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.nl hits 5 million domains

MEMBER NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

(.ca)

Celebrating 25 years of .CA

CIRA is celebrating .CA's pivotal role in bringing Canadians together online and building Canada's digital brand abroad.

(.ch)

Still 400 computers infected with the DNS Changer malware in Switzerland - SWITCH offers online check.

In Switzerland, 400 computers are currently still infected with the DNS Changer malware. SWITCH is offering an effective countermeasure with www.dns-check.ch.

(.cz)

Add-on for IE Protects Users from Fraudulent Websites

CZ.NIC Laboratories, in cooperation with the Czech representative of Microsoft, have launched the DNSSEC Validator, a new security add-on for Internet Explorer (IE) browsers.

(.eu)

.EU Registrants must have presence in EU

Only companies with an established presence in Europe Union were able to take advantage of the sunrise period for trademark holders and to register. EU domain names the European Union's highest court ruled Thursday

.eu features cycling entrepreneur in airport adverts

EURid is putting the .eu Internet extension in front of European air travellers this summer by running an advertising campaign at four airports.

(.fr)

AFNIC continues as the registry for the .fr TLD

In an Order, Ms Fleur Pellerin, Junior Minister for the Digital Economy, appointed Afnic as the registry for the .fr TLD for a new five year term.

Opening of IDNs to all and the first review of Afnic statistics

As IDNs opened for registration to all on 3 July, Afnic takes stock of its progress over the last 2 months.

(.ie)

Annual Report shows continued growth for .ie

IEDR reported a continued strong core trading performance for 2011 with overall continued growth in .ie domain registration numbers

(.it)

IDN Success in Italy

Starting 11 July dot .it domains got their accents and also started speaking French and German. Nearly eight thousand IDNs were registered in just four hours

(.nl)

DNSSEC 'mandatory' for government organisations

DNSSEC has been added to the 'comply or explain' list. Thus, public organizations will require this safety standard unless they have good reasons not to.

The.nlyst 7 now out: the Domain Name Debate 2012

The.nlyst is a quarterly SIDN publication for everyone with a professional or personal interest in the .nl domain and the internet. The new edition focuses mainly on the Domain Name Debate 2012, which SIDN is organising in September.

Five millionth .nl domain name registered with SIDN

(.no)

Interpretation of the co.no judgement

Sør-Trøndelag District Court resolved the lawsuit between Elinweb and Norid in a judgement made on 28 June 2012. The judgement finds in favour of Norid on several principal issues regarding the domain name policy and our right to add *co.no* to the list of domain names that cannot be registered or transferred.

(.rs)

Invitation to Tender for Architect of the Software Systems for Internet Domain Name Registration

RNIDS is seeking experienced software designer to bid to design the software systems for registration of internet domain names.

(.ru)

The Coordination Center joins Internet Society

"Russia has gained considerable positions in Europe, — Andrei Kolesnikov, Director of the Coordination Center, says. — We have decided to be a member of the Internet Society to further improve Russia's positions on the international scene".

(.uk)

Customer Satisfaction surveys 2012

Nominet is launching two customer satisfaction surveys between July and August 2012 to measure the level of satisfaction in the support services offered.

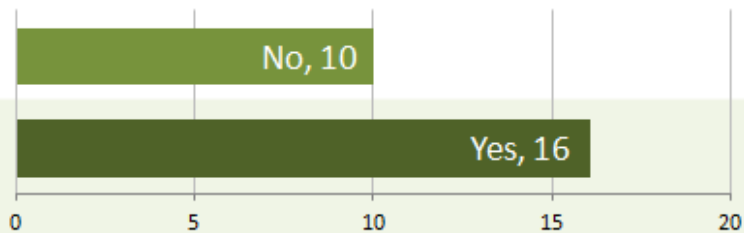


DomainWire Stat Report

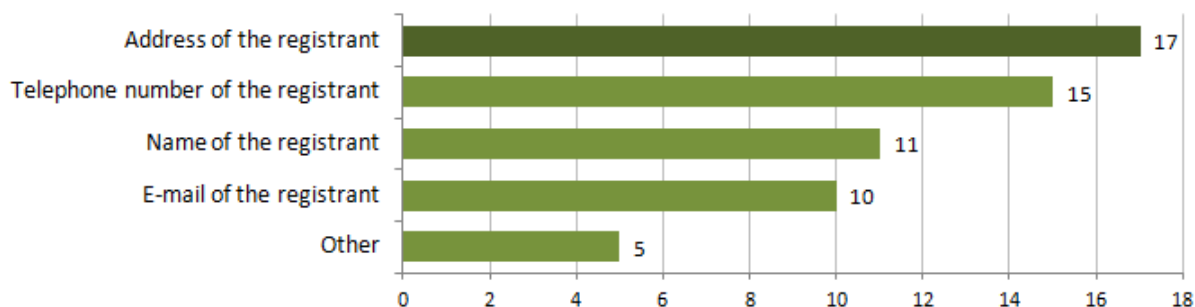
The 2012 Spring edition of the DomainWire Stat report is available. The report provides an overview of the TLD and internet industry with a focus on ccTLDs and Europe [Click for the report](#)

Below is a short summary of selected responses from the above mentioned survey. CENTR Members have access to full results

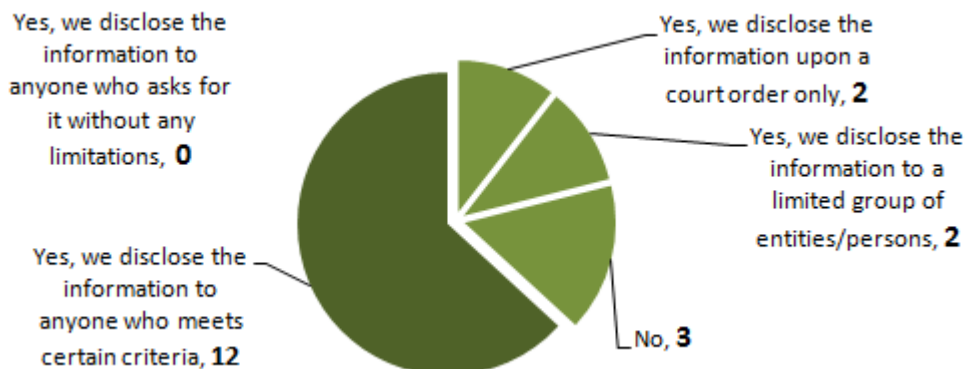
Do you offer registrants who are natural persons or non-commercial operating natural persons an opportunity to non-disclosure of their names and/or contact details via the whois



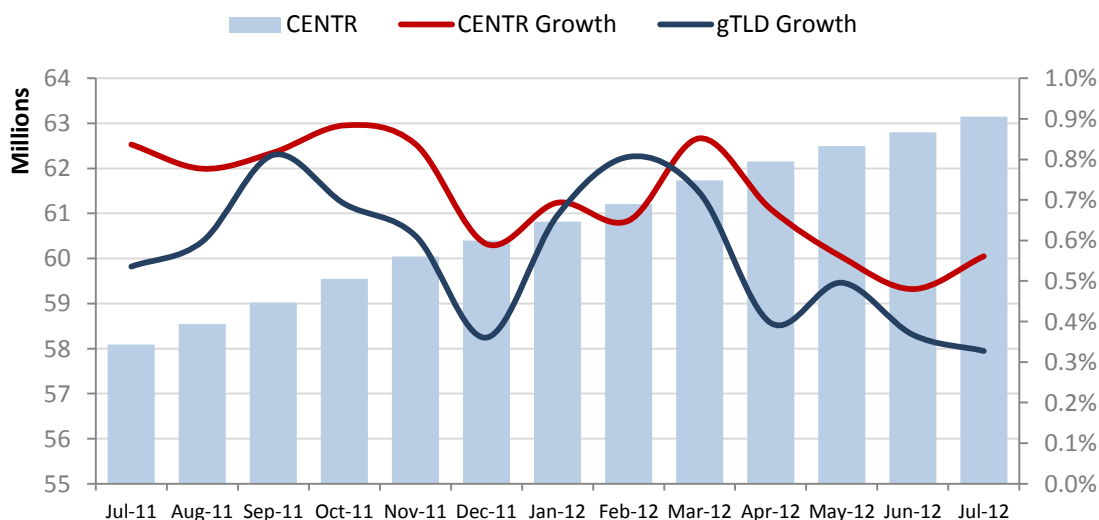
What type of registrant information can be hidden



Do you have a procedure in place by which third parties may request the disclosure of such non published information



CENTR Statistics



DOMAIN COUNTER:
63,150,598
 July 2011
Full Members Only

This count represents a growth of 0.56% from the previous month. The largest contribution to this growth in absolute value was .de and in percentage terms the highest growth over the month was .re

Source: CENTR domain counter (as well as manual checks on Member websites) and hosterstats.com for gTLDs



Five millionth .nl domain name registered with SIDN

SIDN, the company behind .nl, has registered the five-millionth .nl domain name. Marion Gerritsen became the happy registrant of mariongerritsen.nl. The domain name was registered through Registrar.eu, a label of Openprovider. Marion Gerritsen and Registrar.eu will both shortly be receiving a visit from a SIDN representative, who will present the new name's user with an iPad and hand out celebratory cake to everyone working for the registrar. In the Netherlands, 21% of households now have a domain name.

Proud

Roelof Meijer, SIDN's CEO said, "We are very pleased to have passed this significant milestone. The Netherlands can be proud of the .nl internet domain. As well as being one of the most secure domains in the world, it is the third largest country-code domain that there is: only Germany's .de and the UK's .uk have more names. Last year, we celebrated our domain's silver jubilee, .nl having also been one of the first active domains on the internet. The success of .nl is partly down to the 1800 registrars who register domain names for their clients."

Prospects

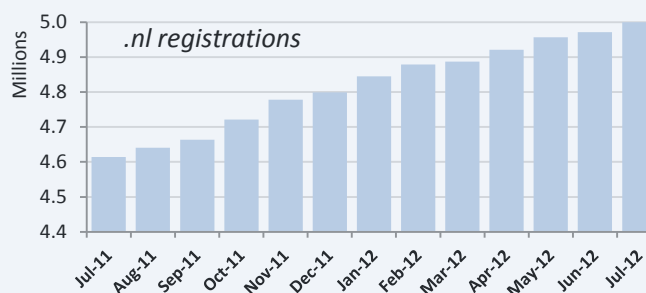
SIDN recently published the results of a unique study into trends in internet use and the Dutch domain name market. One of the findings was that the rise of social media is set to boost the use of domain names over the next two years. A total of 21% of Dutch households already have a domain name, and in 2012 that figure is set to increase by 3 percentage points.

In the Netherlands' business sector, the level of penetration is much higher. Almost every business has one or more domain names, and Statistics Netherlands reports that 83% of businesses have websites. In the years ahead, the nation's commercial organisations expect to increase the size of their domain name portfolios, mainly to support product and campaign-specific websites. By contrast, enthusiasm is waning for 'defensive' registrations (registering a domain name to stop anyone else from having it, rather than with the intention of using it).

Overall, SIDN expects the number of business registrations to continue growing, but not as fast as private registrations.

Benefits

Having your own domain name has many benefits. Meijer: "A domain name enables a business to create its own unique – and nowadays almost indispensable – place on the internet. In the Netherlands, .nl is the top-level domain for business. A .nl domain announces you to the world as a company that is from the Netherlands or active in the Netherlands. That in turn influences the confidence that consumers have in your business. But it isn't just businesses that benefit from having a domain name. As an individual, a domain name gives you your own personal on-line identity, an e-mail address that you never have to change (even if you switch providers) and, importantly, the ability to control your own internet content in a way that you can't easily do through social media."



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP 13TH: 39TH CENTR LEGAL & REGULATORY WORKSHOP - COPENHAGEN (DENMARK)

SEP 23RD: 27TH CENTR TECHNICAL WORKSHOP - AMSTERDAM (NETHERLANDS)

SEP 27TH: 27TH CENTR ADMINISTRATIVE WORKSHOP - DUBROVNIK (CROATIA)

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