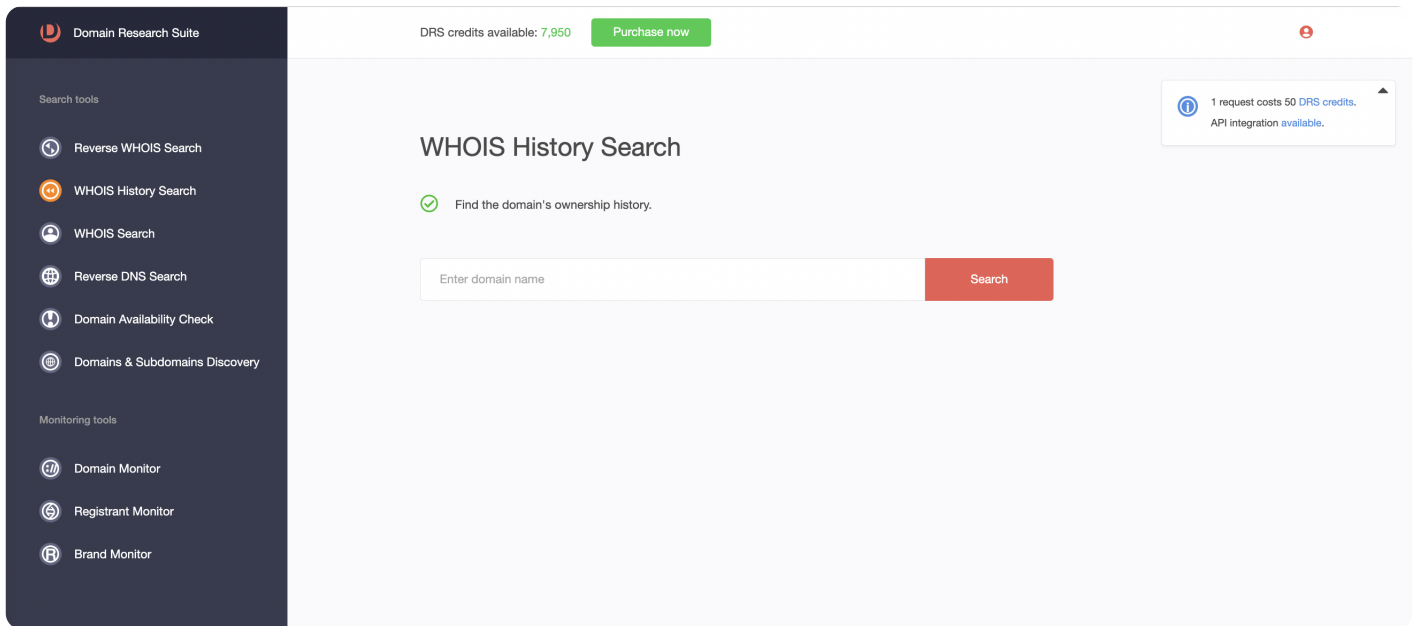


WHOIS History Search Web Tool Tutorial

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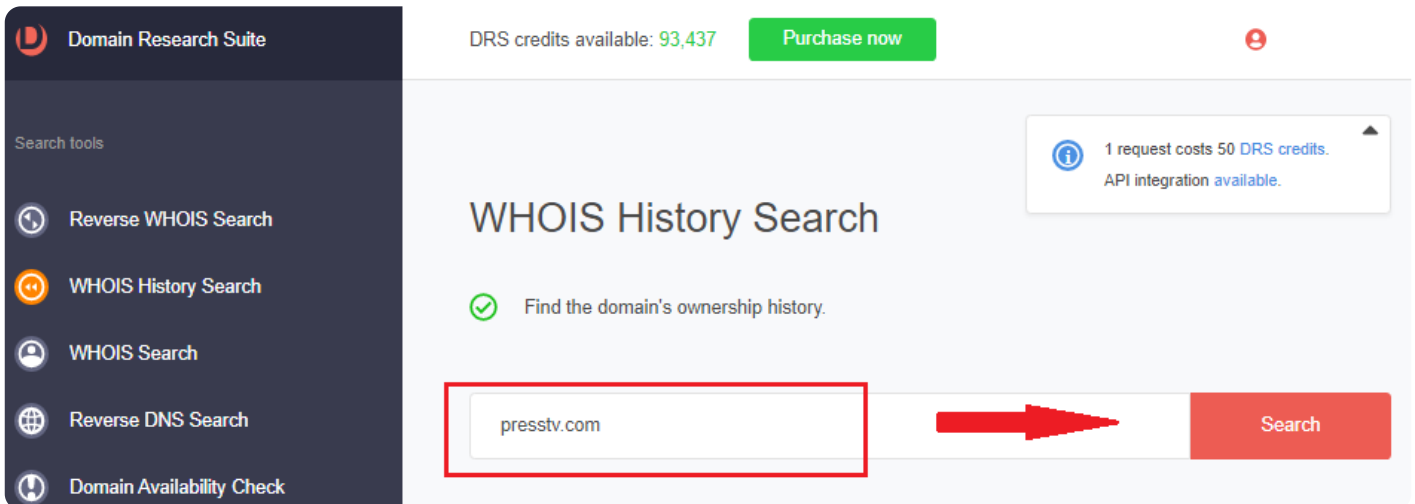
The screenshot displays the 'Domain Research Suite' interface. At the top, it shows 'DRS credits available: 7,950' and a 'Purchase now' button. The main content area is titled 'WHOIS History Search' and includes a sub-header 'Find the domain's ownership history.' Below this is a search input field labeled 'Enter domain name' and a red 'Search' button. A sidebar on the left lists various search tools, with 'WHOIS History Search' highlighted. A notification box in the top right corner states '1 request costs 50 DRS credits. API integration available.'

WHOIS History Search allows you to view the ownership history of a domain. Here's a tutorial on using the tool.

- [Retrieving WHOIS ownership history](#)
- [Analyzing WHOIS history](#)
- [Pivoting off historical WHOIS data to find connected domains and monitor their previous owners' activities](#)

1. Retrieving WHOIS Ownership History

Type the domain name you want to look up into the search field and click **Search**.




The screenshot shows the 'Domain Research Suite' interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with 'Search tools' including 'Reverse WHOIS Search', 'WHOIS History Search' (highlighted with an orange circle), 'WHOIS Search', 'Reverse DNS Search', and 'Domain Availability Check'. The main area is light gray and titled 'WHOIS History Search'. At the top, it shows 'DRS credits available: 93,437' and a green 'Purchase now' button. A notification box states '1 request costs 50 DRS credits. API integration available.' Below the title, a green checkmark icon is followed by the text 'Find the domain's ownership history.' A search input field contains 'presstv.com' and is highlighted with a red border. A red arrow points from the input field to a red 'Search' button.

You will then see the following:

- **Option to download:** Click **Download PDF** to save a copy of the historical WHOIS records in your device.

- **Website screenshot:** Here, you will see the live web page the domain hosts, if any. You can click the eye icon to see the full page or download the screenshot by clicking the download icon.



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- **Website contacts:** In this part, you can see the meta title, meta description, social media profile links, email address, and other contact information published on the website.
- **Website categories:** The web categories relevant to the domain's content, meta description and title, and other details are found here.

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- [Domain Availability Check](#)

Website's contacts

Contacts API

Website's categories

Categorization API

Meta

- Title: -
- Description: -
- Country code: NZ

Social links

- Facebook: -
- Instagram: -
- LinkedIn: -
- Twitter: -

- Tier 1 category: Not enough content (Confidence: 1.00), Tier 2 category: none

- **Summary of historical WHOIS records:** You can see a snapshot of the domain's history, telling you how long we have been tracking the domain, how many historical records we've found, and how many different registrars and registrants were associated with it throughout time.

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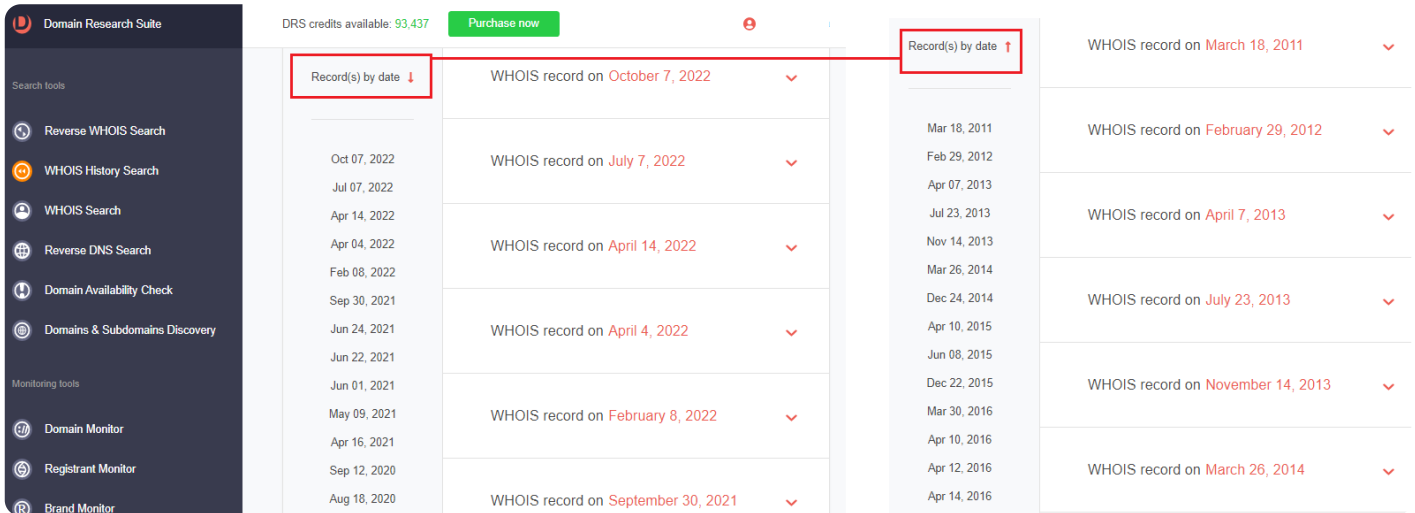
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<p style="font-size: 24px; margin: 0;">44</p> <p style="font-size: 12px; margin: 0;">Historical record(s) found</p>	<p style="font-size: 24px; margin: 0;">4</p> <p style="font-size: 12px; margin: 0;">Different domain registrar(s)</p>	<p style="font-size: 24px; margin: 0;">64%</p> <p style="font-size: 12px; margin: 0;">Records with public ownership data</p>
<p style="font-size: 24px; margin: 0;">2,738</p> <p style="font-size: 12px; margin: 0;">Change(s) detected</p>	<p style="font-size: 24px; margin: 0;">8</p> <p style="font-size: 12px; margin: 0;">Different domain owner(s)</p>	<p style="font-size: 24px; margin: 0;">4,221</p> <p style="font-size: 12px; margin: 0;">Day(s) of tracking the domain</p>

- **WHOIS records arranged in descending order:** The records are arranged in descending order by default. If you want to view them in chronological order, click the arrow down button

beside **Record(s) by date**.



The screenshot shows the Domain Research Suite interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation options. The main area displays a table of WHOIS records. A red box highlights the 'Record(s) by date' dropdown menu, which is currently set to 'Record(s) by date'. A red arrow points from this dropdown to the 'Record(s) by date' column header in the table. The table lists several records with dates and expandable arrows.

Record(s) by date	WHOIS record on	
	October 7, 2022	▼
Oct 07, 2022	WHOIS record on July 7, 2022	▼
Jul 07, 2022		
Apr 14, 2022	WHOIS record on April 14, 2022	▼
Apr 04, 2022		
Feb 08, 2022		
Sep 30, 2021		
Jun 24, 2021	WHOIS record on April 4, 2022	▼
Jun 22, 2021		
Jun 01, 2021		
May 09, 2021	WHOIS record on February 8, 2022	▼
Apr 16, 2021		
Sep 12, 2020		
Aug 18, 2020	WHOIS record on September 30, 2021	▼

Additional records shown on the right side of the interface:

- WHOIS record on March 18, 2011
- WHOIS record on February 29, 2012
- WHOIS record on April 7, 2013
- WHOIS record on July 23, 2013
- WHOIS record on November 14, 2013
- WHOIS record on March 26, 2014

- **WHOIS details relevant to the specified dates:** Click a specific date to view all the available WHOIS records of the domain during that period. You will see the following WHOIS data:
 - Domain age
 - Registrar name
 - WHOIS server
 - Nameservers
 - Domain status codes
 - Registrant contact details
 - Administrative contact details

- Billing contact details
- Technical contact details
- Stripped text
- Raw text

To learn more about each WHOIS record, visit [this tutorial](#).

2. Analyzing WHOIS History

WHOIS History Search allows you to study the changes to a domain's ownership over the years through the **Compare with** feature.

By default, the WHOIS record you open will automatically be compared with the previous record. The modified fields are highlighted in orange.

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- Registrant Monitor
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Expires Date: April 5, 2023 02:55:48 UTC

Registrar Name

Instra Corporation Pty Ltd. >

WHOIS Server

whois.instra.net >

Name Servers

- NS-10 [REDACTED] .ORG >
- NS-19 [REDACTED] .CO.UK >
- NS-3 [REDACTED] .COM >
- NS-9 [REDACTED] .NET >

Compare with WHOIS record: Jul 07, 2022

Changed fields are highlighted in orange. Raw Text, Clean Text fields are excluded from comparison. Hover over the changed field to see the past value.

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You can select another date to compare a particular WHOIS record from the **Compare with** dropdown box.

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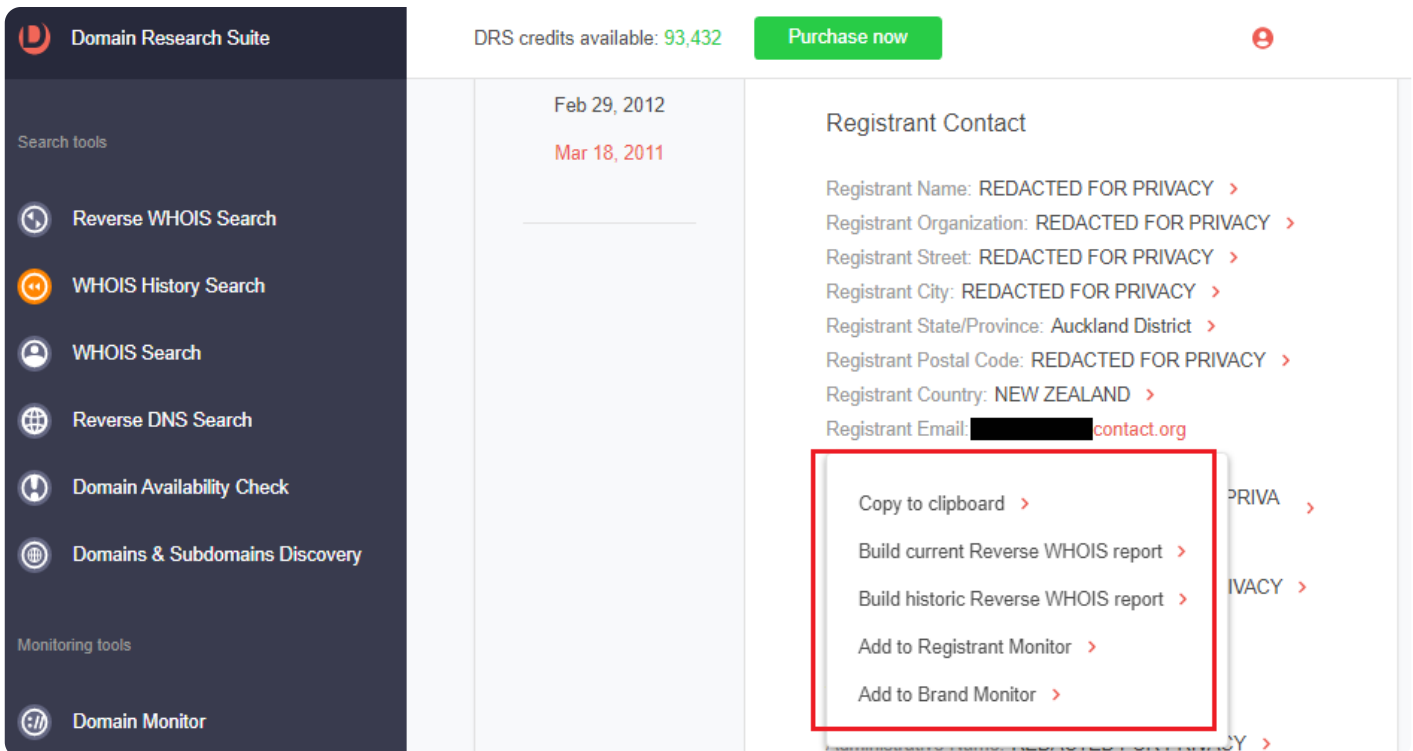
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Changed fields
Clean Text field
Hover over the

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3. Pivoting Off Historical WHOIS Data

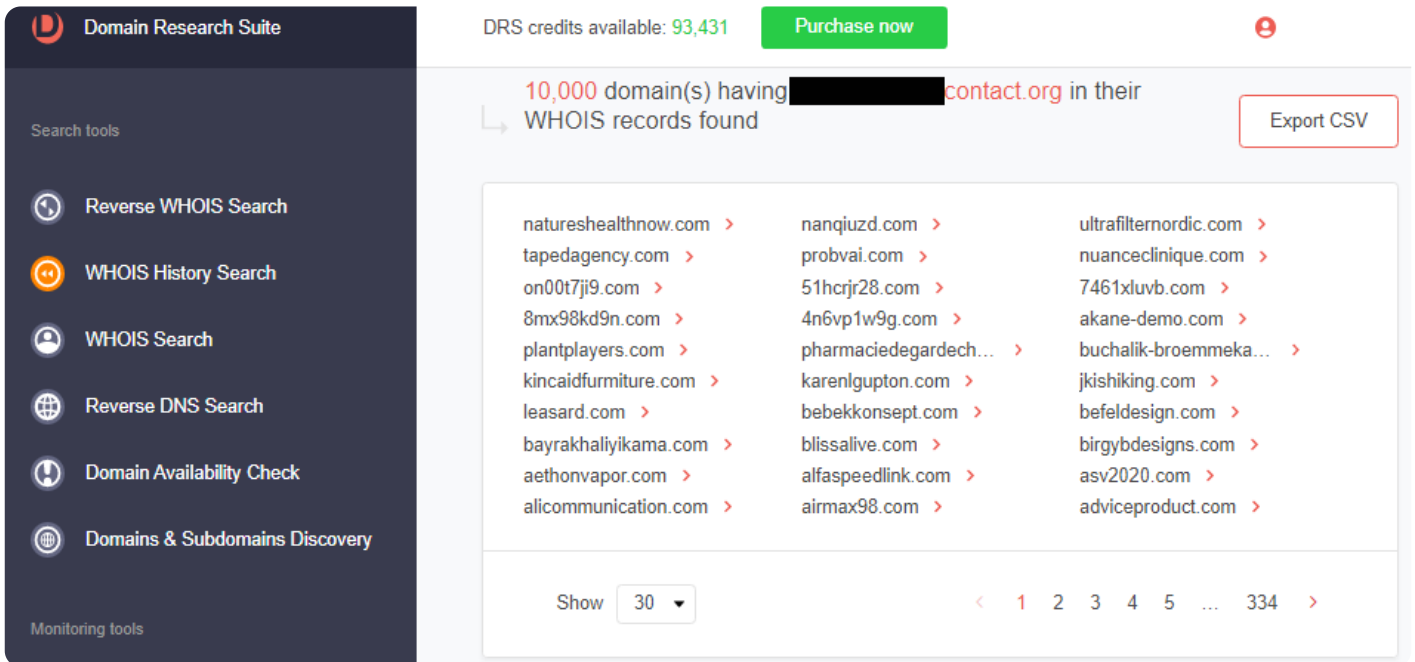
For most WHOIS data points, you will see an orange arrow (>) that allows you to pivot off that particular information and use it as a search string for other DRS tools. For registrant contact details, you can copy the data to the clipboard, build a current or historical **Reverse WHOIS** report, and add the data to **Registrant Monitor** or **Brand Monitor**.



The screenshot displays the Domain Research Suite interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation options: Reverse WHOIS Search, WHOIS History Search, WHOIS Search, Reverse DNS Search, Domain Availability Check, Domains & Subdomains Discovery, and Domain Monitor. The main content area shows a 'Registrant Contact' section with the following details: Registrant Name: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY >, Registrant Organization: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY >, Registrant Street: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY >, Registrant City: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY >, Registrant State/Province: Auckland District >, Registrant Postal Code: REDACTED FOR PRIVACY >, Registrant Country: NEW ZEALAND >, and Registrant Email: [REDACTED]@contact.org. A red-bordered dropdown menu is open over the email field, listing actions: Copy to clipboard >, Build current Reverse WHOIS report >, Build historic Reverse WHOIS report >, Add to Registrant Monitor >, and Add to Brand Monitor >. At the top of the interface, it shows 'DRS credits available: 93,432' and a 'Purchase now' button.

a) Uncovering Connected Domains through Historical WHOIS Records

Clicking **Build current Reverse WHOIS report** retrieves a list of domain names currently registered using the specific WHOIS data point. In our example, we pivoted off a registrant email address and found 10,000 related domains, displayed in 30s per page.



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natureshealthnow.com >	nanquuzd.com >	ultrafilternordic.com >
tapedagency.com >	probvai.com >	nuanceclinique.com >
on00t7ji9.com >	51hcrjr28.com >	7461xluvb.com >
8mx98kd9n.com >	4n6vp1w9g.com >	akane-demo.com >
plantplayers.com >	pharmaciedegardech... >	buchalik-broemmeka... >
kincaidfurniture.com >	karengupton.com >	jkishiking.com >
leasard.com >	bebekkonsept.com >	befeldesign.com >
bayrakhaliyikama.com >	blissalive.com >	birgybdesigns.com >
aethonvapor.com >	alfaspeedlink.com >	asv2020.com >
alicommunication.com >	airmax98.com >	adviceproduct.com >

On the other hand, **Build Historic Reverse WHOIS Report** tells the tool to search for the specific WHOIS data point in the historical WHOIS records of any domain.

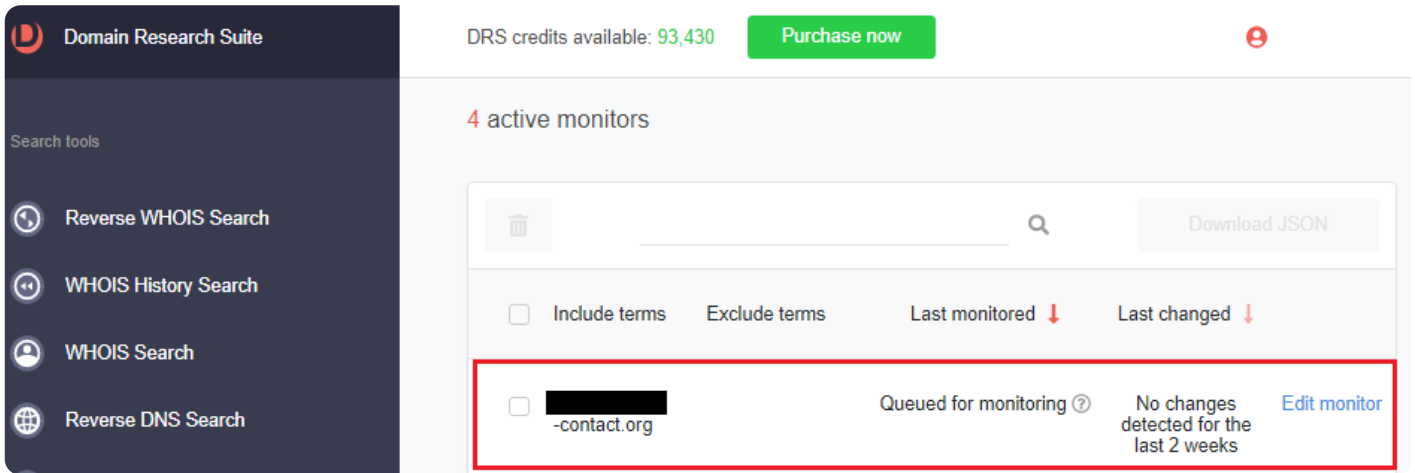
The domains from both reports can be downloaded in CSV format by clicking **Export CSV**.

b) Monitoring the Activities of Previous Domain Owners

Two other options that appear when you click the arrow (>) are **Add to Registrant Monitor** and **Add to Brand Monitor**.

Add to Registrant Monitor sends the registrant contract details to **Registrant Monitor**, which will

track domain registrations, renewals, updates, and expirations involving the registrant.



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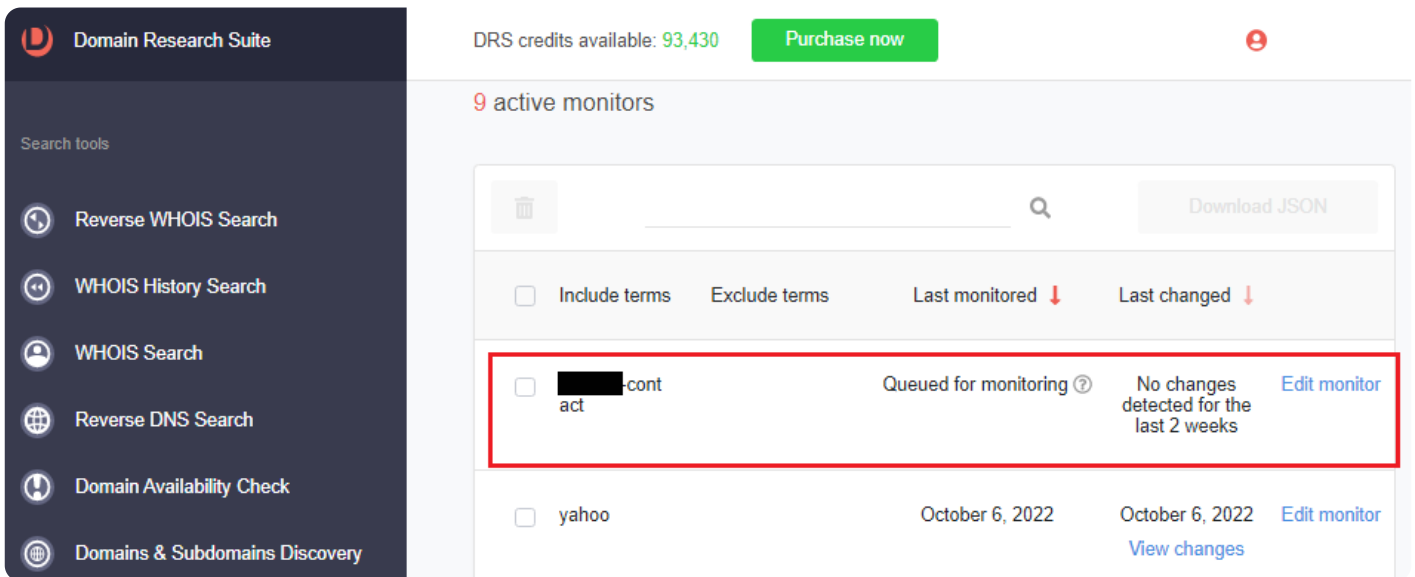
4 active monitors

Search tools

- Reverse WHOIS Search
- WHOIS History Search
- WHOIS Search
- Reverse DNS Search

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Add to Brand Monitor converts the WHOIS data into a search term and checks for its presence in the WHOIS records of newly added and just expired domains. Active monitors are accessible via the **Brand Monitor** tool.



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Ready to explore WHOIS History Search on your own? You can access it and other DRS tools [here](#).