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IDN Variant Experience Webinar

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1530 UTC

Agenda

- Overview of TLD programs related to variants [15 mins]
- Experience of Variant Handling in TLDs [50 mins]
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Agenda

- Overview of DNS mechanisms and status from IETF standards [10 mins]
- RFC discussions about variant handling [10 mins]
- Wrap up



Update on Variants in the New gTLD Program

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New gTLD Program

- Opening for applications
January 2012
- First opportunity to apply for
IDN gTLDs
- Applicant Guidebook
 - community input process
 - approved in June 2011

New gTLD Program: Variant Management

No gTLD variant strings delegated until solutions for the top level are implemented

Variant strings may be “declared” in gTLD application

- Status of declared strings
- Current work on solutions



Update on Variants in the IDN ccTLD Fast Track

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Current Status

- 35 unique requests received to date
- 30 IDN ccTLDs in the root, representing 20 countries & territories
- 6 approved strings ready for or in IANA delegation process

Variants in the Fast Track

- Five countries:
 - SA (3 desired variants)
 - One each from IR, PK, SY, TW
- Desired variants allocated to requesters, published but not delegated
- Currently reserved pending the completion of variant project work