

Next Round— Expansion of the DNS

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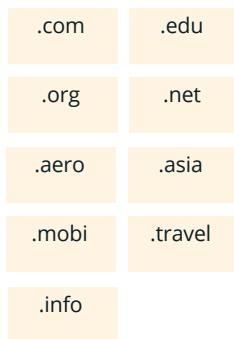
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Expansion of the DNS and the Next Round

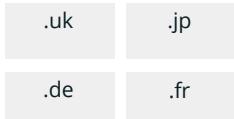
The introduction of new gTLDs, including long TLDs and IDNs (domain names in local languages/scripts), into the Internet ecosystem through the New gTLD Program enabled the largest expansion of the DNS. The next round of gTLDs will continue this expansion and growth.

Pre-2009

Generic TLDs (gTLDs)
(22 total)



Country Code TLDs (ccTLDs)
(two-character ASCII ccTLDs)



2009-onward

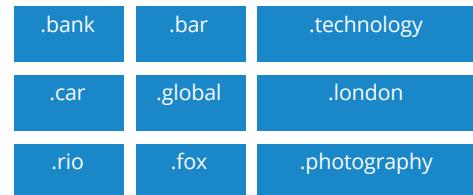
IDN ccTLDs
(in non-Latin scripts)



2012 Round

New gTLD Program

New and Long gTLDs
(Over 1,200 total)



IDN gTLDs
(in various scripts)



New Domain Names, New Uses

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► Serve diverse cultural, geographic, language, and professional communities.

► Provide communities and organizations opportunity to create their own space online.

► Build trust in and awareness of a brand.

► Manage and secure your online presence.

Industry-specific:

EXAMPLES:

.photography

.rugby

.bank

playlist.new

doc.new

Creative tools:

Location-based:

.durban

.nyc

Script-based:

.网址

شبكة

Brands:

.google

.apple

Online identity:

.blog

Can you differentiate “apple.com” vs “apple.com”?

New gTLD Program: Next Round Implementation Timeline

NEW gTLD PROGRAM: NEXT ROUND

New gTLD Program: Next Round Application

Submission Period:

- Expected to open April 2026 for 12-15 weeks.

Applicant Support Program (ASP) Application

Submission Period:

- Opens 19 Nov. 2024; Closes 19 Nov. 2025

Registry Service Provider (RSP) Evaluation Program

Application Submission Period:

- Pre-Evaluation period opens 19 Nov. 2024; Closes 20 May 2025
- Another Evaluation period opens and closes during the gTLD application submission periods

ASP application
submission period opens

ASP application
submission period closes

gTLD application
submission period opens

gTLD application
submission period closes

RSP Pre-Evaluation
application submission
period opens

RSP Pre-Evaluation
application submission
period closes

RSP Evaluation
application submission
period opens

RSP Evaluation
application submission
period closes

19 Nov. 2024

20 May 2025

19 Nov. 2025

Q2 2026

Q3 2026

Dates are subject to change.



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