

## Registry Lock

Cybercrime is headline news in today's society. Often, criminals will attempt to access and modify domain name information redirecting users to a website not controlled by the domain owner.

The consequences can be serious and can include:

- Damage to brand image and reputation
- Loss of customer confidence in the integrity of the organisation's infrastructure
- Loss of revenue from customers and potentially reparation of physical damage
- Loss of business-critical information, which may contravene data protection laws

In order to protect key domain names a registrant can choose to prevent any changes to their domain names at the registry level. This is known as a registry lock.

Registry lock is a cyber security solution which adds an additional layer of security to a domain name, protecting it from unauthorised modifications and malicious activity at the domain name registry level.

## Why use a registry lock?

A domain name with a registry lock enabled prevents:

- Unauthorised access to domain name at the registry level
- Accidental or malicious domain name update requests
- Unscheduled DNS changes
- Accidental deletions of the domain name

Only an authorised user at the domain name registrar level, who has been verified by the registry operator, acting on the instruction of the registrant, can make changes to a locked domain name.

Registry lock is a bolt-on security product that can be set up by the BrandShelter support team. Should you wish to make any changes to the domain name whilst it is under the registry lock, you will need to contact the support team to remove the lock. They will then follow the verification process of the registry to unlock and relock the domain name.

Registry lock is charged on an annual basis but is independent of the registration length or expiry of a domain name. A lock can be applied for as short as a day or for the length of the domain name registration at any point during the domain name registration period.

## Which domain name extensions is registry lock available on?

The BrandShelter Registry Lock is available on the following TLDs:

.COM  
.NET  
.TV  
.CC  
.NAME  
.XYZ  
.FM  
.RENT  
.STORAGE  
.WIKI  
.DESIGN  
.INK  
.COLLEGE  
.REST  
.BAR  
.PROTECTION  
.SECURITY  
.THEATRE  
.TICKETS

More TLDs are being added when available.

## Why use BrandShelter?

[BrandShelter](#) is the specialist corporate domain management division of [Key-Systems GmbH](#). BrandShelter is trusted to protect online the brands of some of the world's largest and most recognizable organisations. It supports its customers by securely managing their domain name and SSL portfolios as well as implementing an impressive array of Brand protection mechanisms. Professional support and advice are guaranteed by an individual account manager.

Key-Systems is part of the [CentralNic Group PLC](#), which boasts one of the world's largest domain registry management companies and a Top 10 domain registrar group. CentralNic Group currently manages more than 14 million domains for more than 100,000 corporate, retail customers and 2,300 resellers worldwide.

The company is headquartered in London (UK), with offices in Australia, China, Germany, Luxembourg, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, and the USA.

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