

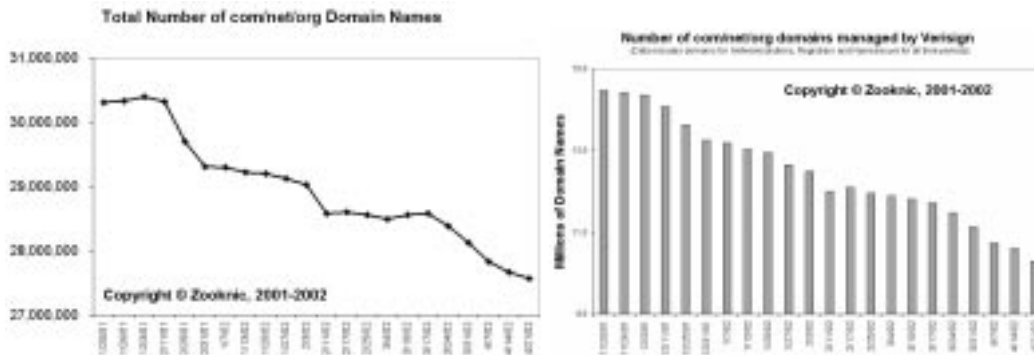
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## Domain Name registrations drop by 1.7 Million in Q1, 2002 Verisign sheds 3 million domains between January and April 2002.

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**Zooknic** (www.zooknic.com) announced that registrations for com/net/org domains fell by 1.7 million during the first four months of 2002. From a high of 29.3 million at the beginning of the year to less than 27.6 million register domains as of April 21st.

Particularly hard hit by the continued contraction of the domain name market is VeriSign, Inc. (Nasdaq:VRSN) whose share of domain name registrations shrank by 3 million in the first 16 weeks of 2002 to 10.3 million domains.



**Zooknic** (www.zooknic.com) provides timely and accurate analysis on the use and diffusion of the Internet and domain names. It was established in 1998 by Matthew Zook, Ph.D, and serves as a base for academic and economic analysis. These figures are based on **Zooknic's** ongoing analysis of the root zone files that form the foundation of the domain name systems. VeriSign's market share is estimated using a random sampling technique and is subject to a margin of error of 0.7 percent of the total.

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