The Online World: 2019

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The .us for the USA has continued to see a steady decline in registrations, dropping a further 4% on last year's 17% decline. With a population of over 325 million, the proportion of the domains to citizens is significantly below other developed nations. This is easily explained however by the country's preference for .com domains.

One of the biggest growers in 2019 is Guernsey (.gg). Up by 107%, the domain has proven popular with video game and eSports websites, with the initialisation "gg" being a common abbreviation for the phrase "good game".

With over 13 million domains the .UK namespace remains one of the world's most popular country code domains. It saw 12% growth last year, supported by the end of the UK right-of-registration period, which held back second level .uk domains for owners of the equivalent third level .co.uk until June 2019. Of the top ten country-code domains, .UK is the fastest growing, second only to Tokelau.

Entering the top 10 leader board for 2019, Italy (.it) has overtaken Australia (.au) to become the 10th largest ccTLD, with 3,221,809 domain registrations.

Now exceeding 25.1 million domain names – up 4 million year on year - the South Pacific Island Tokelau's .tk continues to reign supreme as the world's largest country code domain name, driven by its free registration policy. The rest of the top ten include:

China (.cn): 20,868,593
Germany (.de): 16,264,004
United Kingdom (.uk): 13,270,812
Netherlands (.nl): 5,888,350
Russian Federation (.ru): 4,964,156
Brazil (.br): 4,106,520
European Union (.eu): 3,581,478
France (.fr): 3,422,687
Italy (.it): 3,221,809

Did you know?

There are now nearly 160 million country code domains registered around the world.

Top Level Domains (TLDs) don't just stop with countries. Region specific TLDs such as .london and .nyc are also available, as are TLDs linked to professions such as .accountant and .law.

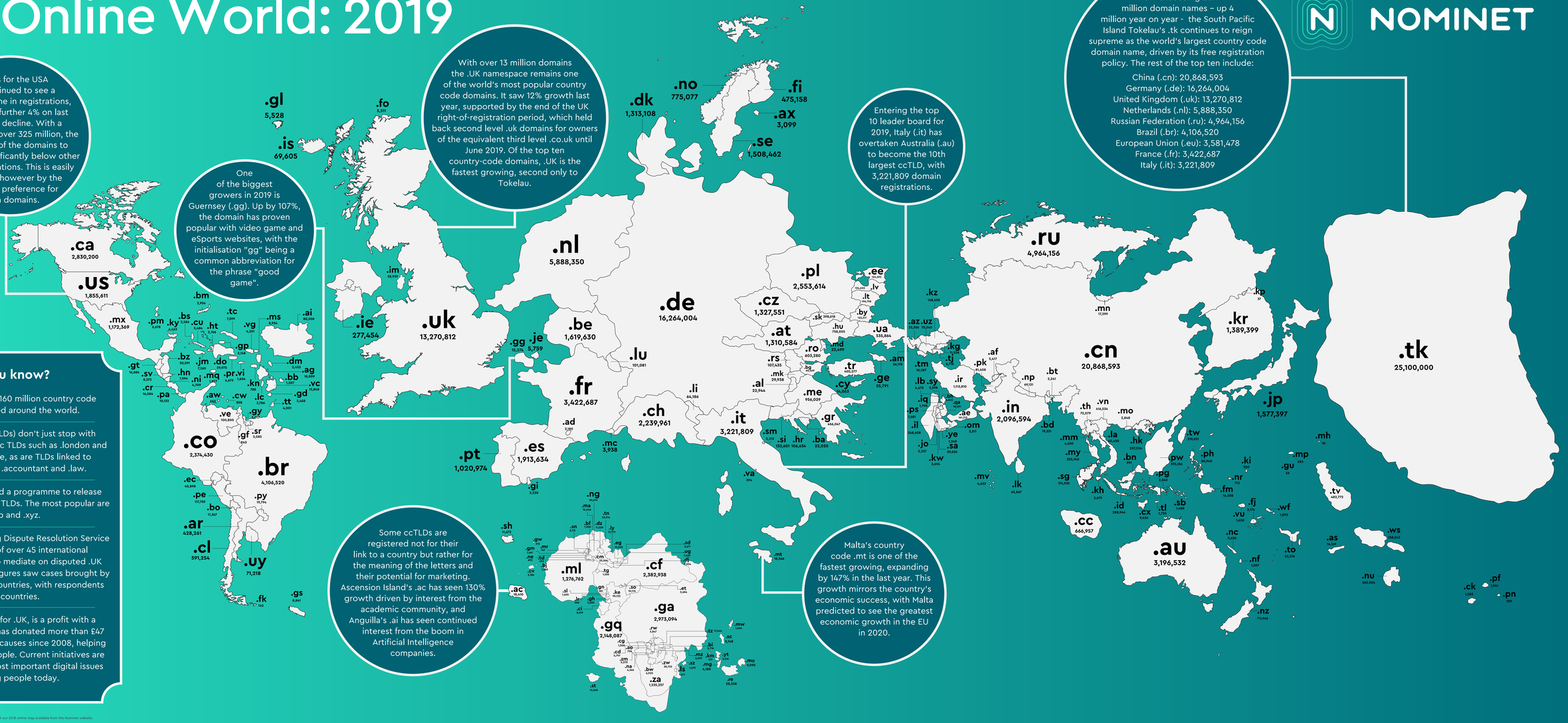
In 2012, ICANN launched a programme to release hundreds of new generic TLDs. The most popular are .icu, .top and .xyz.

Nominet's award-winning Dispute Resolution Service (DRS) uses a panel of over 45 international independent Experts to mediate on disputed .UK domains. Last reported figures saw cases brought by complainants from 26 countries, with respondents from 41 countries.

Nominet, responsible for .UK, is a profit with a purpose company and has donated more than £47 million to tech for good causes since 2008, helping more than 10 million people. Current initiatives are tackling some of the most important digital issues facing young people today.

Some ccTLDs are registered not for their link to a country but rather for the meaning of the letters and their potential for marketing. Ascension Island's .ac has seen 130% growth driven by interest from the academic community, and Anguilla's .ai has seen continued interest from the boom in Artificial Intelligence companies.

Malta's country code .mt is one of the fastest growing, expanding by 147% in the last year. This growth mirrors the country's economic success, with Malta predicted to see the greatest economic growth in the EU in 2020.



Percentage increases are based on comparisons with our 2018 online map available from the Nominet website.

Europe

de Germany	16,264,004
uk United Kingdom	13,270,812
nl Netherlands	5,888,350
fr France	3,422,687
it Italy	3,221,809
pl Poland	2,553,614
ch Switzerland	2,239,961
es Spain	1,913,634
be Belgium	1,619,630
se Sweden	1,508,462
cz Czech Republic	1,327,551
dk Denmark	1,313,108
at Austria	1,310,584
pt Portugal	1,020,974
me Montenegro	956,029
no Norway	775,077
hu Hungary	758,005
ro Romania	603,280
ua Ukraine	535,864
fi Finland	475,158
gr Greece	456,047
tr Turkey	401,377
sk Slovak Republic	398,618
ie Ireland	277,454
lt Lithuania	196,758
si Slovenia	133,601
by Belarus	133,317
lv Latvia	124,620
ee Estonia	124,592
rs Serbia	107,435
hr Croatia	106,634
lu Luxembourg	101,081
is Iceland	69,605
li Liechtenstein	64,186
bg Bulgaria	60,469
ge Georgia	35,791
mk Macedonia, FYR	29,938
im Isle of Man	28,939
al Albania	22,944
md Moldova, Republic of	22,499
ba Bosnia and Herzegovina	22,020
mt Malta	18,546
gg Guernsey	15,374
cy Cyprus	14,063
je Jersey	5,759
gl Greenland	5,528
fo Faroe Islands	5,311
mc Monaco	3,938
ax Aland Islands	3,099
gi Gibraltar	2,230
sm San Marino	5,484
ad Andorra	4,709
gp Guadeloupe	4,679
va Holy See (City Vatican State)	394

North & Central America

ca Canada	2,830,200
us United States	1,855,611
mx Mexico	1,172,369
ai Anguilla	80,508
bz Belize	30,591
do Dominican Republic	29,975
ag Antigua and Barbuda	18,809
gt Guatemala	16,884
cr Costa Rica	16,086
vc Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	15,848
pa Panama	10,133
ms Montserrat	8,934
sv El Salvador	8,372
tc Turks and Caicos Islands	7,599
hn Honduras	7,594
jm Jamaica	7,265
pm Saint Pierre and Miquelon	6,678
ky Cayman Islands	6,433
cu Cuba	5,484
ni Nicaragua	4,709
pr Puerto Rico	4,679
vg British Virgin Islands	4,551
tt Trinidad and Tobago	4,001
lc St. Lucia	3,786
bm Bermuda	2,956
ht Haiti	2,766
bs Bahamas	2,586
gd Grenada	2,458
dm Dominica	2,453
vi Virgin Islands (U.S.)	1,604
bb Barbados	1,507
mq Martinique	1,077
kn St. Kitts and Nevis	788
sx Sint Maarten	No data

South America

br Brazil	4,106,520
co Colombia	2,374,430
cl Chile	591,254
ar Argentina	428,261
pe Peru	117,759
ve Venezuela	100,800
uy Uruguay	71,218
ec Ecuador	40,898
py Paraguay	16,794
sh Saint Helena	15,419
bo Bolivia	15,365
gs South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	8,841
sr Suriname	3,085
gy Guyana	3,017
gf French Guiana	940
cw Curaçao	858
aw Aruba	651
fk Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	142

Africa

ga Gabon	2,973,094
cf Central African Republic	2,382,938
gq Equatorial Guinea	2,148,087
ml Mali	1,276,762
za South Africa	1,338,357
ng Nigeria	591,254
ke Kenya	428,261
ma Morocco	117,759
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ly Libya	11,672
tz Tanzania	11,367
st Sao Tome and Principe	
dz Algeria	8,841
eg Egypt, Arab Rep.	3,085
so Somalia	3,017
mu Mauritius	940
ci Cote d'Ivoire	858
dj Djibouti	663
ug Uganda	142
bw Botswana	
mz Mozambique	
cd Congo, Dem. Rep.	
zm Zambia	2,973,094
sc Seychelles	2,382,938
sn Senegal	2,148,087
na Namibia	1,276,762
mg Madagascar	1,235,257
rw Rwanda	99,679
sd Sudan	95,122
yt Mayotte	76,048
bi Burundi	42,914
et Ethiopia	38,753
gh Ghana	28,258
cv Cape Verde	25,566
mw Malawi	17,773
sz Swaziland	17,444
sl Sierra Leone	13,348
tg Togo	11,089
cg Congo, Rep.	10,205
bf Burkina Faso	10,176
ls Lesotho	9,095
gm Gambia, The	8,619
bj Benin	7,604
mr Mauritania	7,630
ao Angola	6,920
ne Niger	6,097
td Chad	5,797
gn Guinea	5,270
lr Liberia	5,148
gw Guinea-Bissau	5,115
km Comoros	4,566
er Eritrea	4,180
	3,847
	3,671
	3,519

Asia

cn China	2,716
ru Russian Federation	2,684
in India	2,682
jp Japan	2,184
kr Korea, Rep.	1,969
vn Vietnam	1,670
pw Palau	1,605
my Malaysia	1,566
id Indonesia	1,508
hk Hong Kong SAR, China	1,503
tw Taiwan	1,471
sg Singapore	1,461
kz Kazakhstan	1,358
ph Philippines	747
pk Pakistan	726
th Thailand	692
uz Uzbekistan	653
np Nepal	381
lk Sri Lanka	360
la Laos	372
am Armenia	129
az Azerbaijan	No data
bd Bangladesh	
tm Turkmenistan	
mn Mongolia	20,868,593
kg Kyrgyz Republic	6,964,156
tj Tajikistan	2,096,594
af Afghanistan	1,537,397
mv Maldives	1,389,399
mm Myanmar	416,534
kh Cambodia	395,186
mo Macao SAR, China	325,740
bt Bhutan	288,944
bn Brunei Darussalam	237,224
mp Northern Mariana Islands	219,621
gu Guam	174,935
kp Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	148,658
mh Marshall Islands	85,940
io British Indian Ocean Territory	81,408
	72,079
	70,540
	69,131
	60,867
	40,450
	36,178
	33,356
	19,331
	18,287
	17,299
	11,536
	6,718
	5,417
	4,633
	4,630
	3,679
	2,848
	2,241
	991
	652
	56
	37
	10
	No data

Middle East

ir Iran, Islamic Rep.	1,113,810
il Israel	248,608
ae United Arab Emirates	161,213
sa Saudi Arabia	59,636
qa Qatar	18,031
ps Palestine	7,681
jo Jordan	5,337
bh Bahrain	4,825
lb Lebanon	4,475
kw Kuwait	3,696
om Oman	3,511
sy Syrian Arab Republic	2,598
iq Iraq	1,798
ye Yemen, Rep.	1,248

Oceania

tk Tokelau	25,100,000
au Australia	3,196,532
nz New Zealand	711,943
cc Cocos (Keeling) Islands	666,957
tv Tuvalu	480,793
nu Niue	362,054
ws Samoa	198,363
to Tonga	22,376
ac Ascension Island	18,410
fm Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	16,308
as American Samoa	14,169
cx Christmas Island	9,436
nc New Caledonia	5,656
fj Fiji	3,176
pg Papua New Guinea	2,043
pf French Polynesia	1,941
wf Wallis and Futuna	1,892
tl Timor-Leste	1,735
vu Vanuatu	1,628
sb Solomon Islands	1,488
ck Cook Islands	1,303
nf Norfolk Island	1,097
pn Pitcairn	789
nr Nauru	712
ki Kiribati	550
tf French Southern Territories	No data
hm Heard and McDonald Islands	No data

Antarctica

aq Antarctica	No data

IDNs excluded from the graphic:

eu (European Union)	3,581,478
рф (Russia)	783,709
中国 (China)	317,369
公司 (China)	172,217
ею (Soviet Union)	72,824
한국 (Korea)	40,702
бел (Belarus)	3,473
укр (Ukraine)	2,521
السعودية (Saudi Arabia)	361
ελ (Series)	2,515
مصر (Arab Republic of Egypt)	2,000
فلسطين (Palestinian Territory)	1,113
قازاق (Kazakhstan)	34,970
伦敦 (London)	776
香港 (Hong Kong)	No data
ایران (Iran)	No data
新加坡 (Singapore)	No data
ලංකා (Sri Lanka - Sinhalese)	No data
இலங்கை (Sri Lanka - Tamil)	No data
新加坡 (The Republic of Singapore)	No data
ไทย (Thailand)	No data
امارات (United Arab Emirates)	No data

Disclaimer: Map represents domains under management within country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) in use worldwide. Data taken from Zooknic, Centr and Domain Tools, October 2019, or estimated on previously available data.