JIG (Joint ccNSO-GNSO IDN Working Group) Meeting

ICANN | Costa Rica

March 12, 2012

Background of the JIG

- Charter adopted by both the ccNSO and GNSO Councils:
  - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/jiwg.htm
- The purpose of the JIG is to identify and explore issues and topics of common interest of relevance to both the ccNSO and GNSO and report on such an identified issues to the respective Councils and propose methodologies to address the issues

Charter Extended

- GNSO
  - July 21, 2011
  - http://gnso.icann.org/meetings/minutes-council-21jul11-en.htm
- ccNSO
  - August 23, 2011
  - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/minutes-council-23aug11-en.pdf

JIG Discussions

- Bi-Weekly Conference Calls (since March 2010)
- Issues of Common Interest identified:
    1. Single Character IDN TLDs
    2. IDN TLD Variants
    3. Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs
- Face to face meetings
    – Brussels / Cartagena / San Francisco / Singapore / Dakar
    – Workshop on Single Character IDN TLD at Cartagena

Call for Volunteers

- Chuck Gomes
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- Edmon Chung
- Chris Dissspain
- Terry Davis
- Stéphane.van Gelder
- Fahd Batayneh
- Andrei Kolesnikov
- Erik Iriarte
- Ram Mohan
- Han Chuan lee
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- Sarmad Hussain
- Zhang Jian
- June Seo
- Dennis Jennings
- Jothan Frakes

- Sun XianTang
- Yeo Yee Ling
- Doron Shikmoni
- Chamara Disanayake
- Young-Eum Lee
- Zhao Wei

- Daniel Kalchev
- Mirjana Tasic
- Ms. Zhou Linlin
- Tan Yaling
- Minjung Park
- Baasansuren Burmaa
- Jonathan Shea

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Universal Acceptance of IDN TLDs

Initial Report Published Jan 6, 2012

Stocktaking and Paper to Stimulate Discussions

Public Comment Period Closes:

March 23, 2012

Stocktaking of Policy Aspects

- Building on SSAC Recommendations
- Policy aspects as well as coordination roles that could be led by ICANN and the ICANN community
- Policies developed at and enforced by ICANN may not directly solve the issue of Universal Acceptance
- Certain areas of influence by ICANN along with supportive policies at ICANN can contribute to the promotion of the goal

Areas of Policy and Coordination

1. Are there policy aspects to be considered and/ or policies to be implemented at ICANN?

2. Which organizations should ICANN work with on the issue and how should ICANN identify such

3. Which areas should ICANN focus its efforts and exert its influence on?

4. What types of work should ICANN and the ICANN community place its efforts and priorities on?

Plans

- Public Session planned for Costa Rica
- Joining efforts with new gTLD team on Universal Acceptance of TLDs
- Public Comments close:
  - March 23, 2012
- Final Report with recommendations on Actions
  - Target to be produced Between ICANN Costa Rica and Prague

Comments Received so Far

- RySG
  - Suggestion of utilization of Survey
  - Broad questions require much work for response
- ALAC
  - ICANN may not directly solve but has significant influence to promote Universal Acceptance
  - Solutions are not always technical
- Internet Freedom, Censorship & GTLD

TLD Universal Acceptance

- Wed, 14 March 2012
- 12:30 - 14:00
- Room: La Paz A

Next Steps

- Consider Survey approach
- Working together with staff team on Universal Acceptance
- Consider Final Report

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Single Character IDN TLDs

Process / Progress

- Initial Report completed:
  - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/jig-initial-report-26jul10-en.pdf
- Public Comment period completed:
  - http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-2-27jul10-en.htm
- Staff summary on comments completed:
  - http://forum.icann.org/lists/jig-initial-report/pdfaul7JXcqaa.pdf
- Draft Final Report published for public comments:
  - http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-04dec10-en.htm
- Staff summary on comments completed
  - http://forum.icann.org/lists/jig-draft-final-report/pdfQxF383O30Q.pdf

Final Report on Single Character IDN TLDs Completed

- Final Report Submitted to respective councils
  - http://ccnso.icann.org/workinggroups/jig-final-report-single-character-idns-30mar11-en.pdf
- Approved by GNSO Council: April 7, 2011
- Approved by ccNSO Council : May 10, 2011

Current Status

- August 2011 Board Resolution

- Response from JIG drafted
  - Refined by ccNSO Council
  - Adopted by GNSO Council and ccNSO Councils
  - Urging Board to provide clearer road map

- SSAC Report on Single Character IDN TLDs
  - Reconfirmed that current processes needs to be updated

SSAC Report

- 3 Work Items:
  - string similarity / IDN variant issues / TLD label syntax
- 3 Findings:
  1. More characters a domain label has, the easier it is for a user to "infer the context"
  2. No other significant security concerns are apparent
  3. String similarity & variant issues not completed
- 2 Recommendations:
  - SSAC recommends a very conservative approach … should disallow by default … exceptions are possible, but only after careful consideration of each individual case
  - should review the Findings of this report, and any policies that it adopts in response to recommendations made in this document, no later than one year after the three work items mentioned above have been completed

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IDN Variant TLDs

VIP Project Plan

- Project 1: Label Generation Ruleset Tool
- Project 2: Ruleset Process for Root Zone
- Project 3: Feasibility of Whole-String Variants
- Project 4: Visual Similarity Processes
- Project 5: Technical Feasibility of Mirroring
- Project 6: User Experience Implications
- Project 7: Updates to gTLD and ccTLD Programs
- Project 8: Updates to ICANN and IANA Operations

Thank You

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