

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 111 and 111 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

A handful of these exist from the pre-Nominet days, and two-letter domains have been available from other registries for years with few problems.

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

While less useful as brand names there seems to be no sound technical reason for not allowing them.

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

One slight reservation here is that

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

Please give comments

The reasoning behind this seems to come down to a flawed decision by browser authors which continues to push .com as the TLD of choice. Given we are stuck with this misfeature, it seems reasonable to tread with extreme caution to avoid causing further problems. Saying that, see the points below regarding other gTLDs.

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

Please give comments

Applying differing policies to different gTLDs seems odd - why should biz and info be regarded as different from com/net/org? Saying that, with ICANN allowing more gTLDs we are likely to find that those names are already assigned within co.uk etc, so if all existing gTLDs are reserved, it again comes down to a question of seniority but with the bar moved.

I note that in practice, (info|biz).(co|org|net).uk are assigned anyway, so I guess the ship has sailed here.

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

Please give comments

I have some reservations over combinations of co/org/net/me but no solid technical reasons for disallowing them.

For the specialist subdomains such as ac, police, nhs, I feel it should be down to the existing holders of the second level domains to decide whether or not those names should be reserved, assigned to them, or released for general assignment.

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

What process should we use for releasing domains?

We propose to take the same approach for two letter, one character and the other previously unreleased domains (e.g. pro.co.uk). Do you agree with this proposal?

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

General agreement, but as a holder of an existing two-letter third-level subdomain of .uk which is NOT a registered trademark, there is the question as to where we (and those like us) fit in here. I will follow up in a separate email with the specific issues here.

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?

2002 seems acceptable.

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

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

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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