

Is nic.io legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

nic.io

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

nic.io appears legitimate.

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

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official-looking .io registry/registrar site offering domain search, registration, checkout and support information. Contains account sign-in, cart/checkout UI and legal/contact addresses.

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.

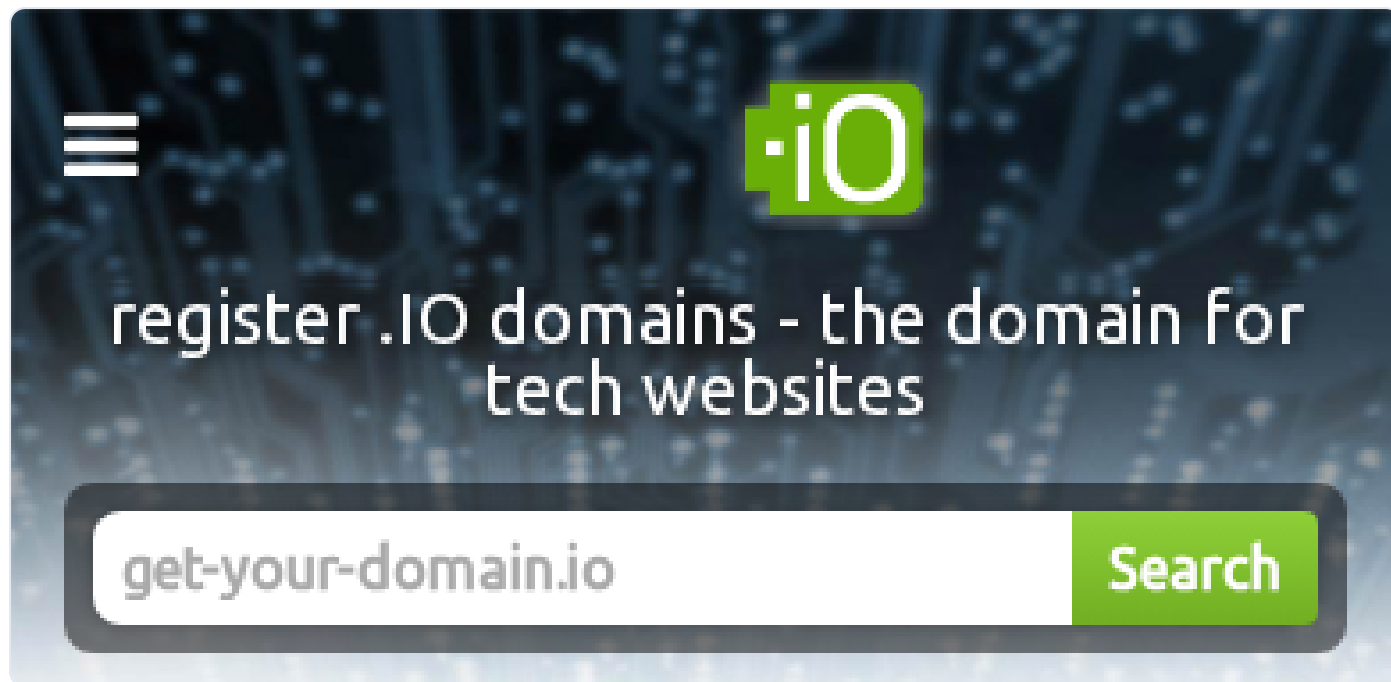
At a glance

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	23 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 1998 1002 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA DV R36	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://nic.io/>



What nic.io served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1998.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

NIC.IO is a domain-registry and registrar storefront offering .io domain search, registration, WHOIS lookup, support, account management, and online checkout for domain purchases and related add-ons.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No scam, phishing, impersonation, or other identity contradictions were observed. The site's stated registrar business model is coherent with its domain-search, registration, account, cart, and checkout functions, and the content review identified no red flags. External reputation checks also recorded no malicious or suspicious detections, supporting a low-risk assessment for ordinary website interaction.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the service as “NIC.IO - The Official .IO Domain Registry and Network Information Centre” and provides domain search, registration, support, and checkout functions.
- The page-content review recorded zero red flags and no suspected brand impersonation.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections; the site has traffic rank 902.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents legal, policy, allocation-rule, support, and contact information and describes a registrar relationship involving Name.com. The registration record identifies Internet Computer Bureau Ltd and lists Registry Operator acts as Registrar (9999), but the available evidence does not independently verify that the recorded registrant, the website operator, and the service presented on the site are the same real-world entity. No licensing claim or license number was identified; for a domain-registry service, this is a transparency and verification point rather than evidence of a scam. The available evidence is therefore consistent with an established, apparently legitimate registrar site while leaving operator identity formally unverified.

EVIDENCE

- The site's legal navigation exposes Terms & Conditions, Allocation Rules, Policies, and Support pages.
- Domain registration evidence: registered 2003-09-15; age 22.94 years; registrar listed as Registry Operator acts as Registrar (9999).
- Historical coverage: 1,002 archive snapshots spanning 1998–2026, across 29 years tracked.
- Served from AS16509 (Amazon.com, Inc.); TLS certificate issued by Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA DV R36, validation level DV, valid to 2027-03-12 23:59:59 UTC.

What to Verify Next

Before institutional onboarding or payment activity, an independent check should connect the legal entity named in the registration and legal materials with the entity authorized to provide the registrar service. The applicable domain-registry accreditation or authorization status, terms governing renewals and transfers, return or cancellation conditions, and available payment protections should also be confirmed through authoritative or independently obtained records.

EVIDENCE

- The legal pages provide the appropriate source material for comparing the stated entity, service terms, allocation rules, and policy commitments.
- The account and checkout functions create a direct verification target for payment-protection, renewal, cancellation, and transfer conditions before a transaction is completed.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, with no observed scam or impersonation contradictions. Converging evidence from sustained domain continuity, clean external reputation, coherent service content, and

established technical operation is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website. This conclusion supports the site's trust posture but does not independently prove the real-world identity of its operator.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is fronted by Fastly CDN/WAF infrastructure, and the observed addresses resolve to CDN edge servers rather than an identified origin candidate. This is a mitigating control that reduces direct exposure of the origin environment, but it is infrastructure protection rather than proof of organizational legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Standard use is proportionate to the assessed posture, subject to ordinary independent merchant-identity, service-term, and payment-protection checks before credentials or payment details are submitted.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 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 nic.io.

- The request stayed on nic.io. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Registry Operator acts as Registrar (9999). CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by nic.io, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-05-01. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1998-12-07. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Registry Operator acts as Registrar (9999)
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	99.83.155.228
Name servers	b0.nic.io, a2.nic.io, a0.nic.io, c0.nic.io

SSL issuer	Sectigo Public Server Authentication CA DV R36
SSL expiry	2027-03-12
Domain age	22.94 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-05-01
Archive first seen	1998-12-07
Archive snapshots	1002
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 nic.io 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.

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