

.nz NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2004

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For March, the level of active .nz domain names increased from 146,347 to 149,296, a net increase of 2,922. This was the largest monthly net growth since August 2003 (when .geek.nz was introduced) which had a growth of 3,013. Prior to that, the last month to record a growth that exceeded 3,000 domain names was July 2001.

150,000 Domain Names Reached

Another milestone was passed in April when the .nz domain name market reached 150,000 names. Registry records show that the name that ticked over the 150,000 counter was registered on 8 April at 10.25am.

Policy Consultations

Zone Transfer Policy Review

Three submissions were received for the Zone Transfer Policy Consultation. These submissions can be read at: <http://www.dnc.org.nz/story/30155-35-1.html> and will be considered by NZOC at their next meeting planned for 3 May 2004.

Second Level Domain (2LD) Policy Review

The 2LD Working Group (WG) will consider the submissions that were received during the recent round of consultation on the proposed new Second Level Domain (2LD) policy. The next 2LD WG meeting is scheduled for 28 April 2004 during which the WG will review all the submissions received and develop procedures around the draft policy.

Another public consultation period will follow and a timetable for the review process will be provided after the WG have met on 28 April.

Submissions received on the draft policy can be read at:
<http://www.dnc.org.nz/story/30154-45-35.html>

Financial Year Domain Name Statistics

The InternetNZ financial year came to an end on 31 March, with a 19% growth of active .nz domain names since 31 March 2003.

Over the last 12 months there has been a growth of 24,324 domain names compared with the yearly increase as at 31 March last year of 17,899 domains.

The largest second level domain .co.nz continued to grow over the past year with a 20% increase of registrations. The .org.nz and .net.nz second level domains also remained popular with a 22% and 8% growth respectively.

The new 2LD introduced during the year, .geek.nz, had 607 registrations at the end of March, less than eight months since it was implemented.

For a complete summary of the Financial Year Domain Name Statistics go to:
http://dnc.org.nz/content/fy_stats.html

Statistics

Figures as at 31 March 2004:

	<i>Active names as at 1 March</i>	<i>Active names as at end 31 March</i>	<i>New registrations March</i>	<i>Renewals March</i>	<i>Change over month</i>
.ac	825	842	24	188	17
.co	124133	126762	4097	34067	2629
.cri	27	27	0	8	0
.geek	610	607	19	183	-3
.gen	844	838	15	64	-6
.govt	710	709	7	203	-1
.iwi	49	48	0	10	-1
.maori	308	318	10	16	10
.mil	17	17	0	4	0
.net	8252	8390	260	1781	138
.org	8447	8584	211	1979	137
.school	2125	2127	19	929	2
TOTAL	146347	149269	4662	39432	2922

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

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SRS Availability

System availability for March was 99.97%, against the SLA standard of 99.9%

SRS Availability	January	February	March
%	100	99.95	99.97

SRS Response Times

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

Avg Response time (in seconds)	January	February	March
Domain Details Query	0.383	0.467	0.55
Domain Update	0.393	0.387	0.32
Domain Create	0.462	0.434	0.40
GetMessage performance	0.724	1.745	0.36
GetMessage (volume 000's)	73	61	44
Whois	0.213	0.236	0.19
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	645	606	640
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	240	364	222
UDAI Valid Query	0.210	0.204	0.18

Unscheduled Outages

There was one unscheduled outage of the SRS in March.

Date	15 March 2004
Time	19:33 – 19:45
Duration	12 minutes
Impact	High
Cause	Whois failure
Action required	Auto-restart updated to cater with this problem

Scheduled Outages and Updates

The March maintenance window was not utilised.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Last year NZRS undertook the first in a series of Customer Satisfaction Surveys that will be completed over 2 years. The second survey in the series is scheduled to be undertaken in May/June.

A summary of the first survey will be placed on the NZRS website by 30 April.

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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