NCAP Discussion Group
Meeting #85
4 May 2022 at 19:00 – 20:00 UTC
Meeting wiki: https://community.icann.org/x/DQPCCw

Discussion Group Members	Observers
Matt Thomas, Warren Kumari, Jeff Schmidt, Julie Hammer, Rod Rasmussen, Greg Shatan, Barry Leiba	
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	Matt Larson, Kathy Schnitt, Jennifer Bryce, Danielle Rutherford, Kinga Kowalczyk, Steve Sheng
Apologies	
Jim Galvin, Anne Aikman-Scalese, Tom Barrett, Jaap Akkerhuis	
	Contractor Support
	Casey Deccio, Heather Flanagan

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https://icann.zoom.us/rec/share/yuytOmzB8ZgZeyst2XjEfHKrVNtBS3uofUD3nkJK4ZHNCMdwk2hk0lD543zwsyTb.Kvd3YocCEr2_4NmK

NCAP Discussion Group action items and decision log:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DE5lcOqFujazdw4_x5ii9vcBnsoskAUJnBee_HaVHn8/edit?usp=sharing.

1. **Welcome, roll call - Matt**
See attendance record above. No SOIs provided.

2. **Current status of the NCAP project; restatement of summary of action items and decisions made from last meeting – Jennifer**
Jennifer provided a high-level overview of updates made to the work plan. The project end date has not changed, but more detail has been added to capture specific items the Discussion Group and the SSAC work party needs to address. The updated plan will be posted to the wiki.

Action item: Jennifer to circulate the updated work plan to the list and post to the wiki if no objections on list.

3. **'Approach to Measuring Name Collisions Using Online Advertisement' (see PDF) - Matt**
Matt provided an overview of the document and the group had a discussion. Several Discussion Group members noted that the document is interesting and useful but raises some questions. Specific comments/questions that were raised include:
- Casey raised instances where false positives may occur, such as if the system and browser are using different resolvers, or because of authoritative configurations for second level domains or below, versus top-level domains. Casey suggested that these should be made explicit in the document.
- Jeff noted he has concerns that, while the approach will generate data from a new and different perspective, it is not clear to him what to do with the data, or how we know what data is good, bad, or indifferent.

- Warren noted that one potential outcome is that the data should tell us what areas/autonomous systems there seem to be issues with a particular string from. This is information could potentially be used to mitigate some name collisions.
- Jeff noted an additional concern that this approach is exclusive to networks connected to browsers, and therefore would create uncertain results. He asked about what happens in the situation where a network never has a user on it, or if the network is using resolvers that are not on the network.

Action item: Questions from the Discussion Group regarding the 'Approach to Measuring Name Collisions Using Online Advertisement' to be discussed with the document author. Specific comments/questions are captured in the meeting notes.

4. **'Perspective Study' update (see [PDF](#)) - Matt**

Matt provided an overview of the updates made to the 'Perspective Study' using the slides (see PDF linked above). He noted that in general the findings from the original document still stand, although some of the findings have been reworded to be less subjective and more factual. In response to a question from Jeff, Matt noted that the question of harm is not addressed in this document and are more addressed in Casey's Root Cause Analysis work. Casey will present his work to the Discussion Group next week.

Matt noted that a redline and clean versions of the full 'Perspective Study' document will be shared to the list for a consensus call.

5. **Summary of action items and decisions – Jennifer**

Action item: Jennifer to circulate the updated work plan to the list and post to the wiki if no objections on list.

Action item: Questions from the Discussion Group regarding the 'Approach to Measuring Name Collisions Using Online Advertisement' to be discussed with the document author. Specific comments/questions are captured in the meeting notes.

6. **AOB**

None raised.