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# Serbian Registry of Internet Domains

*The First 100 Days of .rs*

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# Serbian Registry Organization

- RNIDS was formally registered in February 2007 as a non-for-profit fund, consensus building within the Internet community in Serbia.
- The core mission of RNIDS: to operate national domain name registry in public interest.
- Current membership of RNIDS includes major Serbian ISPs, telecom operators, hosting providers, system integrators, NGOs active in the area of information society and academic institutions. There are 39 members in total as of today.
- Membership in RNIDS is open to any Serbian organization (legal entity registered in Serbia). Current annual membership fee is approx. 150 €
- Each member delegates a voting representative to the General Assembly (GA) of RNIDS. The GA elects managing board of RNIDS and approves key policy documents and contracts (such as domain registration/registrar/dispute resolution policies, RNIDS membership in international organizations etc).

# .rs Timeline

- In September 2006, ISO 3166/MA assigned two-letter code 'RS' for the Republic of Serbia.
- At the end of 2006, RNIDS agreed terms for transition of .yu domains with the registry operator in Montenegro. The agreement put RNIDS in charge of the .yu registry until removal of .yu zone from the DNS root.
- In March 2007, RNIDS submitted to ICANN/IANA requests for delegation of .rs TLD and redelegation of .yu TLD.
- At the beginning of September 2007, ICANN Board of Directors approved both requests and .rs became visible on the Internet on September 25, 2007.
- ICANN board also decided that transition from .yu to .rs should finish by the end of September 2009, with possibility of postponing this deadline if necessary.
- In October 2007, the GA of RNIDS adopted a set of key rules for registration of .rs domains
- Registration of .yu domains stopped on February 29, 2008.
- Registration of .rs domains started on March 10, 2008.

# The Launch of .rs (1/2)

- Between November 26, 2007 and January 26, 2008, RNIDS has accredited 27 registrars. RNIDS developed and tested its system for automatic registrations in February 2008.
- The date of .rs launch was set by the Board of RNIDS to March 10, 2008 at noon.
- On February 29 at noon (ten days before the launch of .rs) RNIDS stopped accepting requests for new .yu domains.
- Before opening the registry, RNIDS reserved in .rs address spaces names of special interest for the Republic of Serbia (such as serbia.rs, president.rs etc), as well as all names that have been registered in the yuTLD registry before February 29.
- All other .rs domains were available for immediate registration from March 10.

# The Launch of .rs (2/2)

- Between March 10 and September 10, 2008, only owners of .yu domains will be able to activate the equivalent name reservations under .rs/.co.rs/.org.rs/.edu.rs, according to the following order of priority:
  - Owner of example.yu will be entitled to example.rs reservation
  - Owner of example.co/.org/.edu.yu will be entitled to example.co/.org/.edu.rs AND example.rs reservation (provided that the example.rs has not been already reserved or registered)
- In cases where different registrants hold .co.yu, .org.yu and/or .edu.yu domains, the corresponding SLD .rs reservation (example.rs) will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis.
- In cases where registrant of a .yu domain does not exist, but the domain is still actively used, the current user of the domain can submit priority registration request to the Commission for Transition of RNIDS.
- All unused reservations (except reservations made on behalf of Serbian government) will expire after September 10, 2008 and become available for immediate registration.
- .yu domain names will continue to function normally at least until September 30, 2009. RNIDS is scheduled to submit to ICANN/IANA the final report on .yu transition in mid-2009 and by that time can request extension of the transitional period for .yu domains.

# Some .yu and .rs Stats (1/2)

- Number of .rs domains: **23.861** (June 24, 2008)
  - 12.398 .rs (52%)
  - 8.175 .co.rs (34,3%)
  - 2.015 .in.rs (8,4%)
  - 932 .org.rs (3,9%)
  - 341 .edu.rs (1,4%)
- Final number of .yu domains: **39.848** (February 29, 2008)
  - 33.478 .co.yu
  - 5.183 .org.yu
  - 1.072 .edu.yu
  - 63 .ac.yu
  - 52 .yu
- Number of preregistrations: **6.011** (15,1%) (June 24, 2008)
  - 5.186 .co.yu (15,5%)
  - 613 .org.yu (11,8%)
  - 189 .edu.yu (17,6%)
  - 1 .ac.yu (1,6%)
  - 22 .yu (42,3%)

# Some .yu and .rs Stats (2/2)

- First domain registered on March 10, 2008 at noon:
  - aleksandra.in.rs
- ~7.000 domains registered on the first day
- ~15.000 after one month
- ~25.000 after four months
- Registrants (June 24, 2008):
  - 2.214 individuals
  - 10.883 legal entities

# Near Future Plans for .rs

- Conclude transition from .yu to .rs
- Sunset .yu TLD
- Improve redundancy and robustness of the critical services
- Improve registration information system for the registrars
- Improve internal and external communications with the stakeholders
- Promotion of the usage of the national Internet domain



# Thank you!

Questions?

Comments?

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