

Survey of Internationalized Registration Data Handling Practices by TLD Registrars

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As part of the process to implement the internationalized registration data recommendations of the ICANN WHOIS review team, ICANN is surveying existing internationalized registration data handling practices by TLD registrars.

You are receiving this survey because you have been identified as a respondent for a TLD registrar.

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Some Essential Terminology

(Source: [Final Report of the ICANN Internationalized Registration Data Working Group](#))

- **Domain Name Registration Data (DNRD):** Refers to the information that registrants provide when registering a domain name and that registrars or registries collect. [...]
- **Internationalized Registration Data (IRD):** Where DNRD can be represented in different languages and scripts it is referred to as *Internationalized Registration Data*. [...]
- **Translation:** The process of conveying the meaning of some passage of text in one language, so that it can be expressed equivalently in another language. <RFC6365>
- **Transliteration:** The process of representing the characters of an alphabetical or syllabic system of writing by the characters of a conversion alphabet. <RFC6365>

1. Please fill your contact info: *

Name:

Organization:

Email:

2. Please list the TLDs to which the following answers will apply. *

If your organization is responsible for multiple TLDs to which different sets of answers apply, please fill this survey multiple times, as necessary.

Registrant Input

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3. Does the registrar support the registrant submitting registration data in any language/script? *

- Yes, all languages/scripts are supported.
- No, specific language(s)/script(s) are supported:

Comments

4. Is registration data validated in order to make sure that only the intended script(s)/language(s) is input by the registrant? *

- Yes
- No

Comments

5. Is the registrant allowed to submit registration data in multiple languages/scripts simultaneously? *

- Yes
- No, only a single set of registration data in a single language/script is supported.

Comments

6. To what extent is mixing of languages/scripts allowed? Would it be possible, for example, to submit a name in Arabic along with an address in Japanese? *

7. What percent of registrants enter data in a language/script other than English/US-ASCII? *

Comments

8. Does the registrar take translation/transliteration directly from the registrant, in case data is entered in a script other than US-ASCII? *

- Yes
- No
- Only US-ASCII is permitted

Comments

If yes, how do you handle cases where the registrant is unfamiliar with Latin script?

9. Is Romanization required for registration data? *

- Yes
- No
- Does not apply

Comments

10. Is the registrar's registration interface accessible in multiple languages? *

Yes

No

Comments

If yes, does the chosen active interface language affect the set of registration data elements input by the user? For example, street address format X being only available when the interface is being displayed in language Y. (Please describe.)

Yes

No

Comments

Does the chosen active interface language affect the allowed/supported set of languages/scripts used for registration data? For example, using Chinese characters being only supported when the interface is displayed in Chinese. (Please describe.)

Yes

No

Comments

11. If registrants are required to submit a single common script version and an internationalized version of their registration data, do you care whether both literally match each other? If yes, please explain why and describe how this is enforced. *

- Yes
- No
- There is no such requirement

Comments

12. If there are more than one versions of the registration data, which version would be considered primary if they mismatch? Please explain why. *

13. Is there any mechanism provided on the registrar's interface for facilitating the input of languages/scripts other than US-ASCII? If yes, please describe the tools and technologies used. *

- Yes
- No

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14. Does the registrar transliterate submitted registration data into a different script? *

If yes, please describe the process. What is the reason for implementing this process? Are there problems or difficulties with the process? (technical, legal, etc.)

Yes

No

Comments

15. Does the registrar translate submitted registration data into a different language? *

If yes, please describe the process. What is the reason for implementing this process? Are there problems or difficulties with the process? (technical, legal, etc.)

Yes

No

Comments

16. Is there any other alteration of registration data between input by the registrant and submission to the registry? *

If yes, please describe the process. What is the reason for implementing this process? Are there problems or difficulties with the process? (technical, legal, etc.)

Yes

No

Comments

17. If you do transliteration/translation, what software tools are employed?

18. If you do transliteration/translation, to what standards is the process intended to conform?

19. If you do translation/transliteration, how is source language data accuracy and consistency maintained (if any)? Is this policy different from that of Latin data collected?

20. If you do translation/transliteration, does this process incur extra costs? How have these costs been managed so as to remain competitive?

21. Does the registrar support submitting internationalized registration data to escrow providers? *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

Comments

Submission to Registries

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22. Does the registrar support submitting internationalized registration data to registries? *

If yes, please list registries.

Yes

No

Comments

23. Does the registrar support submitting registration data in multiple languages/scripts to registries? *

If yes, please list registries.

Yes

No

Comments

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24. If there is additional relevant information that you would like to contribute, please enter it in the box below.

Thank You!

Thank you for taking our survey. Your response is very important to us.