

Directive concerning domain name management (other than epfl.ch) at EPFL

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The Direction of the Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne hereby adopts the following:

Preamble

On a network using the protocol TCP/IP, each connected computer has at least one IP address and one name. These addresses are used for data transmission while the name serves as user reference. To ensure that everything works smoothly, it is important that the names and addresses be managed by those persons who maintain the network - in the case of EPFL, the SI-Infrastructure unit.

A "domain name" generally allows identification of the entity to which computers belong and sometimes the country in which they are located.

Article 1 General rule at EPFL

¹ All hosts connected to the EPFL computer network (EPNET) use the domain name "epfl.ch". It is not permitted to make any EPFL IT equipment accessible via a domain name other than "epfl.ch", regardless of the technical means employed, except in certain special cases that are defined below.

² Names and IP addresses are allocated by the SI-Infrastructure unit, which also manages the name servers (DNS).

Article 2 EPFL projects and associations linked with EPFL

Large-scale projects fulfilling the following criteria:

- the project involves active participants outside EPFL,
- the website management is under the responsibility of an EPFL unit,
- the site address (URL) is widely known outside EPFL,
- explicit reference to EPFL can legitimately be excluded from the domain name,

may apply to the VPSI (email to webmaster@epfl.ch) for permission to use the domain name of their choice. The VPSI, after consulting the EPFL Media and Communications Office, then decides whether the request is legitimate.

The same procedure applies to associations or other bodies that are linked with EPFL and whose web server is officially hosted on the EPFL site.

Article 3 Special cases

Companies (PSE, QI, Le Garage, etc.): these Companies located on the campus may obtain and use the domain names of their choice.

Article 4 Conditions for domain name allocation

For those entities constituting one of the above described exceptions only, and after approval has been obtained from the VPSI, domain names are allocated in accordance with the following conditions:

- **Domain name registration**

Applicants are responsible for the registration of the domain name with the authority concerned and payment of the charges incurred.

Domain names with the suffix ".ch" fall under the jurisdiction of Switchplus SA or any other company which registers domain names.

- **Name servers (DNS)**

The name servers used to manage domains are those of EPFL under the responsibility of the SI-Infrastructures unit. It is therefore not permitted to install a DNS accessible from outside EPFL on a host connected to the EPFL network (this also applies to companies). If, after a warning has been given, the DNS is not removed, the machine on which it runs will be disconnected from the network. The use of a DNS service outside EPFL is allowed in some particular circumstances with the preliminary agreement of VPSI. The management of such domains is therefore under the entire responsibility of the applicant.

- **Charges**

To cover management costs, for each domain name the VPSI charges:

- a fee for domain name allocation and activation;
- an annual fee for name server maintenance.

This amount includes the allocation of an IP name in the domain. As a rule, this name is "www.domain.ch". There is an extra charge for additional names and addresses.

More information concerning these charges can be found at the following web address: <http://epnet.epfl.ch/cms/site/network/lang/fr/Espace-Entreprises>.

EPFL units (EPFL branch of our institution's structure) are exempt from paying these charges.

Article 5 Coming into force

¹ The present Directive comes into force on 6 February 2009, version 1.2, status as at 1 January 2017.

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