

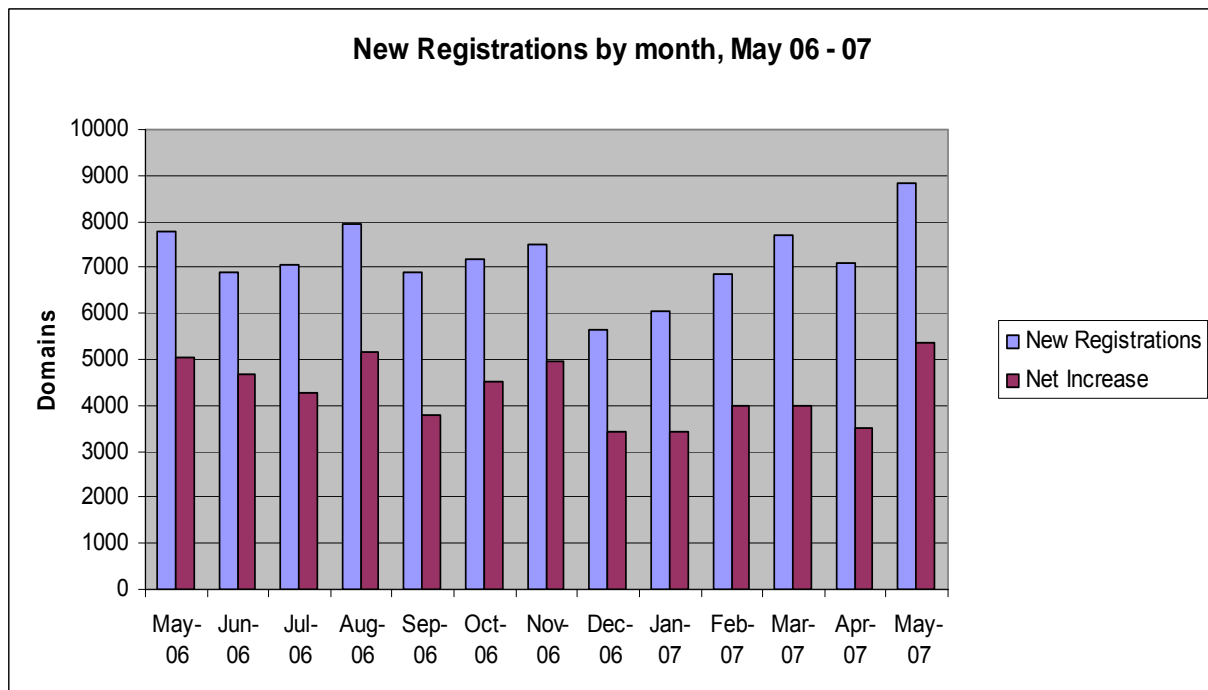
.nz NEWSLETTER – June 2007

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In May, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 276,273 to 281,635, a net increase of 5,362.

May 2007 – Some big numbers

The month of May saw the largest ever number of new registrations in a month, with 8,845 new registrations. Last month also saw the largest net increase of domain name registrations, with a net increase of 5,362.



New NZOC Appointments

The InternetNZ Council at their meeting on the 16th of June accepted the recommendations made for the vacancies on the .nz Oversight Committee. The recommendations were put forth by the Appointments Panel, and they are as follows:

- David Russell
- Andy Linton
- Roger Hicks
- Helen Algar
- Joy Liddicoat

The terms of the appointments have been staggered in order to ensure that in future no more than two vacancies occur in any one year. The new appointments will take effect from the InternetNZ AGM which is to be held on 27 July 2007.

Statistics

Figures as at 31 May 2007:

	<i>Active names as at 1 May</i>	<i>Active names as at end 31 May</i>	<i>New registrations May</i>	<i>Renewals May</i>	<i>Net Growth</i>
.ac	1304	1308	20	325	4
.co	236362	241015	7708	53176	4653
.cri	17	17	0	3	0
.geek	759	769	16	197	10
.gen	1100	1105	18	303	5
.govt	881	891	10	698	10
.iwi	59	58	0	12	-1
.maori	473	475	10	64	2
.mil	18	18	0	8	0
.net	16554	16930	576	3522	376
.org	16115	16409	465	3382	294
.parliament	3	3	0	3	0
.school	2628	2637	22	1189	9
TOTAL	276273	281365	8845	62882	5362

Note: these figures do not include names in the 'pending release' status. They incorporate all active domain names in the .nz register. For more statistics, see <http://dnc.org.nz/statistics>

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Domain Name Fee change

From 1 July, the wholesale domain name fee will drop from \$1.75 to \$1.50 per month.

SRS Availability

SRS Availability	SLA	March	April	May
%	99.90	99.84	99.94	99.95

SRS Response Times

Response time performance figures on the production environment for the previous three months were:

Avg Response time (in seconds)	SLA Target	March	April	May
Domain Details Query	≤1.5	0.03	0.03	0.03
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.45	0.45	0.50
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.47	0.59	0.61
GetMessage performance	≤0.8	0.03	0.03	0.03

Whois	≤0.8	0.09	0.09	0.11
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	1,895	1,848	1,740
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	259	223	235
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.8	0.13	0.14	0.15

DNS Availability

DNS Availability	SLA	March	April	May
%	100%	100	100	100

Whois Availability

Whois Availability	SLA	March	April	May
%	99.90%	99.85	99.99	99.97

Unscheduled Outages

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	22 minutes and 12 seconds
WHOIS Unscheduled	13 minutes and 5 seconds

Scheduled Outages

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	3 hours Scheduled Maintenance

Scheduled Outages and Updates

Sunday 24th June

07:00 - 9:00

DNS Monitoring

External independent monitoring of the performance of the .nz secondary name servers is being performed by the RIPE NCC DNS Monitoring Service (DNSMON). DNSMON provides a comprehensive, objective and up-to-date overview of the quality of the service provided by the .nz secondary name servers. More information and links to these graphs can be found on the NZRS website: <http://www.nzrs.net.nz/dns/dnsgraphs.shtml>

Proposed Trial of a New Release Domains Schedule

NZRS invite Registrars to comment on this proposed trial. Registrars should consider the impact the trial will have on them. There is no obligation on registrars to hold the trial. Please send submissions to support@nzrs.net.nz. Submissions will be accepted until 29th June 2007.

IPv6 Name Servers

The first phase of the .nz IPv6 rollout has been completed. Two .nz secondary name servers are now operating with IPv6 connectivity. The name servers are named **ns8.dns.net.nz** and **ns9.dns.net.nz**, and are located in Wellington and Albany respectively.

Both servers are connected to the NZ IPv6 Internet Exchange. There is also a Whois server with IPv6 connectivity that is accessible at **whois.ipv6.srs.net.nz**.

The SRS supports IPV6 Glue Records. On the DNC website, the summary list of registrars Table has a column that denotes which registrars have the capability to update the SRS with IPv6 glue.

Job Opportunities

There is a vacancy for a Support Analyst in the NZRS team. The Support Analyst will be required to assist in the day to day support of all the operational IT systems of NZRS.

The Support Analyst will require:

- A comprehensive knowledge of IT practices, processes and standards
- Experience in unit testing, creating test plans and test analysis skills.
- Experience in XML, XSL, HTML.
- Database experience, including SQL and MS Access.
- Preferably an understanding of Linux/Microsoft and Shell programming.

A good understanding of the Internet world is also essential.

Interested applicants should e-mail their enquiry to recruitment@nzrs.net.nz

A job description is available on the NZRS website.

Any Comments?

If you have any questions or concerns about the SRS, please don't hesitate to contact us. For registry or technical matters, contact Nick Griffin at support@nzrs.net.nz. For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at info@dnc.org.nz.

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