

ICANN IDN Variant TLD Program Meeting Minutes

Conference Call for Project 2.1: A Way to Develop and Maintain the Label Generation Rules (LGR) for the Root Zone in Respect of IDNA Labels

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1. Agenda review:
 - Quick review of the new document and key changes
 - Discussion on new comments received
 - Review of outstanding issues raised
2. Public comment received: only one received.
 - a. Simplicity principle. The positional variance in the Arabic is important and should be taken into account. The code point encoded is varied depending in the position of the string.
 - b. Arabic is cursive. They join. When writing A & B joined, they look different than when they are separate. There are some devices
3. Section b 1.2. Structure series points should be clearer.
4. Definition of panels may need more work.
5. Dispute resolution process: two opposing thoughts
 - a. Should be more defined or
 - b. Stay away from trying to define detail process
 - c. Need to decided which direction we need to proceed
 - d. Chairs of the panels should facilitate dispute resolution
 - e. Advisors could be called upon to help resolve dispute
6. Section B1.2 is unclear.
 - a. Last sentence in particular: Disposition of labels will be based on the tag associated with that subset.
 - b. Same variant but active or block based on position? It could be the Japanese vs. Chinese case. Generation panel could propose rule that is different depending on the repertoire.

7. Integration panel may determine and could insert a blocking rule based on what they receive from other Generation panels.
8. Section B2.3 Advisors. Advisors cannot be on panels. Also, panelist cannot be on multiple panels.
9. An error in Appendix E. The Chinese example is wrong. U+7231 should be simplified, while the U+611B should be the Traditional. The followed text should be revised accordingly.
10. Unified LGR changes time to time. We will grandfather everything that is in it already. This is a risk but nothing we can do at this point. Anything already there cannot be undone. Conservatism rule.
11. Changes on latest document.
 - a. Address comments from Toronto and Klensin.
 - b. If there are anything that were raised in Toronto that is not in this document, please let Andrew know.
 - c. There are already some amendments on the train. Expect another version before the next conference call. Will incorporate another round of comments.
12. Next public comment is scheduled to open at the end of November.
 - a. This public comment will be the last opportunity for input.
13. Fundamental disagreement noted:
 - a. We need to sort this out quickly. Need to get an agreement.
 - b. Currently, the process is that if anyone disagrees, answer is no.
 - c. This is a feature but some sees it as a bug.
 - d. This is a feature of conservatism principle.
 - e. Some feel that we should be enabling as much as possible which is not a position of conservatism principle.
 - f. Should we be supportive to a point of promoting the variants?
 - g. Abandoning the Conservatism principle? This principle is the one that calls for leaving out anything that can't achieve consensus.
14. If any disagreement, the answer is no, until there is agreement.
 - a. This means that one person can stop.
 - b. Shouldn't it be majority decision?
 - c. The panelist is staking one's professional reputation.
 - d. The panelist must provide technical rationale for the objection.
 - e. If one panelist persists in rejecting without technical reason, they could lose the contract. This would be viewed dishonorable and unprofessional. Isn't that sufficient.
15. Next conference is in two weeks.
16. Use email to continue the discussion till then.
17. Let Naela and Nicole know the numbers to call out if anyone needs it.