

# THE DOMAIN NAME INDUSTRY BRIEF

## Q1 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



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As a global leader in domain names and internet security, Verisign reviews the state of the domain name industry through a variety of statistical and analytical research. Verisign provides this briefing to highlight important trends in domain name registrations, including key performance indicators and growth opportunities, to industry analysts, media and businesses.

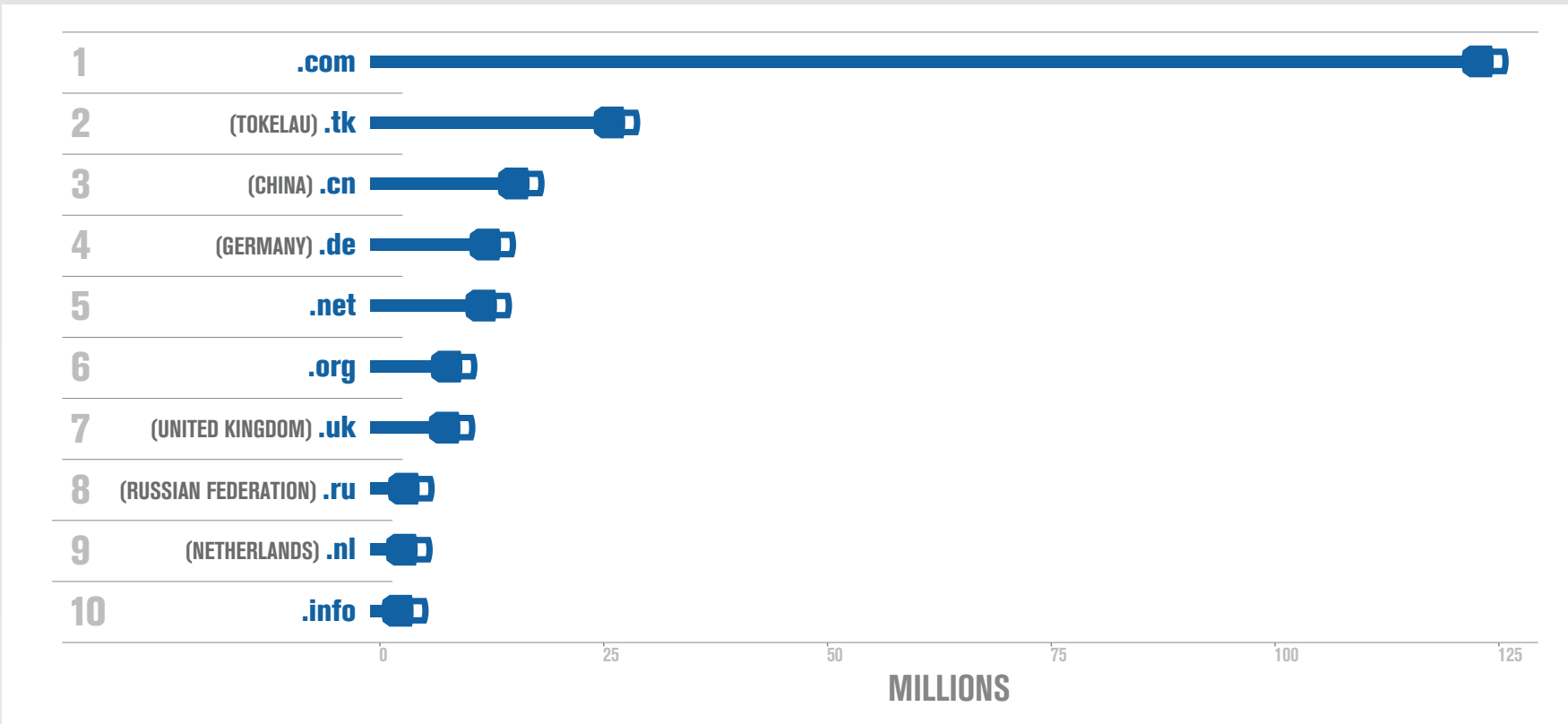
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### Q1 2016 DOMAIN NAME REGISTRATIONS



### TOP 10 LARGEST TLDs BY ZONE SIZE

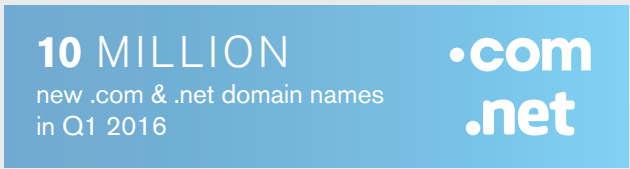
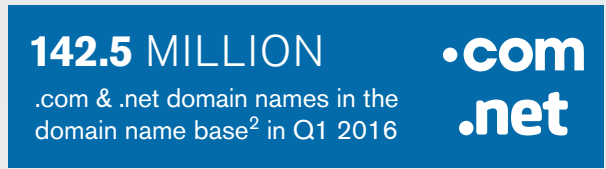
Source: Zooknic, Q1 2016; Verisign, Q1 2016; Centralized Zone Data Service, Q1 2016



.tk is a free ccTLD that provides free domain names to individuals and businesses. Revenue is generated by monetizing expired domain names. Domain names that are no longer in use by the registrant or are expired are taken back by the registry and the residual traffic is sold to advertising networks. As such, there are no deleted .tk domain names. The .tk zone size represented here is based on data from Q4 2014, which is the most recent data available.

### GROWTH OF .COM & .NET

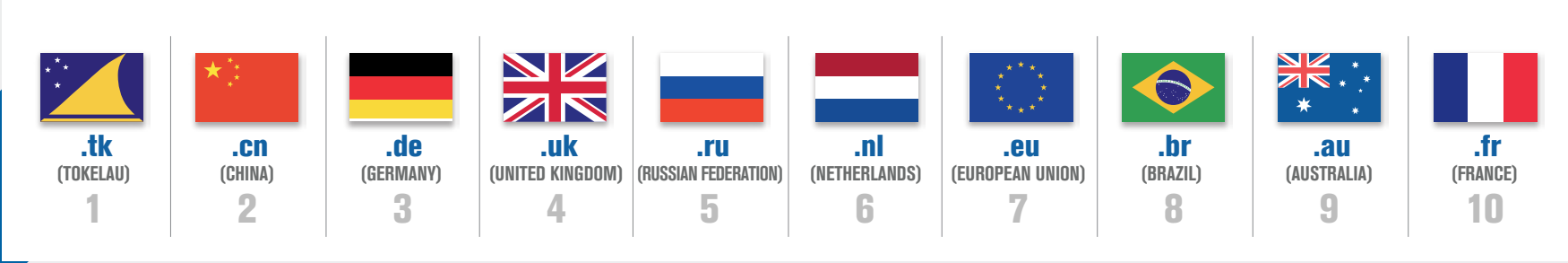
Verisign is the global registry operator for .com and .net.



### LARGEST ccTLDs BY ZONE SIZE<sup>3</sup>

ccTLDs are designated for use by countries and territories.

Source: Zooknic, Q1 2016. For further information on the Domain Name Industry Brief methodology, please refer to the last page of the report.



### DNS QUERY LOAD



\*Across all TLDs operated by Verisign

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<sup>1</sup> The generic top-level domain (gTLD) and ccTLD data cited in this report are estimates as of the time this report was developed, and is subject to change as more complete data is received. Total includes ccTLD Internationalized Domain Names.  
<sup>2</sup> The domain name base is the active zone plus the number of domain names that are registered but not configured for use in the respective Top-Level Domain zone file plus the number of domain names that are in a client or server hold status.  
<sup>3</sup> tk is a free ccTLD that provides free domain names to individuals and businesses. Revenue is generated by monetizing expired domain names. Domain names no longer in use by the registrant or expired are taken back by the registry and the residual traffic is sold to advertising networks. As such, there are no deleted .tk domain names <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20131216006048/en/Freedom-Closes-3M-Series-Funding#UxeUGNDv9s>. The .tk zone reflected here is based on data from Q4 2014, which is the most recent data available.

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