



Introduction and Observations

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A short introduction

- Began at IANA mid-November
- Prior to that, Technical Policy Advisor to CENTR since early 2002
- A founder of auDA (.au), and director until November 2005
- Previous involvement in Australian Internet Industry (setup IX, ISP industry, various central infrastructure roles)



My Personal Observations So Far

- Hard-working, conscientious staff
- Internal recognition of failures
- More work than any one community imagines
- Better statistics/explanations probably needed to expose true state of IANA and its efficiency
- Failures are very public - disproportionate effect?
- Lack of documentation of process - but it is in development.
- Hard to build relationships, or show improvement, when interactions so few (e.g. 1 every n years)
- Multiple systems need converging
- Developing a strong CS ethic

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Breakdown:

Pending renumbering of communal glue	8
Waiting for special approval	2
Policy Question	1
Redelegations (i.e. change of manager)	2
Technical failure	1
No action - awaiting confirmation to close	2
New request - unprocessed	1
Misc	2

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Breakdown:

Pending renumbering of communal glue	8	0
Waiting for special approval	2	0
Policy Question	1	1
Redelegations (i.e. change of manager)	2	1
Technical failure	1	0
No action - awaiting confirmation to close	2	0
New request - unprocessed	1	1
Misc	2	0

Total “held up” in IANA **3**

- 1× policy clarification
- 1× redelegation report in progress
- 1× new request

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