## DENIC - A concise summary

With the Top Level Domain .de for Germany, DENIC administers a resource that is of outstanding importance for the function of the Internet, since all information and data must be available all over the world and all around the clock.

To fulfil this task, DENIC was founded as a registered cooperative in December 1996. Its head office is located in Frankfurt am Main. The DENIC members are companies that administer domains in the name of their customers. DENIC performs its duties without the intention of making a profit, but sees itself as an independent not-for-profit service provider for the benefit of everybody in Germany who is interested in the Internet.

Thanks to its expertise, DENIC has gained much trust and respect in recent years, not only in Germany but also at an international level. DENIC is deeply rooted in the German Internet Community and actively represents its interests. Apart from its national commitment DENIC is involved in numerous international bodies and organizations and thus helps to shape the worldwide evolution of the Internet.

The history of domain administration in Germany – and thus the history of DENIC – is a success story. The basis for this success is DENIC's secure and reliable infrastructure, which is continuously adjusted to the dynamic development of the Internet. Since the Top Level Domain was entered in the IANA database in the year 1986, more than 14.6 million .de domains have been registered. Thus, .de is by far the largest country code Top Level Domain and after .com with 97,632,000 registered domains (as of 30 September 2011) the second-largest Top Level Domain worldwide.

**The tasks of DENIC include:**

* Operation of the name server service for the .de zone and for .9.4e164.arpa
* Operation of the domain database
* Operation of the electronic registration system
* Provision of information services such as whois
* Operation of a hotline
* Active involvement in shaping the further evolution of the Internet in international bodies   
  (e.g. ICANN, CENTR, IETF)
* Organization of several events for the domain industry

## DENIC in figures

Members: 280

Staff members: 119

Number of .de domains: 14.7 million

Number of domains per thousand inhabitants: about 178

Average monthly increase: 60,000

Number of .de name server locations: 16 at 14 locations

Locations of DNS servers: Frankfurt (2), Amsterdam (2), Berlin, Beijing, Hong Kong, London, Los Angeles,Miami, Paris, Redwood City, São Paulo, Stockholm, Ulm and Vienna

Number of name server queries: More than 7 billion a day, i.e. about 6,250 per second and location