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## Reclaim Your Domain

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Not so long ago, companies went to court or paid through the nose to boot cyber squatters from desirable, easy-to-remember domain names. In fact, pickins were so slim that if you could think of it, somebody had already claimed it. Eventually, the U.S. Commerce Department's Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers <a href="http://www.icann.org">www.icann.org set about creating new suffixes to handle the domain demand. The result? Seven new suffixes, many of which are already appearing online.

Four suffixes are general domains. They include .biz for business purposes, .name for individuals, and .pro for professionals such as lawyers and accountants. Also included is .info, which is open to any use. The remaining three suffixes are more specific: .museum for museum groups, .aero for the aviation industry, and .coop for co-operative businesses and organizations.

Of course, now that so many dot.coms have turned into dot.bombs

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and cyber squatters have wearied waiting for the payoff—and tired of paying the annual registration fee—many .com domains are returning to the pool. Now may be a good time to scoop up that domain you wanted years ago.

As for the new suffixes, each is managed by one of several companies, or registries, contracted by ICANN. Sales of the domain names are handled in turn by numerous registrars accredited by the respective registry. Sound confusing? It's not. Registries simply handle the sale and management of domain names. You can obtain listings of accredited registrars at the ICANN site <img alt="arrow icon" data-bbox="185 392 200 402"/> [www.icann.org](http://www.icann.org). Prices for a domain run US\$10 to \$35 a year.

#### Take Control

If you really want to speed up your Web connection, drop the mouse and put your fingers back on the keyboard. With just a couple of keystrokes, you can be on your way to admiring the vocal styling of William Shatner at <img alt="arrow icon" data-bbox="130 592 145 602"/> [www.shatnerrocks.com](http://www.shatnerrocks.com) or the mid-century mastery of food photography at the Gallery of Regrettable Food <img alt="arrow icon" data-bbox="72 668 87 678"/> [www.lileks.com/institute/gallery](http://www.lileks.com/institute/gallery) while the schlub in the cube next to you is still typing *http:* into the address bar.

#### Ctrl+O

In Microsoft's Internet Explorer and recent versions of Netscape Navigator, typing Ctrl+O opens a dialog box that allows you to type in the Website of your choice. Hit enter and you're on your way. There's no need to type in *http://*; just the

three *wwws* will suffice. If the address isn't on the Web, leave the *wwws* off.

As an added feature, Explorer users can type Ctrl+O to open folders or files on their hard drive or network. Just type in the location, such as C:\My Documents. The folder will appear in your Internet Explorer window. Unfortunately, that can't be done with Netscape

Navigator, but the two browsers share another Ctrl+O feature.

Instead of entering the Internet address of a search engine, type *search* in the Ctrl+O dialog box then the term you're looking for. Once you hit enter, a search will be performed at the browser's respective search site. For the record, search results provided by Microsoft's

## Wireless to the Max

For the trainer who wants to be wired and ready for whatever life throws her way, there's the GoBook MAX from Itronix <img alt="arrow icon" data-bbox="522 512 537 522"/> [www.itronix.com](http://www.itronix.com). Shock resistant, water resistant, extreme heat and cold resistant, this laptop computer exceeds military grade specs for durability and is equipped with a 700 MHz Pentium III processor, a sunlight viewable touch-screen

display, a Niteview keyboard, and an upgradeable CRMA radio module for wireless connections, anytime anywhere.

In short, if you need this computer, it might be time to consider a new job.



### Notable and Quotable

"The 2001-era Net is a product of real people getting online, not a variety of next-generation TV. Against all odds and a lot of venture-capitalist odds making, the Net is still an individuals-thinking-for-themselves proposition. Ain't nobody gonna tell you where to surf."

*Angela Gunn,  
columnist for Yahoo  
Internet Life*

<img alt="arrow icon" data-bbox="282 900 297 910"/> [www.yil.com](http://www.yil.com).

MSN.com are consistently more on target than Netscape's, and Explorer recognizes registered keywords, such as *Smithsonian*, to take you directly to the corresponding Website.

Ctrl+E

Internet Explorer also offers a more powerful option for Internet searches, Ctrl+E. Users of Explorer 5.0 can call on this shortcut to open a separate search window within their browser's main window.

Just type in the terms you'd like to search for and a customizable group of search engines will generate your results. What's more, clicking on a result opens the link in the adjacent window without losing your search results. To hide the search window, type Ctrl+E again.

Ctrl+N

Would you like to open a new browser window without leaving your current one? Type Ctrl+N, Ctrl+O, and the Internet address. Who knew surfing could be so simple?

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## Let's Get Quizzical

January is the time for resolutions, introspection, and, unfortunately, merciless self-assessment. Here are a handful of online quizzes to give you something to consider in the year ahead, and they have absolutely nothing to do with your weight or how fast you can run to the corner and back. Promise.

Take a Business Etiquette Quiz.

➤ [quiz.ivillage.com/work/tests/bizetquiz1.htm](http://quiz.ivillage.com/work/tests/bizetquiz1.htm)

Discover if you're a natural leader.

➤ [www.emode.com/emode/tests/leader.jsp](http://www.emode.com/emode/tests/leader.jsp)

Test your savvy with this emotional IQ test.

➤ [ei.haygroup.com/resources/default\\_ieitest.htm](http://ei.haygroup.com/resources/default_ieitest.htm)

Do you have the mettle for management?

➤ [leadership.monster.com/quiz/](http://leadership.monster.com/quiz/)

Find out if you're making the most of your time.

➤ [content.monster.com/tools/quizzes/pareto](http://content.monster.com/tools/quizzes/pareto)

Does your company's learning environment make the grade?

➤ [www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/survey/index.htm](http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk/survey/index.htm)



There's a reason so many ideas begin with a drawing on a cocktail napkin. (Well, maybe a couple of reasons.) Good ideas can't wait. They hit us on the way to the kids' soccer game, at the airport terminal, or five minutes after we've left the office.

Parascript Pen&Internet and UR There have partnered to create riteMail for Pocket PC. riteMail ➤ [www.ritemail.net](http://www.ritemail.net) is an electronic ink email application designed to capture those moments of inspiration—or anything else you want to jot down and share. Users can create handwritten notes, drawings, and diagrams and then transmit them via email to other PDAs, desktops, Tablet PCs, or whiteboards.

riteMail is currently being offered as a Beta version on the new @migo 600-C wireless Pocket PC ➤ [www.urthere.com](http://www.urthere.com). Downloads are available free of charge from riteMail's Website.