**Module 2 – Written Exercise Chapter 2**

**Exercise #9 (page 101) – In about 100 words, explain how top-level domain names are proposed and approved.**

Names for top-level domains need to go through an application process to ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) for either generic designation (gLTDs – Generic Top-Level Domains) or sponsored designation (sLTDs – Sponsored Top-Level Domains).  Sponsored applications come from groups that wish to have a top-level domain created to fit either a topic or grouping of information like .aero which was "sponsored by SITA, an air transport industry association". (Schneider 75).

In the beginning ICANN used to be a lot more selective about what types of top-level domains would be created.  As time has passed, and the Web increased in size, more domains were requested and needed. ICANN started approving more types of top-level domains to be listed around 2008 when they instituted a new application and implementation policy. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Top-level_domain) .

## Works Cited

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