# Hebrew IDN ccTLD for Israel





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## **History**

- "IL" ccTLD UP to 1997, managed by IUCC (Inter-University Computer Center). From 1997 by Israel Internet Association ISOC-IL
- 2010 IDN registration in Hebrew on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level under .IL
- 2012 poll among the general public for preferred IDN TLD.
  - 1. "יל" ("IL")
  - 2. "ישראל" ("Israel")
  - 3. "יש" ("IS").
- 2014 Fast Track Process for "יל". Ended 2019 with objection of the Academy for Hebrew Language ("יל" not a valid shortage of "ישראל" in Hebrew).





### (XN--4DBRK0CE) "ישראל."

- Second Fast Track Process (2019-2020)
  - "IL"=>"ישראל (xn--4DBRK0CE)
  - Support from Israeli Ministry of Communication and the Israeli Internet Community.
- 2021 delegation of xn—4DBRK0CE to Israel Internet Association.
  - Support from the Israeli Internet Community (Government we do not get involved.





### How to manage an IDN ccTLD.

- "IL", SLD Model => "co.il", "org.il", "gov.il", "ac.il", "muni.il", "idf.il", "net.il", "k12.il". No registration at the second level.
- "ישראל"." => SLD model? Second Level Registration model? Hybrid model?
- Public consultation:
  - General Public wants Second Level Registration Model or Hybrid.
  - Government and academia wants dedicated SLD.
  - Experts and other stakeholders are silent.
- Decision
  - Hybrid model with reservations





#### Reservations

- SLD for government, IDF, municipalities and academia.
- List of "forbidden domain names". Why?
  - "בנק.ישראל" (="bank.Israel") is the formal legal name of the central bank of Israel. Can be used for phishing and/or fraud.
  - Protect the SLDs
- Sunrise:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> priority short list of forbidden names
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> priority Hebrew IDN domain names under .IL (If exist under 2 SLDs -First Come, First Served)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> priority Trademarks and Registered Companies
  - 4th priority General public on a First Come, First Served model.
- Registrars Opt-In.





# Thank You!

Questions?