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(.at)

One millionth .at-domain registered!

(.ch)

Domain pulse on 17 and

18 February 2011 in Vienna

In cooperation with SWITCH and DENIC, the Austrian Registry will host this year's Domain pulse conference on 17 and 18 February 2011 in Vienna.

(.cz)

Three-Quarter Million .CZ Domains!

(.de)

Short and Fine - Last Nine Short Domains Finally Registered

On 12 January, the last nine remaining short domains were entered in the DENIC domain register.

(.fr)

10 February 2011: IDN workshop organised by AFNIC

As part of the opening of the .fr TLD to Internationalized Domain Names (IDN), AFNIC is organising a workshop on the issue in Paris on 10 February 2011.

(.ie)

Wednesday, 19th January, 2011: IEDR records 12.9% growth in .ie domains for 2010

...the strongest performing Q4 in the IEDR's 10 year history.

(.me)

ME is signed with DNSSEC, as of 3 Dec 2010

Currently a "family&friends" program and full implementation planned for 2011

(.mt)

Malta Internet Foundation 2012 Prize

The Malta Internet Foundation offers an annual prize in support of academic work making a significant contribution to Internet technologies.

(.no)

Half a million .no domain names!

(.pl)

2 million of .pl domain names!

(.se)

.SE's Internet fund finances 20 new development projects – apply now to get your chance

(.si)

Slovenia to host DANTE APM and TERENA TF-NOC international meetings

From 15 to 17 February 2011, Ljubljana will host two international meetings: DANTE Access Port Managers (DANTE APM) and the TERENA Task Force on Network Operation Centres (TERENA TF-NOC). Both are organized by ARNES.

(.uk)

Nominet Chief Executive awarded OBE

Lesley Cowley's been awarded an OBE from the Queen for services to the internet and e-commerce (see article on page 4)

In other news..

Three new ccTLDs (including .sx) up for grabs
IANA quietly created three new country-code top-level domains shortly before Christmas, to represent the new nations created by the breakup of the Netherlands Antilles last year.

ICANN OVERVIEW

[Public Comment: GNSO Council Requests Your Input on Proposed GNSO Working Group Guidelines](#)

[ICANN Board to Meet With GAC Feb 28 in Brussels](#)

[Extension of Public Comment Period on the Draft 2011-2014 Strategic Plan](#)

[Fellowship Application Round Opens for ICANN Public Meeting 41 in Amman, Jordan](#)

CENTR RUNNING SURVEYS

Member Statistical Survey 2010
Number of nameservers
IDN Implementation

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Surveys

SURVEY RESULTS: Administrative Processes - initiated by NORID (.no)

CENTR conducted a survey on certain *administrative processes* in ccTD registries. 20 CENTR members filled in the survey between 13 December 2010 and 19 January 2011. The participants were the registries for .be, .de, .dk, .eu, .fr, .il, .ir, .is, .jp, .lu, .lv, .nl, .no, .nz, .pl, .rs, .ru, .se, .sk and .uk.

Terms and conditions / Domain name policy

70% of the registries in the survey require that the applicant for a domain name formally accepts the registry's terms and conditions or the domain name policy. The applicant approves the terms and conditions or policy for example via a 'click-wrap agreement' (8 answers), a 'signed document' (4 answers) or an 'e-signature' (1 answer). Depending on the registry this acceptance is registered in the database of the registry (4 answers) or the database of the registrar (4 answers). Some registries also use other specific procedures.

Change of holder request

75% of the registries in the survey require a formal acceptance from the domain holder before a change of holder request is being processed. This acceptance can be given under the form of a 'signed document' (12 answers), a 'click-wrap agreement' (4 answers) or an 'e-signature' (1 answer). Some registries use other methods. The acceptance of a holder change is registered in the 'registry database' (9 answers) or the 'registrar's database' (3 answers). Some registries gave other, more specific answers.

75% of the registries check, for each holder change, if the acceptance was given.

Unwanted holder changes

According to the registries, the number of unwanted holder changes very low and even close to zero. When there is an unwanted holder change it can either be malicious, in cases where someone is trying to steal someone else's name (10 answers), or accidental, for example because the holder didn't understand what he was agreeing to (5 cases) or due to a misunderstanding between the holder and the registrar (4 answers).

Only 2 registries indicated that they were liable for unwanted holder changes against 17 that answered that they were not responsible. 11 registries answered that the registrars are liable for unwanted holder changes against 7 that answered that they are not. One registry answered positive on the question if the registry and registrars share the responsibility for unwanted changes.

More or less half of the registries (53%) have a procedure in place to deal with complains about unwanted holder changes.

Delete requests

Half of the registries (47%) require a formal acceptance from the holder to process a delete request. This acceptance can be given by 'signed document' (6 answers); 'click-wrap agreement' (3 answers); 'e-signature' (1 answer) or in via an online portal (2 answers 'other'). 80% of these registries will also check if the acceptance was given before the deletion.

Half of the registries (53%) enforce a minimum quarantine period during which a deleted domain cannot be registered after deletion (except if the previous holder wants it back).

Unwanted deletions

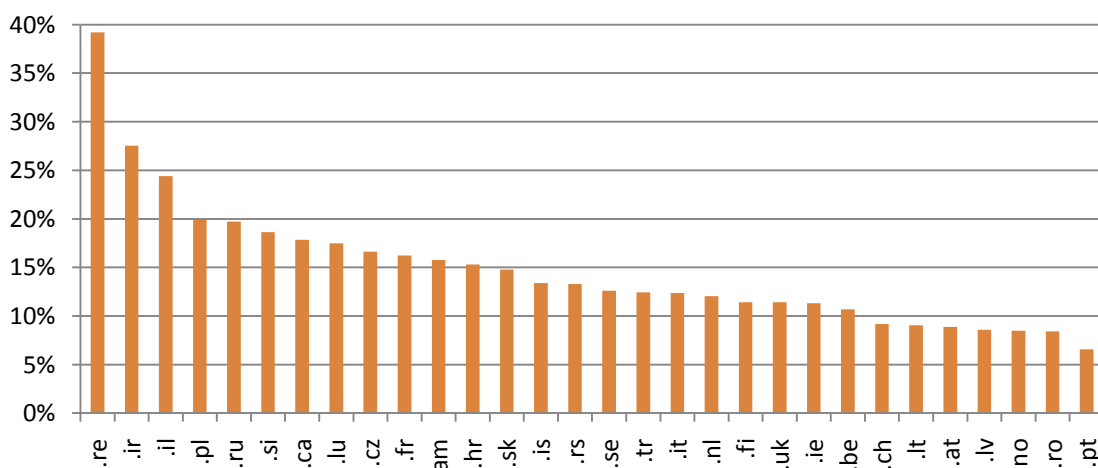
The number of unwanted deletions per year is very low. However unwanted deletions seem to happen a little bit more frequent than unwanted holder changes. Most unwanted deletions happen accidental; either because of a misunderstanding between the holder and the registrar (10 answers) or because the holder didn't understand what he was agreeing too (8 answers). Malicious deletions seem less common (5 answers). No registry answered that it was liable for unwanted deletions or shared responsibility with registrars. 60% of the registries answered that the registrars are liable in case of unwanted deletions. 65% of the registries in the survey have procedures to handle complaints about unintended or unwanted deletions.

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STATISTICS: Top 30 Growth Members Year of 2010

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Domain Growth per 100 people (Jan 2010 - Dec 2010)



Source: CENTR domain counter

CENTR FULL MEMBERS

DOMAIN COUNT:

54,575,002

Excluding associate members

This domain count represents a 0.94% growth in CENTR full members since send of December 2010.

MEMBER SPOT LIGHT: NASK (.pl)



.pl hits 2 Million Domains

With an unhidden pleasure we inform, that the .pl domain name Registry maintained by NASK achieved 1,994,120 registered names at the end of 2010. On the 3rd of January 2011, the registration of the 2,000,000th domain name was noted. This name is tu-tam.pl.

Registration of first Polish domain names took place in 1991. During the 2002/2003 period an automated registration system was introduced, which used EPP (Extensible Provisioning Protocol) as the main communication medium. This period was also the time, when the Partner Programme was created, which enabled Partners of NASK to maintain and register domain names in the Registry.

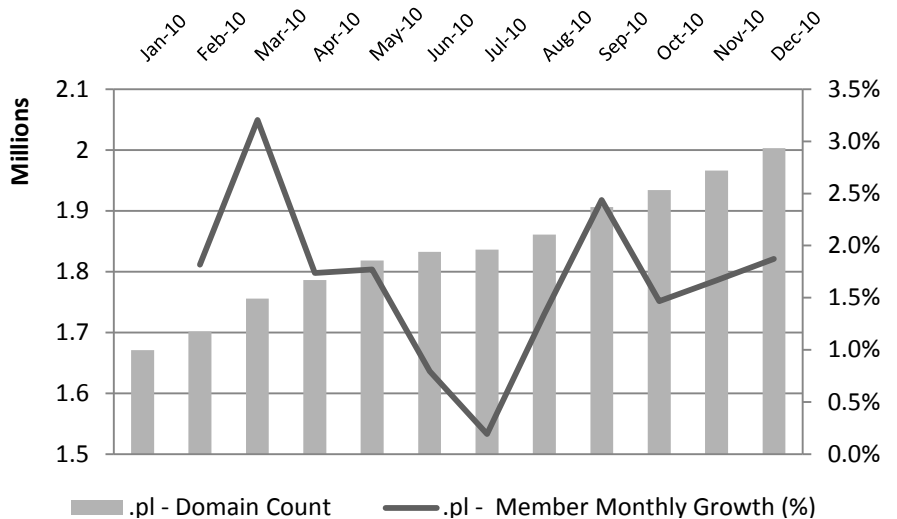
Achieving first million of registered domain names took 17 years. This threshold was passed exactly on the 6th of May 2008. In the light of this event achieving another million of registered domains in only 32 months is an impressive achievement indeed, which we owe to the dynamic growth of the Polish domain name market. Dynamics of the domain name growth in the year 2010 amounted to almost 23%! This puts NASK on the first place among a Registries of the European Union and 22 from other parts of the world. Partners of NASK manage over 98% of .pl domain names.

High registration rate is one of the main reasons of such a good result. In 2010, the number of newly registered domain names was equal to 1,044,122 which translates to 2,862 daily average registrations.

Achieving 2 million registered domain names was also greatly influenced by the development of the Partner Programme. Advantageous conditions of cooperation, offered by NASK, gave new entities a great chance to shine on the Polish domain name market. In 2010, 37 new Agreements were signed with the entities from all over the world. Currently 148 entities are involved with in the Partner Programme, 81 of these are Polish, 45 European

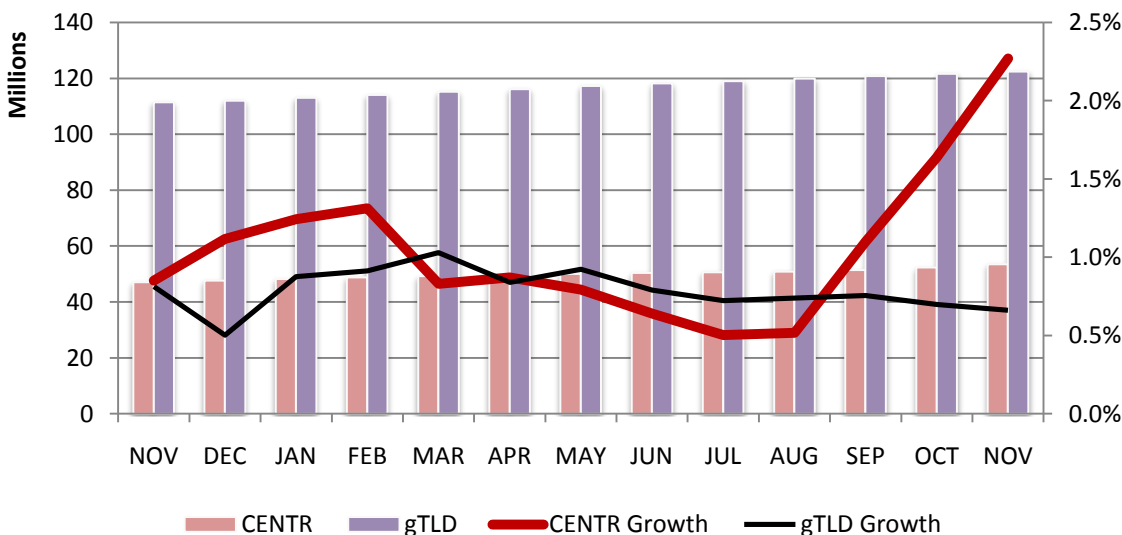
Since the beginning of acting as a Polish domain name Registry, NASK continuously works to improve its image so that .pl would become a recognizable and well associated trademark.

In 2010 NASK - the research institute started its educational program in schools and universities with promotion of the national domain being its aim. This training and popularization activity has one goal, that is having a domain name is the first step to becoming popular on the Internet and opening oneself to the world.



Statistics continued

CENTR Full Member and global gTLD (Year on Year)



This chart shows the evolution between CENTR Full members counts against the global gTLD counts as well as their respective monthly growth rates. The high growth in the last few months has been largely due to the addition of the .me and .pφ domains.

MEMBER SPOT LIGHT: Nominet (.uk)

Nominet Chief Executive awarded OBE

Lesley Cowley, Chief Executive of Nominet (photo opposite), has been awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours List for services to the internet and e-commerce.

As CEO, Lesley has been the driving force behind Nominet's commitment to shaping the development of the internet to make it a trusted and secure space for all.

Based in Oxford, and employing 115 staff, Nominet is a not-for-profit organisation responsible for the smooth and secure running of the .uk Internet infrastructure. As one of the world's largest Internet registries, it maintains a 'directory' of more than 9 million domain names ending in.uk, and runs the technology which locates the computer hosting the website or email address you are looking for. It also plays a major role in shaping Internet policy and governance internationally.

Lesley Cowley commented:

"2010 was a major year for us in many ways and this is a wonderful start to 2011. I was surprised and delighted to receive this great honour. This award is recognition of the hard work and commitment of all of the Nominet staff, and everyone involved with Nominet, to make using the Internet a trusted and positive experience for all."

Baroness Rennie Fritchie DBE, Chair of Nominet, said: "Lesley has worked with vision and commitment to ensure that the UK has one of the largest and most successful Internet infrastructures in the world. But she has also gone well beyond the call of duty to ensure that the UK is actively influencing international policy to make sure the internet is a safe and trusted place. All in involved with Nominet congratulate her on this deserved award."

About Lesley Cowley OBE

Lesley has been Chief Executive of Nominet since 2002. In 2007, she won the CBI First Women Award for Technology. In 2006, she was a top five finalist in Britain's Best Boss awards and received a special commendation.

Lesley is an elected Council Member and Vice Chair of the Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (ccNSO) of ICANN. She is a Fellow of: The British Computer Society, The Institute of Credit Management, The Chartered Management Institute and the Royal Society for Arts. She is a Member of the Institute of Directors, The Inspirational Women Network and is a STEM Ambassador to schools.

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Lesley was a founding Trustee of the Nominet Trust charity and served on Board of the Trust until December 2010. She is currently a Trustee of the Jenner Hall charity.



Lesley writes a blog, which you can read at:

<http://blog.nominet.org.uk/insight/author/lesley/> and tweets as [lesleycowley](#).

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WHAT HAPPENED IN DECEMBER

ICANN Meeting- Cartagena, Columbia
(Click here for meeting report)

WHATS COMING UP

44th CENTR General Assembly/
2011 Annual General Meeting
2-3 February 2011 - Tel Aviv, Israel

34th CENTR Legal and Regulatory Workshop
16 February - Vienna, Austria

22nd CENTR Administrative Workshop
16 February - Vienna, Austria

Domain Pulse 2011
17-18 February 2011 – Vienna, Austria

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