UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE

African Languages Script Generation Forum

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What is Universal Acceptance?

- All Domain names operate equally:
  - Acceptance & Validation, Storage, Processing & Display
- IDNs, EAIs, IRIs,
- Long ASCII and
- Recently added gTLDs

UASG:
Universal Acceptance Steering Group

- Community initiative supported by ICANN

- Four Groups
  - Topline & Technical Issues
  - International
  - Measurement & Monitoring
  - Community Outreach

- Current Activities
  - Technical Documentation
  - Measurement of Web sites
  - Industry Guidebooks

UA & Language Communities

- Being able to use non-ASCII scripts – including accents and other marks
- Dealing with Arabic, Hebrew and other Right-to-Left scripts
- Raising awareness within local communities
- Communicating with local developers
- Translating material to local languages

Getting Involved

- The Universal Acceptance Steering Group needs and wants a few more participants.
- Greater diversity is wanted – particularly geographic, language and gender diversity
- We're looking specifically for
  - Geeks
  - Community Outreach people with a local focus
  - People with Passion
  - People with a bit of time
- Mailing Lists
  - General: **http://tinyurl.com/ua-discuss**
  - Topline & Technical: **http://tinyurl.com/ua-topline**
  - Community Outreach: **http://tinyurl.com/ua-community**
  - International: **http://tinyurl.com/ua-intnl**
  - Measurement & Monitoring: **http://tinyurl.com/UA-MandM**
  - Web Site: **http://tinyurl.com/UA-Wiki-Page**