

NCAP Discussion Group

Meeting #112

19 April 2023 at 20:00 – 21:00 UTC

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1. Welcome, roll call - Matt

See attendance record above. No SOI updates recorded.

2. Dataset comparison – Jeff

- Jeff provided some background information and additional context to why he is concerned about manipulation and gaming. He shared a [slide](#) summarizing different datasets and their pros and cons. (Note: During the call Jeff also presented a background/context slide, which he will revise based on comments from Jim and circulate to the list.)
- Warren demonstrated some “proof-of-concept” gaming that he had performed earlier on the ICANN DNS Magnitude data.
- There is general agreement within the group that manipulation and gaming is not a trivial issue. Jim suggested that one of the responsibilities of the Technical Review Team (TRT) would be to identify manipulation, to the best of their ability, and the Discussion Group should consider what, if any, tools they could recommend to the TRT to help with this identification.
- Casey encouraged the group to think about what each different dataset is useful for, and how they might be used to complement one another. He also encouraged the group to think about what else they might be able to suggest as solutions they can present, as he feels that currently they are pushing a lot off to the TRT.
- Suzanne encouraged the group to think about how to incorporate today’s discussion into Study 2 report, whether it should be a new finding, or set of findings, or an appendix to the report. She noted that there needs to be more discussion on gaming and manipulation, and this discussion provides some content for that section of the report, too. Jim suggested that the analysis would be useful in the description of how the TRT would be expected to do its work.

3. Continue discussion on Study 2 report section 4: Findings – Matt

This discussion will be carried over to next week; there was no discussion this week due to time constraints.

4. AOB

None raised.

5. Summary of action items and decisions

No specific action items recorded.