UA Technology WG Meeting
16 January 2023

Attendees

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Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and Roll Call

2. What to take up next from the [FY23 Action Plan](#)
   - T2.2 ; T4 ; T6 ; T8
   - Reviewing the red/yellow ones in the UASG037 table (page4-5)

3. Review the comments on https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LKxvRyTOufM_IgguTuat_iu5zc7-ckibuvrvis1Vp2c/edit, clean the document, review the survey and draft an email for inviting to the survey participation

4. *Additional Action Items from UASG's meeting with ICANN BIUWG (Board IDN UA WG) and ICANN org*

   1. *UASG to look into the impact of IDN Variant TLDs on UA. (assigned to UA-TECH)*

   2. *UASG to explore UA-readiness by the next new gTLD round and how UA could impact the next round. (Assigned to UA Tech and UA Measurement)*

5. *UA Day*

6. *Request for Input on Evaris report on website remediation*

[Meeting recording](#)

Meeting Notes

- ○ **Reviewing the Action Plan** [FY23 Action Plan](#)
- T1, T2.1 and T2.2 were discussed in the last meeting.
- T3 has an action item which is related to the report, where the vendor Evaris has shared the information of the latest state of website outreach. The document is to be reviewed and to contribute inputs before finalizing.
- T4 would be the training material from the work of T1 through T3.
- T5, the survey would be conducted to figure out the choke points and offer solutions for UA readiness. The purpose of the survey is to be consulted with different groups of people, the developers, the experts, the tech companies, the governments, etc. The survey is to be sent out to the potential respondents soon.
- T6, to work with standard bodies to include UA readiness as part of their standards.
- T7, to develop a UA curriculum and hand it over to the curriculum owners.
- T8, to contribute to the annual UA Day

- ○ **Reviewing the executive summary table of UASG037 (page4-5) -** what are the red/yellow ones
- To determine which programming language on which platform would have the most impact and start a remediation plan.
- To determine the priority - yellow first or red first, since red means bad and yellow means there could be a workaround.
- One yellow item, Libcurl is an open source community for Unix, could be convinced to fix their codes in the next 3-6 months. Since there is no one-size-solution for every item, we need to tackle them one by one.

- ○ **Reviewing the [Expert Consultation Document](#)**
- The survey draft was discussed and the updated version will be shared.
- The comments on this documents were reviewed and they were resolved. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LKxvRyTOufM_IgguTuat_iu5zc7-ckibuvrvis1Vp2c/edit,

- Seda will update the survey based on these changes on the above document made on 16 January.

- ○ **Action items from UASG with ICANN BIUWG**
- Impact of IDN variant TLDs on UA
    - Approved IDN ccTLDs in 2010 and IDN gTLDs in 2012. Language community wanted the variant TLDs for a name in both Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese (For HSBC), however, it was not approved. All the variants should be treated as equal, one set domain not to create complexity. When transferring the label, the whole set has to move from one registrar to another.
    - EPDP is currently working on creating a policy on how to bring IDN variants into rootzone.
    - The concern is whether IDN variants will create new UA gaps.
    - To answer this, we need to make a study, and discuss if any technical help is required to measure the impact of IDN Variant TLDs on UA.

- Impact of UA on the next round of gTLD
    - In the first round, we had no IDN variant TLDs.
    - The emails of these gTLDs may not work because of UA problems.
    - People might avoid using IDN TLDs due to UA problems as well.
    - To answer this, we need to discuss the impact of UA on the next gTLD round in the next meeting, and how we can close the major gaps.
- These two topics would be discussed first in the next meeting.
- Harsha said there are big impacts of IDN variant TLDs on UA.

- ○ **UA Day**
- For the speakers for UA day, invite contributors from multilingual communities
- Create a list of speakers and respective languages
- Call for volunteers to speak at different events with different languages
- Call for proposal for UA day events
    - Please submit your proposals early (http://universalacceptance.day)

- Even if it is approved, ICANN has a rigorous contracting process
- The sessions' timing and categories are on the uasg.tech
- There would be support on materials, cost, presentations, speakers
- There are At-large community and 5 RALO's for each region to be involved
- The very first global UA Day would be happening in India
- This would be a good opportunity to meet all the stakeholders
- Sushanta speaks Bangla for which he can support UA Day events in Bangla Speakers Language

○ **Report on website remediation**
- The outreach campaign of 2000 websites, to inform website owners about the UA gap, was not successful because not much information or responses were received.
- The vendor has offered an alternative technical solution.
- The vendor also did follow different strategies to host seminars, workshops, and face to face meetings to talk with website owners and developers to have hands-on experience with UA solutions.
- They have succeeded 20 websites to make UA ready, the list with background information was shared in the ua-tech mailing list.
- There are more websites in the process of making UA ready, we will follow up with what holds back or slows them down.
- Satish said he would make a call to take a look at this report and see what are the responsive websites out of 2000.
- Satish mentioned that the Android team for example said it would be difficult to prioritize this issue although there could be workarounds. UA Day meeting could be a good time to discuss these issues.

Next meeting agenda:

- First agenda topic will be BIUWG and ICANN org action items.
- Go over Evaris report.
- Go over the final survey for final input.

Next meeting: Monday 30 January 2022 at 15:30 UTC

Action items

No	Action Item	Owner
1	Update the survey based on the changes	Seda
2	Send an email to the mailing list to call for volunteer speakers for UA Day	Satish
3	Provide preliminary input on BIUWG action items	Tech WG
4	Provide input on Website Remediation Report prepared by Evaris	Tech WG