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".com 25" Nominees Announced as 25th Anniversary of .com Approaches

Honorees to Be Celebrated at San Francisco Gala Hosted by Dana Carvey

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA (Marketwire) - VeriSign, the long-time operator of the .com domain, announced last week it will [recognize 25 years of Internet innovation](#) with a year-long celebration of how far the consumer Internet has come, the impact it's had on our daily lives and, more important, what the next 25 years holds.

A cornerstone of this campaign will be the recognition of the ".com 25," the pioneering companies and individuals who have had a lasting impact on the Internet's development. The winners will be announced during an evening gala in San Francisco, at San Francisco City Hall on May 26, 2010.

The 25 Years of .com Gala, hosted by comedian [Dana Carvey](#), will be a festive evening event focused on celebrating the ".com 25." Selected by a distinguished panel including some of Silicon Valley's leading observers, the .com 25 honors the remarkable innovators, entrepreneurs and companies whose inspiring contributions were fundamental in shaping the Internet and, thereby, forever changing the way we think and act as individuals and as a society.

.com 25 Nominees

Seventy-five people and companies have been nominated and ratified by the judging panel. The list includes luminaries like [John Chambers](#) of Cisco, [Jeff Bezos](#) of Amazon and [Tim Berners-Lee](#), as well as pioneering companies like [Google](#), [Facebook](#) and [eBay](#). For a full list of the nominees, please see below or visit www.25yearsof.com.

.com 25 Judges

From the list of nominees, a distinguished panel comprised of some key Internet's influencers will select the winners of the .com 25. The judges are:

- [Steve Blank](#), Retired Entrepreneur and Stanford and Berkeley Adjunct Professor
- [David Kirkpatrick](#), Journalist and Author (The Facebook Effect), co-founder of Techonomy
- [Kevin Maney](#), Technology Author and Journalist
- [Dan Scheinman](#), Senior Vice President and General Manager, Cisco Media Solutions Group
- [Drew Schutte](#), Senior Vice President & Chief Revenue Officer, Conde Nast Digital
- [Jonah Seiger](#), Founder, Managing Partner at Connections Media LLC
- [Ikhtlaq Sidhu](#), Founding Director of UC Berkeley's Center for Entrepreneurship & Technology

The judges will make the final selection of the .com 25, but the public is also encouraged to weigh in on their favorites at www.25yearsof.com.

A web site -- www.25yearsof.com -- will host a variety of multimedia content throughout the coming months, showcasing the innovators and entrepreneurs who have shaped the Internet. 25yearsof.com is a year-long celebration of Internet innovation, all of which can be followed at:

Twitter: Keep up with our latest news at [@25yearsofdotcom](https://twitter.com/25yearsofdotcom)

Facebook: Friend us at facebook.com/25yearsofdotcom

Video: Watch people from leading Internet companies answer the question "How Do You .com?" at 25yearsof.com

The .com 25 Award Nominees

1. [Al Gore](#), Former [Vice President](#)
2. [Alibaba Group](#), Chinese holding company of Internet-based businesses
3. [Amazon.com](#), [Jeff Bezos](#)
4. [Andy Grove](#), [Intel](#)
5. [AOL](#), [Steve Case](#)
- 6 [Apple](#), [Steve Jobs](#)
7. [Baidu](#), Chinese search engine
8. [Barry Diller](#), [IAC](#)
9. [BEA](#), enterprise application infrastructure solutions
10. [Blogger.com](#), blog development/creation service
11. [Cisco](#), [John Chambers](#)
12. [CitySearch](#), online city guide
13. [Cnet](#), news service
14. [CNN.com](#), news service
15. [Craigslist](#), online classifieds
16. [Digg](#), content sharing service
17. [eBay](#), [Pierre Omidyar](#)
18. [eHarmony](#), dating service
19. [ESPN](#), sports information
20. [eTrade](#), financial services
21. [Evite](#), invitation service
22. [Expedia](#), travel service
23. [Facebook](#), [Mark Zuckerberg](#)
24. [Fandango](#), movie info/sales
25. [FedEx.com](#), shipping service
26. [Flickr](#), photo sharing
27. [Gawker](#), celebrity gossip
28. [Google](#), [Larry Page](#) & [Sergey Brin](#)

29. [Huawei](#), networking and telecomm equipment provider
30. [Huffington Post](#), news service
31. [Hulu](#), video content service
32. [IMDB](#), movie/television information
33. [Infosys](#) (India), IT services company
34. [James Gosling](#), creator of [Java](#)
35. [Jim Clark](#), [Netscape](#)/[WebMD](#)
36. [LinkedIn](#), professional networking
37. [Mapquest](#), travel service
38. [Match.com](#), dating service
39. [Microsoft/MSN/Gates Foundation](#), Bill Gates
40. [Monster.com](#), career resource service
41. [Motley Fool](#), financial services
42. [MSNBC.com](#), news
43. [Muhammed Yunus](#), Bangladeshi banker and economist
44. [MySpace](#), social networking
45. [Napster](#), Sean Fanning
46. [Netflix](#), movie rentals
47. [Netscape](#), [Marc Andreessen](#)
48. [Opentable](#), restaurant info/reservations
49. [Oracle](#), Larry Ellison
50. [Overstock.com](#), retail
51. [Pandora](#), music sharing
52. [PayPal](#), payment service
53. [Priceline.com](#), travel service
54. [Salesforce.com](#), SaaS company
55. [Salon.com](#), news service
56. [Shutterfly](#), photo-sharing service
57. [Skype](#), [Niklas Zennstrom](#) & [Janus Friis](#)
58. [Slate.com](#), news service

59. [Snapfish](#), photo-sharing service
60. [Sun Microsystems](#), [Scott McNealy](#)
61. [The Onion](#), news satire
62. [TheKnot](#), wedding service
63. [Tim Berners-Lee](#), engineer and computer scientist
64. [TMZ](#), celebrity gossip