



German Language IDN Policy

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Purpose

This document describes our policy regarding German language IDNs in the .biz TLD.

We have developed this policy with reference to applicable industry standards, ICANN mandated requirements, and to meet our operational requirements for the TLD.



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1 Definitions

Domain Name means a second level domain name within the domain of the TLD about which the Registry or an affiliate engaged in providing Registry Services maintains data in the Shared Registry System, arranges for such maintenance, or derives revenue from such maintenance. A name in the Shared Registry System may be a Domain Name even though it does not currently appear in the TLD zone file.

ICANN IDN Guidelines means the ICANN Guidelines for the Implementation of Internationalized Domain Names as published at <http://www.icann.org/en/topics/idn/implementationguidelines.htm>.

IDN Standards refers to a set of documents defining technical requirements for implementation of IDNs that are collectively mentioned in the ICANN IDN Guidelines as “IDN Standards”. At time of writing these are RFCs 3454, 3490, 3491, and 3492.

Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) means a Domain Name that is displayed in IDNA-aware software applications, in whole or in part, in a language-specific script or alphabet.

Internationalized Domain Name for Applications (IDNA) is a mechanism for handling domain names containing non-ASCII characters as defined in RFC 3490 or its successors.

Language tag means the identifier of the script or language that a particular IDN is associated with in the SRS.

Registry means Registry Services LLC, or its designated representatives.

TLD means Top Level Domain and for the purpose of this policy means .biz.

Shared Registry System (SRS) the Registry system that allows Registrars to register, renew and maintain Domain Names.

2 Policy Statement

.biz IDN support is provided in accordance with ICANN IDN Guidelines. The Registry will associate each registered Internationalized Domain Name with a specific language or script denoted by a language tag. This document provides the rules that apply to .biz IDNs associated with the German language and so with the “**de**” language tag.

As required by ICANN IDN Guidelines, Registry employs an "inclusion-based" approach, meaning that code points which are not explicitly listed in the character table below are not permitted in German language IDN registrations. To be a valid IDN under this policy the Domain Name in its Unicode representation must contain at least one non-ASCII character.

Applications for Internationalized Domain Names that are submitted to the Registry must always reference the ASCII-encoded representation of the IDN. String preparation and ASCII-compatible encoding must be performed according to the algorithms specified by the IDN Standards.

IDN registrations are processed by the Registry strictly on the “first come, first served” basis. Equal opportunities for registering IDNs are provided to all parties regardless of their possible possession of other domain names.

3 Character Table

The table below lists the characters allowed in the Unicode representation of IDNs associated with the German language. The '#' symbol denotes start of a comment that continues to the end of line.

Registrants are advised to carefully consider the potential confusion over the perception of equivalence between an accented Latin character and a sequence of other Latin characters (with or without accents). There exists no equivalence rule that can be applied universally as any such mappings are generally dependent on the language, culture and context in which an IDN is used.

Note: according to the IDN Standards, the Eszet character "ß" used in the German language will be mapped to a double s string (i.e. ss).

This table is published in the IANA IDN Practices Repository: <https://www.iana.org/domains/idn-tables>

U+002D	HYPEN-MINUS
U+0030	DIGIT ZERO
U+0031	DIGIT ONE
U+0032	DIGIT TWO
U+0033	DIGIT THREE
U+0034	DIGIT FOUR
U+0035	DIGIT FIVE
U+0036	DIGIT SIX
U+0037	DIGIT SEVEN
U+0038	DIGIT EIGHT
U+0039	DIGIT NINE
U+0061	LATIN SMALL LETTER A
U+0062	LATIN SMALL LETTER B
U+0063	LATIN SMALL LETTER C
U+0064	LATIN SMALL LETTER D
U+0065	LATIN SMALL LETTER E
U+0066	LATIN SMALL LETTER F
U+0067	LATIN SMALL LETTER G
U+0068	LATIN SMALL LETTER H
U+0069	LATIN SMALL LETTER I
U+006A	LATIN SMALL LETTER J
U+006B	LATIN SMALL LETTER K
U+006C	LATIN SMALL LETTER L
U+006D	LATIN SMALL LETTER M
U+006E	LATIN SMALL LETTER N
U+006F	LATIN SMALL LETTER O
U+0070	LATIN SMALL LETTER P
U+0071	LATIN SMALL LETTER Q
U+0072	LATIN SMALL LETTER R
U+0073	LATIN SMALL LETTER S
U+0074	LATIN SMALL LETTER T
U+0075	LATIN SMALL LETTER U
U+0076	LATIN SMALL LETTER V
U+0077	LATIN SMALL LETTER W
U+0078	LATIN SMALL LETTER X
U+0079	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y
U+007A	LATIN SMALL LETTER Z
U+00E4	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH DIAERESIS (A-UMLAUT)
U+00F6	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH DIAERESIS (O-UMLAUT)
U+00FC	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH DIAERESIS (U-UMLAUT)

4 Definition and Review

This document has been prepared and published to represent our policy regarding the administrative and technical management of the TLD.

All domain names in the TLD are subject to the Published Policies. It is your responsibility to ensure that you read and understand these policies as they apply to you. We may discontinue or amend any part or the whole of this policy from time to time at our absolute discretion.

Further policy and procedure in relation to the TLD can be found at the following link: <http://my.biz/>.

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