UASG

Report on UASG activities at the ICANN meeting in Helsinki – June 2016

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The UASG had a public session where we provided the community with a list of achievements since Marrakech (which have already been published) and plans between Helsinki and India. There were also a number of other places where UA issues were discussed. This report provides a summary of the discussions and some action points.

- We've identified volunteers for at least another three translations of the Quick Guide (Turkish, Hindi, Japanese)
- We're going forward with a White Paper raising the Economic, Social and Cultural benefits of being a UA Early Adopter
- We're working to better align the IDNA and Unicode protocols

The community asked us to look at a facility to log poor UA experience, advocate for their repair and track resolution. **ACTION: *If you're interested in helping scope this work, please send a note to [don.hollander@icann.org.](mailto:don.hollander@icann.org)***

We also heard that the community wants us to work on a UA Ready Certification program. We have heard of some work being done by the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT), formerly CATR (China Academy of Telecommunications Research) and will reach out to them. **ACTION: *If you're interested in helping scope this work, please send a note to [don.hollander@icann.org.](mailto:don.hollander@icann.org)***

We heard about ICANN IT's journey to UA Readiness
- A number of applications have been address
- ICANN IT is now going to shift away from aggressively pursuing UA to incorporating UA remediation into normal maintenance schedules.
- ICANN IT is developing a number (~20) of Edge cases that they will make available.
- Developers need to be aware of the potential Buffer Overflow security risk with regard to field lengths being exceeded.
- ICANN IT has started to publish some of their fixes on GitHub
- Processing is the hardest part of the five verbs of UA
- ICANN IT are leveraging some automated evaluation & testing tools as they look at their systems. **ACTION: *If you're interested in helping scope this work, please send a note to [don.hollander@icann.org.](mailto:don.hollander@icann.org)***

We'll be getting some standard 'assets' onto the website. These will include standard presentations (Introduction, Quick Guide, Documentation), Logos, Letterheads and UA Presentation templates.

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We had good discussion about our Communications Plan with one participant believing that the keeping up with standards is an important message.

There is a need for the Internet industry, individually and as a whole (Registries, Registrars, ISPs, Hosting companies and Email providers) to become UA Ready. There were some discussions on this in Helsinki, but no one yet taking ownership. **ACTION:** *If you're interested in helping scope this work, please send a note to* [don.hollander@icann.org.](mailto:don.hollander@icann.org)

There was again some discussion about becoming a member of M3AAWG, even though many of the organisations of active participants are already members. **ACTION: UASG Coordination Group to consider.**

Other points of note:
- We'll look at developing some lecture notes and slides for use in tertiary computer programming classes.
- More discussions on national and regional initiatives occurred – including the Middle East, Baltic countries, South East Asia, and Oceania
- We should consider getting in line for the Auction proceeds fund if we are worried about being financially constrained.
- We provided a briefing to the ICANN GSE team and a number of action plans came from that.

Summary of Action Items:
- **Facility to log and track poor UA experiences. Volunteers for scoping wanted.**
- **Facility to provide certificate of UA Readiness. Volunteers for scoping wanted.**
- **Automated Test Tools. Volunteers for scoping wanted.**
- **Development of an Internet industry UA Blueprint. Volunteers wanted for this.**
- **Membership of M3AAWG to be considered.**

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