

1. Explain how top-level Web domain names are proposed and approved.

The top-level domain name is the rightmost part of a domain name. These top-level domains are the responsibility of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). A few of the top-level domain examples are .edu which denotes that the site is being used by an established education source, such as a college. Next to that part of the domain name could be something like .uk or .au, which indicates that the institution is based out of United Kingdom or Australia, respectively.

Originally, it was the job of ICANN to make decisions on which sites were able to use certain top-level domains. After 2012, site creators have had the option to petition for their sites to have certain domain names.

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