



# Experience of operating .CL

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# Some history

- .CL delegated to the Department of Computer science of the University of Chile in 1987
- Operated without formal registration agreement and without fees for 10 years
- About 1,000 registered domain names in 1997
- Formalization in September 1997

## Rules introduced in 1997

- Proper identification of registrants
- Registration fees
- Re-registration of all pre-existing domain names
- Dispute resolution policy based on arbitration (two years before the UDRP)
- DRP later extended to include mediation before arbitration

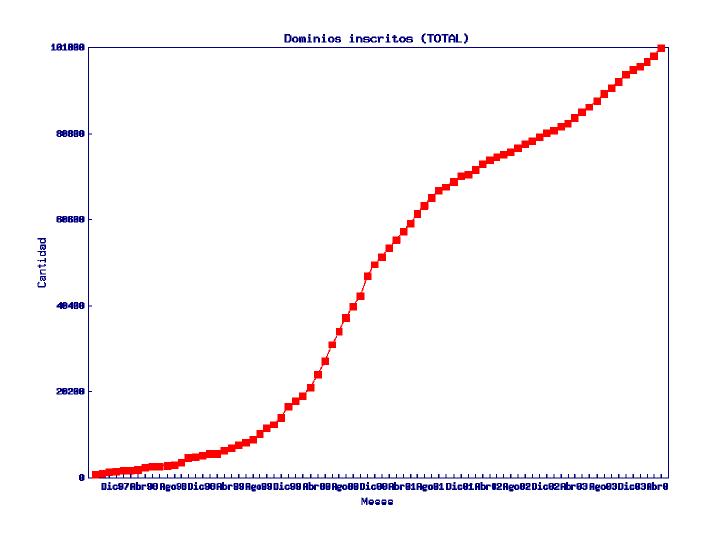
## **Statistics**

- .CL is by far the most popular TLD in Chile
- Over 130 thousand names registered under .CL
- About 10 thousand .com, .net, etc. names from Chile

http://www.webhosting.info/registries/country\_stats/CL

 More than 4,000 disputes resolved since 1999

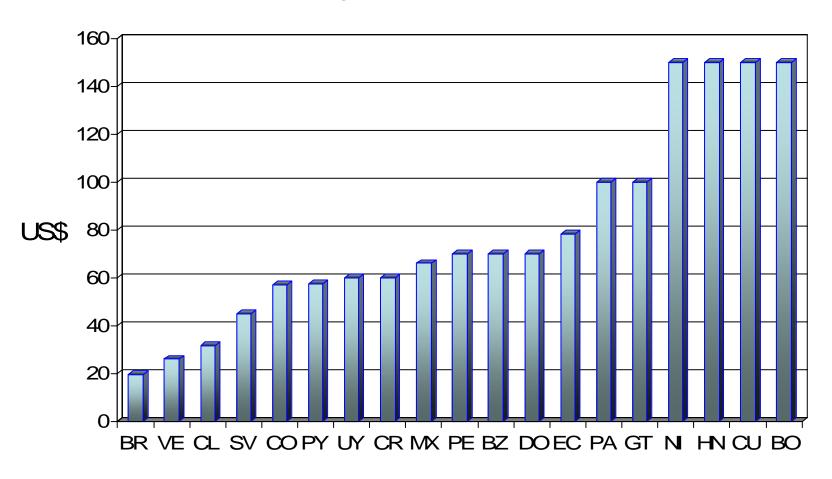
## Growth of .CL



# Why is .CL popular?

- Few restrictions on who can register and what can be registered
- Minimal bureaucracy at time of registration.
  Conflicts handled through dispute resolution policy
- Registration at second level ("domain.CL")
- Work hard to offer good quality of service, good customer support, diversity in means of payment, free services (mediation, secondary DNS), low registration fees

#### Two-year registration fees in Latin America



## Debates in Parliament

- A few years ago, some members of Parliament criticized the status of the domain name registry as an entity not regulated by Law.
- Also, some criticisms because of a few notorious names registered by third parties.
- One member of Parliament proposed that the task of handling domain name registrations should be assigned to the Trademark Office.
- An investigative committee appointed by the Chamber of Deputies found no reason to change the current situation.

## Involvement of the community

- In October 2000, an Advisory Board was created to discuss and make recommendations about the policy for registrations under .CL
- The Board included a variety of members of the community and two Undersecretaries (Telecommunications and Economy)
- Several policy changes were made on the advise of this board.
- The Advisory Board ceased operating in September 2003.
- In its final meeting approved recommendation that .CL should join the ccNSO.

# The National Council of Domain Names and IP Addresses

- Created in June 2003 by decree of the Ministry of Telecommunications, met for the first time on April 2004.
- Mission: to provide recommendations about policy
- Members: representatives of the community (industry, business, IP, ISPs, academics), government (Telecommunications and Economy) and NIC Chile (which provides a Secretariat).
- A user's association had also been invited.
- The Council may be extended by the incorporation of new members.
- Topics in the current agenda include: online DRP, WHOIS, IPv6.

### Recent news

- IDN launched under .CL on September 21, 11:00 local time.
- 7 new caracters have been included
- NIC Chile adopted IDNs after a recommendation of the National Council
- On the first hour we received 1,000 applications (normal is 200 per day)
- The first IDN domain name was viña.cl

