

▶ **.eu Domain Names Launching 7th December!**

After nearly three years since the idea of a European Top Level Domain was suggested, .eu is about to become the domain name extension of choice for individuals, businesses and organisations in the 25 European member states.

.eu domain names will become available for pre-registration from the 7th of December 2005 through a three phase launch, with the first two phases known as the sunrise period.

Sunrise Phase 1 - 07/12/05 -> 06/02/06

In the first phase of the sunrise period, .eu domain names will ONLY be available for purchase by public bodies (i.e. government departments) and registered trademark holders.

Due to the small amount of companies that will be eligible to pre-register for a .eu domain name during this first phase, we will not be accepting first phase pre-registrations.

Sunrise Phase 2 - 07/02/06 ->06/04/06

In the second phase of the sunrise period, owners of unregistered trademarks and other prior rights to a name (e.g. company names, trade names and family names) will be able to apply for .eu domain names.

Land Rush - 07/01/06

On the 7th of April, the .eu registry will be officially open for anyone to register a .eu domain name on a first come, first served basis.



Net Energy Internet will be accepting applications for the second phase of the sunrise period from midnight on Tuesday the 7th of February 2006.

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Analysts suggest that with the estimated popularity, more than one million .eu domain names will be registered during the first twelve months!

Please Note: Many companies will be offering pre-registrations, however unless you have a registered trademark or are a government department you will not be able to successfully register or apply to register a .eu domain name during the first phase.

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▶ Domain Names Hit 83.9 Million Registrations!

Even before the new .eu domain names come on the market, the number of domain names registered worldwide has continued to expand on an exponential scale.

According to VeriSign's recent Domain Name Industry Brief, the number of registered domain names has hit an all time high of 83.9 million worldwide.

In the UK namespace, Nominet have reported an average of 110,000 UK domain names registered per month - up 30,000 from this time last year.

The figures for UK domain names equate to more than 150 domain names registered every hour - the equivalent of the entire population of Cheltenham each registering a new .uk domain name each month!

To register a new domain name for yourself or your company, please use our free domain name availability checking service on our web site at www.netenergy.net.

▶ Increase in 'Form Spam'

'Form Spam' occurs when you have a form on your Web site allowing customers to send an enquiry to you via e-mail and a spammer hijacks your form to either contact you or to 'replay' your form from their own computer to send e-mails to other people.

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Like all types of spam, Form Spam is both annoying and a waste of Internet resources. With this in mind and with an increase in this type of spam during October, we have upgraded the WebMailerPro form-to-email handler that is used on our Windows NT hosting plans.

This has effectively stopped anyone from hijacking your form to send spam to other people, however there is very little that can be done to stop spammers using your form to send spam to you.

One technique that can be used to help reduce this type of spam is to make use of a CAPTCHA image generator which generates a random string of characters and/or numbers which has to be entered before the contents of the form can be e-mailed to you.

You may have noticed when logging into our eSynapsia control panel that you are asked to enter the characters shown on the image before you are able to log-in.

This is a CAPTCHA image that is generated by our own in-house component and whilst it is used to stop hackers launching a dictionary based attack to guess customers usernames and passwords, it can also be used to protect Web sites from Form Spam.

If you are suffering from an increase in spam and require any assistance, please contact our technical support team.

Please Note: MailSend, which is our own in-house developed form-to-email handler used on our Windows 2000 hosting plans already has built in protection to prevent form hijacking.

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▶ POP3 E-Mailbox Migration

The launch of our new e-mail services in March last year has been a great success and many customers have benefited from the availability of a free WebMail facility and also our anti-virus and anti-spam service (AVAS).

With only a few customers now using the previous e-mail system and with improvements in the pipeline for customers



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now using the previous e-mail system and with improvements in the pipeline for customers using the new e-mail services, the time has come to migrate everyone remaining on the old e-mail system.

This migration is expected to take up to two months to complete and each customer concerned will be contacted during this period by a member of our support team and will be talked through the migration process.

Once completed, each customer will have access to our free WebMail facility enabling them to access their e-mail on the move.

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