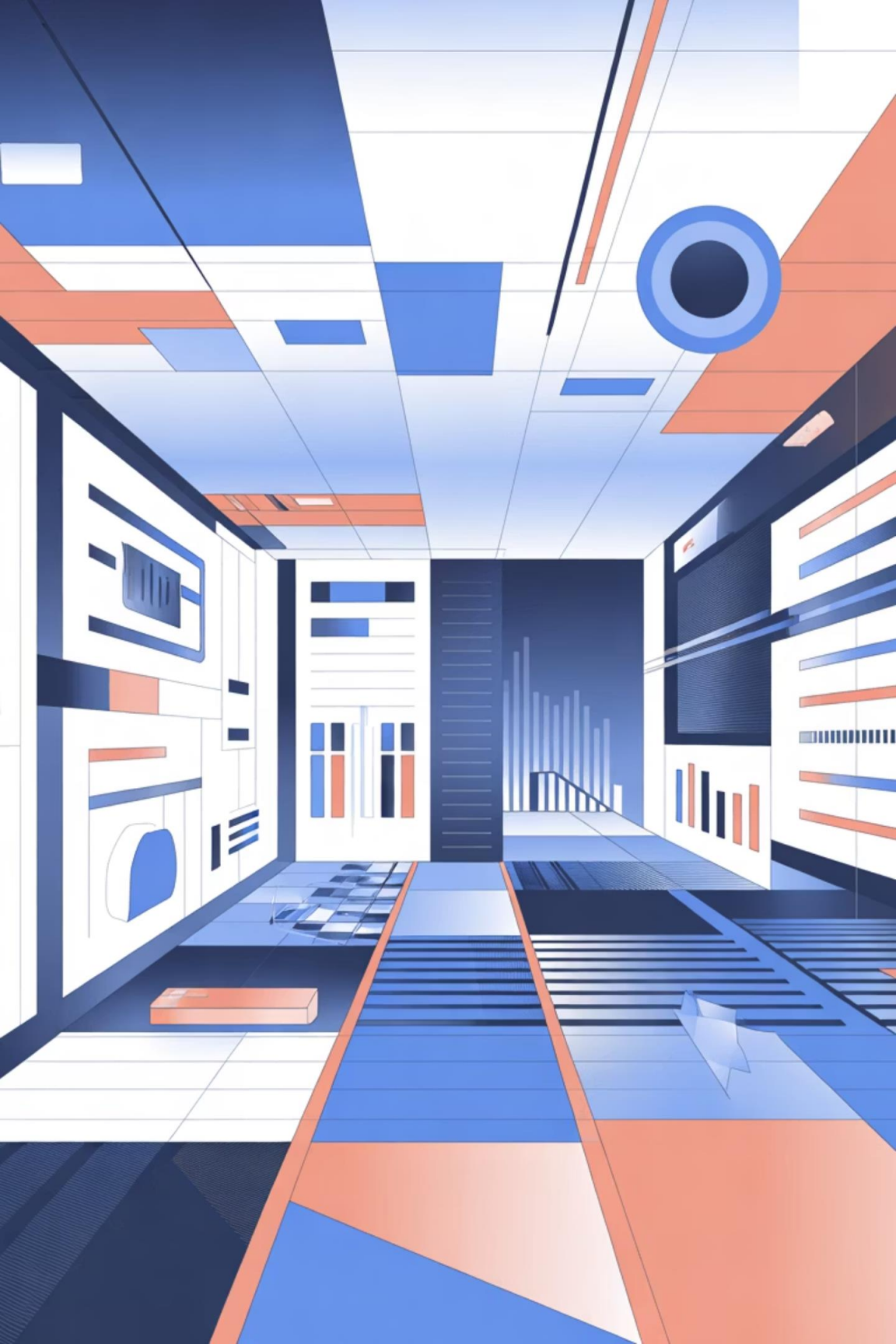




Accuracy: Can We Have Anonymity and a Secure Internet?

A multi-stakeholder dialogue on defining accuracy in domain registration while balancing security needs with privacy rights and implementation realities.

Session Agenda



1. Introduction

Setting the stage: Why accuracy matters now in the evolving landscape of domain registration, privacy expectations, and DNS abuse prevention.



2. Exploring the Landscape

Understanding diverse stakeholder perspectives on accuracy versus identity verification in domain contact data.



3. Security Considerations

Examining risks of identity data collection and exploring alternative approaches to accountability through reliable contact channels.



4. Implementation Challenges

Navigating the complexities of global registrar operations across different legal systems and privacy obligations.



5. ICANN's Role

Clarifying ICANN's mission boundaries and exploring proportionate policy approaches that respect privacy and human rights.



6. Closing Round

Identifying common ground on contactability and determining next steps for policy development and clarification.

1. Introduction

➤ Why This Conversation Matters Now

The domain registration ecosystem faces mounting pressure from multiple directions: evolving regulatory frameworks like GDPR, shifting privacy expectations from internet users, and intensifying discussions around DNS abuse prevention and mitigation.

At the heart of these intersecting concerns lies a fundamental question: **What does "accuracy" truly mean in the domain registration context?**

➤ What Accuracy means for NCSG at ICANN



Central Question

Must accuracy require full identity verification, or can we achieve accountability through reliable contactability and responsive communication channels?

Session Goal

Explore practical definitions of accuracy that serve both security objectives and privacy principles while remaining implementable across diverse global contexts.

2. Exploring the Landscape

Divergent Perspectives Based on Mission and Mandate

Different stakeholders in the domain name ecosystem view accuracy through distinct lenses shaped by their operational needs, legal obligations, and organizational missions. Law enforcement agencies prioritize investigative access, intellectual property holders focus on infringement prevention, privacy advocates emphasize data protection, and registrars balance compliance with user trust.



Panel Question:

What is the main issue between accuracy and privacy/anonymity, and why does it matter? Offer examples of harms, risks, and limitations



Audience Question:

Would you register a domain if identity verification were required?



3. Security Considerations

Panel Questions:

- To LE/IPC: can abuse be addressed if registrants remain anonymous but contactable?
- To civil society: when is contactability not enough, and how can that be improved



Reframing Accountability

Can we achieve meaningful accountability through reliable, verifiable contact channels—email, phone, postal address—without requiring full identity documentation and storage? This approach maintains responsiveness while minimizing data collection and associated risks.

4. Implementation Challenges



To Registrars

Is it realistic for registrars to validate data to the necessary extent?



5. ICANN's Role and Path Forward

Question:

- Where does ICANN fit in while staying within its mandate?
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6. Closing Round

Question:

- Each panelist: choose one — accuracy as contactability, identification, or hybrid — and explain briefly
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Time for questions...and thanks for participating!