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Verisign Has another Amazing Quarter



Verisign had another strong quarter, topping its forecast for net domain name additions.

It expected 1.5 to 2.0 million net adds in the quarter. It hit 2.65 million, suggesting that the surge in Chinese domain investing in Q4 carried over. (Its Q4 net adds were a stunning 4.6 million.)

It also processed 10.0 million new .com and .net transactions. That's down from the 12.2 million in Q4, but still well above the typical 8.0-9.0 million.

From a renewal standpoint, the company announced that the final .com and .net renewal rate for the fourth quarter of 2015 was 73.3 percent compared with 72.5 percent for the same quarter in 2014.

Source: Domain Sherpa

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Chinese Investors are Hoarding Web Addresses



Currently Chinese investors account for more than half of the ownership of all registered new gTLDs (54%).

This growing trend greatly effects global trade, says Matthias Meyer-

Schönherr, Vice President Business Development of Sedo.com, the world's largest domain marketplace.

“The domain name market is, in a lot of ways, similar to the real estate market: Figuratively speaking, Chinese investors are securing new properties, while also purchasing existing top locations. Each domain name is unique - that's why it's not surprising that most short, catchy and easy-to-remember .com domains are sold for millions of dollars on the Chinese market.”

Source: The Domains

CentralNic Hits 4 Million New Top Level Domain Names



CentralNic announced that it now has over 4 million domain names on its new top level domain registry services platform.

It provides registry services to .xyz, which accounts for about three-quarters of the total. Its other major client (volume-wise) is Radix. Radix runs a handful of top level domains that are on the new TLD leaderboards, including .site, .online, .website and .space.

According to nTLDStats, CentralNic is the largest backend registry services provider in terms of domain names.

Source: Domain Names Wire

Google Files Complaint for Two-Google Related Domain Names



Google has recently filed a complaint against the owner of wallet-google.com and wallet-help-center-google.com domain names.

The company filed the complaint with the National Arbitration Forum on April 5, 2016.

According to Whois records, wallet-google.com was registered in March 2016 while wallet-help-center-google.com was registered in February 2016.

The National Arbitration Forum will examine if the domain names are confusingly similar to Google's trademark, if the current owner has rights over it and if the domains are being used in bad faith.

The disputed domain names will be passed over to Google if it falls under all three of these stipulations.

Source: Domain News

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