

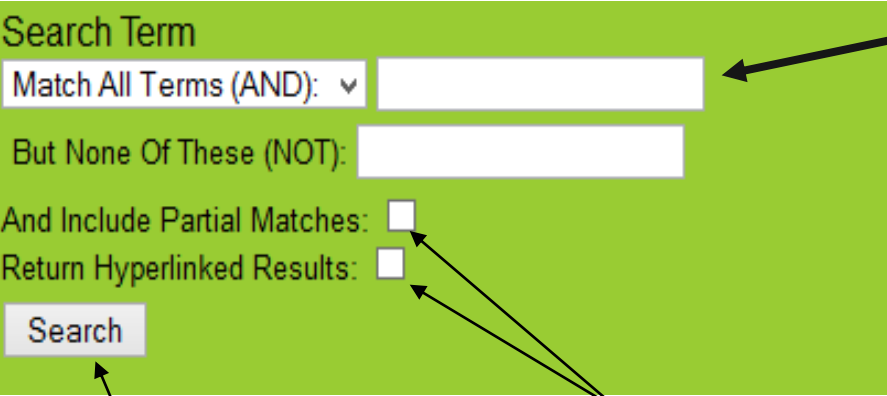
NiRA WHOIS SEARCH ENGINE

NiRA WHOIS SEARCH ENGINE serves as a search engine or a tool, which is used to reveal all information about a domain name (i.e. date of creation, expiry date, address of the administrative organization of the domain name and other relevant information), on .ng registry database.

HOW TO USE THE WHOIS APPLICATION

STEP 1:- Type your whois.nic.net.ng on your web browser or visit NiRA website <http://www.nira.org.ng> and click on the WHOIS on the NiRA home page.

STEP 2:- Type the domain name or name or name string (i.e. site address e.g. nira.com.ng, nira, nira.ng, etc) of your choice which you wish to search in the box in front of the Match All Terms (AND) box and click the Search button. For example:-



The image shows a search interface with a green background. It includes a 'Search Term' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Match All Terms (AND):' and an adjacent text input box. Below this is another text input box labeled 'But None Of These (NOT):'. There are two checkboxes: 'And Include Partial Matches:' and 'Return Hyperlinked Results:'. A 'Search' button is located at the bottom left. Annotations with arrows point to the main text input box (labeled 'Type your Domain name Here'), the two checkboxes (labeled 'The last 2 columns'), and the 'Search' button (labeled 'Search button').

Fig 1

It is advised you click/check/include the last 2 columns (as shown in Fig 1 above) so as to get other related matches and other links about/to your domain. This is required for in - depth search about your desired name, name string or domain name. However, to get the best results from the search, it is mandatory you check the two boxes.

STEP 3:- In this step, for example, use nira.org.ng as the desired domain name we want to search about. We will be looking for the administrative contact phone number here. So we have typed nira.org.ng in front of the box as outlined in step 2,

included our 2 columns for in depth search and clicked the search button and this is the outcome :-

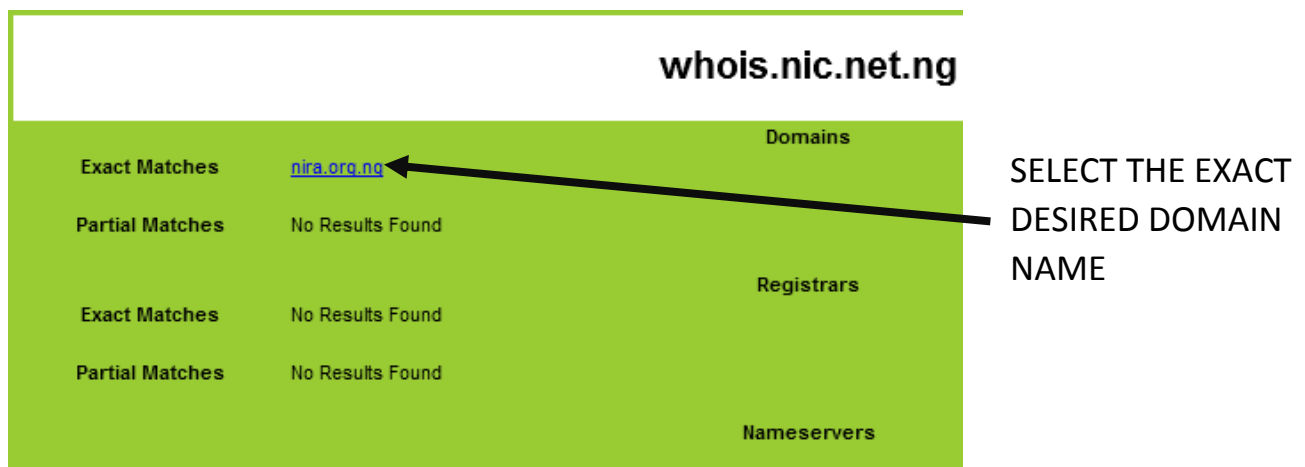


The screenshot shows the search results for 'nira.org.ng' on the whois.nic.net.ng website. The results are organized into four main sections: Domains, Registrars, Nameservers, and Contacts. Each section has sub-sections for 'Exact Matches' and 'Partial Matches'. In the Domains section, the exact match is 'nira.org.ng'. In the Nameservers section, there are six partial matches listed. In the Contacts section, there are three partial matches listed. A 'New Search' button is located at the bottom left.

Section	Sub-section	Results
Domains	Exact Matches	nira.org.ng
	Partial Matches	No Results Found
Registrars	Exact Matches	No Results Found
	Partial Matches	No Results Found
Nameservers	Exact Matches	nira.org.ng
	Partial Matches	cp.nira.org.ng dns1.nira.org.ng dns3.nira.org.ng dns5.nira.org.ng dns6.nira.org.ng dns2.nira.org.ng dns4.nira.org.ng mail.nira.org.ng ngdev.nira.org.ng More results available, please refine your search to see them
Contacts	Exact Matches	No Results Found
	Partial Matches	Ajavi Moses (SJVWBSU9R) Moses Ajavi (C1E64575BAD1B95E) NIRA (1FLK2vE6) Moses Ajavi (23654575BAE36A5D) Moses Ajavi (D6154575BADA467A) NIRA (106nm9K) Moses Ajavi (B3454575BAE872FA) Mrs. Mary Uduma (XNUF0P5C) NIRA (ng2k8to) More results available, please refine your search to see them

Fig 2

As shown in Fig 2 above, we have 4 sections which are Domains, Registrars, Nameservers and Contacts and 2 sub – sections under each section which are Exact Matches and Partial Matches. You can select any of this sub – sections if need be (i.e. if the information you are looking for is there) or to be very sure of what you are looking for, you can select the Exact matches sub section (as shown in Fig 3 below) under the Domain section since it was what we typed at the very beginning to use the search engine.



This screenshot is similar to Fig 2 but highlights the 'Exact Matches' section under 'Domains'. A black arrow points from the text 'SELECT THE EXACT DESIRED DOMAIN NAME' to the link 'nira.org.ng' in the 'Exact Matches' row.

Section	Sub-section	Results
Domains	Exact Matches	nira.org.ng
	Partial Matches	No Results Found
Registrars	Exact Matches	No Results Found
	Partial Matches	No Results Found
Nameservers	Exact Matches	No Results Found
	Partial Matches	No Results Found

Fig 3

STEP 4:- After selecting, the information on that domain is displayed as:-

whois.nic.net.ng	
Domain Name:	nira.org.ng
Domain ID:	8300-NIRA
WHOIS Server:	http://whois.nic.net.ng
Referral URL:	http://whois.nic.net.ng/whois.jsp
Updated Date:	2014-04-01T12:08:37.566Z
Creation Date:	2009-05-13T16:47:31.899Z
Registry Expiry Date:	2017-07-30T23:00:00.000Z
Sponsoring Registrar:	nira
Domain Status:	ok
Registrant ID:	96537-NIRA
Registrant Name:	Domain Admin
Registrant Organization:	Nigeria Internet Registration Association
Registrant Street:	9 Kofo Abayomi Street
Registrant City:	Victoria Island
Registrant State/Province:	Lagos
Registrant Postal Code:	101241
Registrant Country:	NG
Registrant Phone:	+234.8086031704
Registrant Phone Ext:	
Registrant Email:	admin@nira.org.ng
Admin ID:	96534-NIRA
Admin Name:	Membership Services
Admin Organization:	Nigeria Internet Registration Association
Admin Street:	9 Kofo Abayomi Street
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Required information

NB: Country and postal code is very important in case the owner might want to Transfer /change their registrar in the future.

Advantages of the **WHOIS** SEARCH ENGINE

- It provides information about domain name.
- It can help to know the availability of a domain name or similar name strings.