



# Universal Acceptance

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# Agenda

- ❑ Introduction to Universal Acceptance
- ❑ High priority issues
- ❑ Marketing and communications approach
- ❑ Call for a global community initiative
- ❑ Next steps
- ❑ Community feedback



# **Introduction to Universal Acceptance**

A world map where the continents are defined by a network of white dots and lines, resembling a social or data network. The background is a solid dark blue color. The text "High Priority Issues" is centered over the map in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

# High Priority Issues

New types of domains  
and email addresses  
break stuff.

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We are asking for  
**Universal Acceptance**

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Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 5890

J. Klensin  
August 2010

Ok  
Ca Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 5891

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Up Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 5892

P. Faltstrom, Ed.  
Cisco

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Cat Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
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H. Alvestrand, Ed.  
Google

ISS  
Cat Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 5894

J. Klensin  
August 2010

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ISS Independent Submission  
Request for Comments: 5895

P. Resnick  
Qualcomm Incorporated

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ISS Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 6530

J. Klensin  
Y. Ko

Obs  
Cat Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 6531

J. Yao  
W. Mao

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Cat Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 6532

A. Yang  
TWNIC

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Upd Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 6533

T. Hansen, Ed.  
AT&T Laboratories

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Upd Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 6855

P. Resnick, Ed.  
Qualcomm Incorporated

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R. Gellens  
QUALCOMM Incorporated

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JPRS

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Cat Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)  
Request for Comments: 6858

A. Gulbrandsen  
March 2013

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Po Category: Standards Track  
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What's the problem again?

# Universal Acceptance





Operating systems

Mail servers

Routers

Mail service providers

Security software

Mail clients

- iPad

- Android phone

- Windows laptop

# Universal Acceptance **Repository**

English explanations

Code samples

Case studies

In progress at

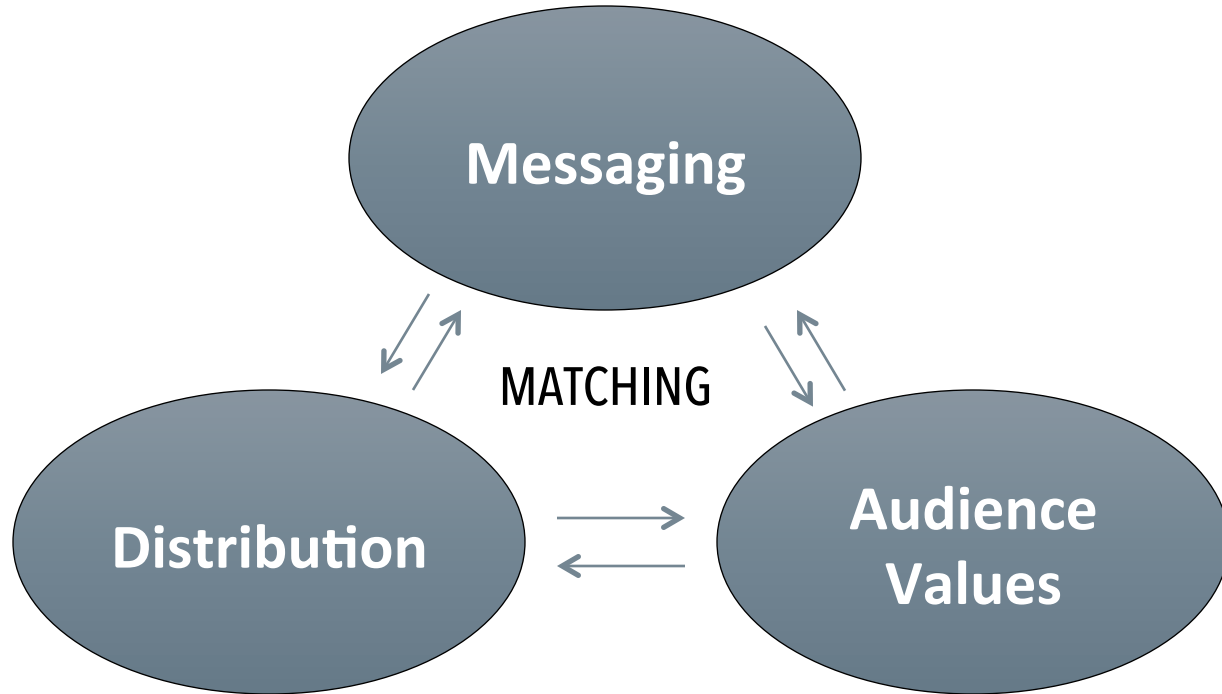
**[ua.thedna.org](http://ua.thedna.org)**



# **Marketing And Communications Approach**

# **Universal Acceptance: Communications / Outreach**

# Classic Communications Plan Elements:



**a complicated proposition**



**The communication goal is to generate:**



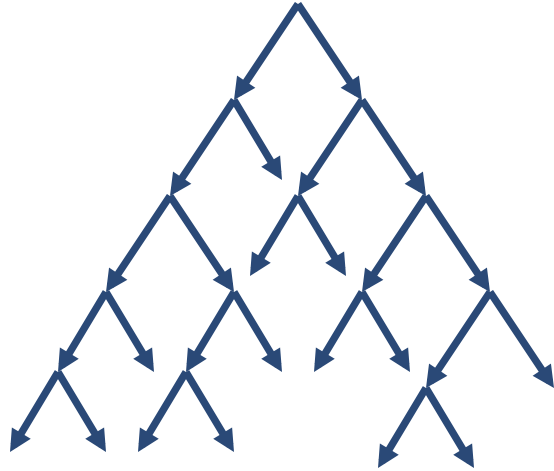
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graph TD; A([awareness]) --> B([understanding]); B --> C([action]);
```

**awareness**

**understanding**

**action**

**... multiplied through thousands of applications,  
online services, systems**



**For example, sending a single email  
requires engaging an entire support community**

**Operating Systems**

**Security Providers**

**Email Server Software**

**ISPs**

**Routers**

**Mail Clients**

**One solution**

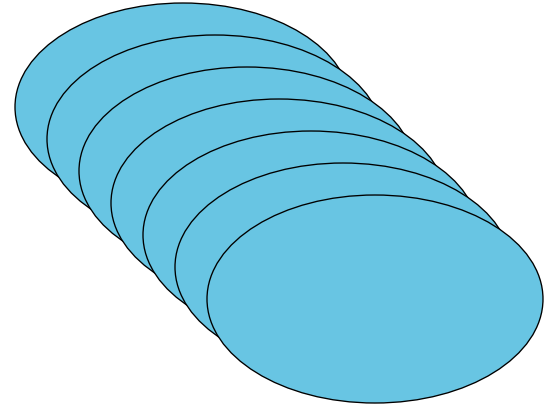


**UA Repository**

- **Information**
- **Resources**
- **Solutions**



**Getting people to  
look at it; trust it**



## each target audience has different interests

- Business: effect on income & expenses
- Ability to innovate
- Looking for new opportunities
- Reputation
- In-house vs outsource practices in IT
- Customer service
- Cultural

Message



Value

## each will respond to distribution channels

- Social media
- News
- Individual corporate contacts
- Formal public relations efforts
- Trade Associations
- Industry events

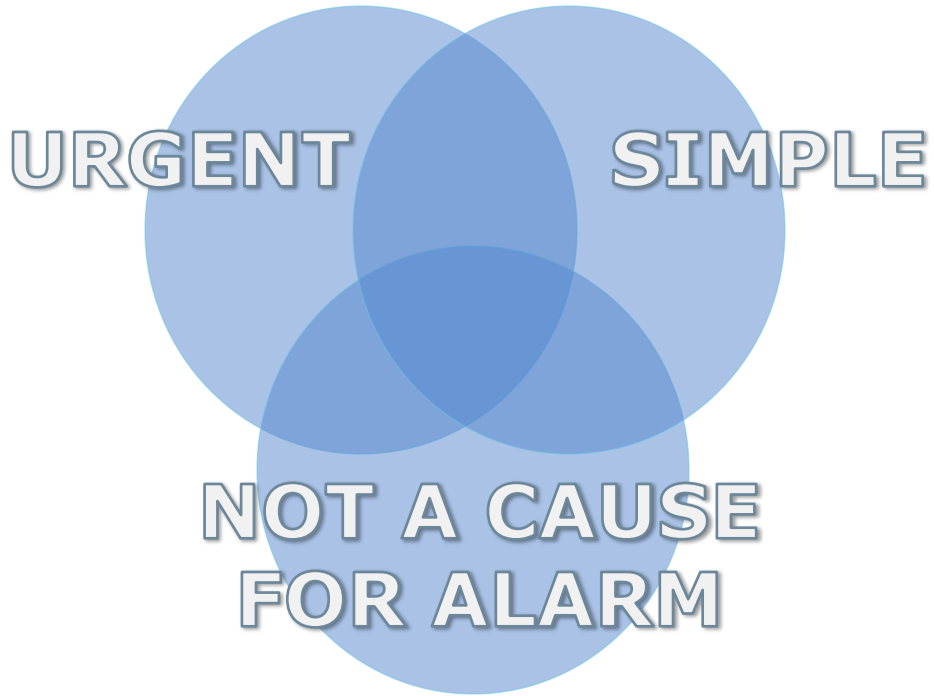
# Road blocks to success

- Who owns the problem?
  - Business owners
  - Hosting companies
  - Cloud service providers
- What's the incentive to fix it?
  - There could be significant expense
  - Return on investment is not readily apparent
  - Unclear ownership
- Outreach and communications
  - Same issue as with new TLD availability
  - Most who have the problem are unaware

**crafting communications solutions**



Find the intersection of:



Crafted by the industry  
to find the right

- Message
- Channel

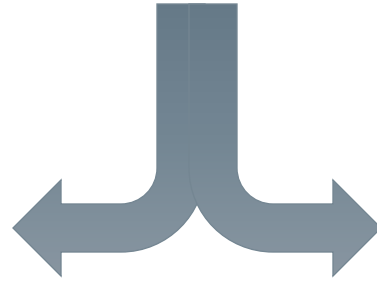
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- A blue arrow originates from the text "to find the right" and points downwards to a rectangular box with a blue border. Inside the box is a list of four items, each preceded by a blue circle:
- ISPs
  - Browsers
  - Application Writers
  - Companies doing business on the Internet

# Mobilising distribution channels

- Social media: using the domain name industry and ICANN community to multiply messages through their own networks.
- News stories: use contacts within global organizations and the ICANN community
- Individual corporate contacts: using high-level contacts to get proper management attention
- Hackathons
- Offer to arrange meetings of PR firms

# COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING

Develop Messaging



Deliver Messaging

Industry experts needed to:

- Craft targeted messages
- Match to audience

Communications experts need to:

- Develop distribution plan
- Support & fund as necessary



# BRING <sup>A</sup> BUDDY



There's room for  
**EVERYONE**

on the

**NICE** list

<https://mm.icann.org/mailman/listinfo/ua-discuss>

**Thank You**



# **Call For A Global Community Initiative**

Recommendation to ICANN  
Community on formation of  
Universal Acceptance Steering  
Group (UASG)

- A letter has been drafted by workshop participants to call on the ICANN community to join us on the creation of a **Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG)**
- We are making the letter available to the community today. Central are the following three points:



**1)** The ICANN community should support the creation of a Steering Group to guide the identification of topline issues and proposed solutions, as well as the creation and dissemination of best practices and general outreach information about Universal Acceptance.

**1)**(continued) As this is a project that will take years to make progress on, the Steering Group would be a standing group whose membership may fluctuate over the years. ICANN should be prepared for the Steering Group to drive action over the course of the next 10 years, though group leadership terms and structure should be re-evaluated every two years.

**2)** ICANN staff should be the key coordinator in a formalized community effort on Universal Acceptance, and provide resources to the community in order to address this important issue.

**3)** A call for general membership to the Steering Group will be announced at the ICANN Universal Acceptance meeting at ICANN52 in Singapore, pending community acceptance of our proposals. In short order following this meeting calls for Steering Group Chairs or Co-Chairs will then be made. The leadership chosen will be tasked to drive a further process to invite volunteers to join the group.

## **Role of community:**

The Universal Acceptance Steering Group (UASG) should be made up of ICANN community members as well as non-ICANN community experts. The UASG will provide guidance to the ICANN team as well as work alongside the ICANN team throughout the project. Active participation as volunteers is expected from the community.

The UASG will aim to include participation as a multistakeholder group. The UASG and the UA Initiative is envisioned to be an advocacy group rather than a policy oriented group. As a result, weighted representation is not expected and participation from various stakeholder groups are expected to change over time and depending on the activities and priorities appropriate at various stages of the project.

## **Role of ICANN Staff:**

ICANN staff role is that of coordinator, catalyst and supporter and manager of the work streams. They are there to project manage and publish outcomes, and to provide budget to support the initiative. They should also act as a Secretariat for the UA Initiative. Though travel support to meetings should not be required for Steering Group members, future research and outreach efforts may require financial support.

# Work Streams

- Universal Acceptance is a multi-faceted issue, and the work of the UASG will be required to be broken into at least two work streams. Initial work stream recommendations are:
  - High-priority issues
  - Communications

# Next Steps

- Quick UASG next-steps meet-up 1-1:30PM Thursday February 12th SGT (UTC +8) outside of Padang
- UASG Kickoff call 11AM Wednesday February 18th EST (UTC -5)
- Sign up for UA-discuss@icann.org for details at <https://mm.icann.org/mailman/listinfo/ua-discuss>



A world map where the continents are defined by a network of white dots and connecting lines, set against a dark blue background. The dots vary in size and are connected by thin white lines, creating a complex, interconnected web that outlines the major landmasses of the world.

# Next Steps



# Community Feedback