Serbian Registry of Internet Domains
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Situation Overview (1/2)

- .yu top-level domain was assigned to former Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia in 1989.

- After breakup of SFRY, Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) handed over .yu TLD to Ms Mirjana Tasic and her team at the University of Belgrade (YU NIC).

- During the 90s YU NIC operated on a voluntary basis, without much support from the government and with very limited support from the local Internet community.

- Domain registration was free of charge, but very restrictive:
  - Only legal entities (companies, NGOs, political parties etc) could apply for a .yu domain name
  - Only one domain name per legal entity was allowed

Situation Overview (2/2)

- Number of domains registered in .yu (as of September 2006):
  - .co.yu: 26.995
  - .org.yu: 4.241
  - .edu.yu: 840
  - .ac.yu: 32

- Total number of registered names ~33.000 (with large percentage of unused/inactive domains, as YU NIC never enacted domain deletion procedure).

- Over the past few years YU NIC became unable to cope with an exponential growth of Internet usage in Serbia and significantly increased interest in domain name registrations. Even with all restrictions in place, YU NIC receives ~100+ new registration or modification requests per day. Request processing time is 20 days in average.

Reform Initiatives

- A number of reform initiatives were started and lead by the local Internet community since 2001.

- Two working groups of the local Internet community, with support from government institutions, conducted wide-scale public consultations in 2001 and 2002, using Web forums, mailing lists, and public meetings. Results of the process were the first draft proposals for reform of YU NIC's internal structure and registration policies.

- In 2005 Ms Mirjana Tasic initiated formation of a widely representative *ad hoc* working group, tasked with drafting Articles of Association for a new organization that would replace YU NIC. This initiative was supported by Serbian Ministry for Science and Environmental Protection, which took an active role in the process.

- The group finished drafting the Articles of Association in early 2006.

- Public consultations took place in March and April 2006.

Key Consensus Points

- Founding of a non-profit organization that would operate the national domain registry in public interest. The organization would support its work by charging for domain registrations, but it would operate on a cost recovery basis

- Inclusion of all relevant parties and their interests in the processes of founding the organization and adoption of its policies

- Registry-Registrar model for domain registrations

- Abolishment of the current registration restrictions

- Establishment of a fair and transparent domain dispute resolution policy

Recent Developments

- Initiation event of the new organization, Serbian Registry of Internet Domains (RNIDS), took place in Belgrade in July 2006. Present at the event were 34 organizations of the local Internet community and Serbian government (major ISPs, telecom operators, academic institutions, NGOs, Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection, Agency for IT and Internet etc).

- Seven-member transitional board of the organization was elected. The board was tasked to prepare and submit documents for incorporation of the new organization in the legal form of a 'fund'.

- By the end of 2006, 17 out of 34 initiators formally submitted all documents required for incorporation of RNIDS. The organization was legally registered in February 2007.

- First permanent board of the organization was elected at the first RNIDS General Assembly session on February 17, 2007.

Next Steps for RNIDS

- Transfer of technical and administrative responsibilities from YU NIC over to RNIDS, which includes initiation of .yu re-delegation with ICANN/IANA.

- Initiate delegation of .rs* country-code top-level domain with ICANN/IANA.

  * In September 2006, following the break-up of State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, ISO 3166/MA assigned 'RS' as the new international 2-alpha code for Serbia.

- Formalize relationship between RNIDS and Serbian government.

- Define policies for .rs 'sunrise' period and .yu 'sunset' period.

- Enter into contracts with the first .rs registrars (resellers).

- Establish domain dispute resolution policy.

- ...and much more.

Thank you!

Questions?
Comments?

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