Further right is a photograph of a historic building with a prominent orange dome and spire. The Openprovider logo is in the top right corner. A white box on the left contains the pricing information.

.CO

Starts at

\$26

\$9.99

Valid until 31/03/2026, for Members only, and for new, one-year registrations only.



.eu

Starts at

~~€4.25~~
€1.98

Valid until 31/01/2026, for Members only, and for new, one-year registrations only.



.org

Starts at

~~\$10.13~~
\$6.99

Valid until 31/03/2026, for Members only, and for new, one-year registrations only.



.xyz

For

\$1.99*

and a

Free .xyz
with every **.com****

*Valid until 31/03/2026, for Members only, and for new, one-year registrations only. **Valid until 31/03/2026 and for new, one-year registrations only.

.earth

Starts at

~~\$15~~

\$7.98

Valid until 28/02/2026, for Members only, and for new, one-year registrations only.

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.biz

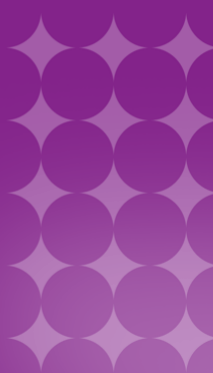
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\$7.99

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Industry insights

Podcast: Inside domain pricing with Arno Vis

Sit down and grab a cup of coffee for our latest podcast with our CEO, Arno Vis! In this episode, we dive into the topic of domain pricing - from bargain-basement promos to niche TLDs.

Arno and Brendan discuss:

- Why the same domain can cost dramatically different amounts depending on where you buy it
- How niche and emerging TLDs are reshaping pricing and market competition
- The role of pricing in building trust and long-term customer relationships
- Practical guidance for resellers aiming to succeed with the next generation of entrepreneurs

[Listen here!](#)

Building a brighter future for the domain industry

On Substack, we ended the year by discussing some of the biggest challenges in the domain industry in 2026. Rising costs, outdated processes, growing abuse problems, and slow innovation are creating real problems for businesses that rely on domains.

We share our vision on how to turn these obstacles into opportunities - with action points for registrars, registries, and resellers alike.

Read the full article [here](#), and join the discussion in the comments!

Reminder: new WHMCS domains module available

We are excited to announce that we released the latest version (v5.9.0) of our WHMCS domains module last month. This is our biggest update to the module yet - if you haven't updated your module yet, download the update [here!](#)

Updates in the module include:

- PHP 8.3 support.
- (Experimental) Bash scripts for one-step installation and upgrade of the module.
- Per-domain sync button in the WHMCS Admin area.
- Enhanced Openprovider widget with module version and update check, plus a single function that shows available balance.
- Support for .fi, .ae, .eu, and .es (.es ANNEX III registrant Acceptance) additional fields.
- Renewal date sync to WHMCS with WHMCS native domain sync to avoid mismatched dates caused by renewal offsets.

We've also implemented several bug fixes to ensure a smoother domain management experience. Consult the full list of updates and fixes [here](#).

[Download the module on GitHub](#)

Updates from the registries

We have informed you of several price and policy changes in the past month. For your convenience, you can find the following communications back on the control panel newsfeed:

- Prohibited use of disposable and encrypted emails for .in domains (effective January 14, 2026)
- New validation rules for postal codes and telephone numbers (effective January 28, 2026)
- Upcoming price increase for .eu domains (effective February 1, 2026)
- Upcoming price increase for .hk domains (effective February 1, 2026)
- Upcoming price increase for .fm domains (effective February 1, 2026 - only for Members)
- New registrant data accuracy requirements from the .cat registry (effective February 1, 2026)

[Log in to the control panel to view all updates](#)

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