

DENIC Domain Guidelines

Please note:

The English translation of the DENIC Domain Guidelines is provided for the convenience of our non-German-speaking customers. Regardless of this, only the original German-language version is legally binding.

I.

DENIC (in full: DENIC eG) administers and operates the registry for Internet domains under the Top Level Domain (TLD) .de. It does this without any profit motivation, for the benefit of everyone with an interest in the Internet and, in doing so, complies with the internationally recognized standards for the operation of country code Top Level Domain registries.

II.

Applications for domains may be submitted either through a DENIC member or directly to DENIC (DENICdirect). Such applications are only processed provided the requested domain satisfies the provisions laid down in point V and provided the information required in accordance with points VII–X is provided completely and accurately.

III.

DENIC will register the domain if it has not already been registered for someone else (“first come, first served”). It may, however, reject the application if the registration would be manifestly illegal.

IV.

The Domain Contract comes into being between the (future) Domain Holder and DENIC upon successful completion of registration. The Domain Contract, however, is terminated immediately in cases in which the Domain Holder, having applied for registration of a domain through a DENIC member, subsequently fails within a period of four weeks to create the necessary technical conditions for connecting up the domain, including transmitting the corresponding technical data to DENIC (condition leading to termination). The Domain Contract is subject to the DENIC Domain Terms and Conditions.

V.

In addition to the TLD ending ".de", a domain may only be comprised of digits (0–9), hyphens, the letters A-Z of the Latin alphabet and the other letters listed in the Annex. It may neither begin nor end with a hyphen, nor may it have a hyphen as both its third and fourth characters. No distinction is made between upper and lower case. The minimum length of a domain is one character and its maximum length is 63 characters; if the domain includes characters listed in the Annex, the decisive criterion for determining the maximum length is the so-called ACE-encoded form of the domain as defined in Request for Comments 5890.

VI.

For each domain, DENIC registers not only the Domain Holder (point VII) but also an Administrative Contact (point VIII), a Technical Contact (point IX) and, provided the Domain Holder delegates name servers for the domain, a Zone Administrator (point X), along with the technical data for the domain's connectivity.

VII.

It is the Domain Holder who is DENIC's contractual partner and who thus holds the material rights to the domain. It is permissible for a domain to have several Joint Domain Holders. If the Domain Holder or one of the Joint Domain Holders is not a natural person, the full name of the incorporated organization (legal person) must be supplied (including the indication of its legal form). Moreover, the full postal address of the Domain Holder must also be supplied and, where there are several Joint Domain Holders, the full postal address of at least one of them must be supplied. A post-office box number does not suffice for this purpose.

VIII.

The Administrative Contact (admin-c) is a natural person appointed by the Domain Holder to act as their authorized representative and who also has the authority and, vis-à-vis DENIC, the duty to take binding decisions in all matters concerning the domain. It is impossible to appoint more than one admin-c for each domain. If the Domain Holder or one of the Joint Domain Holders is a natural person, they are completely at liberty to assume the admin-c function themselves. The following data must be supplied for the admin-c: name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. If the Domain Holder is not domiciled in Germany, the admin-c will also be the person authorized to accept service for the purposes of § 184 of the German Code of Civil Procedure (Zivilprozessordnung), § 132 of the German Code of Criminal Procedure (Strafprozessordnung), § 56 (3) of the Rules of the Administrative Courts (Verwaltungsgerichtsordnung) and § 15 of the Administrative Procedures Act (Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz) and the corresponding provisions of the Administrative Procedures Acts of the respective states of the Federal Republic of Germany; in that case the admin-c must be domiciled in Germany and their full postal address must be supplied.

IX.

The Technical Contact (tech-c) looks after the technical side of the domain. The tech-c may be either a named natural person or a group of people with an abstract designation (a so-called role account, such as “DENIC-Hostmaster”). The following data must be supplied for the tech-c: name, address, telephone number, telefax number and e-mail address.

X.

The Zone Administrator (zone-c) looks after the name server or name servers for the domain; the zone-c is subject to the same rules as the tech-c (point IX). It is impossible to appoint a zone-c for a domain for which no name servers have been delegated.

Annex

Character	Decimal position in Unicode V3.2	Hexadecimal position in Unicode V3.2	Englisch name
á	225	00E1	Latin small letter a with acute
à	224	00E0	Latin small letter a with grave
ă	259	0103	Latin small letter a with breve
â	226	00E2	Latin small letter a with circumflex
å	229	00E5	Latin small letter a with ring above
ä	228	00E4	Latin small letter a with diaeresis
ã	227	00E3	Latin small letter a with tilde
ą	261	0105	Latin small letter a with ogonek
ā	257	0101	Latin small letter a with macron
æ	230	00E6	Latin small letter ae
ć	263	0107	Latin small letter c with acute
ĉ	265	0109	Latin small letter c with circumflex
č	269	010D	Latin small letter c with caron
ċ	267	010B	Latin small letter c with dot above
ç	231	00E7	Latin small letter c with cedilla
ď	271	010F	Latin small letter d with caron
đ	273	0111	Latin small letter d with stroke
é	233	00E9	Latin small letter e with acute
è	232	00E8	Latin small letter e with grave
ě	277	0115	Latin small letter e with breve
ê	234	00EA	Latin small letter e with circumflex

ě	283	011B	Latin small letter e with caron
ë	235	00EB	Latin small letter e with diaeresis
é	279	0117	Latin small letter e with dot above
ę	281	0119	Latin small letter e with ogonek
ē	275	0113	Latin small letter e with macron
ġ	287	011F	Latin small letter g with breve
ĝ	285	011D	Latin small letter g with circumflex
ġ	289	0121	Latin small letter g with dot above
ġ	291	0123	Latin small letter g with cedilla
ĥ	293	0125	Latin small letter h with circumflex
ħ	295	0127	Latin small letter h with stroke
í	237	00ED	Latin small letter i with acute
ì	236	00EC	Latin small letter i with grave
ï	301	012D	Latin small letter i with breve
î	238	00EE	Latin small letter i with circumflex
ï	239	00EF	Latin small letter i with diaeresis
ĩ	297	0129	Latin small letter i with tilde
į	303	012F	Latin small letter i with ogonek
ī	299	012B	Latin small letter i with macron
ı	305	0131	Latin small letter dotless i
ĵ	309	0135	Latin small letter j with circumflex
ķ	311	0137	Latin small letter k with cedilla
í	314	013A	Latin small letter l with acute
ĺ	318	013E	Latin small letter l with

			caron
ĳ	316	013C	Latin small letter l with cedilla
ł	322	0142	Latin small letter l with stroke
ń	324	0144	Latin small letter n with acute
ñ	328	0148	Latin small letter n with caron
ñ	241	00F1	Latin small letter n with tilde
ŋ	326	0146	Latin small letter n with cedilla
ŋ	331	014B	Latin small letter eng
ó	243	00F3	Latin small letter o with acute
ò	242	00F2	Latin small letter o with grave
ö	335	014F	Latin small letter o with breve
ô	244	00F4	Latin small letter o with circumflex
ö	246	00F6	Latin small letter o with diaeresis
õ	337	0151	Latin small letter o with double acute
õ	245	00F5	Latin small letter o with tilde
ø	248	00F8	Latin small letter o with stroke
ō	333	014D	Latin small letter o with macron
œ	339	0153	Latin small ligature oe
ƙ	312	0138	Latin small letter kra
ŕ	341	0155	Latin small letter r with acute
ř	345	0159	Latin small letter r with caron
ŗ	343	0157	Latin small letter r with cedilla
ś	347	015B	Latin small letter s with acute
ŝ	349	015D	Latin small letter s with circumflex
š	353	0161	Latin small letter s with caron
ş	351	015F	Latin small letter s with

			cedilla
ß	223	000DF	Latin small letter sharp s
ť	357	0165	Latin small letter t with caron
‡	355	0163	Latin small letter t with cedilla
‡	359	0167	Latin small letter t with stroke
ú	250	00FA	Latin small letter u with acute
ù	249	00F9	Latin small letter u with grave
Û	365	016D	Latin small letter u with breve
û	251	00FB	Latin small letter u with circumflex
Û	367	016F	Latin small letter u with ring above
ü	252	00FC	Latin small letter u with diaeresis
Û	369	0171	Latin small letter u with double acute
ũ	361	0169	Latin small letter u with tilde
u	371	0173	Latin small letter u with ogonek
ū	363	016B	Latin small letter u with macron
ŵ	373	0175	Latin small letter w with circumflex
ý	253	00FD	Latin small letter y with acute
ÿ	375	0177	Latin small letter y with circumflex
ÿ	255	00FF	Latin small letter y with diaeresis
ż	378	017A	Latin small letter z with acute
ž	382	017E	Latin small letter z with caron
ž	380	017C	Latin small letter z with dot above
ð	240	00F0	Latin small letter eth
þ	254	00FE	Latin small letter thorn