Batching

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Brief description of batching issues to facilitate discussion.

Opportunities throughout the week to communicate/collaborate:

- among each other
- ICANN Board

What is Batching?

Batch

a quantity or number coming at one time or taken together

For application processing, it occurs twice:

- Allocation of applications into the evaluation process
- Release of applications results

Batching vs. Timestamp

Batching for new gTLD applications is:

- Allocation of applications into the evaluation process, and
- Release of applications results

The timestamp is one methodology for assigning application into batches for how evaluation results are released

This discussion is about how to release evaluation results,

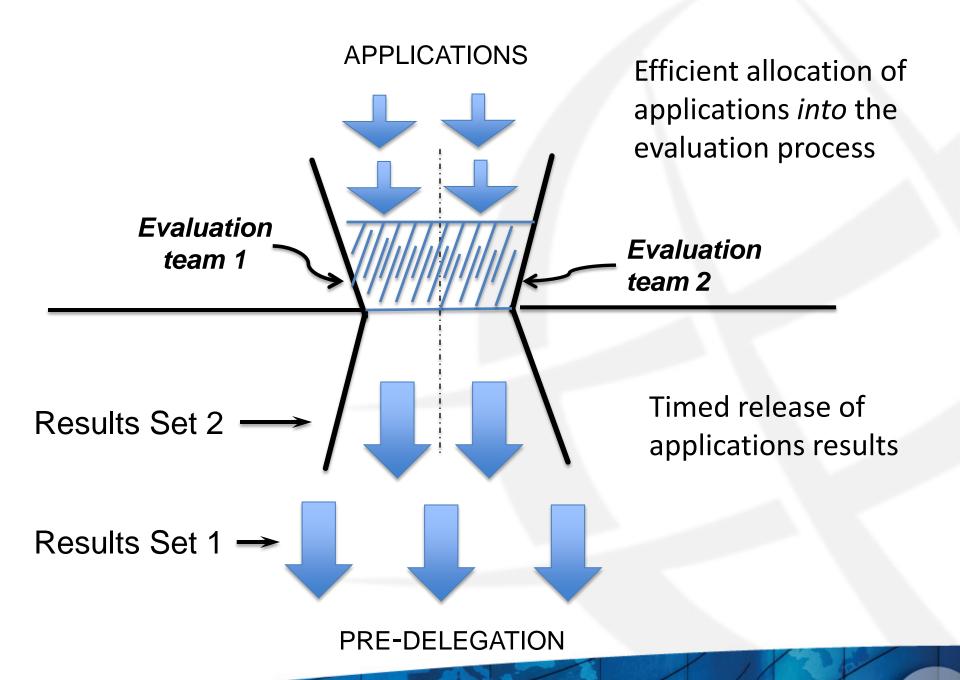
Then about tools that might be needed for that.

Purposes of Batching

- Allocation of applications *into* the process
 - Efficient, timely processing of applications
 - Cost effectiveness
 - Consistency
- Release of evaluation results
 - Equitable method
 - Smoothed to:
 - Meet root zone scaling commitments
 - Match downstream processing capability

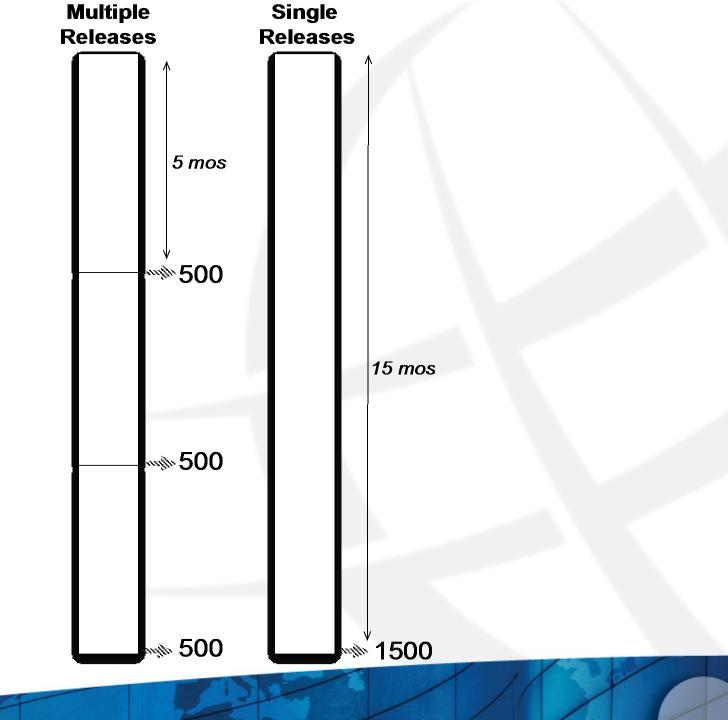
Note on Root Zone Scaling Obligations

- Root Zone scaling study identified the risk was due to the rate of change to the root zone, not the absolute size of the root zone
- The threshold rate of change is commonly understood to be 1000/year
- But the change should be smoothed, to a certain extent across the year (not a singular event)



Batching Issues

- Release evaluation results at different times
 - must be done in a fair way
 - might provide an advantage to those who go first if there is substantial time variance
 - will allow for faster downstream processing
- Release evaluation results at the same time
 - is inherently fair, but
 - might require downstream metering of application processing
 - will result in longer average time to process



Emerging Community Position

- The solution has to be fair
- Evaluation results have to be announced at same time
- Successful applications should proceed to the delegation phase without undue delays
- Delegation to the root must at a smooth rate, not to exceed
 1000 per year
- Take into account GAC planning to issue Early Warnings shortly after the Toronto ICANN meeting, in October 2012
- Take into account that GAC advice on contentious applications is not expected to be finalised before the Asia Pacific meeting, in April 2013

Thank You



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Questions