

## **.nz NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2004**

### **:: DNC OFFICE ::**

In September, the number of active .nz domain names increased from 163,738 to 166,407, a net increase of 2,669. During September there was a noticeable net decline in the number of .geek and .maori domain registrations.

### **Whois Policy Review**

A review is currently being undertaken on the Whois Server Policy. A Working Group has been established by the .nz Oversight Committee to conduct the review. All aspects of the current policy are subject to review.

The Whois Working Group (Whois WG) is seeking public input to assist in developing a revised draft policy. They have prepared a consultation paper which provides some information and context for the current review of the Whois policy and raises three key areas for discussion. The paper also poses some specific questions on which comment is sought, as well as any general comments that people may have.

A copy of the paper is available at [http://dnc.org.nz/content/whois\\_paper\\_1.html](http://dnc.org.nz/content/whois_paper_1.html)

### **Public comment on this initial consultation closes at 5pm on Monday 1 November 2004.**

After the first round of public consultation the Whois WG will meet again on 15 November to discuss the submissions and produce a new draft Whois Server Policy.

A second public consultation period is scheduled to be held from early December until late January. During this period the Whois WG will be seeking comments on the proposed new policy.

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](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>. Submissions to the consultation will be published on that page.

### **Incorrect Whois Information**

A requirement of the .nz policies and procedures is to ensure that the details recorded on the whois records are correct and up to date.

If you are a registrant, you need to update your details when any of them change – address, email and phone details. To check that the details for your domain name are correct you can do a whois search on the domain name at <http://dnc.org.nz>

The whois search results will show the details currently recorded for your domain name. If you need to correct any of the details you should use your registrar's system to update them. If you don't know how to update your details you can contact your registrar to find out. The contact details for your registrar are listed in the whois search result for your domain name.

If you come across incorrect details for another registrant's domain name, you can try contacting the registrant and ask them to update the details. If you have no success you can contact the registrar of the domain name concerned and raise the issue of the incorrect details with them.

The DNC has recently advised registrars of the process to follow if this type of complaint is raised with them – the registrar will look into the problem and if they cannot resolve it, they will refer your complaint to the DNC.

## Statistics

Figures as at 30 September 2004:

	<i>Active names as at 1 September</i>	<i>Active names as at end 30 September</i>	<i>New registrations September</i>	<i>Renewals September</i>	<i>Change over month</i>
.ac	910	24	24	217	13
.co	138774	141129	3789	38452	2355
.cri	28	28	0	2	0
.geek	636	599	17	147	-37
.gen	900	907	19	231	7
.govt	713	711	2	219	-2
.iwi	54	54	1	11	0
.maori	369	347	14	113	-22
.mil	16	16	0	6	0
.net	9723	9878	282	2102	155
.org	9412	9597	278	2414	185
.school	2203	2218	22	975	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>163738</b>	<b>166407</b>	<b>4448</b>	<b>44889</b>	<b>2669</b>

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>

## :: .nz REGISTRY SERVICES ::

### SRS Availability

System availability for September was 99.99%, against the SLA standard of 99.9%

SRS Availability	July	August	September
%	99.91	99.96	99.99

### SRS Response Times

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

Avg Response time (in seconds)	July	August	September
Domain Details Query	0.45	0.49	0.42
Domain Update	0.39	0.39	0.42
Domain Create	0.50	0.50	0.47
GetMessage performance	0.44	0.49	0.48
GetMessage (volume 000's)	36	36	36
Whois	0.23	0.22	0.21
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	718	872	976
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	227	223	274
UDAI Valid Query	0.24	0.24	0.24

### DNS Availability

DNS Availability	July	August	September
%	100	100	100

### Unscheduled Outages

There was one unscheduled outage during September which was 6 minutes in duration.

	Date	Time	Description	Outage
1	27/9/2004	14:58 – 15:04 6 Minutes	The whois daemon stopped at 14:58 and did not auto-restart	Restarted

### Scheduled Outages and Updates

The September maintenance window was utilised.

**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](mailto:support@nzrs.net.nz). For all other matters, contact Debbie Monahan at [info@dnc.org.nz](mailto:info@dnc.org.nz).

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