

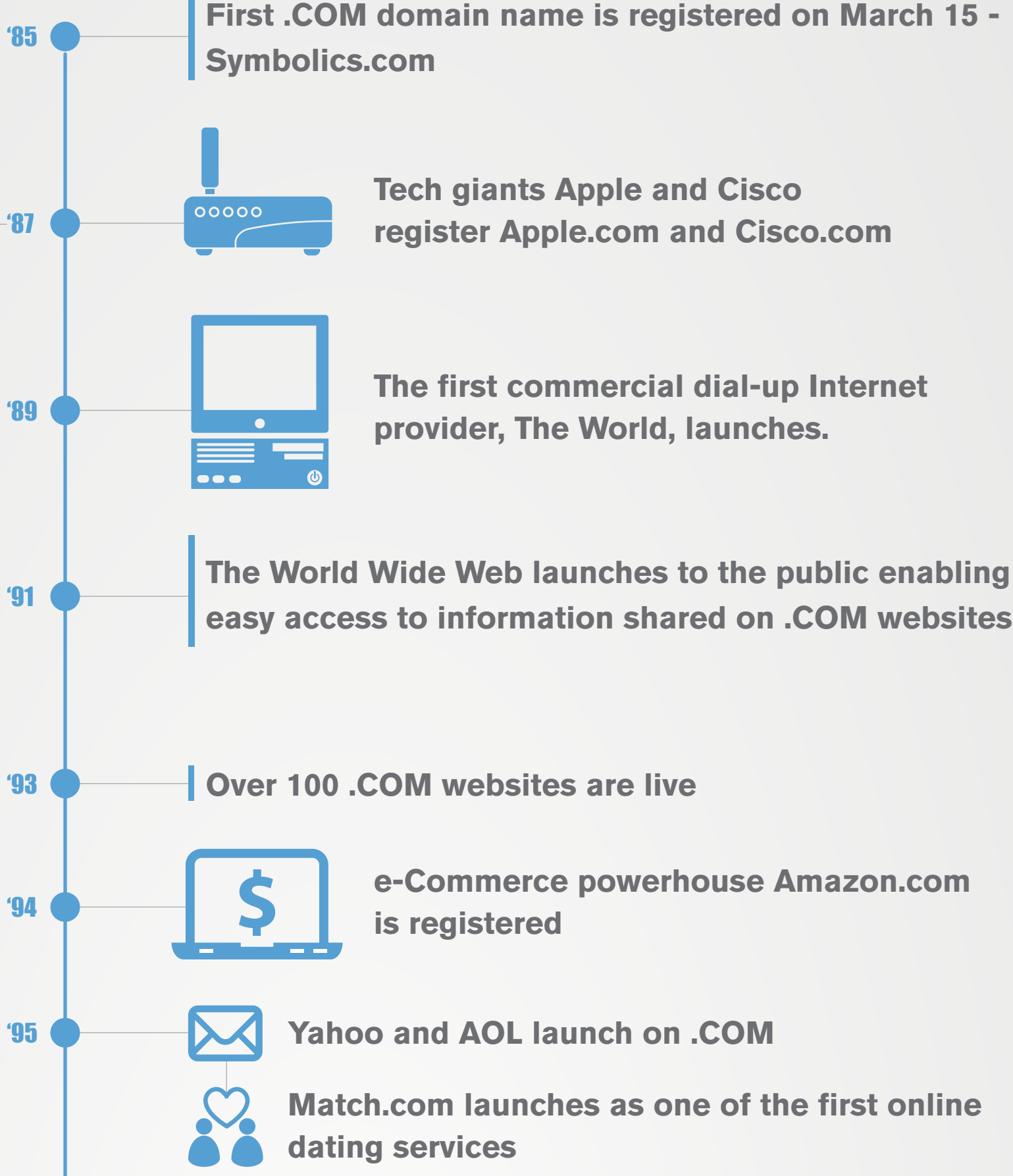
## 3 Decades of .COM MILESTONES

In the last 30 years, the Internet has evolved from an unknown phenomenon used primarily by academics and researchers to a global communication, commerce and information sharing channel that few could imagine life without. Let's take a look at how .COM has helped shape the Internet and life as we know it today.

### 1985-1995

100

Total registered .COM domain names



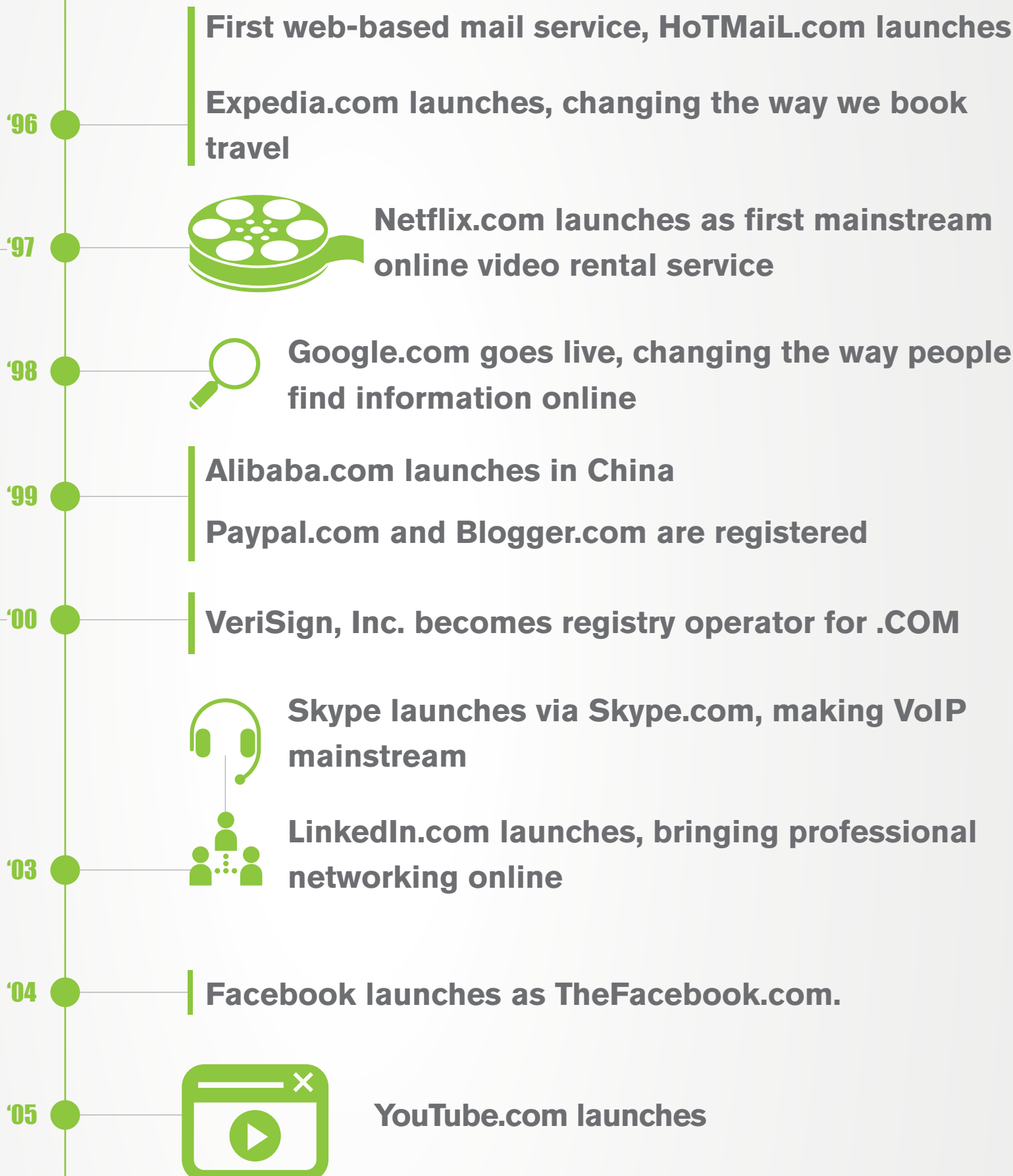
### 1996-2005

1M

Total registered .COM domain names

10M

Total registered .COM domain names



### 2006-2015

100M

Total registered .COM domain names

116M

Total registered .COM domain names



### THE FUTURE

THE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE .COM DOMAIN NAMES IS OVER 10 TO THE 98TH POWER.

To put total availability into perspective, today there are approximately 2.5 billion Internet users around the globe. If every user registered a .COM domain name every second for 30 million years, a total of about 2.4 septillion domain names (that's 2.4 followed by 24 zeros) would be registered. And, that's less than one billionth of a billionth of 1% of total availability! There are A LOT of great .COM domains left for registration.<sup>2</sup>



Register your .COM today through a participating registrar and make sure to enter it into the VeriSign #InternetOfficial contest at [VeriSignInternetOfficial.com](http://VeriSignInternetOfficial.com) by April 30, 2015 for an opportunity to win up to \$35K.

1. Growth of registered .COM domain names in 2015 is as of March 1, 2015 according to [http://www.verisigninc.com/en\\_US/channel-resources/domain-reg-istry-products/zone-file-information/index.xhtml](http://www.verisigninc.com/en_US/channel-resources/domain-reg-istry-products/zone-file-information/index.xhtml)

2. VeriSign, Inc. Q42014 Domain Name Industry Brief (April 2014) <http://www.verisigninc.com/assets/domain-name-report-april2014.pdf>

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