

IDNA Protocol

Transition and Experiences



General information





- Practical IDN experience for TLD registries/ registrars
 - Standing session at coming ICANN meetings?
 - Cartagena Topic:
 - IDNA Protocol Transition / Experiences
 - SFO Proposed Topic:
 - IDN Guidelines revision
 - IDN ccTLD reports on progress and market uptake
 - IDN Best Practice TLD registry & Registrar
 - Input from TLD registries and registrars?

IDNA Protocol Revision

The IDNA protocol is the technical standard that provides a basis for IDN implementation

It is primarily for entities serving their market with IDN usability and availability, such as: - TLD registries

- registrars, and - software developers



• RFC5890-94:

- IDNA Definitions and Document
- IDNA Protocol
- Unicode Code Points and IDNA
- Right-to-Left Scripts for IDNA
- IDNA Background, Explanation & Rationale
- Approved by IESG August 2010
- Revision was initiated by an informal design team that looked at experiences gained since IDNA intro in 2003

IDNA Revision Areas





Key revision areas are described in RFC4690

- unambiguous one-to-one relationship between the U-label and the A-label
- determining valid code points by Unicode character properties
 - removing Unicode-version dependency
- reducing problems with scripts written from right to left

IDNA non-Mappings





- The IDNA 2003 produced mappings from some characters to other
- The revised IDNA does not incl mappings
 - a non-normative document on <u>Mapping</u>
 <u>Characters in IDNA</u> was produced by IDNA WG
 - not in the RFC-Editor queue
- Create transition work for IDNA implementers
- Experiences coming up...
- IDN Guidelines to provide advice for transitions

IDN Guidelines

IDN

Guidelines

• IDN Guidelines build upon IDNA protocol

- Requirement for gTLDs and IDN ccTLDs
- IDN Guidelines WG (gTLD & ccTLD reps)
- Experience build into the Guidelines
 - Version 2.2

http://icann.org/en/topics/idn/implementation-guidelines.htm

Draft discussion version:

http://icann.org/en/announcements/announcement-4-15nov10en.htm

- Today's session result:
 - draft discussion version revised
 - posted for public comments
 - eventually ICANN Board consideration



Thank You

