### Intro and Update on IANA

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#### What is IANA?

"Internet Assigned Numbers Authority" is responsible for global Internet unique identifier systems.

One of the oldest Internet institutions, its role

dates back to 1970s.

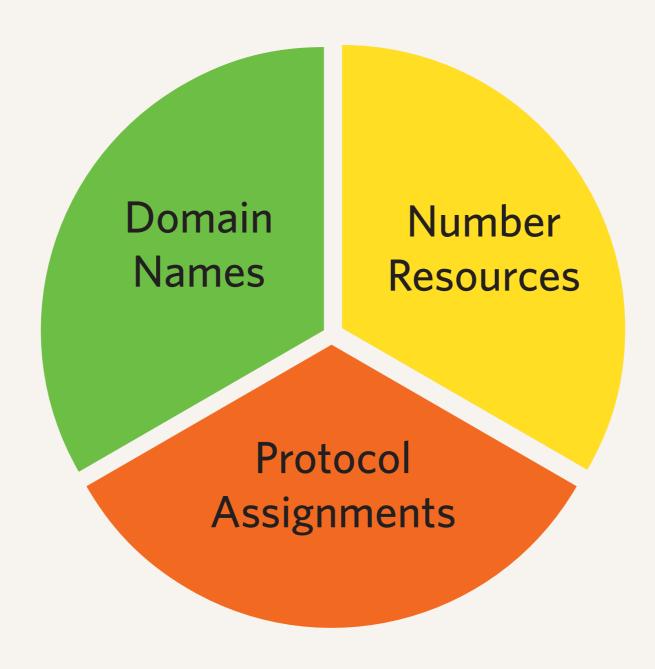


#### What is IANA?

- Since 1998, operated by ICANN a non-profit internationally-organised entity setup by the global community as the steward for the IANA functions.
- Today, "IANA" may refer to either the functions, or the department within ICANN that runs the IANA functions.

## Why does IANA exist?

- There is no central control of the Internet
- If computers did not use the same system of identifiers and numbers to talk to one another, the system would not interoperate
- IANA coordinates the identifier systems needed to ensure the Internet interoperates globally
- ICANN was devised to be the institutional home for the IANA

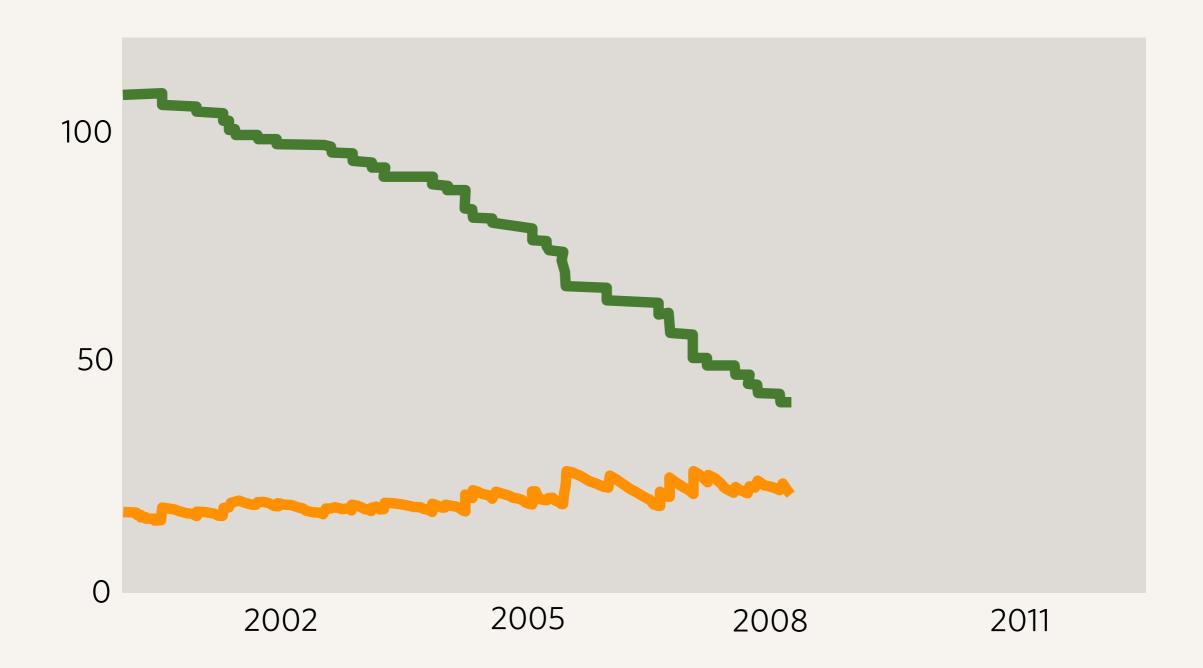


### IANA services

#### **Number Resources**

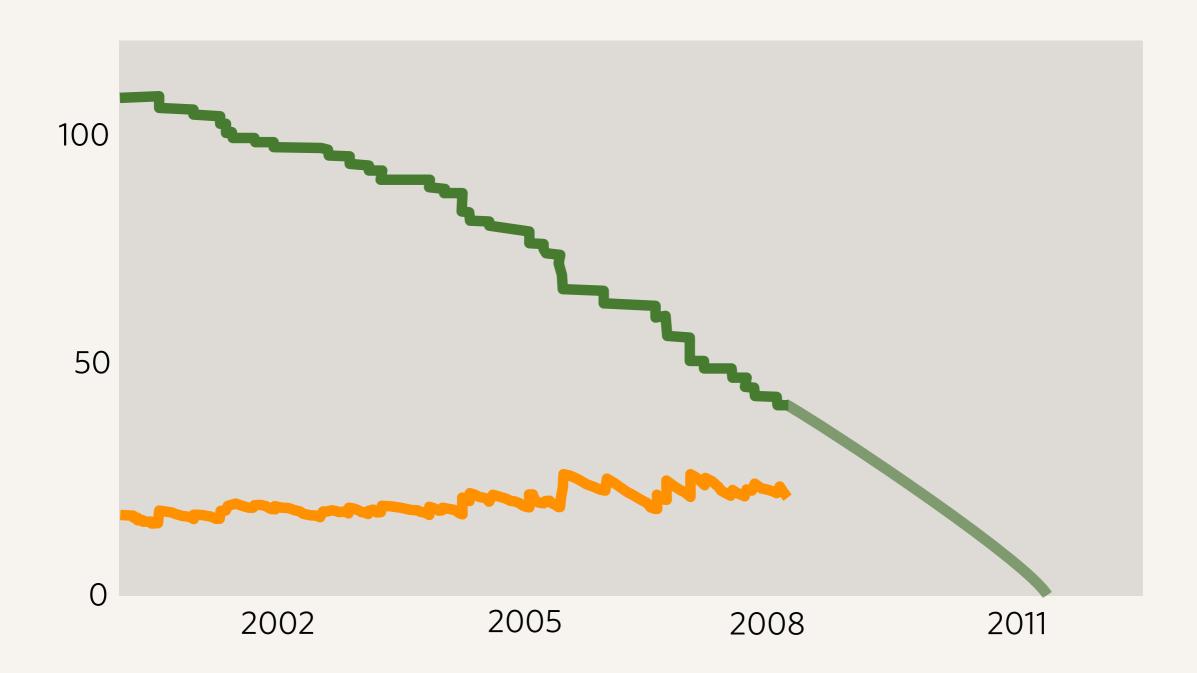
#### Number Resources

- Internet Protocol (IP) Addresses
  - Unique identifier for each computer connected to the public Internet
  - Version 4 currently in use
  - Version 6 under deployment
- Autonomous System (AS) Numbers
  - Unique identifier for each network that crossconnects with other networks



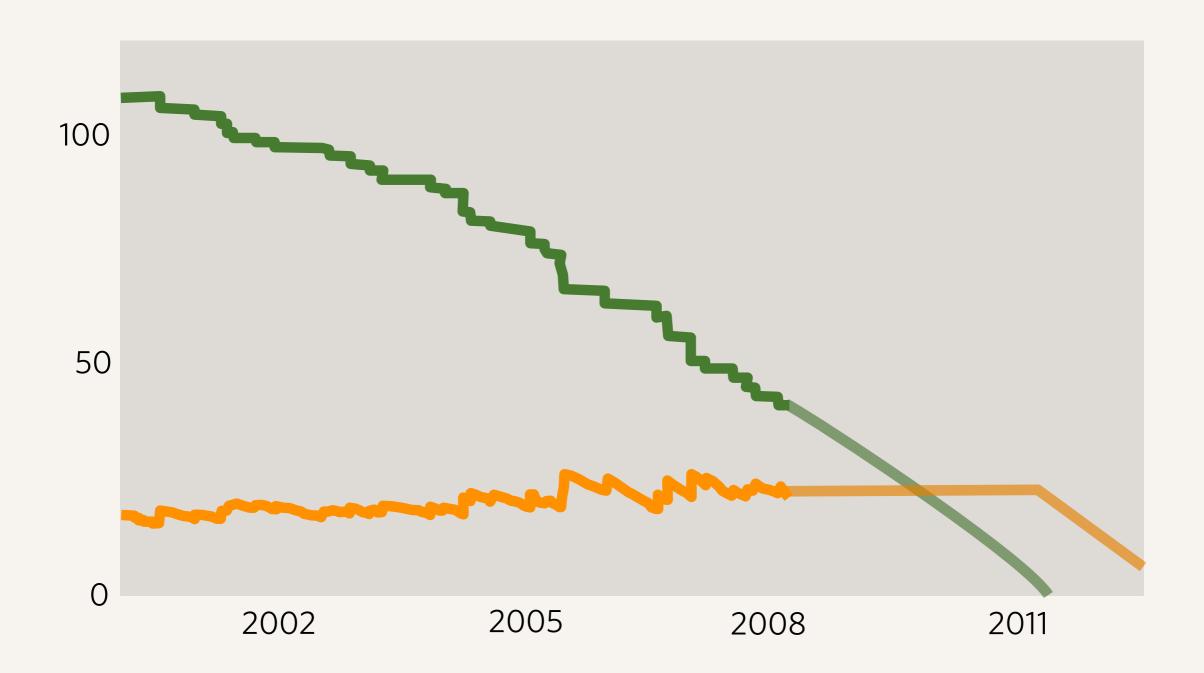
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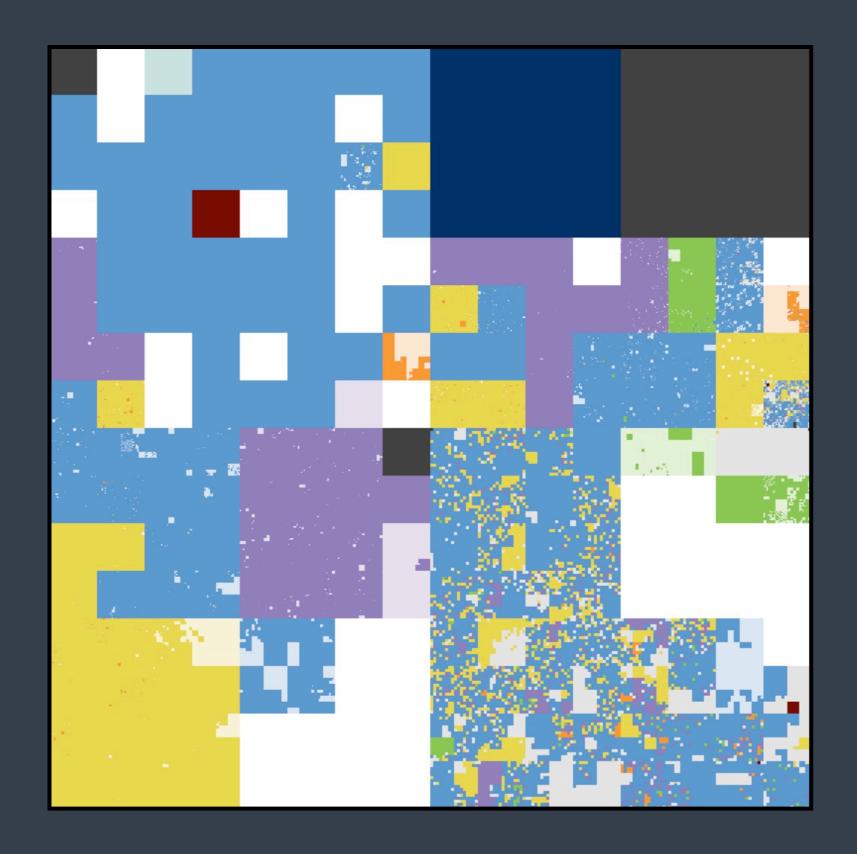
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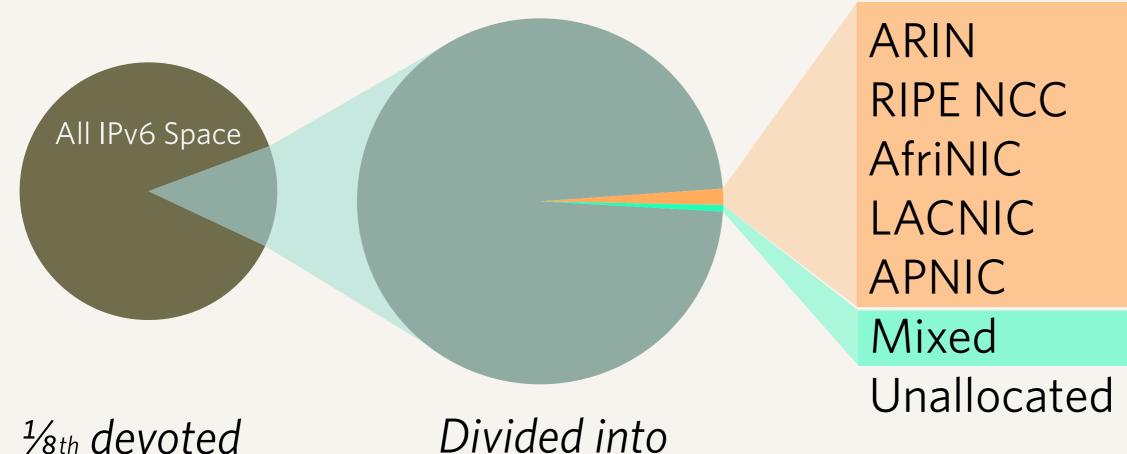


## IPv4 Consumption as a map

### IPv6 in a nutshell

- ▶ 128-bit address space
  - 340,282,366,920,938,463,463,374,607,431,768,211,456 addresses





512 **/12** segments

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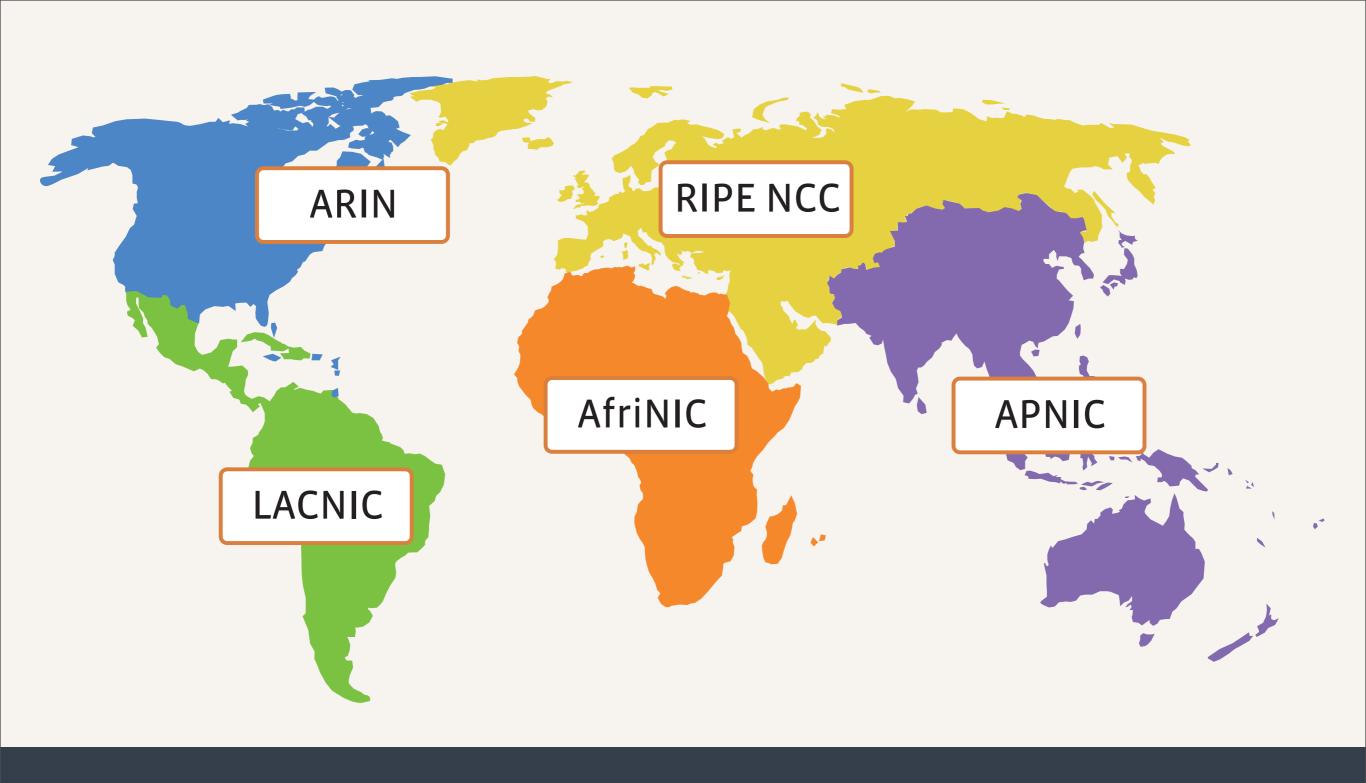
IPv6 Availability

Approximately 1% of Unicast designated space is allocated to RIRs.

to Unicast

### Number Allocation Systems

- Most numbers allocated in large blocks to Regional Internet Registries
- Some blocks held by IANA for special purposes (private use blocks, etc.)
- Some blocks allocated directly by IANA (multicast address space, protocol specific use)



# Regional Internet Registries

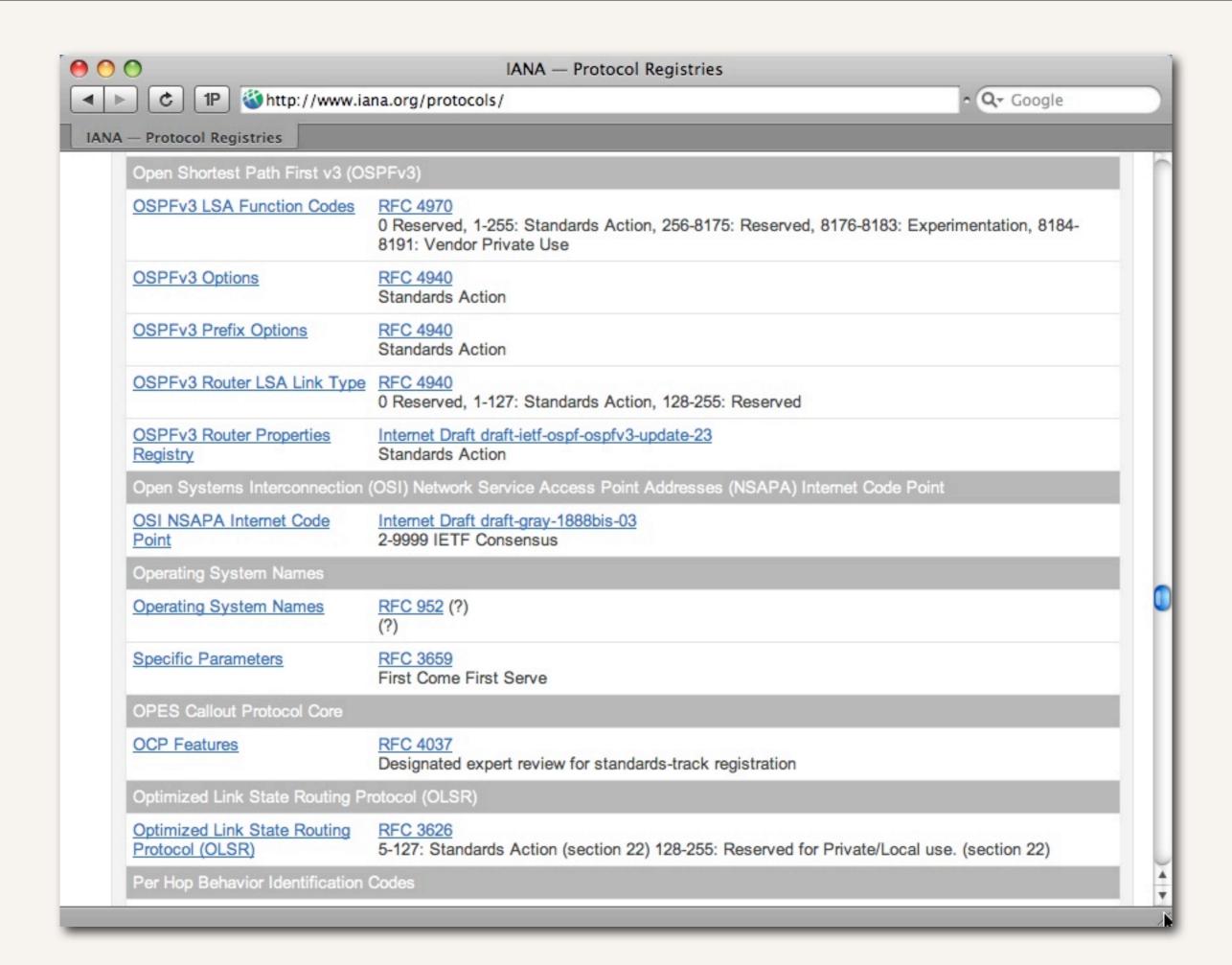
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- Most unique identifiers are allocated directly by IANA to protocol developers and/or end users, with no politics or middle-men
- Number Resources and Domain Names are just specialised cases of protocol assignments
  - They are hierarchically allocated
  - Disproportionately policy-laden and/or political

### How do protocols eventuate?

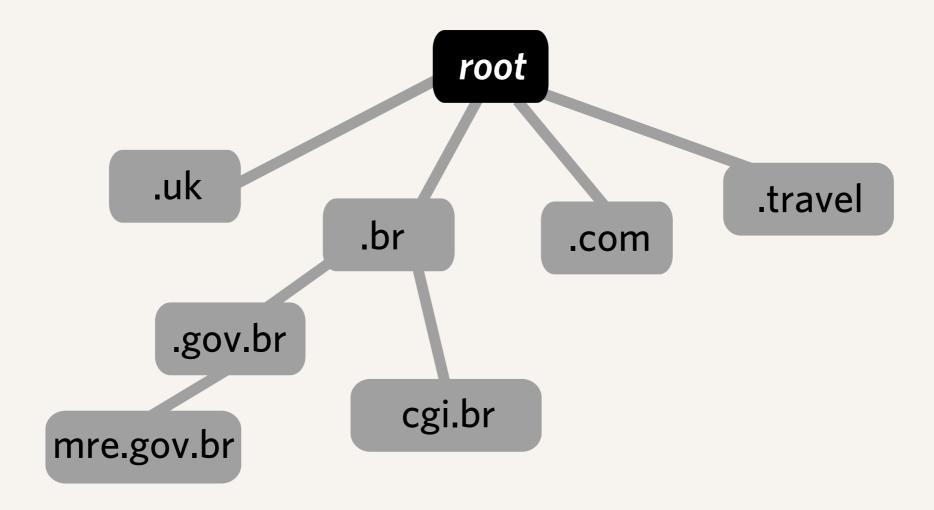
- IETF is the main venue for Internet standardisation
- Technical standards documents are part of a documentation series known as RFCs (Request for Comments)
  - Maintained by the RFC Editor (a former sister of IANA)
- RFCs nominate IANA registries, and IANA maintains these registries with guidance from the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG), and Internet Architecture Board (IAB)



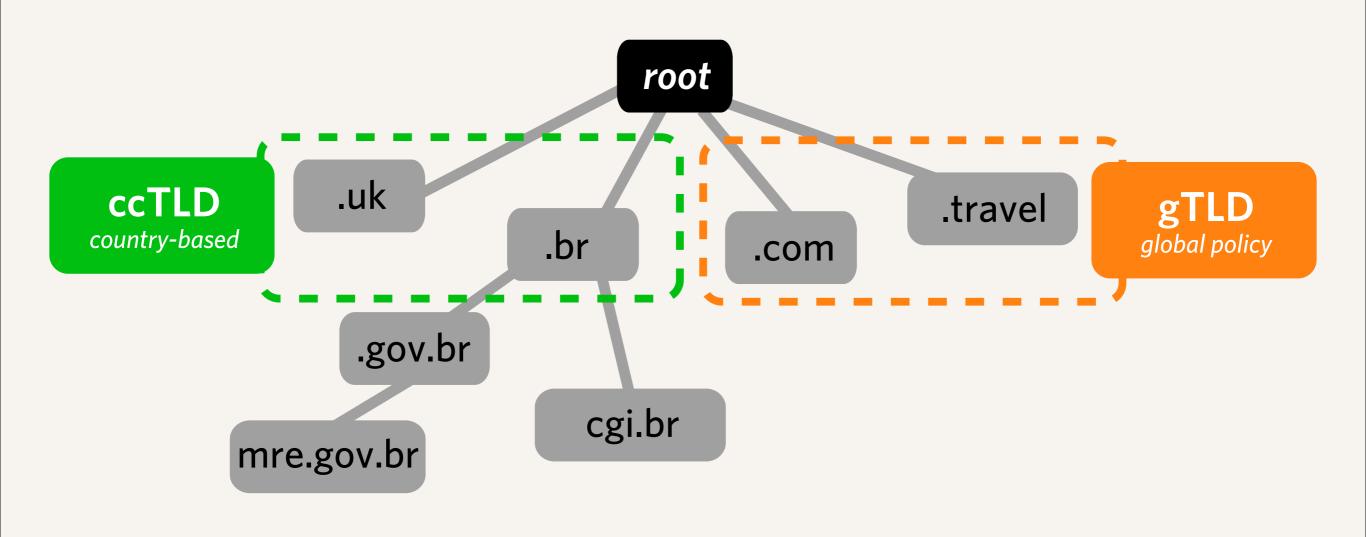
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- All protocol assignments are free
- Eligibility criteria varies, usually either open-to-all, or requires standard action to implement
- Some popular registries have automated or specialised approaches to allocation
  - Private Enterprise Numbers
  - Port Numbers
  - etc.

### **Domain Names**

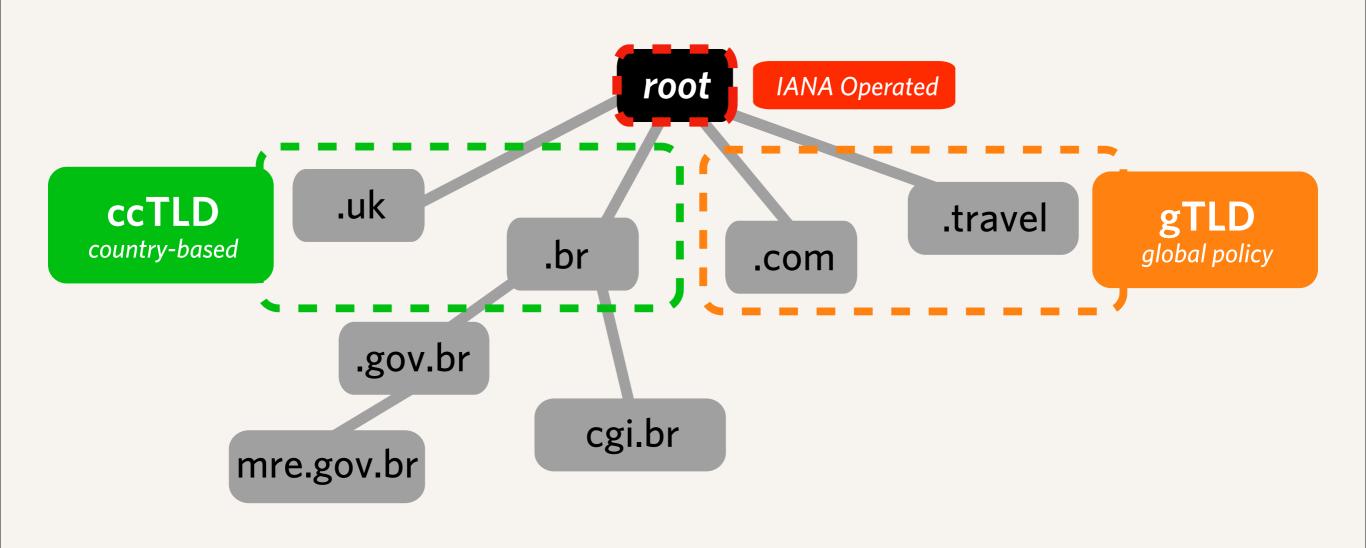


### Domain structure



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Nominally split between ccTLDs and gTLDs



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► IANA runs the DNS root

#### **Domain Names** — The Root Zone

- Delegates top-level domains
- Root Zone Database is like a regular domain registry, albeit with different policy
- Top-Level Domain Operators maintain their registration records with IANA
- gTLD Delegations governed by ICANN contracts
- ccTLD Delegations governed by Local Internet Community principles

### How we manage the root zone

- Maintain data for the DNS root
  - Technical data (NS records, "glue")
  - Social data (admin and tech contacts, sponsoring organisations, WHOIS, Registration URLs)
- Two types of changes
  - Routine (easy)
    - Confirm authenticity, check for technical problems, implement
  - Redelegations (hard)
    - Perform evaluation, submit to ICANN board, implement

### What we don't do

- Don't set policy
  - We follow precedent where possible, encourage review of our operations by the community.
- Don't decide what the two letter codes should be
  - ▶ ISO 3166-1 standard provides these
- Don't decide who runs a ccTLD
  - The local Internet community decides this.
  - IANA performs due diligence to ensure requests accord with Local Internet Community view

## Assignment of ccTLD Operators

- "selecting a designated manager for a domain that was able to do an equitable, just, honest and competent job"
- \* "These designated authorities are trustees for the delegated domain, and have a duty to serve the community. The designated manager is the trustee of the top-level domain for both the nation and the global Internet community"

### Assignment of ccTLD Operators

- IANA performs due diligence on
  - Operator's technical and operational competency
  - Legal structure of organisation
  - Government views
  - Local Internet community views
  - Transfer plans and other stability issues
  - Compliance with various principles (GAC principles, RFC 1591)
- IANA's report is presented to the ICANN Board for final approval of a request

#### **Domain Names** — Other functions

- INT domains Intergovernmental treaty organisations
- .ARPA domains technical plumbing
- IDN tables registries share IDN language practices



### Keep IANA records up to date

- IANA keeps official records on who runs each TLD
- If it is out of date, we don't know who is responsible any more
  - Causes problems if changes need to be made later
  - Also causes problems if someone needs to contact you for operational reasons
- TLD operators should check their IANA records and update if necessary!

## **Checking TLD data**

Visit our website:

http://www.iana.org/go/.si

Replace with your TLD

### How to make changes

- Download change template
  - http://www.iana.org/cctld/cctld-template.txt
- Fill in your updated details
  - For sections that don't require a change, just write "No change"
- Make sure the admin and tech contact are aware of the change you are going to submit
  - They must approve of changes
- Email it to root-mgmt@iana.org

# Our work in progress

## Improved processing efficiency

- Working on automation solutions for the root zone management workflow
  - Allow lodgment and status tracking via new web interface
  - Improved interface between IANA, USDOC and VeriSign
- Working with USDOC on compliance testing for production deployment
- Started final testing programme in June 2009, aim to finish deployment early next year

### Signing the DNS root zone

- DNSSEC has been deployed in increasing numbers of top-level domains
- The DNS root zone will be signed
- Aim is to have it signed by the end of the year, involving a testing programme
- In the interim, IANA launched the "Interim Trust Anchor Repository" at the start of the year
  - https://itar.iana.org/

#### New internationalised ccTLDs

- Work on internationalised ccTLDs
  - "Fast track" process under development for areas of high demand (e.g. Cyrillic-script countries)
- Process will closely match existing IANA redelegation process
  - Additional IDN-specific requirements
  - No "ISO 3166-1" equivalent, so another label selection criteria will be implemented
- Public process has not yet begun. Once applications are permitted details on applying for delegation will be announced.

### Improved procedures

- New clarified technical requirements for top-level domain operators have been published
- Other new root zone procedures to be published in time for the internationalised ccTLD launch

## New security work

- DNSSEC test-bed
- Outreach on DNS vulnerability issue (Kaminsky)

Summary

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- ccTLDs are operated in the public interest, within countries, involving local Internet community and local government.
- IANA manages the root zone, and therefore the delegations that allow TLDs to do their work.
- IANA's procedures to verify changes are thorough, to ensure the stability of the DNS root.
- It is important that ccTLD operator details are kept up to date with IANA to ensure Internet stability. If

Thanks!