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.auDA

THE AUSTRALIAN **DOMAIN NAME** ADMINISTRATOR

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The .au domain space on the internet is a vital and valuable national resource. If an internet address has .au at the end of it, it's registered in Australia and a part of the .au domain space, which is regulated by auDA.

auDA is the government–endorsed policy authority and industry self–regulatory body for the .au domain space. Among auDA's responsibilities are to develop and implement domain name policy, accredit and license registrars, implement consumer safeguards and facilitate .au Dispute Resolution Policy. For more information, visit auDA's website at www.auda.org.au.

WHOIS allows you to look up the details of a .au domain name.

This is particularly useful when deciding upon your own domain name.

You can find WHOIS at <http://www.auda.org.au>. Please click on the WHOIS link located in the top righthand corner of our website.

If a domain name is registered, details such as the registrant's name and contact email address, the name of the registrar and technical contact email address are provided.

WHOIS can tell you which second level domain (2LD) a domain name is registered under. For example, yourbusinessname.com.au may already be taken, but yourbusinessname.net.au may still be available for registration.

Remember that .au domain names are issued on a first come, first served basis.

WHOIS is a source of information only. It can't be used to update your own details in the registry. To do this, you need to contact your registrar who can take care of it for you.

LINKS

WHOIS Search Tool – <http://www.ada.org.au>.

auDA's WHOIS Policy – <http://www.ada.org.au/policies/ada-2003-08/>.

DEFINITIONS:

Domain name – Internet address, e.g. yourbusinessname.com.au.

Second Level Domain (2LD) – the letters after the name and before the .au.

For example: .com.au, .net.au, .id.au, .org.au.

Registry – The database of domain names registered in each 2LD.

For more information go to <http://www.ada.org.au/registry/>.

Registrar – auDA-accredited companies who handle domain name license applications and renewals. For more information go to <http://www.ada.org.au/registrars/>.

Reseller – Companies who handle domain name licence applications and renewals acting as an agent for a registrar.

Registrant – Someone who holds, is applying for, or renewing a domain name license.



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