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Setup and Status of .fo Today
A short historical résumé and facts about .fo. How we have chosen to construct the .fo domain space and the considerations we have made in connection with the introduction of the present set of rules governing .fo. The process from our old system to FRED and the challenges we face in the near future.
Some Facts about the Faroe Islands
Were is it?
Facts

- 18 islands (62° North 07° West)
- 1399 km²
- Distant: N-S 113 km and E-W 75 km
- Population: 48,589 (feb. 2011)
- The capital: Tórshavn (population 19,649)
- Language: Faroese (The language of the Vikings)
- Self governing country within the Kingdom of Denmark (Not member of EU)
- The flag (Merki)
The World’s Best Islands

Faroe Islands were voted the most "authentic, unspoiled, and likely to remain so"

Places Rated by National Geographic Traveler
The structure

- The university of Tórshavn
- The Faroese IT-association
- Minister of Industry
- Appoint The independent

FO-council
The History

• It started at the University of Tórshavn 1993
• The first .fo domain name 1995
• The Faroese IT-Association and the Minister of Industry elected the first FO-council in 2001
• Navision based administration system was implemented 2001
• The FO-council produced the first set of rules 2002
• The present council was elected in 2004
• New regulations were implemented 2006
• FRED was implemented late 2010
The structure

• FO-council is:
  – appointed by the Faroese IT-Association
  – manned by two representatives from the private sector and two from the public sector
  – a self owned institution
  – governed by regulations created by the council
  – approved by the minister of Industry
The FO-council

• there are no employees in the FO-council
  (it’s an hobby)

• all the members have a fulltime job else ware
  (two lawyers and two IT-specialists)
  • the chairman is the former president of the Faroese IT- association
  • the vice chairman is lawyer working at the National Data Security
  • the first member is head of IT at the university in Tórshavn
  • the second member is the head of National Data Security
.fo council is:

• a non profit organisation
• not regulated by national law
• renting out domain names for one year at the time with the obligation to prolong the contract one year at the time
• to day managing 3.080 domain names
In the beginning

• .fo domain names were first and foremost for Faroese companies and people
• you had to prove your right to a name
• not abuse 3th. person right
• .fo administration should check content and usage
• the administration system was insufficient and required much manual work
Now

- we have loosen up a bit in the regulation
- You can now use 1.fo, a.fo, fi.fo, 123.fo etc.
- we can block names of national or public interests like city names, islands names etc.
- we do not check content or usage
- only a court order will make us consider whether or not to take down a domain
- FRED is in action and performing good and is not labour intensive
The near future

- a broader ns-base in collaboration with PCH
- DNSsec in collaboration with PCH
- implementing IPv6 in collaboration with PCH
- updating FRED
- liberalise the regulation
- open up for registrars?
The Administration

• The fo-administration is outsourced to a local security firma
Applying for a .fo domain name

• First you have to identify yourself with a copy of your passport or your the social security #
• Then you have to prove your right to the name with sufficient documentation (national or international register)
• Then you can apply with a A-application and you can now rent the name for one year at the time
• If you can’t prove your right to the name, you have to apply with an B-application and the name will be publish on nic.fo and in a national newspaper for one month. If no one objects with a valid documentation and applies for the name your application will be approved
• Application fee A- 400,-dk/kr. B-900,-dk/kr.
• Annual fee 450,-dk/kr.
Vælkomin á heimasiðuna hjá FO-umsitingini.

Hetta er umsitingarsíða fyrir ökisnøvnini (Domain Names) undir .fo landaðækinum, t.v.s. at her kunnu ökisnøvn

- stovnast
- strikast
- redelegerast, t.e. at tilvísingin til navnaambætarar kann broytast

Har umframt ber til at stovna og broyta persóns- og virkisupplýsingar (adressu, t-post o.l.), íð eru/verða skrásettar í sambandi við eitt ökisnavn.

Tó ber íki til at skráseta nakað, fyr r en tú hevir skrásett teg sum brúkara, og hevir innritað teg.

Skráset brúkara
Welcome to the website of the FO Administration.

This is the administration page for Domain Names under the .fo country domain. Here Domain Names can be

- created
- deleted
- redelegated (change of Nameservers)

Also you can create and modify data for Persons and Organizations (address, email etc.), which are/were created in connection with a Domain Name.

But before you can register anything, you have to register a user, and login to the system.

Register User

DOMAIN NAME
Is Domain Name available?

Password:

LOGIN
Forgot password?

Video tutorial
FRED server 1.10.0  (2.3.10)
Read Hat Fedora core 9.5
Any questions?

Thank you 😊