

UA Tech WG Meeting Notes

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Meeting Agenda:

1. Welcome and roll call
2. Prioritize and complete the [5-year action plan](#) for Tech WG to achieve the [UASG's 5-year strategic plan](#)
 - a) Organize the list, shortlist and prioritize
 - b) For which years can we include each task in the action plan?
 - c) Is there enough tasks in the WG for 5 years or is there a need to restructure the WG after a while to achieve the strategic objectives and fulfill all tasks?
3. Reviewing the UA Strategy [Survey Results](#) and discuss how to narrate and what to include in the report before publishing.

Meeting Recording: [Link](#) , Password J5U@*UfPe*

Meeting Notes

Seda presented the meeting agenda and greeted the WG, stating that this meeting's focus would be finalizing the 5-year action plan. After that, if time allows, the discussion on reviewing the survey results would be continued, and the action plan could have new items based on the survey results as well.

Satish asked for Seda's help to recap the previous meeting and review the action items which were left. Satish noticed that the reference number of the tasks were not nicely ordered. Seda said item T12 was discussed.

Agenda#2 : 5-Year Action Plan

T4:

Satish said this conclusion should come out quickly so it would support the next round on time.

T6:

To conclude T6, WG needs to look into the Tech survey results.

T7:

Hackathon ideas could be planned to be in line with UA day event plans, and UA adoption training. This item could be worked on after the UA day events.

T8:

Satish has checked the link sent from Gopal. Satish noted that the shared link was not on the UA matter. There was no response from anyone who has experience with W3C. Satish said these standard bodies also need to be aware of the universal acceptance.

Gopal said we can only connect them by related works. The concept of UA should be positioned wisely. Satish said the phrase 'Universal Acceptance' did not exist prior to 2015 in terms of Web Technologies. W3C is accessibility guidelines for the technology platforms. UA's target community is the developers to follow the guidelines of multilingual support in web technologies.

UASG needs to work with the standard making bodies so the developers will have a proper guideline. Seda added that Arnt would be able to help with the standard bodies, however, the outcomes are not predicted yet. There were no other comments.

Satish suggested T8 and T11 to be merged. Seda highlighted that T8 was taken from the annual plan.

T9:

Satish recalled that Jim commented on doing UA in step by step, incremental manner. This is to make all the website's content management systems (CMS) UA ready.

Satish asked WG how to continue contributing to this. Satish mentioned Jim's suggestion is different from WG's initial idea.

T10:

In addition to the UA Curriculum, other educational materials may be needed as well. The language specific materials would be provided by developers from different parts of the world.

Satish said the educational-related T10 would go side by side with the code fragments, which are already shared. Someone would need to develop a document to link those properly. Seda said the new code fragments would be developed starting from 2025, and then, educational materials would be developed based on those.

T12:

Previously, this task was done with Java, and shared on Github. This circle could be continued and also can be linked to UA Curriculum. About the shared code fragments, Arnt added that according to what he learned from the audience of EAI presentations, there were minor changes required, however, nothing deviated largely. Arnt did not share any opinion on UA Curricula.

Satish asked if we could confirm if the previously shared codes are usable. This could start in parallel with T10, and probably be repeated for every year.

T13:

Already decided earlier to work on Dovecot. This is an open ended project of IMAP servers, and will begin with Dovecot.

Seda mentioned Arnt on filling-up on this item. There was an informal ballpark number which was high. Arnt has also given necessary changes of information to Dovecot although they have not integrated them. Dovecot is likely the third largest after Gmail and Microsoft Outlook. No immediate actions required.

Dovecot's reason for the high price was that the work would not only apply to the open source Dovecot, but also for all related products including the proprietary ones.

T14:

Satish noted that this item is also related to the EAI WG. Seda answered that this item is from the annual action plan of the Tech WG (T3). It was probably suggested by John Levine, and Jim brought this to the Tech WG from the EAI WG. Satish would like to follow up on this with the EAI WG. It would be reasonable if it were just a webmail.

Seda edited the description as follow:

"Test for bugs in email software when email addresses contain non-ASCII text in the human-readable parts of the address syntax."

Satish said there was feedback from Jim regarding the survey. Satish said this is just the first phase, and there would be more to do with the next phases. Jim stated that he would like to suggest writing a fully analyzed report on the survey results.

Seda explained the comparison between T14 and T6. Satish suggested putting these two rows adjacent to each other first. Satish said it could work with GAC to list newer surveyees. Since GAC also has an IDN WG, reaching out to GAC would result in a more sensible outcome. There are two parts from the surveys, one is to analyze the phase-1 results, and the other is to plan the next phase. Thus, Satish confirmed T14 and T6 would be separate items. Seda agreed that T14 would be for strategic situations, and added a timeline.

T15:

Satish said the survey could be reviewed according to the target community.

T16:

This is also from the annual action plan of the Tech WG, and needs to pinpoint which CMS to begin with. This is a configuration issue to make a CMS UA ready for making websites. Satish noted that if it were not just a configuration problem, it would not be able to happen. Satish asked whether to make suggestions to make changes in the core engine rather than just configuration.

Satish said Harsha's input is required on this as well. Satish confirmed that T16 to be separated from T3, because T3 could be unrelated to CMSs. T16 can have sub items for each year. For implementation, we can either work with open source developers or paid vendors to work on UA compliant CMS.

There were no more new items to add to the list. Tech WG's action item is completed with 16 items, T1 to T16. Seda reminded WG that the action items need a timeline by means of years and priority tiers. Satish asked if the plan would be fixed or flexible. Seda has not confirmed with the Coordination WG, however, the plan would be partially rolled out with the 5-year plan's direction, and the updates would be on an annual basis.

Agenda#2a: Organize the list, shortlist and prioritize

Satish suggested this discussion should continue the next week, and give time for other agenda items, and also allow WG to add other items to the list before finalizing. Seda suggested prioritizing the action items. Satish planned to fill-in the 'timeline' column first. Seda said the cells with blue-color text are those captured from the annual plan. Satish requested Seda rearrange the rows based on priority, and then circulate the spreadsheet to the WG.

Please see in the spreadsheet: [Link](#)

Satish concluded that this 5-year plan would only need minor adjustments.

AOB: ICANN79

Prep-week of ICANN79 presentation would be on 20 February 2024. The slidedeck would be shared to WG through the mailing list.

Meeting was concluded.

Next Meeting: 05 February 2024, Monday 15:00 UTC

Action Items:

No	Action Item	Owner
1	Communicate with team for the next meeting date and time	Seda
2	Review the report of the survey	WG
3	Share the 5-year plan spreadsheet to WG after adjustments	Seda
4	Send calendar invite for ICANN79 Prep-week session	Seda
5	Share the slidedeck of ICANN79 Prep-week session to WG	Seda