

9 December 2024

Ram Mohan
Chair, Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

RE: SAC113: SSAC Advisory on Private-Use TLDs

Dear Ram,

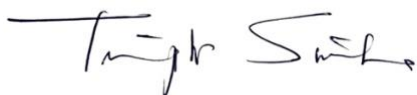
I am writing to thank you and the SSAC for the advice provided in [SAC113: SSAC Advisory on Private-Use TLDs](#). The Board appreciates the SSAC's dedication in developing criteria to help guide the Board in its decision to reserve a top-level domain name (TLD) for private use. The Board notes that SAC113 recommended a selected and reserved TLD for private use meets the following criteria:

1. It is a valid DNS label.
2. It is not already delegated in the root zone.
3. It is not confusingly similar to another TLD in existence.
4. It is relatively short, memorable, and meaningful.

The Board has taken this advice into account, along with additional input from the SSAC through [SAC2023-05](#), from the [Internet Architecture Board](#), and through public comment proceedings. On 29 July 2024, the Board [resolved](#) to permanently reserve .INTERNAL from delegation in the DNS root zone to provide for its use in private-use applications.

The Board will be closing the SAC113 advice in the [Action Request Register \(ARR\)](#) shortly. Once again, the Board thanks the SSAC for its efforts in producing SAC113. We look forward to future discussions related to the security and integrity of the Internet's naming and address allocation systems..

Sincerely,



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