

> 1 What do you believe is a function of a domain name?
Sorry, I don't think I can answer that in less than about three pages, which I suspect isn't useful, and probably isn't relevant either!

> 2 Would you class yourself as working in, or being
> part of the ISP/network provider industry?
Yes

> 3 Do you associate ".net.uk" with an ISP/network provider-type
> company?
Yes

> 4 On a scale of 1 to 5, do you believe that the "average Internet
> user" associates ".net.uk" with an ISP/network provider? (1 = No
> association, 5 = Strong association)
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> 5 (a) How far do you see .net.uk as a duplicate for .co.uk, .net
> or other TLDs/SLDs?
Not at all

> (b) Would this be different if anyone could register a .net.uk
> domain?
Yes, very much so

> 6 How would you attempt to define an "Internet Service Provider
> (ISP)" and what would you say are typical characteristics of an
> ISP? Are these objective criteria which are easy to verify
> automatically?
An ISP is an organisation that provides services on or over the Internet. Which is a very broad definition, probably only characterised by self-definition, and hence not at all objective. *However*, for the purposes of the .net.uk SLD, we can consider *UK* ISPs (meaning those who provide services to or in the UK, not necessarily being themselves UK based), and for those being a Nominet member or tag holder would be a reasonable criterion - and that is both objective and easy to check.

> 7 How would you attempt to define a "Network Provider" and what
> would you say are typical characteristics of an Network Provider?
> Are these objective criteria which are easy to verify
> automatically?
Network providers are a subset of ISPs - those providing the basic network infrastructure. Typically, they'll meet the existing qualifications for the .net.uk SLD - being an LIR and/or having an ASN. And yes, those are objective and it should be possible to automate checking.

> 8 Do you believe there are sufficient differences which can be
> clearly defined between an ISP and Network Provider?
Yes, though I don't believe the differences are significant for the purposes of the .net.uk SLD.

> If you believe the domain should be restricted to some definition,
> should this be inclusive of both an ISP and Network Provider, or
> one of them?
Both

> 9 What general option do you favour, and why?
b. Restrict .net.uk for some definition of ISP/network operator with strict eligibility criteria.

> 10 If you believe there should be a restriction of some kind, how
> should this be structured?

Basically keep the current restrictions, but add "or a Nominet member or tag holder" to the requirement to be an LIR or have an ASN.

> 11 If there is a restriction on the registrant, do you believe
> that the rules for ".net.uk" should require some kind of presence
> in the UK?

No. Require some interest in the UK, yes.

> 12 If registration of ".net.uk" domains is restricted to a
> specific type of organisation, should its use (e.g. subdomains,
> e-mail addresses, etc.) also be restricted [for names registered
> under such rules]?

Yes, as at present the domain should only be for network provider machines, not customer use (though in practice policing this will be near-impossible).

> 13 If the .net.uk SLD is opened up for registration with no or
> very limited controls, would the benefits of more registrations be
> defeated by any problems such as more defensive/duplicate
> registrations?

No.

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