The Forum on Internet Domain Names, Washington, D.C.

July 31, 1997

Supporting Documents

On July 30-31, 1997, a group of over 100 representatives of industry, government, and the public interest community met in Washington, DC for a Forum on Internet Domain Names, sponsored by CDT, The Interactive Services Association, and The Information Technology Association of America. Background materials include key documents on the evolution of the domain name system. In two days of discussion sessions, participants exchanged perspectives on a range of issues including: The nature of domain name management and its reform; Trademark issues in domain name management; Governance issues for the domain name system; and Operational and administrative concerns in considering a transition to a different domain name system. A report was prepared summarizing the proceedings of the Forum. The report discusses each of the issues covered along with a list of the major areas of consensus among participants and areas of divergence or questions still to be resolved. As the entire forum was off the record (on background for the press involved), this summary was not intended to be attributable to any specific individuals but rather to characterize the conversation more broadly.

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