

Keeping You Safe Online

At Namecheap, your online security and privacy are our top priorities. We never sell your personal information to third parties, and offer a comprehensive portfolio of products that protect your personal data and websites against hackers, spammers, and Internet marketers. Below you can see some services you can use to protect your data.



Free WhoisGuard Privacy Protection

When you register a domain, it's a good idea to keep your personal contact information private. By exposing your name, phone number, mailing address, or email within the Whois database you open yourself up to spammers, and potentially even criminals, using your data.

That's why we provide [WhoisGuard privacy protection for free](#) with every compatible domain registration and transfer. WhoisGuard replaces your contact info in the Whois database with Namecheap's, thwarting would-be spammers and hackers.

DID YOU KNOW?

Spammers get their information from many sources, including:



Bots that scrape contact information from personal websites



Public databases, including tax records and WHOIS



Companies that sell your data



Data stolen from companies with lax security protocols



Phishing efforts that dupe you into believing they are giving legitimate companies their passwords and other data

From there, spammers use this data to send you emails or even attempt to compromise your accounts.

Secure Websites with SSLs

SSL certificates ensure that all data transmitted to and from a website is encrypted so that none of it falls into the wrong hands.

WHAT ARE SSLs?

SSLs Certificates provide technology that automatically encrypts logins and passwords, credit card transactions, private messages, and more. You can recognize a site protected with an SSL because the URL will start with https:// and may also have a green bar or icon in the browser window.

DID YOU KNOW?

[Google's Chrome browser will now label sites without SSL protection as "not secure,"](#) which can result in lower search engine rankings. Even if you don't ask for, or transmit personal data, it's smart to have an SSL certificate on all of your websites.

LEVELS OF SSL PROTECTION

There are different kinds of SSL certificates depending on the level of protection and security features you need for your website:

- ▶ [Domain Validation SSLs](#) are great for personal blogs and sites with minimal data transfers.
- ▶ [Organization Validation SSLs](#) are perfect for sites that require member logins or other personal information to be transferred.
- ▶ [Extended Validation certificates](#) are the most secure, and protect sites that request high-risk data such as credit card or sensitive personal data.

WHY CHOOSE A NAMECHEAP SSL?



Some of the best prices in the market



PositiveSSLs cost only \$1.99 per domain



Shared hosting customers get 50 free SSLs for the first year



Our SSLs are private (dedicated) and can be used for any services hosted anywhere



Our SSLs can be issued using RSA 2048/4096-bit and ECDSA



Protect Your Connection with a VPN

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) adds an additional layer of security against third-party network interference. It keeps your connection secure, even on public Wi-Fi, where your anti-virus software alone won't protect your data if it's sent through a non-secure network.

DID YOU KNOW?

When you're on a public network, you're not on an encrypted connection. This leaves you open to a number of hazards:



Falsified Wi-Fi login pages that look legitimate but direct you to a malicious online connection



"Packet sniffers" that collect data that you transmit online



Dummy Wi-Fi networks that seem safe (e.g. "Coffeeshop_1"). Also known as "man-in-the-middle" attacks

We recommend you always connect to the Internet using a VPN. We offer our own [VPN service](#) with unlimited bandwidth, over 40 locations, and more than 1000 servers, so you can always get a fast, secure connection from anywhere in the world.

Learn More about Online Security

Check out our [Privacy Guide for Small Businesses](#) or more tips on how you keep your important accounts and websites secure.