1.15 What is... What are IDN domains?

IDN Domains

A few years ago, it was only possible to register domains that contained **ASCII characters**. This caused difficulties because often domains could not exactly represent the desired string for

registration, and the domain registrants had to find an alternative name.

To solve this issue with local language scripts, the so-called IDN (Internationalized Domain

Names) registrations have been introduced.

IDN allows you to reserve domain names of all known languages (scripts).

The technical process for enabling it could be briefly summarized as a conversion of all entered characters to ASCII characters, thus allowing the existing infrastructure to operate with IDN. The result of such conversion is called *PUNYCODE*. We show the *PUNYCODE* presentation in our

registration procedure for your convenience.

Web sites where you can verify PUNYCODES are (IDN-specific knowledge is required):

• Wikipedia

• http://josefsson.org/idn.php

Please note: Not all top-level domains do provide IDN registrations. Please check our <u>price list</u>,

where we show which types of domains support IDN.

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