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## *A place of your own*

MICHELE NEYLON explains on why getting your own .ie address is a must

OWNING your own domain name is a must. It doesn't matter what you do with it, but if you have it at least you can choose how you want to use it.

If you're Irish then getting a .ie domain seems to be the logical choice. Of course you can get a .eu (European Union) or even a .com (global), but choosing a .ie means that you're identifying your nationality and you're also showing that you've proven who you are. (You could pretend to be Mickey Mouse when registering a .com)

You could use it for your own email. Why have icouldntgetashortaddress@hotmail.com when you could have daddy@micheleneylon.ie

If you want to run your own blog, isn't <http://www.micheleneylon.ie> a lot nicer than myusernamewasgonesoigothis.blogspot.com?

Up until recently, however, there were restrictions on what domains people could register in dot IE. The IEDR did not allow private citizens to register their own name, such as micheleneylon.ie. As of October 31st 2007 that will all change.

Any resident or citizen of Ireland will be able to register theirname.ie as long as they can provide proof of identity, such as a utility bill.

Companies, such as ourselves, have been receiving requests for these kind of domains for ages. As the Irish public has become more sophisticated in its usage of the internet, their requirements and interests have changed significantly.

So if you want to get your own .ie domain then look no further. You can choose from a wide range of companies that offer IE domains, hosting and other tools. See the IE Domain Registry's official list for details: <http://www.iedr.ie/ListResellers.php>



Prices will vary from as low as €25 to as high as €100, so shop around for the best overall solution – it's not just about price – it should also be about quality of service and technical support!



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