

.nz NEWSLETTER – September 2007

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In August, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 291,817 to 296,722, a net increase of 4,905.

.nz Registrations Hit 300,000

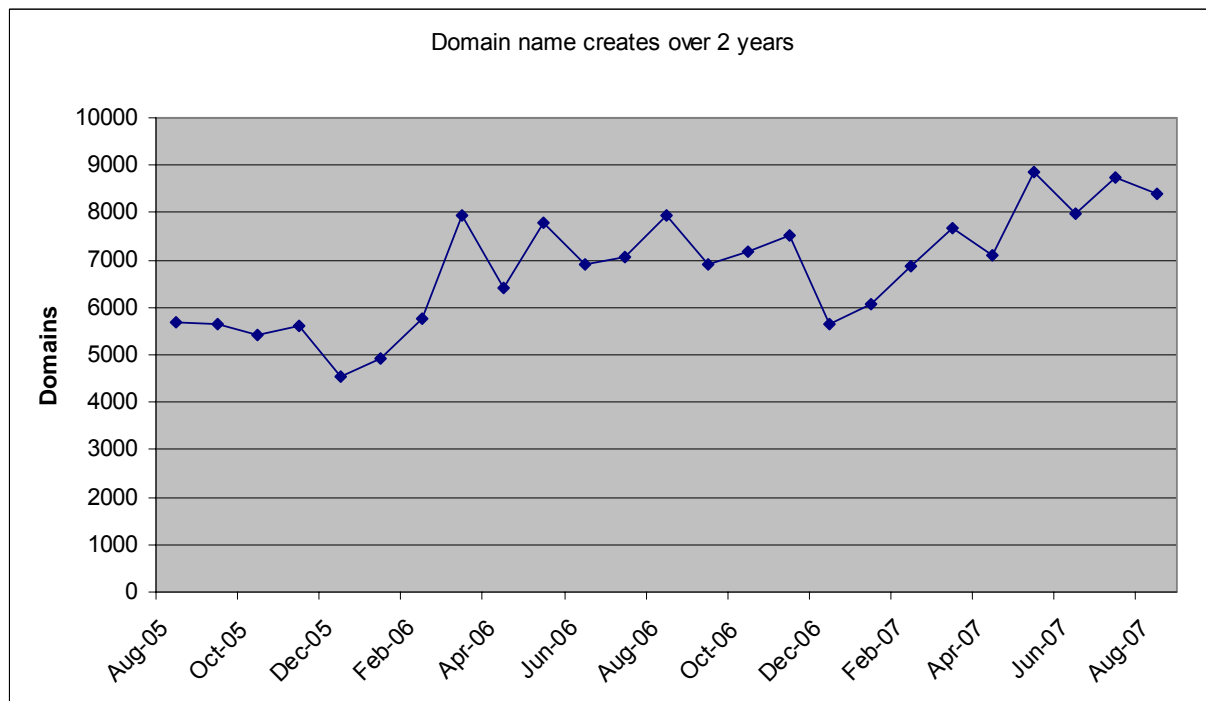
InternetNZ (the Internet Society of New Zealand Inc) through the Domain Name Commission is pleased to announce that the number of registrations of domain names under the .nz top level domain reached 300,000 today, September 26.

Domain Name Commissioner Debbie Monahan says the rate of growth is showing no signs of slowing, which is good news for the New Zealand Internet and the large number of authorised registrars operating in the .nz domain name space.

Registrations reached 250,000 in October 2006, having previously reached 200,000 in September 2005.

The average rate of new domain names created per month in 2006/07 was 7451, compared with 6280 for 2005/06. Most of the growth has been occurring in the .co.nz domain.

The .nz domain space has become highly competitive since the introduction of the Shared Registry Service in 2002 and there are now over 70 authorised registrars offering .nz names to businesses and the public.



.bank.nz Second Level Domain Approved

The InternetNZ Council has agreed with a recommendation from NZOC that the second level domain .bank.nz be created. The DNC will now work with the NZ Bankers' Association to implement this.

Registering, Managing and Cancelling (RMC) Policy Review – Third Consultation

*We would like to remind readers that we are currently reviewing the Registering, Managing and Cancelling Policy. To date no submissions have been received regarding this policy review, submissions close at **Midday on Monday 12 November**. For your convenience, the information regarding the review is re-published here.*

InternetNZ, through the Domain Name Commission (DNC), is currently reviewing the Registering, Managing and Cancelling Domain Names policy. An initial call for comments on the policy review resulted in four submissions being received. These can be seen at <http://dnc.org.nz/rmc-review>. A second call for comments on some of the proposals raised as a result of the initial consultation was undertaken. Nine submissions were received as a result of that and these, together with the consultation paper, can be seen at <http://dnc.org.nz/rmc-2ndconsult>.

Proposed changes to the policy relating to operational matters and general updating were accepted by submissions received, by the Registrar Advisory Group and by the .nz Oversight Committee (NZOC) and so have been processed. An amended policy containing these changes has been published.

In respect of the proposals that would involve changes to the registration policy principles, NZOC acknowledged that these represented a radical departure from the current 'first come, first served', open registration approach that has been in place in .nz since 1987. Careful consideration of the issues is required. NZOC considers it important that the operational implications are identified and that all parties are given a chance to comment not only on the policy principles but also on the potential time, cost and liability implications of any change to the current registration process.

A consultation paper has been written seeking comment on the proposals and asking for responses to specific questions. This paper can be read in either .html (http://dnc.org.nz/content/3rdrmc_consult_paper.html) or .pdf (http://dnc.org.nz/content/Third_Consultation_Paper.pdf)

Submissions close at midday on Monday 12 November 2007 and can be emailed to policies@dnc.org.nz. Submissions can also be faxed to 04 4952115 or posted to P O Box 11881, Wellington. All submissions will be published on the DNC website at www.dnc.org.nz/rmc-3rdconsult

Statistics

Figures as at 31 August 2007:

	<i>Active names as at 1 August</i>	<i>Active names as at end 31 August</i>	<i>New registrations August</i>	<i>Renewals August</i>	<i>Net Growth</i>
.ac	1340	1349	32	336	9
.co	249984	254285	7263	54474	4301
.cri	17	16	0	3	-1
.geek	774	761	18	269	-13
.gen	1127	1121	15	326	-6
.govt	905	909	4	755	4
.iwi	59	59	0	15	-
.maori	470	486	27	123	16
.mil	18	18	0	9	-
.net	17517	17813	542	3591	296
.org	16952	17245	479	3493	293
.parliament	4	4	0	4	-
.school	2650	2656	29	1154	6
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>291817</i>	<i>296722</i>	<i>8409</i>	<i>64552</i>	<i>4905</i>

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>

:: .nz REGISTRY SERVICES ::

For the second time in two months we are very pleased to report that the availability of SRS achieved 100%. The Whois and DNS also achieved 100% availability. This is the first time that we have achieved the 3 x 100% availability.

Daylight Saving

A reminder that the change to Daylight saving has been moved this year and will occur on 30 September.

New Team Member

We would like to welcome Alison Foley to the NZRS team. Alison joins us as the Support Analyst.

Availability

	SLA	June	July	August
SRS Availability %	99.90	99.93	100	100
Whois	99.90	99.93	99.96	100
DNS	100	100	100	100

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

Avg Response time (in seconds)	SLA Target	June	July	August
Domain Details Query	≤1.5	0.03	0.03	0.03
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.46	0.49	0.44
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.50	0.54	0.48
GetMessage performance	≤0.8	0.02	0.03	0.04
Whois	≤0.8	0.10	0.12	0.13
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	1,800	2,300	2,719
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	239	256	255
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.8	0.13	0.14	0.15

Unscheduled Outages

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	11 seconds
WHOIS Unscheduled	20 seconds

Scheduled Outages

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Scheduled	2 hours
Whois Scheduled	2 hours
DNS	3 x 1 hr and 1 x .5 hrs

Scheduled Outages and Updates

Outage Type	Total Duration
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Outage Type	Total Duration
Sunday 30th Sept	07:00 - 09:00

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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