

INTERNET STANDARDISATION REMAINS UNILATERAL

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Internet Engineering Task Force



◆ WORKING GROUPS

⇒ **VOLUNTEERS** (*anyone who can afford time & money*)

◆ PRODUCE Request For Comments ...

... WHICH MAY BECOME “**STANDARDS**”...

... ONCE VALIDATED BY ...

◆ Internet Engineering Steering Group

IETF CULTURE



- ◆ **NO BOSS => “BOTTOM UP”**
- ◆ **MAILING LISTS => *round the clock***
 - ⇒ *PLUS F2F MEETINGS 3 TIMES / YEAR*
- ◆ **SPEAK & WRITE ENGLISH, PLEEZ**
- ◆ **NO VOTE => “ROUGH CONSENSUS”**
 - ⇒ *BASED ON DECIBELS ?*
- ◆ **NO GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE**

BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION



- ◆ LANGUAGE & SOCIAL MANNERS
- ◆ LACK OF MOTIVATIONS
- ◆ MONEY
- ◆ TECHNICAL LINGO
- ◆ USA DOMINANCE

STATISTICS - 1



◆ INDEX OF RFC's 3101 to 4109

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TYPE: RFC
DOC-ID: RFC3976
TITLE: Interworking SIP and Intelligent Network (IN)
Applications
AUTHORS: V. K. Gurbani, F. Haerens, V. Rastogi
DATE: January 2005
KEYWORDS: sip, intelligent network, call models,
call model mapping, telephony services, public
switched telephone network, pstn
ORGANIZATION: Lucent Technologies, Inc., Alcatel
Bell, Wipro Technologies
FORMAT: ASCII
CHAR-COUNT: 60191
STATUS: INFORMATIONAL
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STATISTICS - 2



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USA	79	%
Sweden	3,6	%
Germany	3,2	%
Canada	3	%
Japan	2,4	%
UK	2,3	%
France	2,1	%
others +		
unknown	4,4	%

◆ **MOSTLY INDUSTRY PEOPLE**

CONCLUSIONS



- ◆ **TECHNICAL QUALITY => NOT QUESTIONED**
- ◆ **BUT ...**
- ◆ **BOTTOM UP => US RULE**
- ◆ **ROUGH CONSENSUS => US RULE**
- ◆ **INTERNET STANDARDS => US STANDARDS**
- ◆ **IETF => US INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS**

CONFLICTUAL INTERESTS



◆ WHOIS DATA BASES

- ⇒ *PERSONAL INFO*
- ⇒ *CORRECTNESS*
- ⇒ *COMPLETENESS*

◆ NATIVE LANGUAGE DOMAIN NAMES

- ⇒ *INCOMPLETE UNICODE SCRIPTS*
- ⇒ *IDN TECHNICAL RESTRICTIONS*
- ⇒ *VISUAL AMBIGUITIES*

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INTERNATIONAL SAVOIR VIVRE



- ◆ INTERNET STANDARDS NEED WORLDWIDE ACCEPTANCE
- ◆ NOT JUST BY US INDUSTRY
- ◆ THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL STANDARD BODIES FOR COMMENTS
- ◆ PRESENT UNILATERALISM UNPRODUCTIVE
 - ⇒ *LEADS TO LOCAL DEVIATIONS*