The Old Geek

We, In Bimbleborough Can Put You In Touch With the World!

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Introduction

So, you want to commission a web site, get on line, meet the world. You find a company like that of my alter ego and agree a price.

Lets introduce another elephant in the room. Where your web site might live and what that may mean in respect of you making sure it is "safe to use"..

One part of "safe to use" follows..

Allow 45 minutes minimum as this deck will prompt questions

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For those following this exercise, the slide decks below are part of the set

<u>I am Spartacus</u> – Introducing some of the key players

I am Spartacus and I Own A Company – My alter ego and his operating environment

<u>I am Spartacus and I Make Trojan Horses</u> – A web site is a composite operators are responsible for

Revision

If time allows, it may be worth reviewing the previous deck entitled "I Am Spartacus And I Make Trojan Horses" as this deck about the tangled web we weave with near casual abandon, builds on it...

A Bit More Dot Joining...



Introducing "Sitemasters" your web site host of choice...

Cast Your Minds Back



I AM ALLEN WOODS...



Hiya!, We work with Sitemasters Inc a world renowned web hosting company, our team will work with you to get your site up and running in no time at all...

I am Spartacus And I Make Trojan Hors The Sales Pitch We use "wordspace" one of our international partners and their framework to develop a user experience for you so your visitors can communicate seamlessly with your company. We have a library of "open source" components that integrate fully Open Source into the "wordspace" world, we can build a shopping cart, email capability, chatbots and more to suit your needs All of our sites are data driven so you can keep track of any communication between your company and your visitors, on line, real time. Our main choice of database is SQLLock an industry Data Driven standard popular tool we have long experience of... We have a close relationship with our web host company "Yoursite" which has a worldwide presence using industry standard servers in data centres across the globe. We can have you up and running in data and be able to access it all at any time through our secure Beware of geeks bearing gifts...

So.. What Might That Mean?

SITEMASTERS – Easy Hosting Solutions... Honest!



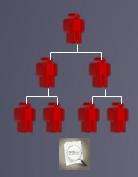
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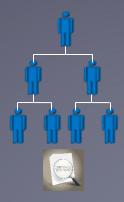
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Sitemasters is actually a conglomerate... Registered somewhere in the world....





There is Sitemasters Server centre in a different US state



There is Sitemasters
Domain Management in
the US but in yet another
state





hosted elsewhere..

With its hosting supplied by "Bling" the on line market place(s)

Sitemasters hosts some 25 million domains from all over the world

So... In overview... To set up a site...

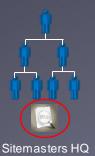


Step One

Allen gets commissioned to build a site



Allen "buys" server space, domain registration and other we administration services from Sitemasters HQ



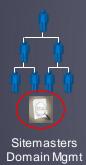
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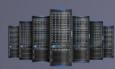
Sitemasters HQ sets aside server space, allocates an IP address configures DNS records



Step Four

Sitemasters Domain registers the new domain BUT for administrative reasons retains ownership of the new domain in their company name





Step Five

Who then manage domains and renewals on a Bling owned server..





Step 6

Allen and his team build the site using multiple components from multiple code libraries



Terms and conditions apply.....

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A few things to ponder over...

ICANN: Maintains the definitive database of <u>TLD and the registry</u> operators for each.

TLD: <u>Top Level Domain</u> is the .ext you type into your web browser.

Registry: A registry is the organisation that manages any particular TLD extension.

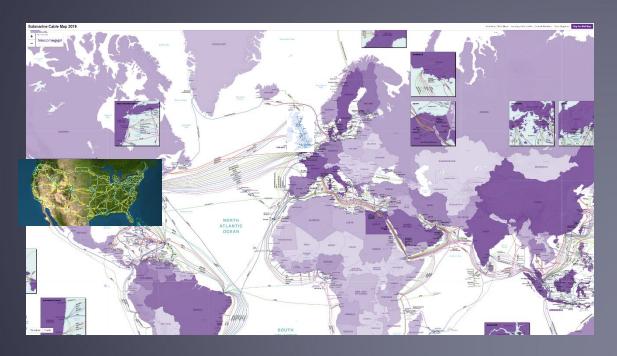
Registrar: A <u>registrar</u> is a company that registers a domain name for a registrant.

Registrant: A registrant is the owner of a domain name.

As it stands, there is no relationship between geographical location and TLD's...

To Keep Track Of Where Everything Is, there is DNS

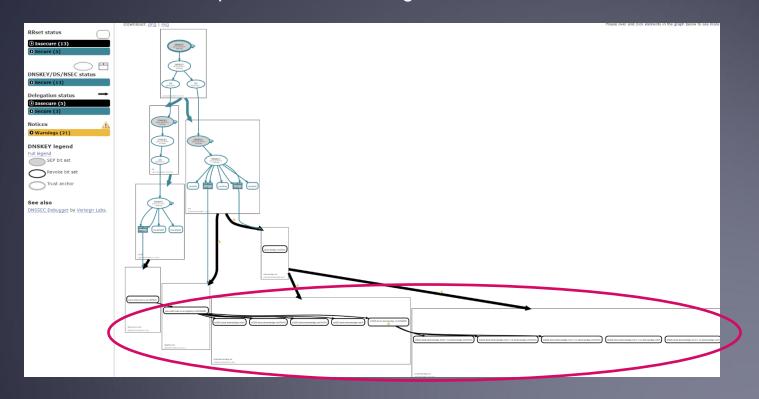
Needless to say, there is a need to keep track of the location of each domain name in order for visitors to this or that web site to be able to find them using their devices. The "Domain Name Server" network provides the means to do that...



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Because...

At the lowest level of a DNS "tree", site operators are responsible for securing their domain.



Given there is no relationship between geographical location and TLD, the site host can be anywhere

You need to be a **DNS** security expert too...

A Warning

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Summary

A web site is for life, not just for Christmas. On DNS security, having looked and produced a <u>client side impact</u> <u>guide</u>, very, very few site operators seem to be aware of the nature of the technical and commercial risk..

Just saying

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