



Comparison of Registry Service Providers

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A quick guide to registry service providers for new top-level domains. For more detailed appraisals start at <http://www.namesatwork.com/blog/2008/07/07/speed-dating-the-new-gtld-registry-operators-part-1>

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	Verisign	Afilias	CentralNIC	Cocca	DirectI	Demand Media	Neustar	AusRegistry	CORE	RegistryASP	Community DNS
Represented by	Sarah Langstone, Jennifer Gore	Steve Heflin, Karim Jiwani	Dan Schindler, Joe Alagna, Gavin Brown	Elaine Pruis	Sandeep Ramchandani	Paul Stahura, Richard Tindal	Ivor Sequiera, Eric Brown, Marco Bernardi	Adrian Paul Kinderis	Elmar Knipp, Steinar Gotterud, Amadeu Abril i Abril	TK Tan	Bart Mackay
Current TLDs	COM NET CC TV JOBS NAME	INFO MOBI ORG AERO ASIA IN SC ME BZ	LA, US.COM, UK.COM, EU.COM etc.	CX GD NF AF DM MS MU TL PE GS KI COM.CC etc.	MN PW COOP DOMEN registrar (for .ME)	DotTV Registry Direct, DotCC Registry Direct	US BIZ TRAVEL TEL	AU AE	MUSEUM, CAT, launched AERO, help launch TRAVEL	HK SG CD GW	AC SH IO TM
Marketing Support	Yes	Yes	Yes	Refers out	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hosted Solution?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes; can install locally	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Open Source all or in part	No	No	MOD_EPP and Registrant Tools	Open Source	No	No	No	Can install	No	No	No
Subscription, pay-per-name or other	Any	Any	Any	Cost +	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any
Will invest in TLD?	Consider	Yes	Consider	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Handle complicated business rules?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provides DNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provides WhoIs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Target customer volume	Medium-large	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any
IDNs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DNSSEC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IPv6	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Help with app/lobbying	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Registrar system included	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Differentiating attributes	Secure, Stable platform, can handle any volume	Most launches, most transitions to, held .asia's hand through process, worked to solve .in	Second Oldest	Best deal out there	Overall services - also registrar and ccTLDs	11m, 2b dns queries, #2, media network reach, auction platform	Steady, public co, operates ccTLD, gtld, stld, telephony, diverse services	adaptable, pricing, consultation	Flexible pricing, flexible with volume	Has registrar service, flexible with diverse business logic and policy	Currently providing DNS for >10 ccTLD and registry for 4