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An introduction to .auDA

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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.

In December 2000, auDA was formally endorsed by the Australian Government as the appropriate body to administer the .au domain space.

auDA, an abbreviation of ".au Domain Administration Ltd", is the policy authority and industry self-regulatory body for the .au domain space and performs the following functions:

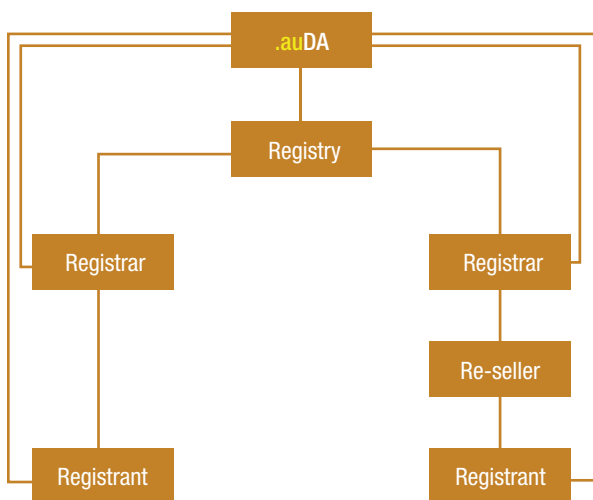
- develops and implements domain name policy
- licenses second level domain (2LD) registry operators
- accredits and licenses registrars
- implements consumer safeguards
- facilitates the .au Dispute Resolution Policy
- represents .au at ICANN and other international fora.

With consumer safeguards and policies in place, the .au domain space is a secure place to be for Australian business and individuals. This is quite different to the international namespace (for example, .com) where regulation is minimal.

.au POLICY

auDA develops and implements policies for the .au domain with the help of various panels and committees made up of industry and consumer representatives. Some of the areas covered by these policies include domain name registration, renewal and transfers, registrar and reseller regulation, dispute resolution and new second level domains. Policy reviews are held on a regular basis. All .au policies can be viewed at the auDA website at <http://www.auda.org.au/policy/>.

.au DOMAIN SPACE STRUCTURE



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.auda.org.au/registry/>.

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

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 licence.

LINKS

For more information about auDA:

<http://www.auda.org.au/about/>.

To subscribe to auDA's Announcements List:

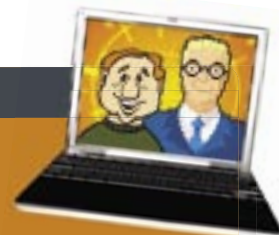
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