

Definitions

Acceptable Use Policy: a policy that describes the types of acceptable uses for Domain Names.

Applicant: A person or legal entity applying for or expressing interest in the registration of a .NRW Domain Name, who will become a Registrant upon successful registration of such Domain Name.

Business Day: an ordinary business day in Germany.

Blocked Names: Domain Names blocked from registration by the Registry. Further details are provided in section 8 of the Domain Name Registration Policy.

Complaint Resolution Service (or CRS): a proposed mediation-based dispute resolution process offered by the Registry. The CRS is expected to complement ICANN-mandated trade mark Rights Protection Mechanisms such as the [UDRP](#) or URS.

Domain Name System (or DNS): the system that helps people find their way around the Internet. Every computer on the Internet has a unique address, which is a string of numbers, called an "IP address" (IP stands for "Internet Protocol"). Because IP addresses are hard to remember, the DNS makes using the Internet easier to navigate by allowing a familiar string of alphanumeric characters (the "domain name") to be used instead of the IP address; so instead of typing 207.151.159.3, Internet users can type www.internic.net.

Domain Name: a series of alphanumeric characters separated by dots, such as nic.nrw, serving as a human-readable term/alphanumeric identifier corresponding to an IP address, and allowing members of the public to identify the "owner" (Registrant) of the address. All letters to the right of the final visible dot are the "Top Level Domain" or "TLD" (defined below). Letters directly to the left of the TLD are the "Second-Level Domain". Domain Name is used in these definitions and in the Registry Policies to refer to a domain name within .NRW.

ICANN (the Internet Corporation of Assigned Names and Numbers): the organisation that creates the rules and policies for the operation of the domain name System (DNS), and ensures the technical stability of the DNS.

ICANN Policies: domain name-related policies created by ICANN (including the ICANN consensus policies) that govern certain actions related to domain names, Whois, and other ICANN-related functions and which apply to .NRW; a current list is at: www.icann.org/en/resources/Registrars/consensus-policies.

Name Server: a server (computer) which stores the Zone File for a particular Domain Name and directs DNS queries to the relevant destination specified in the zone file.

.NRW: the Top Level Domain operated for the benefit of the people of North-Rhine Westphalia as managed by the Registry.

Personal Information: means information about an individual, including any Registrant, whose identity can reasonably be ascertained from such information, but does not include indexes or aggregations of Personal Information relating to more than one person, such as "logfiles", DNS Zone Files, databases or backups. This information may include inter alia the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the Registrant, if the Registrant uses those as their primary contact information for the domain name.

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Premium Names: Domain Names reserved by the Registry, which may be offered for registration to the public under the Premium Names terms and conditions to be published by the Registry.

Privacy & Whois Policy: a policy document that describes how Registrant Information (including Personal Information) may be used.

Infringing Name: a Domain Name that has been registered or used contrary to the terms of the Domain Name Registration Policy or Acceptable Use Policy. This includes, for example, a Domain Name that infringes the trademark rights of another person.

Registrant: a person, whether an individual or business, in whose name a Domain Name is registered. In relation to privacy service, where a “private” or “proxy” information service is used, the Registrant is the individual or business using that service.

Registrant Information: the information provided by the Registrant to the Registrar in connection with the registration of a Domain Name as described in the Privacy & Whois Policy. Registrant Information may include Personal Information.

Registrar: an entity, duly accredited by ICANN and under contract with the Registry, through which a business or individual can register a .NRW Domain Name.

Registry: Minds + Machines GmbH, operator of the .NRW Top Level Domain.

Registry Policies: the policy framework governing registrations in .NRW which includes the Acceptable Use Policy, Privacy & Whois Policy, Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy, any Complaint Resolution Service Policy, and other policies and regulations that may be added from time to time.

Reserved Names: Domain Names which are unavailable for third-party registration.

Registry-Registrar Agreement: the agreement between the .NRW Registry, and each Registrar who is authorised to sell domain names within .NRW.

Sunrise: means an opportunity for trademark owners to register the exact Identical Match of their mark as a Domain Name prior to general Domain Name availability in .NRW.

Sunrise Dispute Resolution Policy: a policy document governing any challenge that a Domain Name has been improperly registered or denied registration during Sunrise.

Top Level Domain (or TLD): anything to the right of the final dot in a domain name; e.g., “.com”, “.net”, “.uk”, “.NRW”.

UDRP (Uniform domain name Dispute Resolution Policy): an ICANN Policy that provides for third party adjudication of domain name disputes concerning alleged trademark abuse.

URS (Uniform Rapid Suspension): an ICANN Policy. similar to the UDRP, that provides a means by which a clearly infringing Domain Name is quickly taken down (i.e., suspended), pursuant to third party adjudication.

User: anyone, whether a business or individual, who uses or accesses the .NRW Registry; who has responsibility for one or more host records in the Registry Zone Files generated from the

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Registry; Domain Name Registrants; and/or users of hardware, Name Servers, bandwidth, telecommunications transport, Zone Files or email routing services or of any other Domain Name resolution systems and services in the Registry and Zone File. A User includes anyone who applies for a Domain Name and may or may not be a Registrant.

Whois: an ICANN-mandated tool that displays the Registrant, Name Server, expiration date and contact information for a Domain Name. It may include Personal Information. Further details are provided in the Privacy & Whois Policy.

Zone File: a list of all resource records under a particular domain, containing information such as valid subdomains, their record type (A Record, MX Record, etc.), and the IP addresses or hostnames they resolve to.