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*AFNIC's experience with
Whois Policy*

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AFNIC Whois Policy

- Private registrants' data is not displayed in the public Whois ;
- AFNIC provides on line web forms to enable any interested party to email admin contact ;
- Right owners or affected parties may request disclosure of registrant data (subject to checks by AFNIC)

Sample Whois output

Résultat de votre recherche

- Nom de domaine : mathieuweill.fr
- État : Actif (consulter aussi le **site web**)
- Bureau d'enregistrement : **GANDI**
- Date de création : 23 juin 2006 13:07
- Date anniversaire : 23 juin
- Serveurs de noms (DNS)
 - Serveur n° 1: *a.dns.gandi.net*
 - Serveur n° 2: *b.dns.gandi.net*
 - Serveur n° 3: *c.dns.gandi.net*

Titulaire : Diffusion restreinte, données non publiques

Contact administratif : Diffusion restreinte, données non publiques

☐ **Contact technique :** **GANDI ROLE**

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Rationale

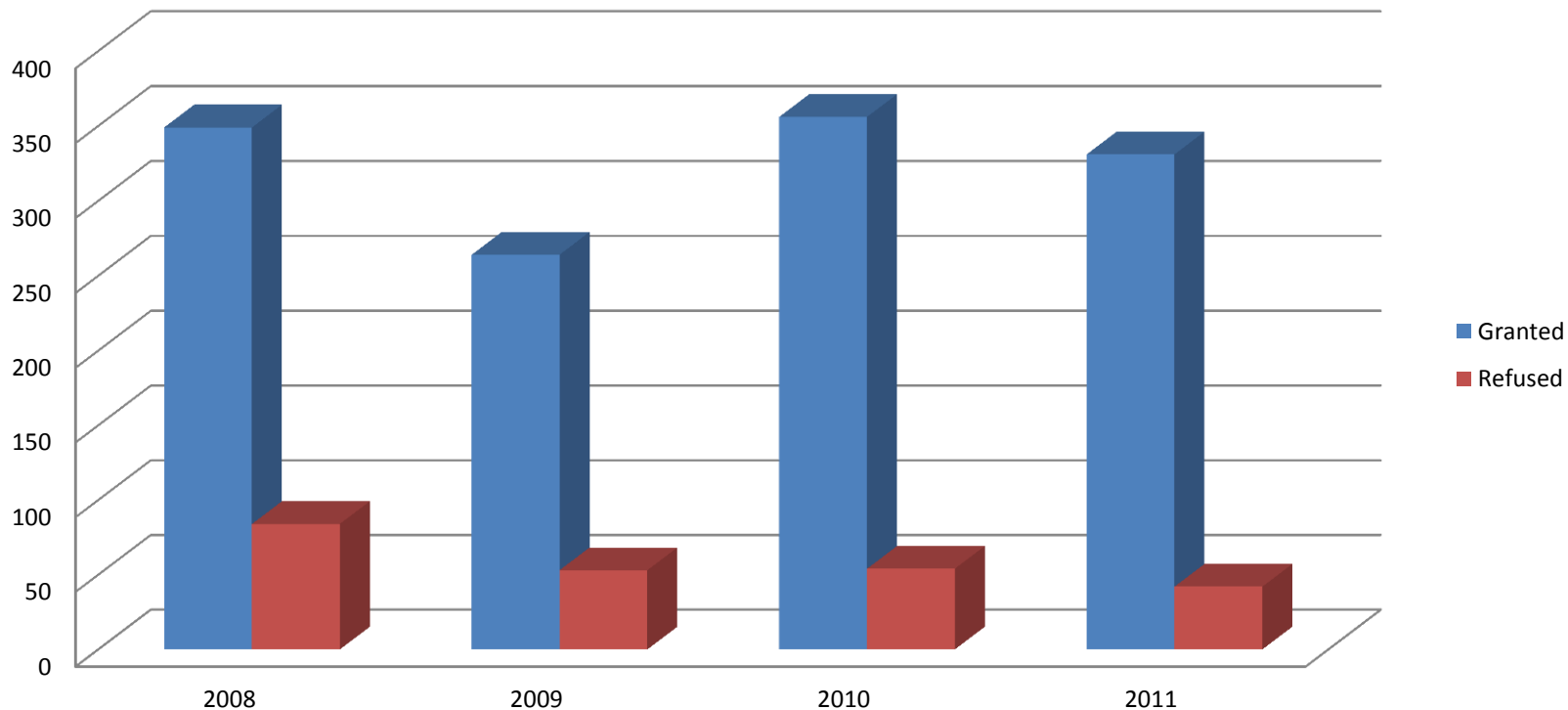
- ✓ Policy set up in 2006,
 - ✓ data disclosure introduced end of 2007
- ✓ Legal framework :
 - ✓ explicit reference to Privacy Act
- ✓ Written instruction by National Privacy Authority (CNIL)
- ✓ Registry policy to find right balance, through multistakeholder process

Impact on registry

- Basic facts :
 - Registry size : from 500 000 in 2006 to over 2 million names in 2011
 - About 35% registered for individuals
 - Registration open to French companies and individuals (mainly)

Data disclosure

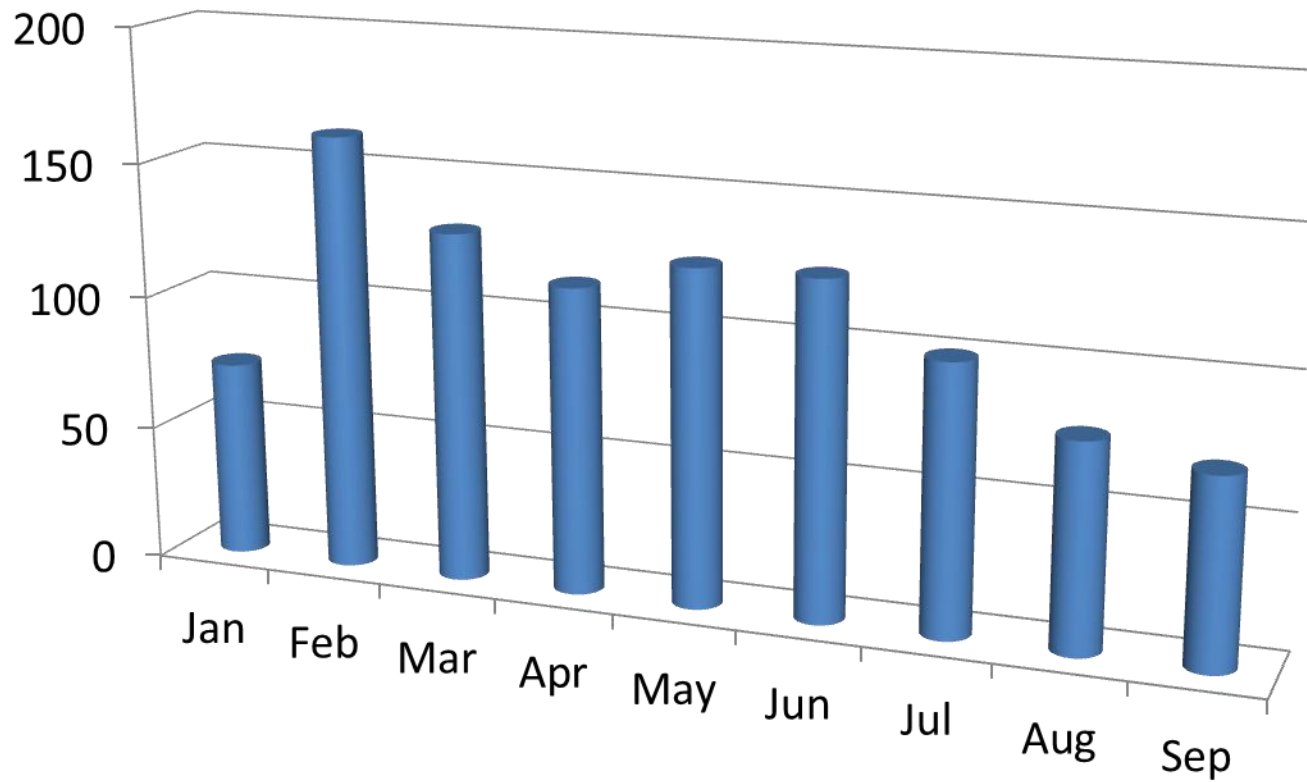
Data disclosure requests



Average delay for handling
request : 3,2 days

Contact the admin-c

Number of forms submitted



Total number since Jan 11 : 976



Assessment

- All hell did NOT break loose
- Reinforced trust from private registrants into the domain name industry players
 - limited risk of unsolicited communications
- Customer feedback suggests that policy has positive impact on data accuracy
 - Not yet confirmed by research.
- Expenses impact on registry remains marginal

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