

## New Generic Top-Level Domains: Root Scaling Issues

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## **ICANN DNS Root Scaling Study**

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  - http://www.dnssec-deployment.org
  - https://ns.iana.org/dnssec/root.zone.signed
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  - http://www.icann.org/en/topics/idn
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  - http://www.iana.org/reports/2008/root-aaaaannouncement.html
- New gTLDs
  - http://www.icann.org/en/topics/new-gtld-program.htm



#### **Root Scaling Study**

- Requested by ICANN Board
- Study team assembled early May 2009
  - Lyman Chapin (lead)
  - Jaap Akkerhuis, Glenn Kowack, Patrik Fältström, Lars-Johan Liman, Bill Manning
- Announcement and public comments
  - http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/#root-scaling
- Draft report 31 August 2009
  - public review and comment prior to ICANN annual meeting in late October 2009

# How will root zone expansion affect the operation of the root server system?

- Model-based analysis of root zone scaling issues
  - Compile a description of the complete root server system
    - Provisioning side (update) and query side (lookup)
    - · Technical infrastructure and operational procedures
  - Model the relationships among different parts of the system
    - · How does changing something in one part affect each other part?
    - Goal is quantitative model (as timeframe of study allows)
- Factual/analytical tool for resolving concerns about root server system security and stability as the root grows







