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)

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/
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IDN Variant Issues Project Phases

- Arabic Case Study Report
- Chinese Case Study Report
- Cyrillic Case Study Report
- Devanagari Case Study Report
- Greek Case Study Report
- Latin Case Study Report

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Development of Solutions

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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.
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
# Integrated Issues Report

## Issues Report

### Coordination Team

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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
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.
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(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
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(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
Thank You