

Have your say!

Please give us your feedback on these proposals by answering the following questions:

What domains should we release?

This document contains respondents between 22 and 22 inclusive.

Do you agree that two letter domain names should be released for registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk as recommended by the PAB?

- Yes
- No

Please give comments

I'd like to see this, but predict that a vast majority of the domains will end up in the hands of the few, who'll want to charge vast sums for the sale of these to people who would actually make use of them. I'm not against the domaining industry as a whole, but I wouldn't want to see this as a pointless exercise where some useful domains (ie people's initials, etc) would just end up having holding pages against them.

Do you agree that one character domain names should be released for registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk as recommended by the PAB?

- Yes
- No

Please give comments

Yes, but this would see an amplification of the above. I think it would possibly weaken the image of .uk if the above were to happen. Some thought needs to be paid towards restrictions on the number of applications, and also to ways in which this wouldn't be open to abuse as has happened during other sunrise periods for domain registrations.

Do you agree that existing country codes under ISO 3166-1 such as fr, de, es, us etc be released for registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk as recommended by the PAB?

- Yes
- No

Please give comments

I don't see why this would present any technical problems.

We outlined the technical reasons why com.co.uk, org.co.uk and net.co.uk should not be released. Do you agree with these exceptions?

- Yes
- No

Do you agree that existing generic top level domains (e.g. biz, info) should be released for registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk as recommended by the PAB?

- Yes
- No

Do you agree that existing .uk second level domains (e.g. co, org, ac, me, ltd) should also be released for registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk?

- Yes
 No

Do you agree that "uk" should continue to be reserved from registration in co.uk, org.uk, net.uk and me.uk as recommended by the PAB?

- Yes
 No

The PAB recommended a two stage release process: a first round for holders of registered trademarks, and a second round for names not taken by rights holders, open to holders of unregistered rights. Do you agree with this recommendation?

- Yes
 No

Please give comments

Please ensure that those applying during the first stage are actually trademark holders :)

The PAB recommended a cut off date for qualifying rights for IP rights holders. They suggested 1996 and 2002 as possible dates. What do you think would be a suitable cut off date?

1996.

We propose that initially commercial organisations should have priority in.co.uk and charities and not for profit organisations should have priority in org.uk. Do you agree with this approach?

- Yes
 No

We propose to hold a sealed bid auction for domain names where rights holders are competing, and for domain names not taken up by rights holders. Do you think there is a fairer way to allocate the first registration of these domain names?

- Yes
 No

Please give comments

Online auction - eBay style, so non-sealed bids, but in an eBay done properly way so that there's not a rush of bids before it closes. If someone bids, extend the auction by X minutes.

I appreciate the sealed bids idea has its own merits, but really, how can someone even begin to calculate the value of a domain such as those being proposed for release? There's not really any historical information to go by. Maybe a Dutch auction as detailed below?

We propose to hold a Dutch auction for the general release (“landrush”) of domains not taken up by rights holders. Do you think there is a fairer way to allocate the first registration of these domain names?

Yes

No

Please give comments, particularly in relation to the starting price for any Dutch auction.

What happens in the event of two rival bids at the same price?

We plan to run this whole exercise on a cost recovery basis, and any surplus funds generated from auctions would be donated to Nominet Trust, a charitable organisation established by Nominet with the objects including the education, relief of financial hardship and protection of children in the area of the Internet and information technology. Do you agree with this approach?

Yes

No

12. Please give us your contact details

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