

IDN Variant Issues Project Update

ICANN IDN Variant Team



Why this project?

- Long standing request from a number of IDN user communities.
- Board instructed staff to develop an issues report on the subject.

<http://www.icann.org/en/minutes/resolutions-25sep10-en.htm#2.5>



IDN variant TLDs as of today

- Applicants may declare variant strings for the TLD in its application.
- No variant TLD strings are delegated until variant management solutions are developed and implemented.



Scope of the Project

1. Create a glossary of terms vetted with technical and linguistic communities.
2. Identify challenges (requirements) of IDN variant TLDs based on:
 - a) linguistic accuracy
 - b) technical feasibility & accuracy
 - c) usability (including minimize user confusion)
 - d) accessibility and
 - e) security and stability



Case Study Teams

- Comprised of community experts in DNS, Registry/Registrar operations, Linguistics, Security, Policy, and IDNA
- Led by a Case Study Team Coordinator
- Teams had regular teleconference calls and face-to-face meetings
- ICANN has provided support for case study teams



Case Study Reports

- 6 Case Study Teams completed work in early October 2011
- Case Study Team Reports published for public comment (translations on the way)
<http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-4-03oct11-en.htm>

IDN VIP Phase 1 completed

Thank you, Teams !



Case Study Reports

Public Comment

Please Contribute

Closing date: 14 November 2011

<http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/>



IDN Variant Issues Project

IDN Variant Issues Project Phases



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Integrated Issues Report

IDN Variant Issues Project - Second phase

- Development of an Integrated Issues Report, based on the 6 Case Study Reports
- Summarizes and synthesizes the issues identified by the case study teams.

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Team:

- A Coordination Team comprised of representatives from the case study teams, and
- ICANN staff and consultants

<http://www.icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-4-03oct11-en.htm>



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Two sections.

- Common issues across the cases studied
- Issues particular to specific cases



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Also to provide:

- Guidelines that can be used for study and development of additional case study reports

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Objectives:

- Identify the set of issues that require solutions for a common IDN variant TLD mechanism
- Identify any sets of issues to be solved for specific scripts
- Classify issues according to type (e.g., technical, policy, other) and priority

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(Objectives):

- Identify appropriate groups/ processes to resolve these issues
- Identify areas where further study is needed, if any
- Document the levels of support for conclusions

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(Objectives):

- Document the analysis and rationale undertaken for conclusions reached
- Create “guidelines for additional cases”

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Key Stakeholders:

- The ICANN Board of Directors and the Board Variants Working Group (BV-WG)
- Policy groups (including the GNSO, ccNSO) and advisory committees
- Potential TLD requestors/applicants

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Working Practices:

- ICANN Project team staff will perform the drafting and editing
- The Coordination Team will have an advisory and reviewing role and liaise with the 6 case study teams

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(Working Practices):

- The Community Wiki will be regularly updated with the relevant materials
- The Coordination Team will meet weekly by teleconference

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Proposed Timeline:

- 3 Oct 11: 6 Case Studies public comment period starts
- 22 Oct 11: Coordination Team meets in Dakar
- *14 Nov 11: Public comment closing date*



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(Proposed Timeline):

- 14 Nov 11: Case Study Teams begin analysis of comments. (Revised reports from the teams are not required)
- 28 Nov 11: Case Study Team analysis to ICANN.



Integrated Issues Report

(Proposed Timeline):

- 2 Dec 11: Draft Integrated Issues Report is circulated to team for review
- 8-9 Dec 11: (tentative) face to face meeting
- 15 Dec 11: Integrated Issues Report is posted for public comment



Integrated Issues Report

(Proposed Timeline):

- 30 Jan 12: Public comment period closes
- 15 Feb 12: Report Last Call
- 20 Feb 12: Integrated Issues Report published
- Mar 12: ICANN Board considers at ICANN Costa Rica



IDN variant survey

- ICANN will be conducting a survey with TLD registries about their IDN variant implementations
- Results will help the coordination team



How to stay informed?

- Integrated-vip mailing list archive URL

<http://mm.icann.org/pipermail/integrated-vip/>

- Mailing List vip@icann.org to join the public discussion.

<https://mm.icann.org/mailman/listinfo/vip>



How to stay informed?

- Community wiki:

<https://community.icann.org/display/VIP/Home>



Questions

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Thank You

