Dropcatching

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Plan of this panel

1. Warm-up 5 min.

2. General presentation about the mechanisms of dropcatching 5 min.

3. Presentations from each panelist 25 min. (5 min. each)

4. Discussion 20 min.

5. Wrap up 5 min.
What is Dropcatching?

from APTLD website

• Domain drop catching, also known as domain sniping, is the practice of registering a domain name once registration has lapsed, immediately after expiry.

• So, some get lucky to pick a desired fruit, while others are devastated by losing one, and walking the fine line to keep everybody happy and acting prudently is a real art.
1. Questions for Warming-up

1. Do you perceive dropcatching in your cc space?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Other

2. Is your Registry positive or negative about dropcatching?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Neutral
   - Other

3. Does your whois (or other tools) provide information about "this domain name will be unleashed on this date"?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Other
Questions for waming-up - cont.

4. Does your Registry make the list of to-be-unleashed domain names public?
   - Yes (charged)
   - Yes (charge-free)
   - No
   - Other

5. Is the timing of domain name unleashing fixed and known to the Registrars?
   (for example, midnight of the day that is after 30 days of domain name deletion)
   - Yes
   - No
   - Other
2. Mechanisms of dropcatching

• How do Registrars (and Registrants) know the set of to-be-unleashed domain names?
  – Registry tells about the to-be-unleashed domain names to the Registrars (and Registrants)
  – Registrars set up a syndicate to share the domain names they deleted while (e.g., one month) ago
  – Registrar searches whois database intensively to make a list of to-be-unleashed domain names
  – Customers tell the Registrar what domain names they want and the Registrar searches whois database to know the expiration date of the domain name
  – Other

• How do Registrars raise the success rate of dropcatching?
  – All Registrars in a syndicate apply for the same domain name and the successful Registrar transfers the domain name to the Registrar that manages the Registrant as its customer
  – Establishment of many subsidiary Registrars
  – Other

• How do Registrars collect the demand of their customers?
  – Registrar posts the names of to-be-unleashed domains on their web and customers apply for dropcatching
  – Customers tell the registrar what they want
  – Other

• Does the successful Registrant pay the Registrar higher fee?
  – Higher than usual registration
  – Same as usual registration
  – Determined by auction
  – Other
3. Presentations from panelists

5 minutes each

- Irina Danelia .RU
- Emilie Turbat .FR (remotely)
- Lilian van Mierlo .NL (remotely)
- Tinuk Andriyanti .ID
- Hiro Hotta .JP
4. Discussion

- Q&A on Presentations
- Sharing your situation
- Sharing your view
- Discussion

and more
5. Wrap up

• Please share your thoughts about this session
  – any views from any aspects are welcome