

## **.nz NEWSLETTER – September 2005**

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

In August the number of active .nz domain names increased from 193,989 to 197,113, a net increase of 3,124.

There were 5,668 new domain names registered over the month. So far during 2005 there have been three months where new registrations have been over 5,000, whereas there was only one month in 2004 where this mark was reached and 5,000 new monthly registrations wasn't achieved at all in 2003.

### **200,000 Domain Names**

Late yesterday (26 September) the .nz register reached the 200,000 domain name mark, a great achievement given it was only April last year that the register reached 150,000 names. InternetNZ has released the following statement:

Internet NZ announced today that the number of domain names listed on the .nz Register had just reached 200,000.

Commenting on achieving this significant milestone with domain name registrations, Dr Frank March, Chair of the InternetNZ .nz Oversight Committee (NZOC) says, "We've all been delighted at how fast the two hundred thousand figure has come round. On 8 April last year the number hit 150,000; the last 12 months has seen over 30,000 names added to the registry, that's colossal growth."

Whilst the Office of the Domain Name Commissioner and the NZOC took over the oversight of the .nz register in October 2002, the register itself goes back to the early 1990's when in March of '94 it stood at just 272. Since then growth has been exponential and in recent years has averaged 20% a year.

Says Dr March, "The shift to a competitive environment in 2002, including the implementation of a Shared Registry System has proven to be a very worthwhile move for the industry. This latest figure of 200,000 endorses the fact we now have an industry that has never been healthier nor more robust."

Asked about his expectations for future growth Dr March added that for some time he had expected the rate of growth to flatten but that it hasn't happened yet, "At this rate it looks like we could be celebrating 250,000 in the not too distant future!"

## Registrant Name – A reminder

This is a reminder to anyone registering domain names of what is required in regards to recording the registrant name. The registrant name field must reflect the exact details of an individual over 18 years of age or a properly constituted organisation, as per clause 3.7 of the [Registering Managing and Cancelling](#) policy.

The DNC Office has recently provided advice in a number of situations where the issue arose due to incorrect information being in the register in respect of the actual registrant name. Where the name is not complete, or up to date, the registrant may have difficulty proving that they are the legitimate holder of the registration. The recorded name must be accurate and current in order to effect transactions such as a change of registrant.

If you are aware of problems with your registrations you should contact your registrar and work with them to correct the information.

## Statistics

Figures as at 31 August 2005:

	<i>Active names as at 1 August</i>	<i>Active names as at end 31 August</i>	<i>New registrations August</i>	<i>Renewals August</i>	<i>Change over month</i>
.ac	1025	1072	53	282	47
.co	165197	167989	4833	44596	2792
.cri	25	25	0	3	0
.geek	717	659	17	236	-58
.gen	938	918	16	286	-20
.govt	785	787	5	252	2
.iwi	54	54	2	15	0
.maori	377	384	13	70	7
.mil	17	17	0	12	0
.net	11065	11195	365	2762	130
.org	11379	11595	341	2960	216
.school	2410	2418	23	1083	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193989</b>	<b>197113</b>	<b>5668</b>	<b>52557</b>	<b>3124</b>

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>

## :: .nz REGISTRY SERVICES ::

### SRS Availability

System availability for August was 99.91%, against the SLA standard of 99.9%

SRS Availability	June	July	August
%	99.97	99.99	99.91

### SRS Response Times

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

Avg Response time (in seconds)	June	July	August
Domain Details Query	0.47	0.57	0.05
Domain Update	0.56	0.54	0.59
Domain Create	0.50	0.62	0.63
GetMessage performance	0.36	0.42	0.06
GetMessage (volume 000's)	38	43	42
Whois	0.17	0.21	0.24
Whois queries at back end including Registrar (volume 000's)	1657	1762	1829
Whois Server Queries (volume 000's)	346	380	407
UDAI Valid Query	0.24	0.29	0.32

### DNS Availability

DNS Availability	June	July	August
%	100	100	100

### Unscheduled Outages

Unscheduled outages on the SRS during August totalled 39 minutes and 27 seconds. A summary of the outages follows.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description</b>
Aug 1 – Aug 31	6 minutes 48 seconds	Multiple micro outages
Aug 11 11:50 – 13:10	29 Minutes 12 seconds	A 17 minute 27 second read only outage followed by a series of micro read only outages until the system stabilised.
Aug 30 00:30 – 00:51	3 minutes 57 seconds	Multiple Read Only Micro Outages

## Scheduled Outages and Updates

The maintenance window for August was utilised on 28 August.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Description</i>
28 August 07:00	2 hours	Scheduled Maintenance Window

### 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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