

# Registry Operator's MONTHLY REPORT

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As required by the ICANN/VeriSign Registry Agreements (Section 8 for .com; Section 3.15 for .net and .org), this report provides an overview of VeriSign Registry activity through the end of the reporting month. The information is primarily presented in table and chart format with text explanations as deemed necessary. The information is provided in the order as listed in *Appendix* T of the Registry Agreements. Pursuant to the agreements, "...items 5 - 12 shall be kept confidential by ICANN until three months after the end of the month to which the report relates.".

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## 1. Accredited Registrar Status

**Table 1** displays the current number and status of the ICANN accredited registrars. The registrars are grouped into three categories:

- 1. **Operational Registrars:** Those who have authorized access into the Shared Registration System (SRS) for processing domain name registrations.
- 2. **Registrars In The Ramp-Up Period:** Those who have received a password to access the Registry operational test and evaluation (OT&E) environment. The OT&E environment is provided to allow registrars to develop and test their systems with the SRS.
- 3. **Registrars In The Pre-Ramp-Up Period:** Those who have been sent a welcome letter from the VeriSign Registry but have not yet executed the Registry Confidentiality Agreement and/or have not yet submitted a completed Registrar Information Sheet. In most cases registrars are sent welcome letters via overnight express mail on the same day accreditation notification is received from ICANN.

Table 1 – Accredited Registrar Status – September 2002

Status	# of Registrars
Operational Registrars	113
Registrars In Ramp-Up Period	37
Registrars In Pre-Ramp-Up Period	27
Total	177

# 2. Service Level Agreement Performance

**Table 2** compares Service Level Agreement (SLA) Requirements with Actual Performance for the reporting month. As required by the ICANN/VeriSign Registry Agreements (Section 21 for .com; Section 3.3 for .net and .org), the VeriSign Registry is committed to provide service levels as specified in Appendix D of the agreements and to comply with the requirements of the SLA in Appendix E of the agreements. The SLA is incorporated into the VeriSign Registry Registrar Agreement that is executed with all operational registrars. **Note:** *The SLA permits two 12-hour windows per year to perform major upgrades*.

**Table 2 – Service Level Agreement Performance – September 2002** 

Metric	SLA Requirement	Actual Performance
Total outage	8 hours	2 hours 29 minutes
Unplanned outage	4 hours	0 hours 00 minutes
Check domain average	3 seconds	.01 seconds
Add domain average	5 seconds	.02 seconds

## 3. TLD Zone File Access Activity

**Table 3** summarizes the zone file access activity for the current reporting month. As required by the ICANN/VeriSign Registry Agreements (Section 21 for .com; Section 3.9 for .net and .org), the VeriSign Registry provides third parties bulk access to the zone files for the .com, .net, and .org TLDs.

Table 3 – gTLD Zone File Access Activity September 2002

Zone file access passwords previous month	696
New zone file access passwords	22
Total zone file access approvals end of reporting month	718

## 4. Completed SRS Software Releases

As required by the ICANN/VeriSign Registry Agreements (Section 21 for .com; Section 3.9 for .net and .org), **Table 4** shows significant releases that have occurred since January 2001. The VeriSign Registry Shared Registration System (SRS) is continually being improved to better meet the needs of accredited registrars.

**Table 4 – Completed Shared Registration System Releases** 

Release Name	Features	Target Date	<b>Complete Date</b>
Multilingual	Start of resolution stage, phase 1.	Dec 00	15 Jan 01
Fairfax 1	Fairfax 1 Improvements in data integrity and serviceability		24 Feb 01
Multilingual	Addition of code points to support European languages	26 Feb 01	26 Feb 01
Multilingual	Start of resolution phase 2	Mid March	19 April 01
Multilingual	Addition of code points to support Southeast Asian and Indian languages	Late March	19 April 01
Multilingual Addition of code points to support Middle Eastern languages		Apr 01	19 April 01
Nile	Nile User feature improvements including universal blocking required by the new agreements.		28 Sep 01
Escrow	Data escrow enhancements	31 Oct 01	14 Dec 01
Core Release 4.0	User features required by the new agreements to include global user id, bulk transfer from one registrar to many.	19 Jan 2002	19 Jan 2002
Core Release 4.1	Support of IPv.6, exclusion of orphan A records from gTLD zones, and minor enhancements for performance	18 Jun 2002	18 Jun 2002

Release Name	Features	Target Date	<b>Complete Date</b>
Core Release 5.0	Migration of CSR/Registrar Tool from Dynamo to Weblogic, merge ASCII and IDN RRP application servers, restrict registration of name servers with invalid TLDs.	28 Sep 2002	28 Sep 2002
Core Release 5.1	Add ability to Restore a domain; Sync expiration dates; addition of 3 new statuses – redemption period,		

# 5. Domain Names Under Sponsorship – Per Registrar

This data will be provided under separate cover.

## 6. Name Servers Registered - Per Registrar

This data will be provided under separate cover.

# 7. Domain Names Registered by Registry Operator

Per the requirements of the .com registry agreement Section 24.B and the .net/.org registry agreements Section 3.6.2, as of 30 June 2002, the following names should be in Appendix X:

THE-VERISIGN-COM-NET-REGISTRY.COM

THE-VERISIGN-COM-NET-REGISTRY.NET

THE-VERISIGN-COM-NET-REGISTRY.ORG

THE-VERISIGN-REGISTRY.COM

THE-VERISIGN-REGISTRY.NET

THE-VERISIGN-REGISTRY.ORG

THEVERISIGNREGISTRY.COM

THEVERISIGNREGISTRY.NET

THEVERISIGNREGISTRY.ORG

VCNR.COM

VCNR.NET

VCNR.ORG

VERISIGN-COM-NET-REGISTRY.COM

VERISIGN-COM-NET-REGISTRY.NET

VERISIGN-COM-NET-REGISTRY.ORG

VERISIGNCNR.COM

VERISIGNCNR.NET

VERISIGNCNR.ORG

VRSN-CNR.COM

VRSN-CNR.NET

VRSN-CNR.ORG

VRSN-COM-NET-REGISTRY.COM

VRSN-COM-NET-REGISTRY.NET

VRSN-COM-NET-REGISTRY.ORG

VRSNCNR.COM VRSNCNR.NET VRSNCNR.ORG VRSNCOMNETREGISTRY.COM VRSNCOMNETREGISTRY.NET VRSNCOMNETREGISTRY.ORG

### 8. Whois Service Activity

**Table 5 – Total Monthly "Whois" Queries (millions)** 

	<b>Total Queries</b>	Peak	Avg
Aug-01	595.8	22.4	19.2
Sep-01	519.2	23.3	17.3
Oct-01	478.7	21.4	15.4
Nov-01	460.1	27.1	15.3
Dec-01	739.0	29.3	23.8
Jan-02	740.3	39.8	23.9
Feb-02	701.4	33.2	25.0
Mar-02	731.6	37.9	23.6
Apr-02	735.4	41.4	24.5
May-02	651.7	34.6	21.0
Jun-02	607.9	29.0	20.3
Jul-02	633.6	28.5	20.4
Aug-02	686.8	34.4	22.2
Sep-02	651.2	33.0	21.7

# 9. Monthly Growth Trends

**There are** three main categories of monthly transactions executed by registrars via the Registry Registrar Protocol (RRP) with the Shared Registration System (SRS):

- 1. **Query** This category includes the following transactions: query a domain and query a server.
- 2. **Write** This category includes the following transactions: adding a new domain, deleting a domain, modifying a domain name record, renewing a domain, transferring a domain, adding a server, deleting a server and modifying a server record.
- 3. **Check** This category includes the following transactions: check a domain and check a server.

**Table 6** shows the number of domain name transactions for each of these categories.

**Table 7** shows the number of name server transactions for each of these categories.

Table 6 – Total Monthly <u>Domain Name Transaction Trend</u> by Category (millions)

	Total	Query	%	Write	%	Check	%
Aug-01	1,410.9	32.7	2.3%	67.2	4.8%	1,311.1	92.9%
Sep-01	2,607.0	27.2	1.0%	69.0	2.6%	2,510.8	96.3%
Oct-01	2,524.8	26.6	1.1%	57.9	2.3%	2,440.4	96.7%
Nov-01	3,627.0	27.8	0.8%	210.3	5.8%	3,388.9	93.4%
Dec-01	4,069.9	42.8	1.1%	428.5	10.5%	3,598.5	88.4%
Jan-02	3,478.5	39.8	1.1%	439.5	12.6%	2,999.2	86.2%
Feb-02	3,191.9	37.6	1.2%	345.7	10.8%	2,808.6	88.0%
Mar-02	2,936.9	33.1	1.1%	774.7	26.4%	2,129.1	72.5%
Apr-02	1,685.5	33.3	2.0%	562.0	33.3%	1,090.3	64.7%
May-02	5,154.4	37.1	0.7%	1795.3	34.8%	3,322.0	64.4%
Jun-02	3,236.2	23.7	0.7%	1211.0	37.4%	2,001.5	61.8%
Jul-02	2,680.9	26.6	1.0%	1805.2	67.3%	849.1	31.7%
Aug-02	1,661.1	34.5	2.1%	1225.4	73.8%	401.1	24.2%
Sep-02	3,044.4	32.4	1.1%	2533.8	83.2%	478.2	15.7%

Table 7 – Total Monthly Name Server Transactions by Category (millions)

	Total	Query	%	Write	%	Check	%
Aug-01	9.8	3.5	35.6%	0.9	9.1%	5.4	55.3%
Sep-01	9.8	3.0	31.1%	0.7	6.7%	6.1	62.1%
Oct-01	20.6	12.3	59.6%	0.8	3.7%	7.6	36.7%
Nov-01	32.6	12.7	38.9%	0.6	1.9%	19.3	59.2%
Dec-01	26.7	11.4	42.6%	0.5	1.9%	14.8	55.5%
Jan-02	28.4	14.7	52.0%	0.6	2.0%	13.0	46.0%
Feb-02	20.4	12.3	60.2%	0.5	2.4%	7.6	37.4%
Mar-02	23.1	13.7	59.2%	0.2	1.1%	9.2	39.7%
Apr-02	24.4	13.2	54.0%	0.2	0.8%	11.0	45.2%
May-02	22.7	12.8	56.4%	0.2	0.9%	9.7	42.7%
Jun-02	19.4	11.6	59.6%	0.2	1.2%	7.6	39.2%
Jul-02	20.9	11.9	57.2%	0.3	1.6%	8.6	41.2%
Aug-02	19.1	11.4	59.7%	0.2	1.1%	7.5	39.2%
Sep-02	18.4	11.4	61.8%	0.1	0.7%	6.9	37.4%

# 10. Total Number of Transactions by Subcategory by Month

**Table 8** shows the number of domain name 'write' transactions. **Table 9** shows the number of name server 'write' transactions.

Table 8 – Total Monthly <u>Domain Name Write Transactions</u> by Subcategory (millions)

	Total	Add	Delete	Modify	Renew	Transfer
Aug-01	67.2	60.8	1.1	4.1	0.7	0.5
Sep-01	69.0	63.3	1.3	3.4	0.5	0.5
Oct-01	57.9	51.6	1.2	4.0	0.5	0.5
Nov-01	210.3	203.3	1.7	4.3	0.5	0.5
Dec-01	428.5	419.5	1.6	6.3	0.5	0.6
Jan-02	439.5	428.6	1.1	8.2	0.7	0.8
Feb-02	345.7	333.4	1.6	9.4	0.7	0.6
Mar-02	774.7	762.7	3.2	7.5	0.7	0.6
Apr-02	562.0	550.7	3.1	7.0	0.6	0.6
May-02	1795.3	1783.8	2.2	7.8	0.6	0.9
Jun-02	1211.0	1202.9	1.4	5.5	0.5	0.6
Jul-02	1805.2	1797.3	1.1	5.5	0.5	0.8
Aug-02	1225.4	1213.1	1.2	9.7	0.5	0.9
Sep-02	2533.8	2526.1	0.9	5.2	0.6	1.0

Table 9 - Total Monthly Name Server Write Transactions by Subcategory (millions)

	Total	Add	Delete	Modify
Aug-01	0.89	0.84	0.01	0.03
Sep-01	0.66	0.59	0.05	0.02
Oct-01	0.77	0.69	0.05	0.03
Nov-01	0.62	0.56	0.02	0.04
Dec-01	0.50	0.44	0.02	0.04
Jan-02	0.57	0.52	0.01	0.04
Feb-02	0.49	0.45	0.01	0.03
Mar-02	0.25	0.17	0.05	0.03
Apr-02	0.18	0.14	0.02	0.03
May-02	0.21	0.15	0.03	0.03
Jun-02	0.23	0.11	0.08	0.03
Jul-02	0.34	0.08	0.21	0.04
Aug-02	0.20	0.08	0.05	0.07
Sep-02	0.14	0.08	0.03	0.03

# 11. Average Daily Transaction Range (In Millions)

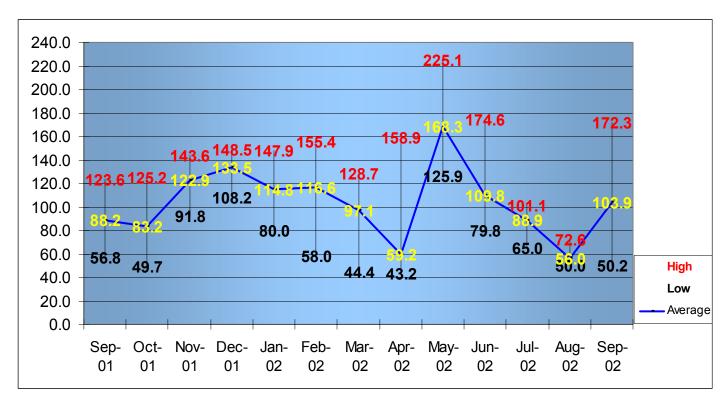


Figure 1 – Average Daily Transaction Range

# 12. TLD Geographical Registrations Distribution

The VeriSign Registry does not have registrant contact information.

#### 13. Other Information

The following information is not required in the ICANN/VeriSign Registry Agreements but is provided as a continuation of data that was provided in monthly reports prior to the effective dates of the current agreements.

**Table 10** shows the trend of total monthly transactions (domain names and name servers) for the .com, .net and .org TLDs.

**Table 10 – Total Monthly Transactions by Category** (In Millions)

	Total	Query	%	Write	%	Check	%
Aug-01	1,420.7	36.2	2.5%	68.1	4.8%	1,316.5	92.7%
Sep-01	2,616.8	30.2	1.2%	69.7	2.7%	2,516.9	96.2%
Oct-01	2,545.4	38.9	1.5%	58.6	2.3%	2,447.9	96.2%

	Total	Query	%	Write	%	Check	%
Nov-01	3,659.6	40.5	1.1%	210.9	5.8%	3,408.3	93.1%
Dec-01	4,096.6	54.2	1.3%	429.0	10.5%	3,613.3	88.2%
Jan-02	3,506.8	54.5	1.6%	440.1	12.5%	3,012.2	85.9%
Feb-02	3,212.2	49.8	1.6%	346.2	10.8%	2,816.2	87.7%
Mar-02	2,960.0	46.8	1.6%	775.0	26.2%	2,138.2	72.2%
Apr-02	1,709.9	46.4	2.7%	562.2	32.9%	1,101.3	64.4%
May-02	5,177.0	49.9	1.0%	1795.5	34.7%	3,331.7	64.4%
Jun-02	3,255.6	35.3	1.1%	1211.3	37.2%	2,009.1	61.7%
Jul-02	2,701.7	38.5	1.4%	1805.5	66.8%	857.7	31.7%
Aug-02	1,680.1	45.9	2.7%	1225.6	72.9%	408.6	24.3%
Sep-02	3,062.7	43.8	1.4%	2533.9	82.7%	485.1	15.8%

**Figure 2** displays the monthly growth trend in total Registry transactions (domain names and name servers) in millions for the .com, .net and .org TLDs.

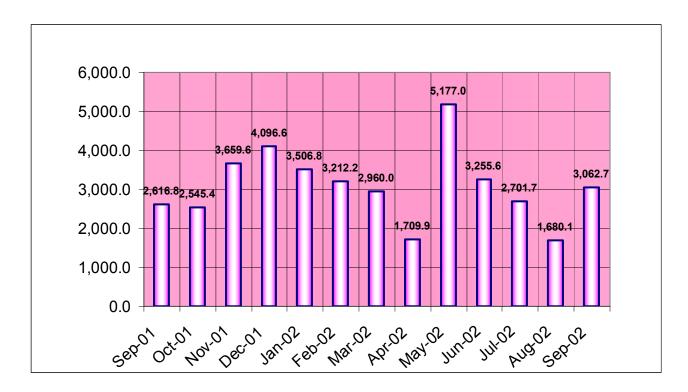


Figure 2 – Total Transactions by Month (In millions)

**Figure 3** shows the percent of second-level domain names registered in each of the .com, .net and .org gTLDs as of the end of the current reporting month.

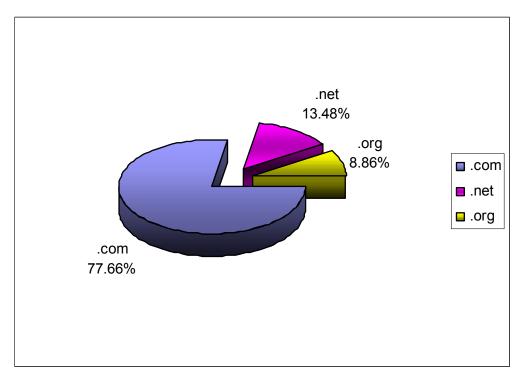


Figure 3 – TLD Registrations Distribution – September 30, 2002



# Total Registrations in the VeriSign Registry Database and Name Server Count as of September 30, 2002

				Total Domain	Name
REGISTRAR	COM	NET	ORG	Names	Servers
007Names, Inc.	1,724	280	181	2,185	54
1 Domain Names International, Inc. d/b/a 1dni.com	1,576	251	176	2,003	83
1 eNameCo.	13,841	2,834	2,582	19,257	564
123 Easy Domain Names dba Signature Domains	17,251	7,009	3,837	28,097	371
123 Registration, Inc.	3,270	719	500	4,489	110
1stDomain.net, division of G+D International LLC	10,730	2,293	1,548	14,571	1,255
A Technology Company, Inc. d/b/a namesystem.com	2,581	321	217	3,119	45
Abacus America, Inc. dba Names4Ever	91,227	15,053	10,520	116,800	2,577
Active ISP ASA	51,244	9,461	5,545	66,250	182
Address Creation	8,198	956	834	9,988	265
Alices Registry, Inc.	95	31	27	153	10
All West Communications, Inc. d/b/a AW Registry	27,432	5,321	2,981	35,734	1,637
Alldomains.com Inc.	87,538	12,010	7,632	107,180	1,700
AllGlobalNames S.A.	18	12	10	40	0
America Online, Inc. dba AOL and/or CompuServe-AOL	3,846	1,344	1,046	6,236	78
Arsys Internet, S.L. d/b/a soloregistros.com	2,330	421	299	3,050	24
Ascio Technologies, Inc.	75,885	20,006	11,468	107,359	659
BB Online UK Ltd	8,784	1,792	1,130	11,706	220
Blueberry Hill Comm., Inc. dba 4Domains.com	5,165	821	614	6,600	139
BookMyName SAS	6,355	1,121	774	8,250	135
BulkRegister.com, Inc.	1,076,638	172,482	106,881	1,356,001	26,657
Capital Networks Pty LTD	47,210	6,703	3,276	57,189	1,606
Catalog.com, Inc.	27,339	3,441	3,339	34,119	199
CommuniGal Communications Ltd	1,901	21	11	1,933	1
Computer Services Langenbach GmbH dba joker.com	321,249	72,865	37,955	432,069	7,725
ComputerDataNetworks dba shop4domain/netonedomains	6,914	286	164	7,364	36
CORE Internet Council of Registrars	377,589	92,532	52,163	522,284	10,926
Corporate Domains, Inc.	1,832	617	408	2,857	59
Cronon AG Berlin, Niederlassung Regensburg	37,272	13,386	7,846	58,504	1,137
Deutsche Telekom AG	3,995	1,203	1,346	6,544	77

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				Total Domain	Name
REGISTRAR	COM	NET	ORG	Names	Servers
Direct Information Pvt. Ltd., dba Directl.com	21,287	2,600	1,951	25,838	1,154
Domain Bank, Inc.	150,129	23,250	14,519	187,898	2,664
Domain Intellect Pty. Ltd	87,536	791	505	88,832	41
Domain Registration Services	31,372	4,331	3,653	39,356	1,691
DomainDiscover	313,833	64,311	37,007	415,151	5,849
Domaininfo AB d/b/a domaininfo.com	20,921	5,178	3,544	29,643	2,561
DomainName, Inc.	1,365	204	128	1,697	3
DomainPeople, Inc.	106,717	16,260	10,470	133,447	6,249
DomainRegistry.com, Inc.	8,446	1,355	1,314	11,115	391
Domainsite.com, Inc.	17,773	3,126	2,222	23,121	199
DomainZoo.com, Inc.	6,885	1,765	1,064	9,714	122
DomReg Ltd.	5,418	2		5,420	28
Dotster, Inc.	447,886	76,122	53,639	577,647	22,328
Eastern Communications Co., Ltd.	7,441	932	340	8,713	188
Easyspace LTD	131,400	23,212	12,521	167,133	2,423
eMarkmonitor Inc. dba Markmonitor	4,924	1,102	1,061	7,087	93
EnCirca Inc	149	21	10	180	6
EnetRegistry.com Corporation	378	68	34	480	36
eNom, Inc.	1,027,679	140,500	82,824	1,251,003	24,561
EPAG Enter-Price Multimedia AG	43,479	18,379	11,521	73,379	314
G.K. Group, L.L.C.	72,151	13,056	8,952	94,159	3,513
Gabia, Inc.	122,763	27,472	9,258	159,493	10,643
GANDI	244,539	59,986	46,597	351,122	13,318
Global Media Online, Inc	175,071	38,802	13,152	227,025	20,490
Globedom Datenkommunikations GmbH	3,250	931	438	4,619	296
Go Daddy Software, Inc.	963,281	166,427	104,971	1,234,679	32,407
HANGANG Systems, Inc. d/b/a doregi.com	82,759	20,209	5,111	108,079	6,897
I.D.R. Internet Domain Registry Ltd.	2,921	156	142	3,219	50
iHoldings.com, Inc. d/b/a Dotregistrar.com	511,862	68,166	30,720	610,748	5,707
Innerwise, Inc. d/b/a ItsYourDomain.com	271,052	37,549	22,096	330,697	4,738
InterAccess Co.	1,553	382	387	2,322	37
Interactive Telecom Network, Inc.	2,176	248	26	2,450	6
Intercosmos Media Group, Inc. d/b/a directNIC.com	552,891	72,447	43,680	669,018	14,212

## Total Registrations in the VeriSign Registry Database and Name Server Count as of September 30, 2002

				Total Domain	Name
REGISTRAR	COM	NET	ORG	Names	Servers
Interdomain, S.A.	30,022	4,314	2,659	36,995	575
Key-Systems GmbH	17,280	4,435	2,649	24,364	1,251
Korea Information Certificate Authority Inc dba DomainCA.com	449	65	17	531	21
Melbourne IT, Ltd. d/b/a Internet Names Worldwide	1,269,309	213,706	128,576	1,611,591	12,299
Mobilcom City Line GmbH dba topnet AG	49	48	15	112	8
Moniker Online Services, Inc.	14,442	1,892	961	17,295	119
NAMEBAY	30,511	5,953	3,761	40,225	814
NameEngine, Inc.	6,645	1,700	1,312	9,657	121
NameScout Corp	31,007	5,110	3,736	39,853	708
NamesDirect.Com, Inc.	97,441	17,988	12,197	127,626	2,202
NameSecure.com	97,521	16,313	13,826	127,660	1,200
NameTree, Inc.	15		1	16	0
Netbenefit PLC aka NetNames	24,340	6,307	4,587	35,234	106
Neteka, Inc. dba namesbeyond.com	3,745	548	331	4,624	74
Netpia.com, Inc.	94,572	19,031	5,856	119,459	3,666
Network Solutions, Inc.	6,941,782	1,160,386	941,622	9,043,790	332,211
Nominalia Internet S.L.	1,832	399	286	2,517	319
NORDNET	65,308	4,314	3,246	72,868	161
Omnis Network, LLC	9,261	1,289	1,091	11,641	554
OnlineNIC, Inc.	278,249	40,365	14,191	332,805	3,667
OVH	6,633	1,530	1,042	9,205	876
pairNIC	7,951	1,316	1,505	10,772	494
Parava Networks Inc dba RegistrateYa.com nAAme.com	29,576	5,445	2,975	37,996	890
pAsia, Inc.	2,998	628	266	3,892	235
Primus Telco Pty Ltd dba PrimusDomain/PlanetDomain	13,555	2,513	1,449	17,517	1,112
PSI-Japan, Inc.	27,422	5,166	1,873	34,461	4,681
R&K GlobalBusinessServices,Inc. dba 000Domains.com	441	70	29	540	7
register.com, Inc.	2,265,538	395,192	255,192	2,915,922	72,795
Register.it SPA	8,073	1,954	1,260	11,287	63
Registration Technologies, Inc.	15,512	5,927	3,003	24,442	48
Schlund+Partner AG	372,241	130,660	69,982	572,883	1,427
Secura GmbH	3,607	1,020	699	5,326	140
Stargate Communications, Inc.	151,513	25,860	14,999	192,372	5,181

# Total Registrations in the VeriSign Registry Database and Name Server Count as of <u>September 30, 2002</u>

				<b>Total Domain</b>	Name
REGISTRAR	СОМ	NET	ORG	Names	Servers
The Name It Corporation dba aitdomains.com	74,302	10,858	7,462	92,622	2,212
The Registry at Info Avenue d/b/a IA Registry		6,065	4,793	106,867	327
TLDs, Inc. dba SRSplus	35,320	7,552	4,216	47,088	1,315
Today and Tomorrow Co. Ltd.	3,014	878	147	4,039	194
TotalRegistrations	29,681	6,024	2,750	38,455	984
Transpac	20,970	2,935	2,052	25,957	459
Tucows, Inc.	2,408,475	421,846	265,538	3,095,859	69,371
Universal Registration Services, Inc.	3,349	993	570	4,912	1
Venture.co, Inc. dba DomainCity	285	23	2	310	9
Verisign Global Registry Services	10	10	10	30	10
Virtual Internet Plc.	1,646	311	168	2,125	9
Wild West Domains, Inc.	18,160	2,594	1,493	22,247	675
Wooho T&C Co., Ltd. d/b/a rgnames.com	2,394	640	142	3,176	246
Xin Net Corp.	135,443	22,061	4,415	161,919	4,196
YesNIC Co. Ltd.	167,604	38,719	9,177	215,500	18,525
TOTALS	22,677,818	3,937,885	2,587,296	29,202,999	788,304