



Foundry Networks and Global Name Registry

About Foundry

Foundry Networks®, Inc. (NASDAQ: FDRY), are a performance and total solutions leader for end-to-end switching and routing solutions, specializing in providing Ethernet based architectures from 10Mbps to 10Gbps. Alongside their Backbone switching and routing platforms the company provides enterprise chassis and edge solutions as well as occupying the No.1 position in the L4-7 web switching market.

Foundry's wire speed L2/L3 switching capabilities and distributed non-blocking architecture provide a platform that allows Organizations to scale their networks with ever increasing bandwidth requirements without the requirement to forklift upgrade their switching/routing platforms.

Since the company's inception in 1996, Foundry has excelled in delivering leading edge technology to the market before their competitors. The company's firsts include;

- First Gigabit Ethernet L2/3 switch
- First to offer L2 services over Packet over Sonet (PoS)
- First 10 Gigabit Platform and standards based interface cards.

About the Global Name Registry implementation of Foundry

The Global Name Registry based in London, administers and markets the '.name' top level Internet domain. Speed and reliability are essential in providing this Global DNS service so GNR chose Foundry to provide a high speed core network for the GNR Registry implementation. The Foundry equipment provides GNR with wire speed switching and routing performance, resilience and scalability for the GNR Registry service to grow into a global success story. The internal network performance of GNR has with the Foundry equipment increased thousandfolds and network latency internally is down to 2 microseconds, far below what is possible with ordinary network equipment.

Foundry equipment has also provided solutions to thousands of customers including the worlds premier ISP's, Carriers and Enterprises. Customers such as AOL, Cable & Wireless, BT, Earthlink, MSN, NASA, Deutsche Bank, the London Internet Exchange (LINX), China Telecom and all the US armed services have implemented Foundry equipment into their mission critical networks.

Foundry is confident that the installation made by GNR will be of great value to its operations of both .name and other top level domains in the future, with a best-of-breed network structure that will provide unparalleled scalability and stability for all GNR operations.