



# New gTLD Program Update

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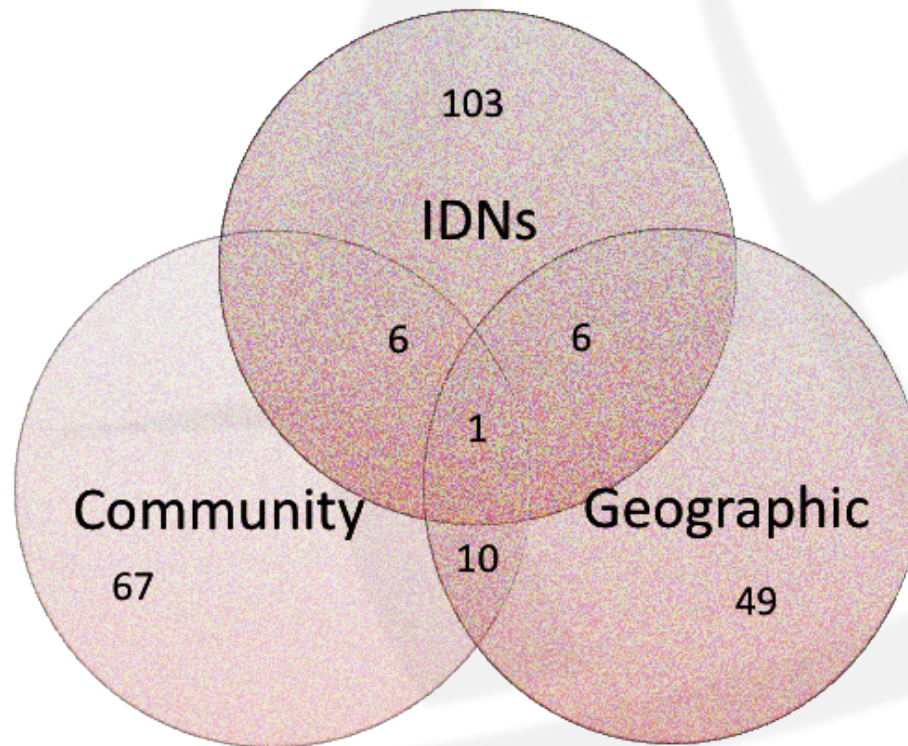
# Agenda

- Statistics
- Application comments
- Evaluation progress
- Metering / batching
- Objections & dispute resolution
- Communication
- Timeline / key dates
- Toronto meeting
- Universal acceptance

# Application Statistics

- Total number of applications: 1930
- Applications for IDN strings: 116
- Applications for community-based strings: 84
- Applications for geographic names: 66
- Financial support applications: 3
- Withdrawals: 7
- Change requests: 57
- Objections filed: 0
- Public comments submitted: 6687

# Application Subsets



# Applications per Region



# Applications from Middle East

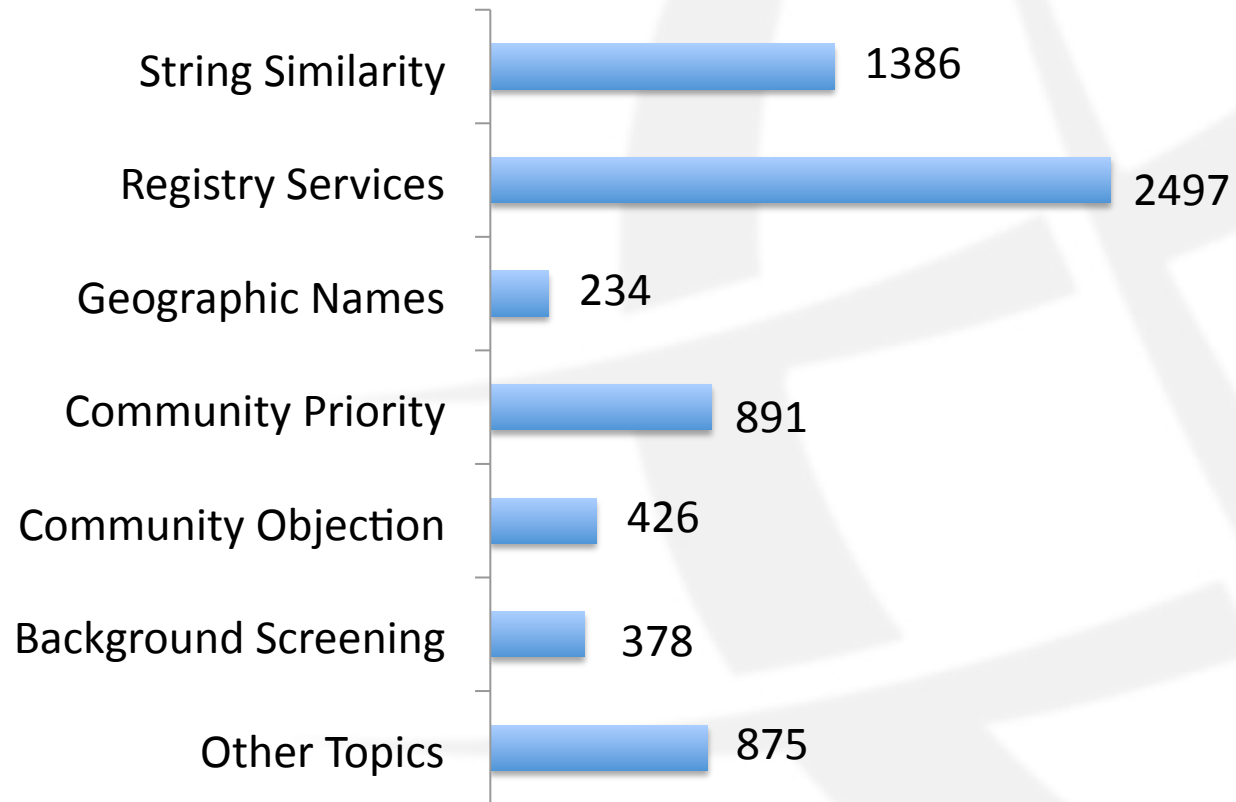
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# Application Comments

- Purpose: make application comments available to the evaluators
- Application Comment Forum open for the duration of new gTLD program
- Comments received by September 26 will be forwarded to the designated panel for consideration
- Evaluators will seek clarification from the applicant if comments impact scoring

# Application Comment Statistics

Total comments: 6,687





# Evaluation Progress

Panel	Target Completion	Apps Assigned	Apps in Evaluation	Preliminary App Results <sup>1</sup>
Financial	Jun-13	864	636	228
Technical and Operations	Jun-13	864	630	234
Geographic Names	Nov-12 <sup>2</sup>	1916	159	1757
String Similarity <sup>3</sup>	Oct-12	1407	588	819
Registry Services	Jan-13	all	1865	59
DNS Stability	Oct-12	all	all	0

<sup>1</sup> These numbers represent completed applications or applications with queued clarifying questions. They are subject to change due to application comments and/or change requests.

<sup>2</sup> Geographic Name evaluation is targeted to be completed by Nov-12, but applicants will receive more time to supply the letters of support.

<sup>3</sup> String Similarity statistics are based on unique string counts, not total applications.

# Batching / Metering

- Goals of batching/metering:
  - Effective management of the evaluation process
  - Release of evaluation results according to a predictable schedule
  - Delegation of TLDs at a rate consistent with root zone scaling discussions
- Comment period:
  - July 29 through August 19
  - 101 comments received

# Objections & Dispute Resolution

- Sting confusion: International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)
- Legal rights: World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
- Limited public interest: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Community: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

# Communications

- Regular communications :
  - Meetings, webinars
  - Written reports
  - Weekly updates to new gTLD page  
<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/>
- Other information
  - Registry constituency invitation
  - Application advisories

# Timeline/Key Dates

- September 26, 2012: deadline for application comments to evaluators (extended from 60 to 105 days)
- October 2012 (or shortly thereafter): GAC early warning expected
- January 12, 2013: objection period closes
- April 2013: GAC communicates considerations on GAC advice
- June / July 2013: all initial evaluations complete

# New gTLD Sessions in Toronto

- New gTLD program update
- Trademark Clearinghouse
- Uniform Rapid Suspension
- Batching update
- Journalist forum on new gTLDs
- IDNs
  - Workshop on label generation rule set process
  - IDN variant update
- Universal acceptance of all TLDs

# Universal Acceptance of all TLDs

On-going effort at ICANN

Goal: Raise awareness about diversity of the domains (gTLDs and ccTLDs, ASCII and IDN)

Covers acceptability issues due to certain constraints as implemented in software

*Does not cover policy aspects of what domains should be allowed or restricted*

# The problem

Permanent Home Address Line 1\*:

Permanent Home Address Line 2:

City\*:

State\*: CA

Zip Code\*:  -

Note: You must be a U.S. resident

SSN\*:  -  -

Date of Birth\*:  /  /  (MM/DD/YYYY)

You must be 18 or older, 19 in AL

Mother's Maiden Name\*:

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# Activities to date

- Created discussion forum and dedicated webpage:  
<http://www.icann.org/en/resources/tld-acceptance>
- Posted TLD verification tool at:  
<https://github.com/icann>
- Consultations with ICANN stakeholders
- JIG WG initial report
- Technical recommendations
- Outreach campaign

## How can you help?

- Check your software – do all your applications properly support all domains?
- Inform and educate software developers and others
- Contact us at:  
[tld-acceptance@icann.org](mailto:tld-acceptance@icann.org)



Thank You