

Domaining, dropcatching and the secondary market

Internal Stats

At its May 2007 meeting, the PAB requested the Executive to provide internal statistics showing the level of dropcatching activity at Nominet to inform the ongoing debate on the topic of Domaining.

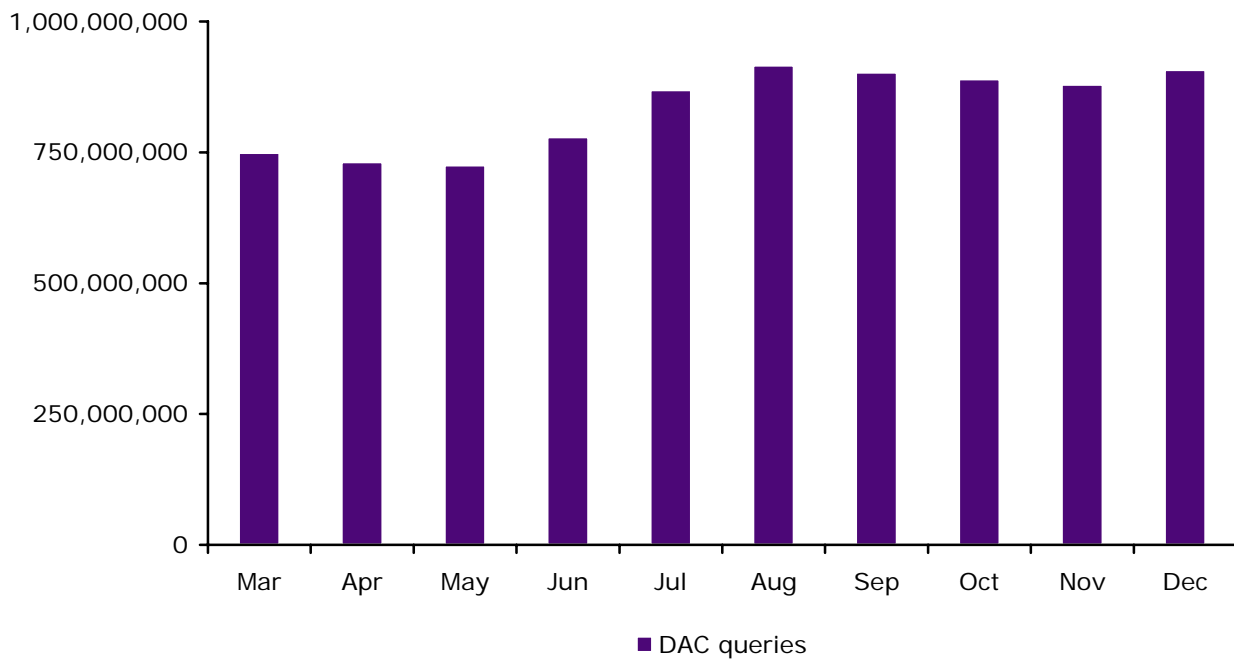
1.1 Dropcatching

DAC Usage Statistics

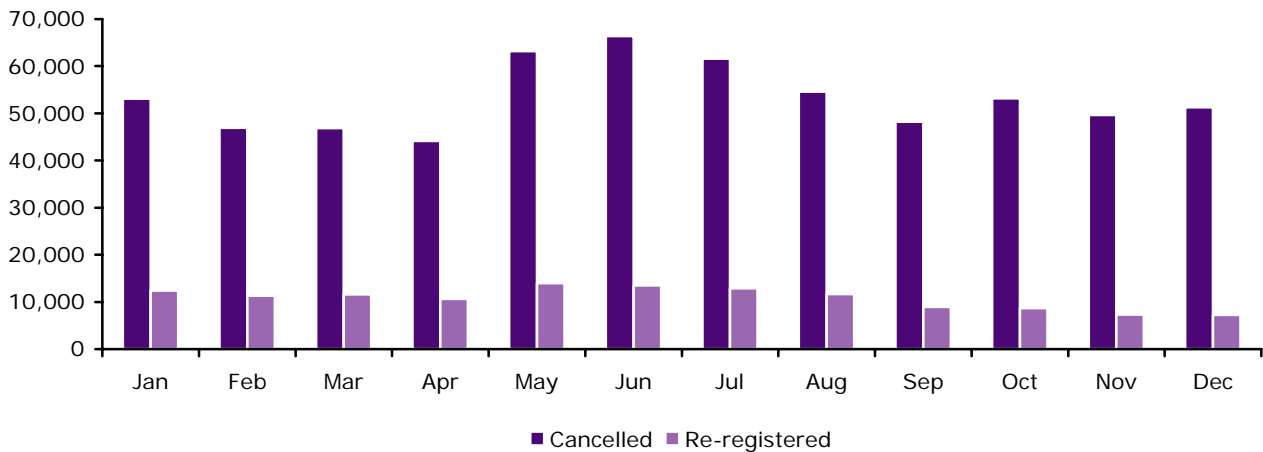
Current paid for subscriptions: 306

Number of registered access locations (IP): 429

Estimated number of 'active users': 160



The chart below shows the number of domains that are cancelled and then subsequently re-registered. This is an indication on the level of dropcatching. During 2006 on average 20.6% of cancelled names were re-registered or caught (over 130,000 domains)



During April 2007

Number of DAC queries: 778,697,363
 Average per day: 25,956,579
 Average per hour: 1,081,524
 Average per minute: 18,025
 Average per second: 300

During April 2007 accounting for linked members and using suspected anti-abuse groupings, there were 160 DAC users.

Based on the number of queries received this equates to 20% of the 'paid for' capacity being used. Based on 160 active users the average capacity used is 38% of available capacity.

Looking at individual users usage during April 2007 the following groups can be seen:

%Usage	Total number of users
0-10	57
10-20	16
20-30	9
30-40	8
40-50	12
50-60	6
60-70	12
70-80	6
80-90	18
90-100	16
Grand Total	160

- The top 20% (32) of active users (160) account for 50% of total DAC activity.
- The top 20% (61) of subscribers (306) account for 79.6% of DAC activity.
- 34 users use more than 80% of their personal DAC capacity.