

.nz NEWSLETTER – April 2007

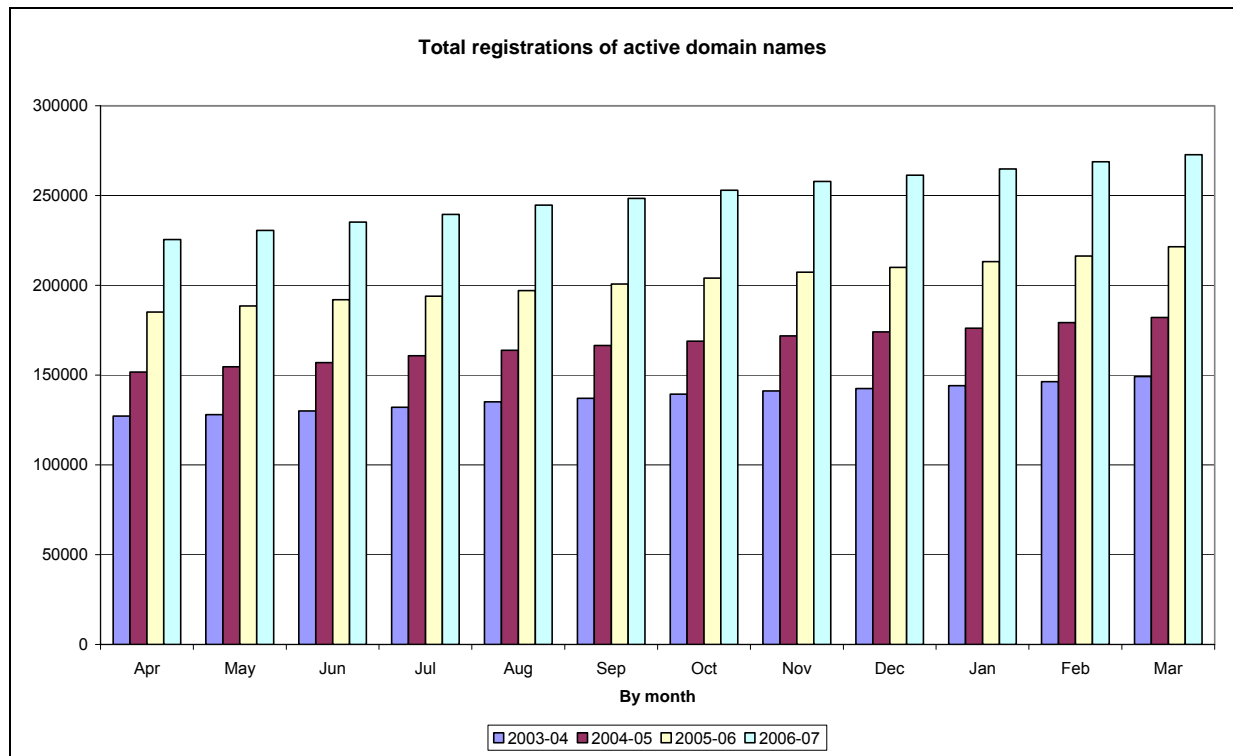
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In March, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 268,744 to 272,752, a net increase of 4,008.

Financial Year 2006 to 2007 – Domain Name Statistics

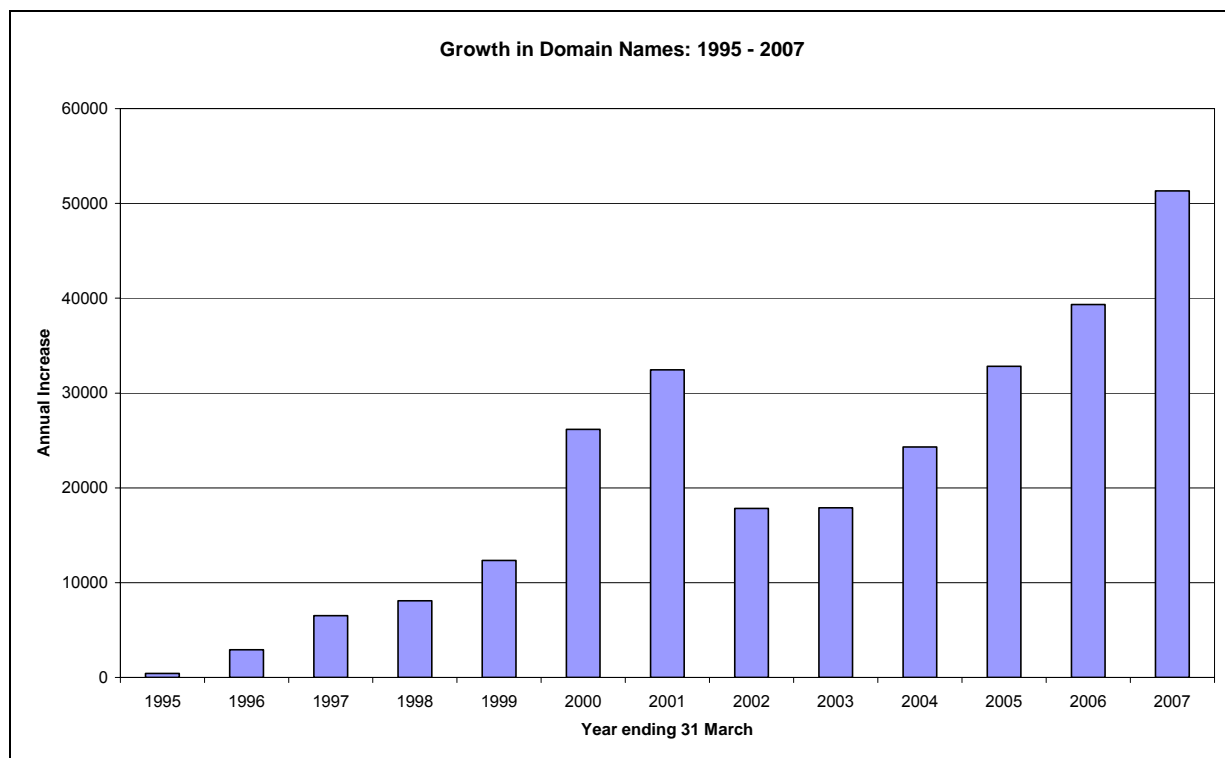
The total numbers of active .nz domain names, when graphed on a month-by-month basis, show a steady pattern of increase. This year's growth has been consistently stronger than last year's, averaging 4,276 names per month - just over 1000 names per month more than the growth in the 2005-06 financial year. The number of .nz domain names passed the 250,000 mark during October 2006, with the quarter-millionth name being registered on 11 October.

Domain name totals:



Domain name growth

Over the last 12 months there has been a growth of 51,319 domain names; this is the highest level of numerical growth in a financial year.



.bank.nz – Update

On Tuesday 17 April, the .nz Oversight Committee (NZOC) held a teleconference to discuss the application for a new second level domain, .bank.nz, and the submissions received during the public consultation period. The Committee agreed in principle that .bank.nz met the criteria for a new 2LD, however there were concerns about the clarity of the moderation policy in respect of what names are intended as able to be registered.

It was noted that the Reserve Bank had recommended amending clause 6.4 to include "...a product or brand name associated with the registered bank". NZOC considered that the proposed amendment went too far in extending what was able to be registered in the 2LD. Because of the restriction that .bank is used only by registered banks, NZOC consider that names registered under .bank should only be those specifically and directly related uniquely to registered banks.

NZOC would like the wording in the moderation policy modified to clarify what names are eligible in .bank.nz. They have therefore requested that the New Zealand Bankers' Association (NZBA) revise the wording of the moderation policy to clarify the issue identified by NZOC. The next NZOC meeting is planned for 17 May 2007 so it was suggested that the NZBA try to get something through in time for that.

Dispute Resolution Service (DRS)

On 31 March 2007 the DRS had been in operation for 10 months. Over that time 84 complaints were received in total.

- 54 of these were valid complaints;
- 30 complaints were deemed invalid (e.g. involved non .nz domain names, no signed copy received etc).

Of the 54 valid complaints

- 10 proceeded to an Expert determination;
 - 7 were ordered transferred
 - 1 was ordered cancelled
 - 2 complaints were dismissed
- 21 disputes were resolved between the parties either at, or prior to, mediation;
- 12 were withdrawn;
- The remainder are continuing through the process.

Statistics

Figures as at 31 March 2007:

	<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>Net Growth</i>
.ac	1286	1291	19	296	5
.co	229688	233233	6623	53393	3545
.cri	18	18	0	6	0
.geek	848	754	15	201	-94
.gen	1080	1088	17	300	8
.govt	889	887	2	788	-2
.iwi	58	59	1	12	1
.maori	459	468	13	79	9
.mil	21	18	0	10	-3
.net	16070	16370	539	3514	300
.org	15716	15952	442	3341	236
.parliament	2	2	0	2	0
.school	2609	2612	17	1184	3
TOTAL	268744	272752	7688	63126	4008

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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SRS Availability

SRS Availability	SLA	January	February	March
%	99.90	99.98	99.96	99.84

SRS Response Times

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

Avg Response time (in seconds)	SLA Target	January	February	March
Domain Details Query	≤1.5	0.03	0.03	0.03
Domain Update	≤0.8	0.46	0.45	0.45
Domain Create	≤0.8	0.57	0.49	0.47
GetMessage performance	≤0.8	0.03	0.02	0.03
Whois	≤0.8	0.10	0.10	0.09
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	N/A	1,934	1,872	1,895
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	N/A	258	277	259
UDAI Valid Query	≤0.8	0.14	0.14	0.13

DNS Availability

DNS Availability	SLA	January	February	March
%	100%	100	100	100

Whois Availability

Whois Availability	SLA	January	February	March
%	99.90%	99.98	99.96	99.85

Unscheduled Outages

Outage Type	Total Duration
SRS Unscheduled	72 minutes
WHOIS Unscheduled	66 minutes and 8 seconds)

The majority of the unscheduled outage time for the SRS and Public Whois service in March occurred during an incident on the 25th of March. The incident lasted for 62 minutes, starting at 16:49 and ending at 17:51. It was caused by the failure of the border router in Albany.

Scheduled Outages and Updates

SRS Scheduled Outage

On Sunday 29th April 2007 between the hours of 06:00 - 10:00 (4.0 Hours), there will be a scheduled outage of the SRS for a Disaster Recovery Handover Test. During this outage the SRS will be in read only mode.

DNS Scheduled Outage

On Sunday 29th April 2007 between the hours of 06:00 - 10:00 (4.0 Hours), there will be a scheduled outage on the machine that serves ns1.dns.net.nz.

During this time ns1.dns.net.nz may not be available. Throughout this period the other six .nz zone servers (ns2 - ns7) will be available.

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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