

RSP Certification Brainstorming in Amsterdam

How would an RSP certification program impact the Domain Name Market?

Increase in future gTLD applications/domain use

Improved predictability for ROs

Make the process of change of RSP to be smooth

Improve geographic diversity and engagement by putting competent RSPs with potential ROs in the same region (Africa)

Should open the door to new entrants

It is going to create unified set of requirements for RSPs and will create a new market

Increases competition and therefore services levels

Improves efficiency, security, and stability, and lowers cost. Common sense

Streamlined on boarding for registrars

What is the current problem we are trying to solve?

Why is it different from requirements in application form?

More transparency, but is this needed when you have specialized RSPs (e.g., under EU laws)?

For second round and going forward new gTLD program, potential applicant can have trust-worthy sources to choose a reliable RSP

Could raise trust in RSPs vs. reduce differentiation

If done right: better service to all If done wrong: a new kind of ICANN fiefdom

Marked becomes more and more over regulated

How would an RSP certification program impact Security & Stability?

Could this apply to ccTLDs?

Enhance or encourage race to the bottom

What's the entry level? Too low becomes a high risks Too high makes it complex

If so, then it could benefit SSR

Works better if (in case of multiple providers for the same service) these providers can file separate SLA reports to ICANN for the same TLD

Will require careful DNSSEC transition

May drive a lowest common denominator

There haven't been major problems with RSPs so far. Why would we create another bureaucratic monster?

Close gap in key contract chain

Is certification going to be valid for ever, annually, quarterly?

It shouldn't impact Security and Stability

If the certification process involves a demonstration of abilities, it will not have an effect on Security and Stability

May enable poorly performing RSPs to "hide" behind last year's certification rather than current status of performance

Will certified RSPs be required to cooperate in an RSP transition?

If done right: more diversity, lower cost, better security. If done wrong: RSPs concerned only with their own SLA score while security gets worse

No impact actually without accreditation, RSP transition will be a pain for ROs

No impact to Security and Stability

No material impact to Security and Stability

Improves during transitions, no impact otherwise

How would an RSP certification program help or impact you?

More work in the short term, benefits in the long term

As a brand TLD, would we have to be certified to run our own backend?

What would be implied for RSPs? Fees and work?

Would help me get more TLDs as customers

Would help distribution by giving marketing value

Stabilizes the business as RSP

Publicizes RSP offering

Help gain an official identity in the ecosystem of TLD domain industry. RSP is sort of self-regulated currently and needs official recognition from ICANN

Assuming existing RSPs are certified already, there would be little impact

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Does not necessarily solve the problem or answer the issue of TLD portability

Avoid the same test repeatedly for each TLD. But need level of certification class

Key issue is portability of TLDs and reduced repeat testing

Improve ability to switch RSPs

Improves secondary market for TLDs

Easier transition of RSPs: Improves security and stability More efficient Less expensive

Stop PDT for all TLDs

Lower or no cost for PDT plus speed

Simplified PDT or assessment

Gain time in PDT when you manage several TLDs

Test once rather than multiple times

What risks do you see in creating an RSP certification program?

May lead to costly processes for the RSPs. Who pays for that?

Cost to maintain the certification. RO will get the basic one, so decrease innovation

Who pays for it?

Cost of certification

Potential barrier of entry (shouldn't be)

If it is needed, should it apply to all RSPs?

New potential registry need certification in advance, if mandatory

Could be barrier of entry if mandatory

Barrier to innovation (RSEP)

Must apply to all providers to ensure no barriers of entry

Risk is on ICANN: certifying an entity can equate to endorsement. But risk is less than current situation of having no real standards

How is it maintained over time? Period of review How often to re-certify?

Can't be over-reaching. Should only test the five core registry functions

Scope of certification

What would the scope of the process be? Can it allow for the introduction of new products and services?

More costs, more stats, more audits, more US control over EU - RSPs legal problems

Why is a RSP certification process even needed? All RSPs have already been approved and are operating registries

Remote: Would allow for brands applying for a TLD to choose a certified RSP Would give a seal of trust for RSPs and help consume trust

Set low bar / lowest common denominator

Loose independence and self-determination

Slow innovation and continuous improvement

Can't become more cumbersome than it is now

Problem for incumbents to enter the market

Consider impact to registrars

Inefficient process and huge costs involved

Attempts to solve the wrong problem. The issue is unnecessary/repeated testing

Make sure certification is for the # of registries they are running

Would any period of review be the same for all services?

Certification implies contract with RSP

Should not force to do things in a given way

Need streamlined processes Do not create too much cost/time for RSPs

None!

Great idea, only risks is ICANN messes it up

That the certification doesn't bring about any efficiencies or benefits

That the process gets the same flaws as the escrow accreditation

It should simplify assessment

Existing RSPs should gain some status within the program

Redtape

It becomes another process that needs to be created, implemented, and monitored

Diving straight into solutions and not addressing issues

Testing by provider, not TLD

test 200 times - testing over again (Donuts)

thought certification program would have been launched in 2009

ICANN certify that they meet standards

Reach out to technical contact instead of RO when compliance issues

Testing in a bubble - how does this scale out?

What are we certifying?

Don't see as race to the bottom

PDT - cut/paste

limited post delegation testing - current inefficient

Don't want to get stuck in operational inefficiencies

Other ideas

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