

Is berlios.de legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 87/100

berlios.de

Verdict

87

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

berlios.de appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

German-language open-source software news and informational site featuring reviews, comparisons, and guides on various free/open-source tools and topics.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	Not available No registration record was returned	NOTED
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

berlios.de is a German-language informational website focused on open-source software news, reviews, comparisons, and practical guides. Its homepage presents editorial content covering subjects such as software licensing, lightweight Linux distributions, video conferencing, password managers, and video editing, with an apparent content-publishing model that may be supported by advertising, affiliate links, or sponsorships rather than direct financial services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The captured homepage is consistent with an ordinary software-information publication: it contains editorial articles about Bonify, Canva Pro, and Jitsi Meet, has no login or sensitive-data form, and presents no cryptocurrency, investment, payment, or other financial solicitation. There were also no observed phishing, brand-impersonation, cloaking, hidden-form, wallet-drainer, or suspicious-script indicators. External reputation checks recorded no malicious or suspicious detections, while the site has a meaningful public traffic footprint. Evidence:

- The homepage is titled “berlios - Open Source Software News & Infos” and contains software reviews and guides rather than transaction prompts.
- The homepage’s form analysis identified no forms and no sensitive-data destination; behavioral testing identified no hidden forms or password-external forms.
- External checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with the domain ranked 30001 and within the global top one million.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site appears to operate as an informational blog rather than as a regulated financial or investment service, so no financial license claim is expected from the observed business model. However, the available content does not independently verify the real-world publisher or legal entity, and applicable corporate, editorial, advertising, or affiliate disclosures should be confirmed if engagement extends beyond ordinary reading. The absence of a broker-dataset match is contextual reputational information only and is not a licensing determination. The transport layer provides valid domain-validated TLS, and the hosting environment is technically identifiable. Evidence:

- The homepage identifies the publication as open-source software news and presents editorial content, with no regulated financial-service offering observed.
- The site is served from AS22612, NAMECHEAP-NET - Namecheap, Inc., US.
- The TLS certificate is issued by YR2, uses DV validation, and is valid to 2026-10-28T07:09:48+00:00.

What to Verify Next

Before any credential or payment interaction, independently confirm the publisher’s legal identity, official contact channels, privacy terms, and any advertising or affiliate disclosures. If the site later introduces paid products, subscriptions, downloads, or account functionality, confirm the applicable merchant identity, cancellation or return terms, and payment-protection arrangements through an independent route rather than relying solely on on-site claims. Evidence:

- The captured content establishes an editorial purpose but does not independently connect the publication to a verified real-world operator.
- The available analysis did not establish a regulated-service registration or licensing claim.
- The homepage lacks structured metadata and a meta description, making independent attribution and content-context checks less streamlined.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, with the available evidence consistent with an established, apparently legitimate informational website. This conclusion supports routine browsing and ordinary site use, while not constituting proof of the operator’s real-world identity.

Infrastructure Integrity

No CDN was detected in the observed resolution, which identified two likely origin IP addresses rather than a distinct edge-IP layer. This is a deployment characteristic, not an indication of maliciousness; the resolved infrastructure remained stable during testing.

Closing Assessment

Routine reading is proportionate; independent publisher-identity, merchant-terms, and payment-protection checks should precede any credential or payment interaction.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of berlios.de.

- The request stayed on berlios.de. It was not redirected to another domain. [CLEAR](#)

- DNS for this domain is served by spaceship.net, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- It is hosted on NAMECHEAP-NET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	NAMECHEAP-NET - Namecheap, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	63.250.43.137
Name servers	launch1.spaceship.net, launch2.spaceship.net
SSL issuer	YR2
SSL expiry	2026-10-28
Domain age	Not available (no registration date was returned)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about berlios.de at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.