

.nz NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2004

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In October, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 166,407 to 168,926, a net increase of 2,519.

NZOC Meeting

A .nz Oversight Committee meeting was held on Monday 18 October 2004. A copy of the minutes is available at: http://dnc.org.nz/content/minutes_NZOC_18_Oct_04.pdf.

Whois Working Group Meeting

The second Whois working group (Whois WG) meeting was held in Wellington on Monday 15 November.

The first round of public consultation on the Whois Server Policy review closed at 5pm on Monday 1 November. Five submissions were received, and these are available at <http://dnc.org.nz/whois-review>

At present the Whois WG are considering the submissions received and are working on producing a new draft Whois Server Policy. It is expected that the new draft policy will be available for public consultation in December.

A general timetable which shows the expected timeframe of work by the Whois WG is available at http://dnc.org.nz/content/whois_tt.html Please note that some dates may change.

For an overview and further information about the review go to <http://dnc.org.nz/whois-review>

.iwi Moderation Policy Review

A review is currently being undertaken on a proposed amendment to the Moderation Policy for the .iwi.nz Second Level Domain. This consultation is occurring due to an approach by the moderator for .iwi.nz, Karaitiana Taiuru, seeking a change to the .iwi.nz moderation policy. The effect of the proposed change is that names which are not currently able to be registered, will be eligible for registration.

Full information regarding the review, including the proposed changes to the policy, instructions on how to make a submission, and submissions received to date, are available on the DNC website at <http://dnc.org.nz/iwi-review>.

Public comment on this consultation closes at 5pm on Wednesday 1 December 2004.

Statistics

Figures as at 31 October 2004:

	<i>Active names as at 1 October</i>	<i>Active names as at end 31 October</i>	<i>New registrations October</i>	<i>Renewals October</i>	<i>Change over month</i>
.ac	923	944	29	214	21
.co	141129	143253	3680	40880	2124
.cri	28	27	0	3	-1
.geek	599	611	19	244	12
.gen	907	910	20	140	3
.govt	711	712	5	211	1
.iwi	54	49	0	11	-5
.maori	347	354	13	74	7
.mil	16	16	0	6	0
.net	9878	10012	273	2283	134
.org	9597	9767	251	2592	170
.school	2218	2271	61	1026	53
TOTAL	166407	168926	4351	47684	2519

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 October was 99.97%, against the SLA standard of 99.9%

SRS Availability	August	September	October
%	99.96	99.99	99.97

SRS Response Times

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

Avg Response time (in seconds)	August	September	October
Domain Details Query	0.49	0.42	0.43
Domain Update	0.39	0.42	0.39
Domain Create	0.50	0.47	0.46
GetMessage performance	0.49	0.48	0.35
GetMessage (volume 000's)	36	36	38
Whois	0.22	0.21	0.19
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	872	976	929
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	223	274	259
UDAI Valid Query	0.24	0.24	0.24

DNS Availability

DNS Availability	August	September	October
%	100	100	100

Unscheduled Outages

There were two unscheduled outages during October that totalled 13 minutes downtime of the SRS.

	Date	Time	Description	Status
1.	8 Oct 04	08:00 – 08:12 12 minutes	The whois server stopped, and was manually restarted.	Complete
2.	7 Oct 04	13:36 – 13:37 1 minute	The FE replication stopped, and automatically restarted.	Complete

Scheduled Outages and Updates

There was one scheduled outage during October, utilising the maintenance window on 31 October from 0700 – 0900. During this outage, the SRS software was upgraded to release 1-13-0 and the switchover process was retested.

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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