

Is smashingmagazine.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

smashingmagazine.com

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

smashingmagazine.com 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 65%.

What this site appears to be

Smashing Magazine homepage/article index: editorial content for web designers and developers, links to articles, books, workshops, membership and newsletter. Clear site identity and product offerings.

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	20 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2006 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2006.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

Smashing Magazine is an established editorial website for web designers and developers, presenting articles, books, workshops, events, membership options, newsletters, and advertising as part of a content-driven publishing model.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage has a coherent editorial identity, clear navigation, and a login/newsletter form; the form analysis found no sensitive form submission or untrusted destination. Page analysis identified no phishing, brand-impersonation, malicious-content, or other high-risk abuse indicators, and the site's long, continuous historical presence is consistent with the current publication identity. The real-world operator is not independently verified, so the legitimacy assessment remains evidence-consistent rather than identity-proven.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registration: 2006-08-25; age 19.97 years.
- Web-archive history: 5,000 snapshots spanning 2006–2017, with 12 years tracked.
- Homepage analysis found no red flags, phishing indicators, or suspected brand impersonation; external reputation checks were clean.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents an informational publishing and commerce model rather than a financial service requiring the type of licensing associated with brokerage, lending, or investment platforms. No regulatory license claim or license number is recorded in the analyzed content; this is a disclosure and scope-verification point, not evidence of deception. Available page content provides a clear commercial purpose, while the operator's legal identity has not been independently connected to the website. The absence of a broker-reputation match is contextual support only and is not a legal or licensing determination.

EVIDENCE

- Domain registrar: ENOM, INC.
- TLS certificate: issuer YE1, domain validation (DV), valid to 2026-09-25T09:00:26+00:00.
- The analyzed homepage identifies the publication and its commercial offerings but records no regulatory license claim or license number.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently match the operator named in the site's legal or checkout materials with a corporate or merchant registry, and confirm the applicable terms, refund arrangements, and payment-protection options. If the site later presents a regulated financial service, verify the relevant authorization directly with the competent regulator rather than relying on an on-site statement.

EVIDENCE

- Independent operator-identity confirmation remains an outstanding verification step.
- Commercial engagement should be checked against independently confirmed return, refund, and payment-protection terms.
- Any future regulated-service claim should be checked against the relevant official licensing registry.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website with a high-trust, low-risk posture. No scam, phishing, impersonation, or identity-contradiction signals were observed, although the assessment does not independently prove the real-world operator identity.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is served from AS16509 (Amazon-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US). The supplied evidence does not establish a separate CDN, WAF, or origin-obfuscation posture, so hosting infrastructure is treated as a neutral technical observation rather than proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing is proportionate to the assessed posture; credentials and payments should follow the independent merchant-identity, terms, and payment-protection checks described above.

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	25%

- 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 smashingmagazine.com.

- The request stayed on smashingmagazine.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under ENOM, INC.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by nsone.net, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-08-25. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2006-10-09. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	ENOM, INC.
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2a05:d014:58f:6200::1f5
Name servers	DNS1.P06.NSONE.NET, DNS2.P06.NSONE.NET, DNS3.P06.NSONE.NET, DNS4.P06.NSONE.NET
SSL issuer	YE1
SSL expiry	2026-09-25
Domain age	19.97 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-08-25
Archive first seen	2006-10-09
Archive snapshots	5000
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 smashingmagazine.com 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.

