

IDN Root Zone LGR Workshop



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- Wei Wang
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Root Zone Label Generation Rules On Defining Variants

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Agenda

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Variants Scope

• "An IDN variant ...is an alternate code point (or sequence of code points) that could be substituted for a code point (or sequence of code points) in a candidate label to create a variant label that is considered the "same" in some measure by a given community of Internet users."

— [Procedure] Section A.3.2

 "Contextual Safety Principle: A code point in the Zone Repertoire or any of its Variants that present unacceptable risks of being used in malicious ways should not be permitted."

— [Procedure] Section A.3.6



What Makes Code Points Substitutable?

- Same semantic
- Same pronunciation (Ethiopic)
 - U+1200 *v* HA ⊢ U+1210 *π* HHA
 - U+1200 υ HA |↔| U+1280 ኀ XA
 - U+1210 & HHA → U+1280 7 XA
- Same appearance (indistinguishable)
 - U+0B20 ORIYA TTHA
 - U+0D20 O MALAYALAM TTHA
 - U+006F o LATIN SMALL O
 - U+043E o CYRILLIC SMALL O



Variant Disposition and Security

- Disposition of a pair of labels that are variants
 - Allocable: both may be delegated, to same entity
 - Blocked: either may delegated, never both
- Effect on Security
 - O Blocked variants:
 - prevent certain malicious registrations
 - the more blocked variants, the more secure.
 - O Allocatable variants:
 - allow one entity to offer multiple equivalent labels where required; while preventing registrations by unrelated entities
 - must be restricted or lead to combinatorial explosion



Extra Blocked Variants

"[Integration may] produce labels that would violate the linguistic criteria for being considered true variants, and may also result in the generation of extra blocked variants that lead to the exclusion of other possibly useful labels. It is nevertheless appropriate in the root zone, where the goal is not to maximize the number of possible labels but to minimize the confusion possible in a shared environment supporting heterogeneous linguistic communities."

— [Procedure] Section B.4.1 (emphasis added)

- In effect, the procedure
 - Permits additional blocked variants over and beyond the minimum
 - Does not recognize mere name-space restriction as a valid argument against variants
 - Focuses on making a shared zone safe for all users



Examples of Inherited Variants

⊙ Arabic FEH/QAF

- O The two letters are distinct, but become variants due to transitivity because of a third character: 06A7
- o 06A7 ف is a semantic variant of U+0642 ف and a visual variant of U+0641 ف u+0641 ف

Ethiopic homophones:

- Amharic language has many phonetic variants (homophones).
- These are not variants for other languages using Ethiopic.
- For security reasons, these are applied to all languages
- Despite the large number of homophones, only about 1% of words in other languages collide with other words in the same language
 - Still available, but on a first-come basis



Limits on Allocatable Variants

- "The benefits of a strictly minimal variant set apply only to those variants for which the returned disposition would be "allocatable"."
- "...the output of this procedure should aim to maximize the number of blocked variants, and to minimize the number of allocatable variants."

— [Procedure] Section A.3.3

- The procedure treats the two types of variants differently:
 - Allocatable variants are to be the minimum set
 - Blocked variants are to be maximized



Integration: Cross-repertoire Variants

• "...the integration panel creates additional variant rules to make the entire set *transitive and symmetric*. The disposition for any such additional variants are implicit [and] always of type "blocked". For those implicit variant rules that fall entirely *within a named repertoire*, the corresponding generation panel proposal will be rejected. (The generation panel would then reissue the proposal with the required rules added, but with explicit dispositions as chosen by the generation panel)."

— [Procedure] B.4.1 (emphasis added).

Each LGR:

- defines variants based on linguistic requirements
- inherits any applicable cross-repertoire variants from other LGRs
- o must define disposition for any inherited *in-repertoire* variants.
- may optionally define matching cross-script variants
 see [Out-of Repertoire-Variants]



Examples of Cross-repertoire Variants

Cyrillic LGR defines

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0443 y \leftrightarrow 0079 y
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Latin LGR defines

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0079 y \leftrightarrow 0443 y (matches Cyrillic) 0079 y \leftrightarrow 04AF y (new)
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Transitivity: implicit in-script variant for Cyrillic

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0443 y ↔ 04AF γ (Cyrillic GP must define matching mapping and assign variant type)
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Note: never possible to cause in-repertoire variants in ASCII

Similarity vs. Variant

"...the process may not be able to replace case-by-case analysis altogether: there will still be a role for additional types of review, such as for String Similarity, and which are not included in the LGR process. Instead the LGR process is designed to clear the table of all the straightforward, non-subjective cases, mainly by returning a "blocked" disposition" — [Procedure] Section A.3.3

- Limit considerations of appearance to cases that
 - o are unambiguous
 - have overriding security concerns
 - exhibit true exchangeability (homoglyph)



Examples

The "circle"

- simple glyph (few clues as to script membership)
- part of many scripts
- ⊙ can be used to spoof delegated ASCII-TLD ".ooo"



CJK Visual Examples

Script	Glyph	Meaning	Script	Glyph
Han	今日	Chinese: "today"	Hangul + Han	슼日
Han	人丛	Chinese: "crowd"	Han + Hangul	人丛
Han	占卜	Chinese: "fortune telling"	Han+Kana	占卜
Katakana	トロ	Japanese: "fatty part of tuna"	Han	トロ
Han	墫	U+58AB vs. U+58FF	Han	壿
Kana	_	Length Mark	Han	_



References

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Update on LGR Toolset

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Contents

- LGR toolset summary in one slide
- New updates in Oct 2018 version
 - LGR harmonization tool
 - Interface improvements
 - Various improvements/ bug fixes



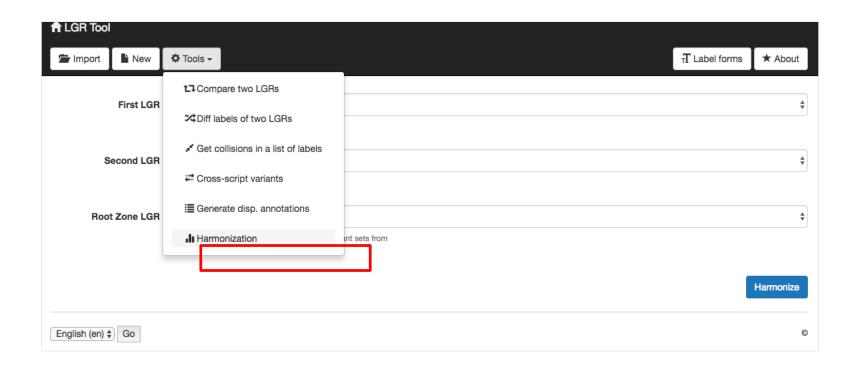
LGR Toolset Summary

- Toolset to:
 - Create, update, use Label Generation Rules
 - Validate labels, generate variants, verify collisions
- Available at https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/lgr-toolset-2015-06-21-en
 - Opensource
 - Online as a service
- As
 - Command line and libraries in python
 - Web interface



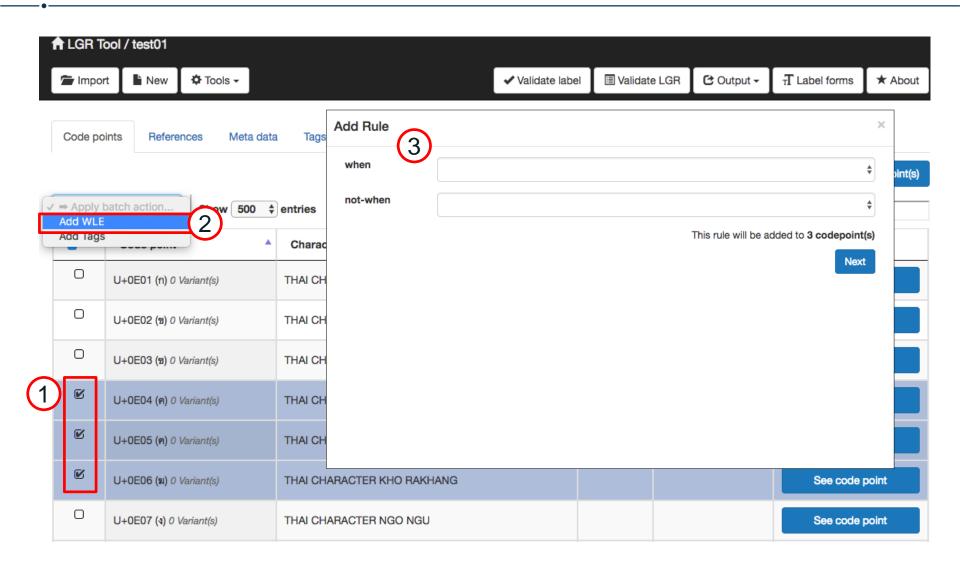
LGR Tool - Harmonization

- Compare two LGRs and harmonize them
 - Same variant mappings for shared code points between both LGRs with respect to symmetry and transitivity
 - Variant mapping discovering in RZ-LGR



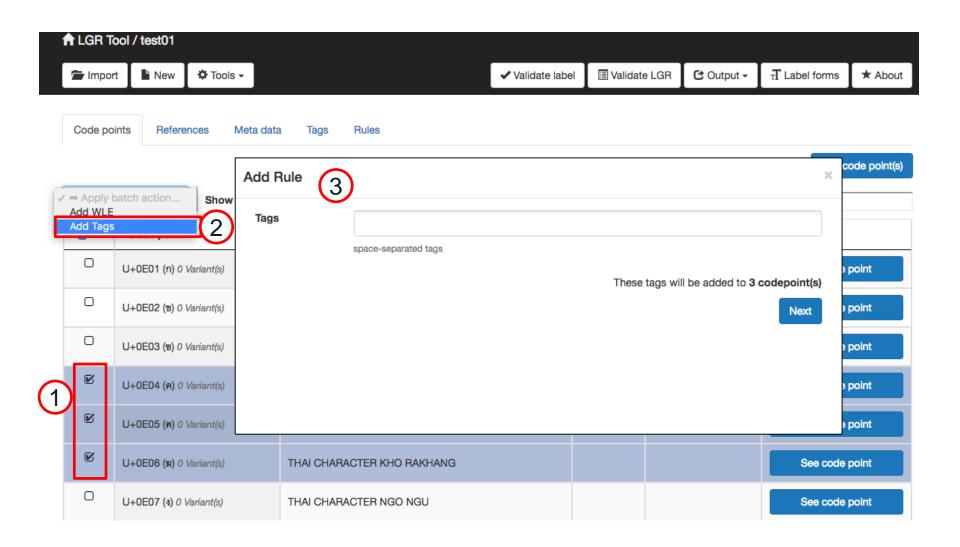


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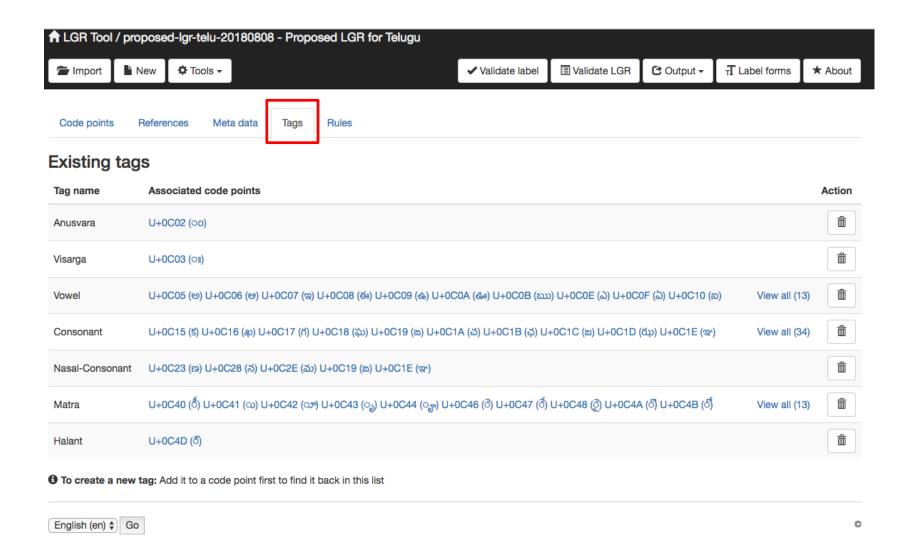


LGR Interface – Add Tags to Selected Code Points



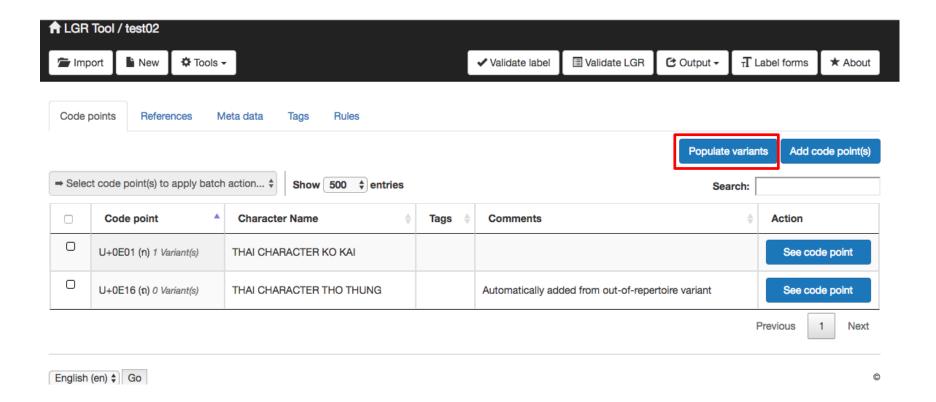


List Tags and Their Associated Code Points



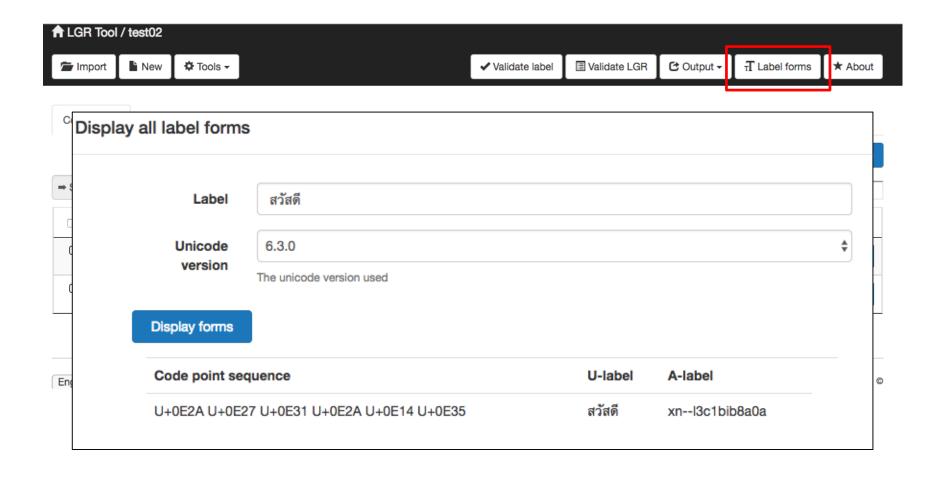


LGR Improvements – Populate Variants





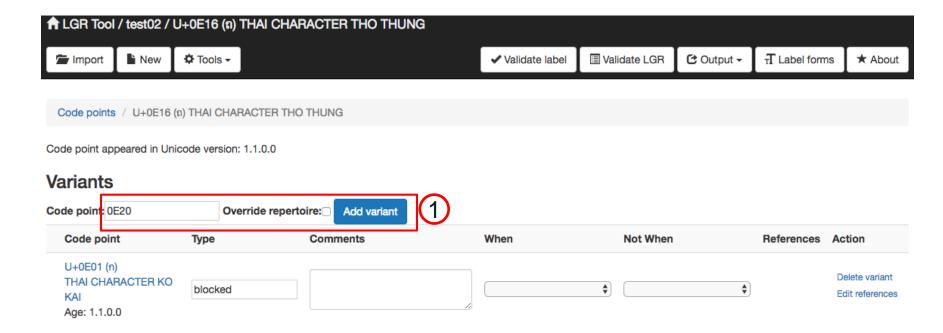
LGR Improvements – Display Label Forms





LGR Improvements – Adding Variants

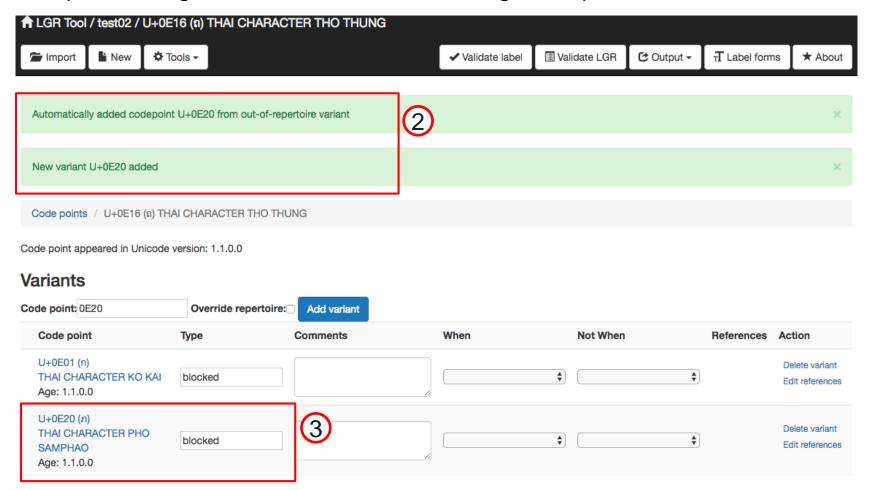
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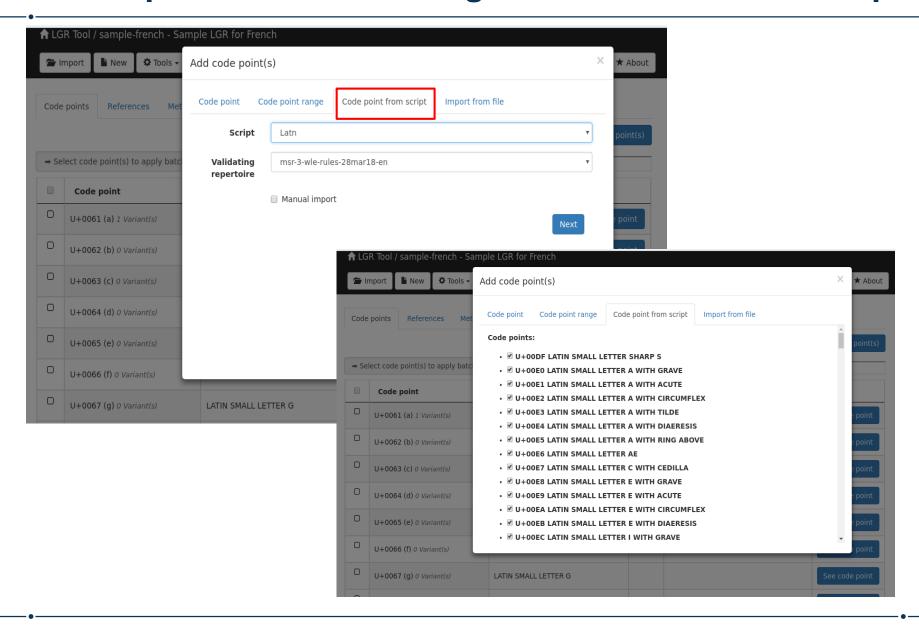
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LGR Improvements – Adding Code Points from a Script





LGR Improvements – Misc.

- Improve performances
 - Improve loading time for large LGRs
- Full Python3 support
- Output on failing rules is more explicit
- Supporting for Unicode 5.2.0-10.0.0 and MSR-2, MSR-3
- Display combined form of sequences
- Bug fixes



Availability and Links

- Online deployment at: https://lgrtool.icann.org/
- Open source package(s) released with BSD license at GitHub:
 <u>picu</u>, <u>lgr-core</u>, <u>lgr-django</u>, <u>munidata</u>
- Toolset information and user manual at: https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/lgr-toolset-2015-06-21-en



Update by RZ-LGR Study Group

Dennis Tanaka



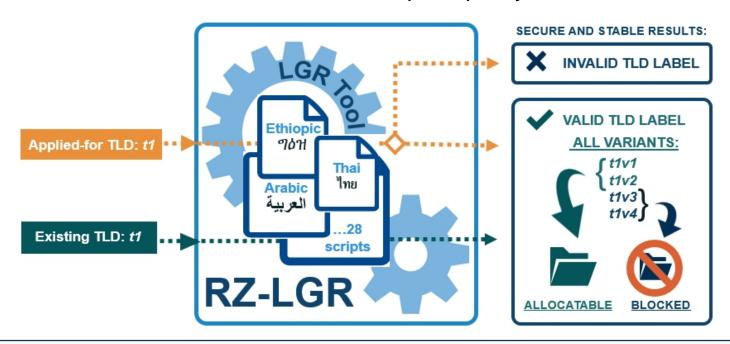
Agenda

- Background
- Scope of work
- Current status
- Next steps



Background

- RZ-LGR available through the LGR Procedure
 - Several scripts already integrated; many others in-progress
- Need of a harmonized way to use the RZ-LGR for ccTLDs and gTLDs
 - Single source to validate top-level labels and calculate variant labels
- Need for a technical assessment of the implementation of the RZ-LGR
 - Technical considerations for subsequent policy





Background – Study Group Members

	Name	Organization	Sponsoring Organization
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Scope of Work

1

WHO will use it?

- TLD applicant (ccTLD, gTLD)
- Generation and Integration Panels
- Other stakeholders

2

WHAT does it do?

- Syntax validation
- Calculation of variant labels and disposition values
- What if RZ-LGR calculation is not accepted?

3

WHY is it important?

- Single source and/or repository, for consistency and predictable results
- But, what about scripts not yet integrated in the LGR?
 What are the technical issues subsequent policy would need to address

4

WHEN do you apply it?

- Existing TLDs and new TLD applications
- gTLDs: application window
- ccTLDs: Fast Track process (rolling)
- Reserved TLD labels

5

WHERE do you find it?

- Implementation (i.e, specs, test cases)
- Maintenance (e.g., update to repertoire, variant rules, etc.)
- Repository of normative XML

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Other Considerations

- Variant states and transition among states
- Limits on allocatable variant labels
- Other security and stability considerations (e.g., single character IDN TLDs)

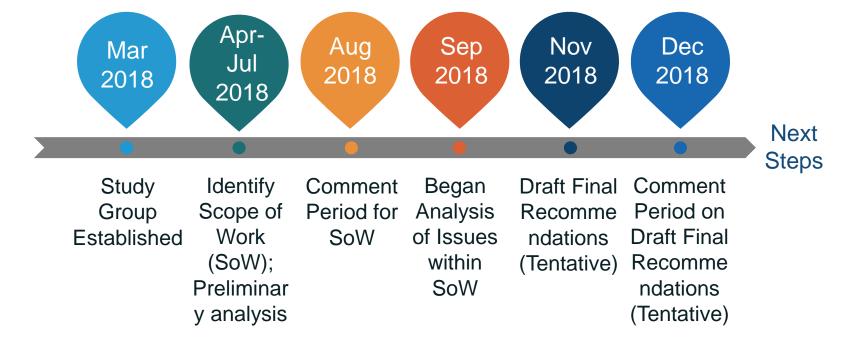


Not in Scope

- Semantic validation
 - o IDN ccTLD, Geo-Names, Brand, Community, etc.
- Limiting number of allocable variant TLDs
- How to process TLD applications whose script is not yet supported by the Root Zone LGR.



Status





Resource



https://community.icann.org/display/croscomlgrprocedure/Study+Group +on+Technical+Use+of+RZ-LGR

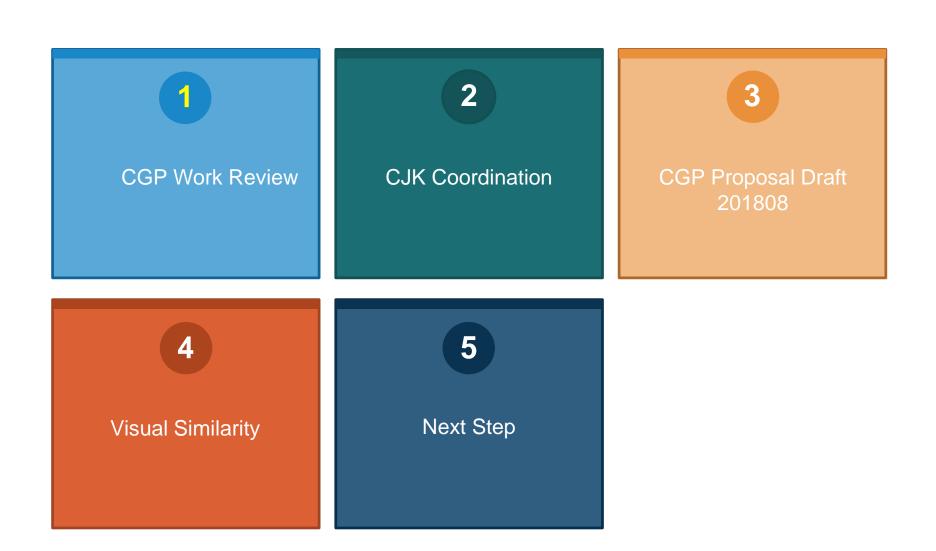


https://mm.icann.org/pipermail/rz-lgr-sg/

Chinese Generation Panel Update

Kenny Huang Wei Wang







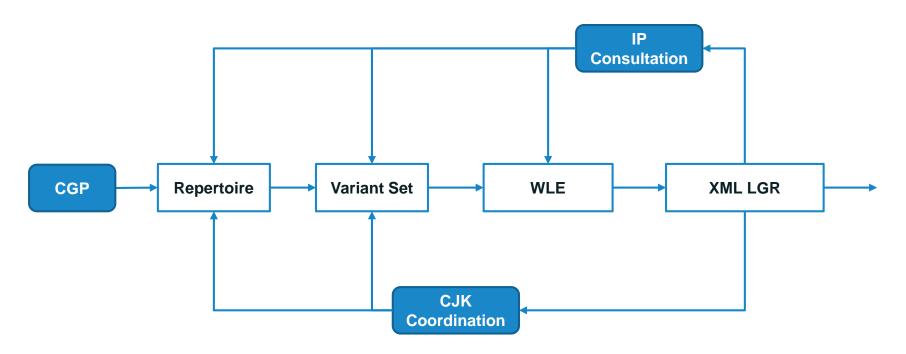
CGP Team and Work Process

Members, 23 experts from 10 countries/regions

China mainland, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Malaysia, as well as members from Europe and North America.

Advisor, Edmon CHUNG

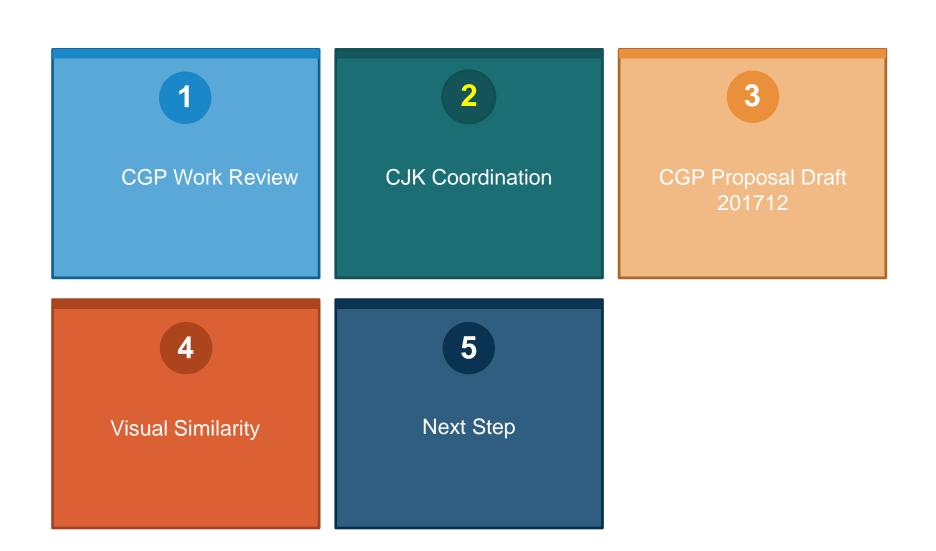
CEO of dotAsia and Co-Chair of the Universal Acceptance Steering Group CJK coordination working group









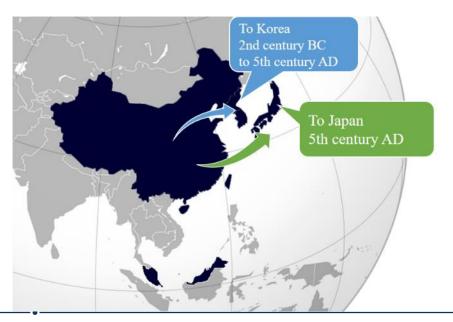


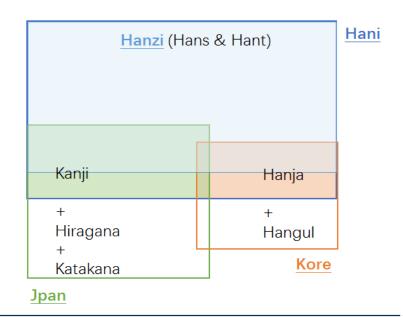


CJK Coordination

Script and Languages Covered

Language	ISO 15924 Code	Countries	Local Names of the Script
Chinese	cdo, cjy, cmn, cpx, czh, czo, gan, hak, hsn, lzh, mnp, nan, wuu, yue, zho	China	汉字 Hanzi
Japanese	jpn	Japan	漢字 Kanji
Korean	kor	Korea	한자 Hanja



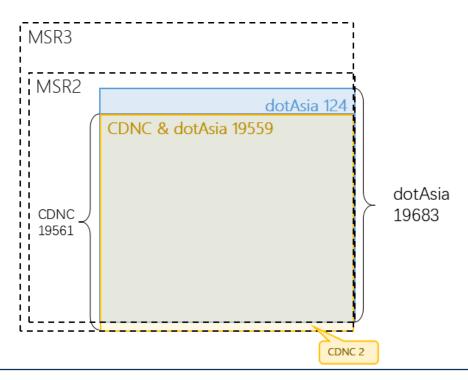




CJK Coordination

Coordination within CGP

- 19030 variant mappings are kept as same as CDNC-2015 and dotAsia
- 64 are the same as CDNC-2015 but different with dotAsia
- 131 variant mapping entries from dotAsia
- 36 variant mapping entries from CGP internal review

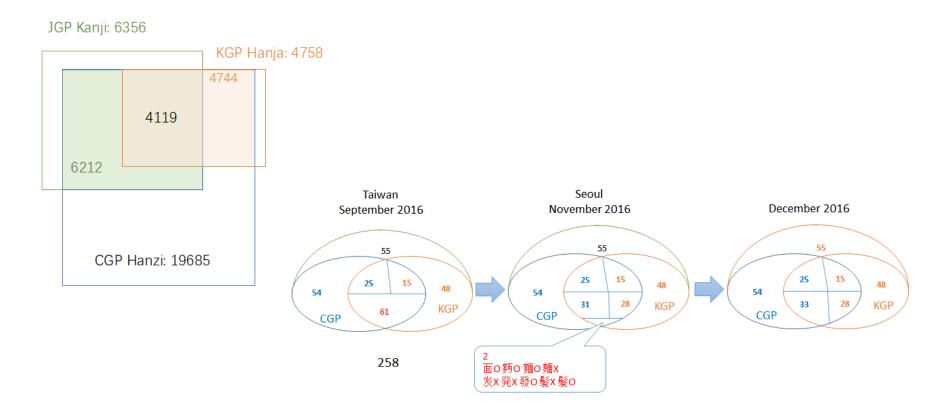




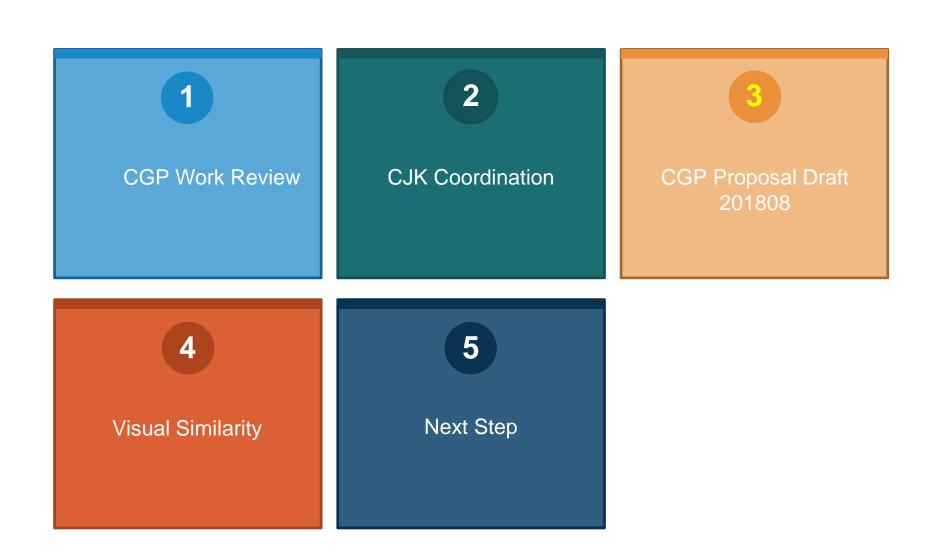
CJK Coordination

Coordination between C, J and K

- 445 variant mappings (146 unacceptable variant groups)
- 424 Variant mapping entries changed by C&K pre-integration

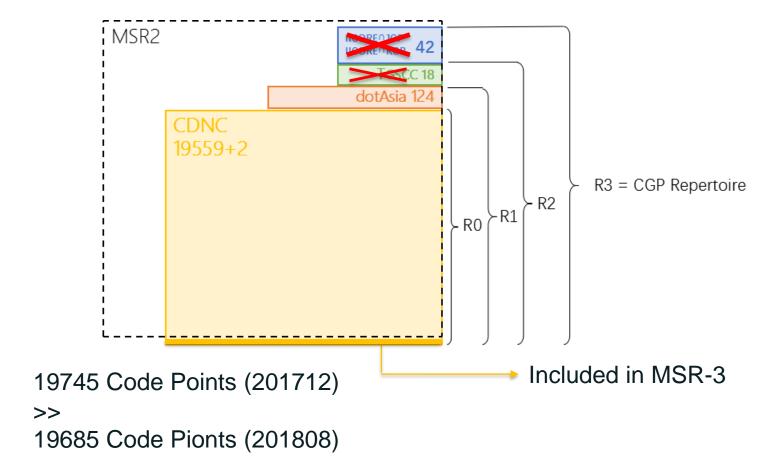








CGP Proposal Draft 201808

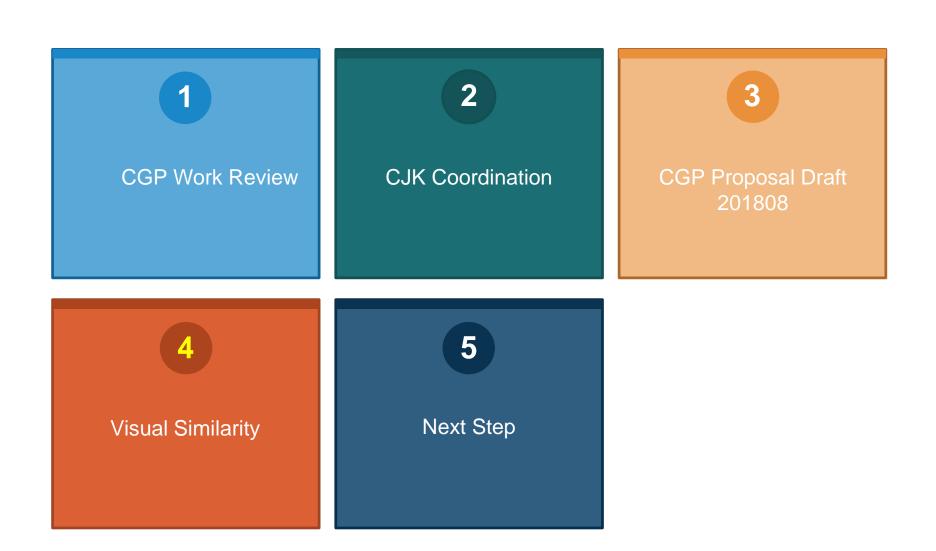


Accordingly, some variant groups and mappings changed due to the reduction.

CGP Proposal Draft 201808

Sub-Type	Туре	Comment
"simp"	Allocable	preferred simplified variant char;
"r-simp"	Allocable	reflexive preferred simplified variant char;
"trad"	Allocable	preferred traditional variant char
"r-trad"	Allocable	reflexive preferred traditional variant char
"both"	Allocable	preferred simplified and traditional varians are the same
"r-both"	Allocable	reflexive preferred simp and trad variants are the same
"r-neither"	Blocked	Non-allocable reflexive/original char
"blocked"	Blocked	Non-allocable variant char
"out-of-repertoire-var"	-Invalid	Non-CGP chars imported from other GPs







Visual Similarity

Unicode consortium's confusables list https://www.unicode.org/Public/security/11.0.0/confusables.txt

Source	Glyph	Target	Glyph
3078	^	30D8	^
30A4	イ	4EBB	1
30A8	エ	5DE5	エ
30AB	カ	529B	カ
30BF	タ	<mark>5915</mark>	タ
3008	۲	535C	
30CB	=	4E8C	<u> </u>
30CE)	4E3F	J
30CF	ハ	516B	八
30ED		53E3	
30ED		<mark>56D7</mark>	
30FC	_	4E00	_
784F	研	<mark>7814</mark>	研
53E3	口	<mark>56D7</mark>	
<mark>571F</mark>	土	58EB	士
58AB	壿	58FF	壿
676E	杮	67FF	柿
8D7F	赿	8D86	趆
9E42	丽鸟	9E43	鹃

Disposition Pinciple:

Non-moden used ones will be treated as visual identical variants

Some will be kept with explaination

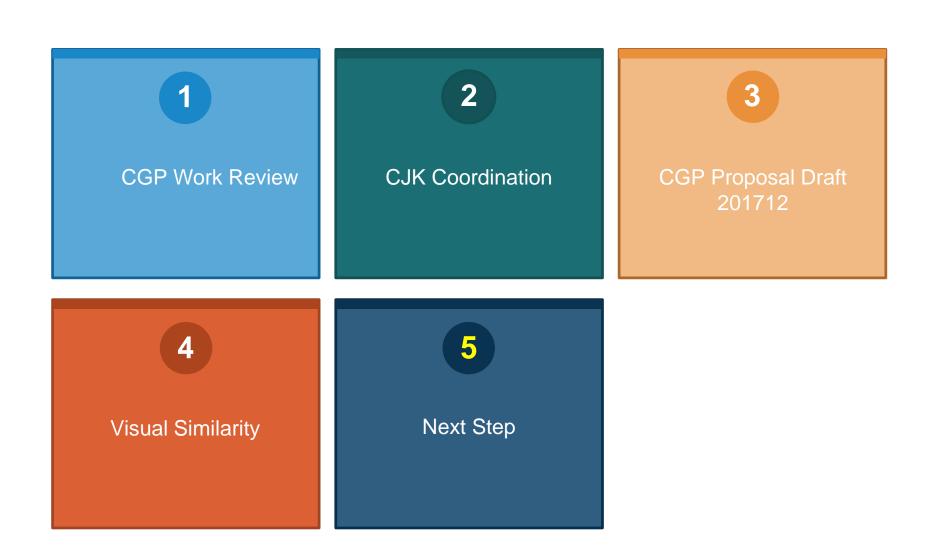
-- 571F± & 58EB士

Some will be blocked as radical

-- 56D7 □

Respect the rules for kana-Kanji pairs made by JGP







Next Step

Provide the detailed information of C&K coordination

Generate visual similarity list

Further interaction with IP



Korean Generation Panel Update

Dongman Lee



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Script(s) Covered and where they are used

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Members of the GP

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Work achieved to-date 1 (K-LGR v1.0)

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Work achieved to-date 2 (Public comments reviewed) 5

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Future Plan and Schedule



Script(s) Covered by K-LGR and Where They Are Used

- ⊙ K-LGR covers Korean script (= Hangul + Hanja)
- ⊙ "Korean script" usually means "Hangeul" or "Hangul". However, in the context of the Korean LGR (K-LGR), Korean script is a union of Hangul (한글) and Hanja (한자).
- Korean language has a long history, more than 2000 years.
- Hangul: invented in 1443.
- Hanja was used before Hangul was invented. Hanja is still used in Rep. of Korea.
- Korean language is mainly used in Rep. of Korea (S. Korea) and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea).
 - Also used by people living in China, USA, Japan, Europe, Brazil, Russia, Vietnam, and so on.



Members of the GP

- Technical Experts: Kyongsok KIM (Chair), Dongman LEE
- Linguists: Jeongdo CHOI (Hangul), Sanghyun SHIN (Hanja), Sungduk
 CHO (Hanja)
- Policy Makers: Youngeum LEE, Youn Jung PARK
- ⊙ Community: Eunjun JEON, Boknam YUN, Byeongil OH
- Registry: Jinhyun CHO, Minjung PARK, Yunmi CHOI, Ryoung CHAE, Minjee KIM
- Registration Agency: Seong-jin PARK, ChangKi JANG, Myungsoo LEE



Work achieved to-date by KGP – 1:

K-LGR v1.0 (2017.12.10.)

- K-LGR v1.0 (2017.12.10.): repertoire and variant groups
 - Hangul: repertoire 11172 syllables, no variant groups
 - Hanja: repertoire 4758 characters, 152 variant groups
 - Variant groups composed of Hangul syllables and Hanja chars: 5
 (3 Hanja chars: out-of-repertoire variant)
- 4758 Hanja chars in K-LGR v1.0

Source of Hanja Character Set	# chars
1) KS X 1001 (268 comptb. chars excluded)	4620
2) IICORE - K column marked	4744
K-LGR v1.0 (2017.12.10.): Hanja List (Union of 1) and 2))	4758



Work achieved to-date by KGP – 2:

Public Comments Reviewed

- A summary of public comments
 - Including Hanja in K-LGR repertoire: positive
 - Allowing Hangul-Hanja mixed label: several negative comments, some positive comments
 - Hangul-Hanja variant group: CJK agreement needed
 - Specific details need be corrected/modified 4758 Hanja chars in K-LGR v1.0
- Examples of issues raised by Mr. Byeon
 - References; quotes; etc.
 - Many Hanja chars allowed for personal names not included in K-LGR
 - Hangul Jamo not included in K-LGR (actually not in MSR-3)
 - More Hangul-Hanja variant groups need be included



Work achieved to-date by KGP – 2:

Public Comments Reviewed

- Requests by Mr. Byeon for specific details
 - Reviewed and discussed
 - Mostly accepted in principle and will be reflected in the next version of K-LGR
- Hangul-Hanja mixed labels
 - There is a general consensus to include Hanja in K-LGR repertoire
 - We have not reached a conclusion whether to allow Hangul-Hanja mixed label
- Because we think that it would be very difficult (or almost impossible) to get resolved as long as two schools of different views (i.e., Hangul only vs. Hangul-Hanja mixed) on Korean Language usage exist, it is expected that our stance would be to keep the current K-LGR (i.e., to allow Hangul-Hanja mixed label)



Work achieved to-date by KGP – 2:

Plan and Next Steps

- Waiting for the conclusion as to whether to include cross-script (visually identical) variant groups
 - variant groups of Hangul syllables and Hanja characters;
 - variant groups of Kana and Kanji characters
- Hangul-Hanja mixed labels
 - Decide on a final conclusion
- Revision of K-LGR 1.0
 - After the above issues are resolved, K-LGR will be revised and published



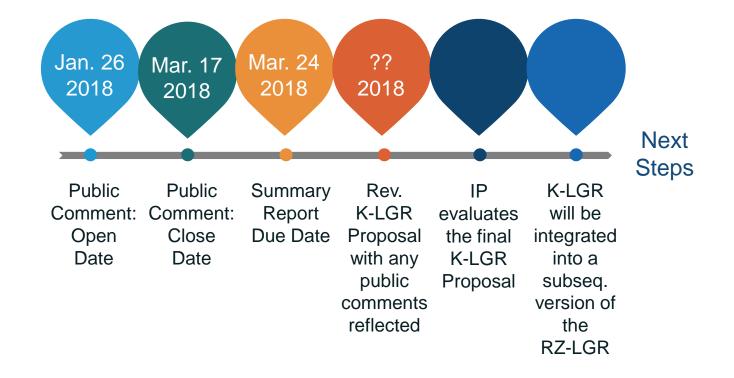
Work achieved to-date by KGP – 3:

Brief History of KGP Activities

- Dec. 2013: Korean GP (KGP) Organized
- May. 2015: K-LGR v0.1
- Feb. 2016: The Korean community "formally" forms Generation Panel for Developing the Root Zone Label Generation Rules (LGR)
- Dec. 2017: K-LGR v1.0
- Jan. ~ Mar. 2018: public comments for K-LGR v1.0
- Mar. ~ Sep. 2018: public comments for K-LGR v1.0 reviewed for possible reflection in the next version of K-LGR
- 33 KGP meetings
- Several CJK coordination meetings during ICANN meetings 49 ~ 61
- Several CJK coordination meetings in Rep. of Korea, China, and Taiwan.

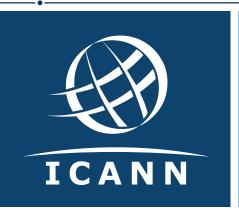


Future Plan





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