

Registries Stakeholder Group Statement



Latin Script Diacritics PDP Initial Report

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Background¹

The Latin Script Diacritics PDP working group (LD PDP WG) is seeking Public Comment on its Initial Report.

Diacritics are accents, accent marks, or acute accents that are used to modify sounds, or signify stressed syllables in many languages globally that utilize the Latin alphabet. The DNS is limited to the use of the ASCII characters. However, the DNS does support IDNs, including the usage of Latin alphabet-based characters with diacritics, with IDNs stored in the DNS as ASCII strings, relying upon Punycode transcription. As such, some users may elect to omit the diacritic marks instead of relying on an IDN.

During 2021–2024, the GNSO Council developed policy recommendations to define variant domain names at the top and second-level and to establish rules for variant management. However, there remains a gap in principles for cases where a base ASCII gTLD and its corresponding Latin diacritic gTLD(s) are not variants of each other.

Accordingly, the LD PDP examines the circumstance where a base ASCII gTLD and the Latin script diacritic version of the gTLD are not variants of each other. It seeks to establish an appropriate mechanism, where currently none exists, that allows a single registry operator to simultaneously operate both gTLDs.

Documents

- [Initial Report on the Latin Script Diacritics Policy Development Process](#)

Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) comment

The gTLD Registries Stakeholder Group (RySG) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Latin Script Diacritics PDP Initial Report. We see no particular issues and support the Initial Report as presented.

The RySG greatly appreciates the alignment and consistency of the Latin Script Diacritics PDP with IDN EPDP work products and, operationally, we encourage the PDP Working Group to maintain this consistency as it reviews Public Comments and produces its Final Report.

¹ Background: intended to give a brief context for the comment and to highlight what is most relevant for RO's in the subject document – it is not a summary of the subject document.