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What is a domain name's life cycle?

Life Cycle of a Domain

It is important to know: When you register a domain name, you do not actually buy it, in fact you are paying for the right of using the domain name for a particular period of time.

Once this period terminates, the registration expires. Before this happens, you will be notified - and have the right to renew the domain name for an additional period.

The life cycles of a domain name may differ, dependent on the type of domain, and how the relevant registry is handling it. Below is illustrated, how the life cycle of a typical generic top level domain looks like:

Life Cycle of a Typical gTLD Domain Name

Registration (1-10 years)

A domain name usually can be registered for a span of 1 year up to 10 years.

Auto-Renew Grace Period (1-90 Days)

This is the date when the registration period is over. Many individuals have a mis-conception that a domain would become available after that date, which definitely isn’t the fact. Once the domain reaches the expiration stage, there are few other stages before it can be re-registered.

Upon expiration, the domain name may become inactive, though the registrant can still renew it with regular renewal charges. The domain would still stay there in your domain control panel.
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This stage of the domain life cycle is termed as the *auto-renew grace period* which would usually be anywhere in between 1 to 45 days *(Please find below the Joker.com TLDs Life-Periods)*. This period varies between registries and registrars.

Redemption Grace Period (up to 90 days)

Next comes the redemption stage ie. when a domain isn’t renewed by the owner during the grace period, it enters into *redemption*. Please find the detailed description here: [What is a Redemption Grace Period (RGP)?](#)

A typical generic top level domain resides in the Redemption for 30 days before moving onto the next stage. Some country domains (ccTLDs) have longer periods.

Pending Delete

At this stage, there isn’t any possibility for you to renew it. The registrar sends a command to the Registry for deleting the domain, the domain now enters the last phase of the life cycle called *pending delete*. The domain stays in this stage usually for 5 days.

Released / Available to All

As it suggests, the domain becomes available to all and there isn't any control of anyone.

These are the Joker.com TLDs Life-Cycle Periods:

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