Introduction to Registries and Registrars

Registrar Basics

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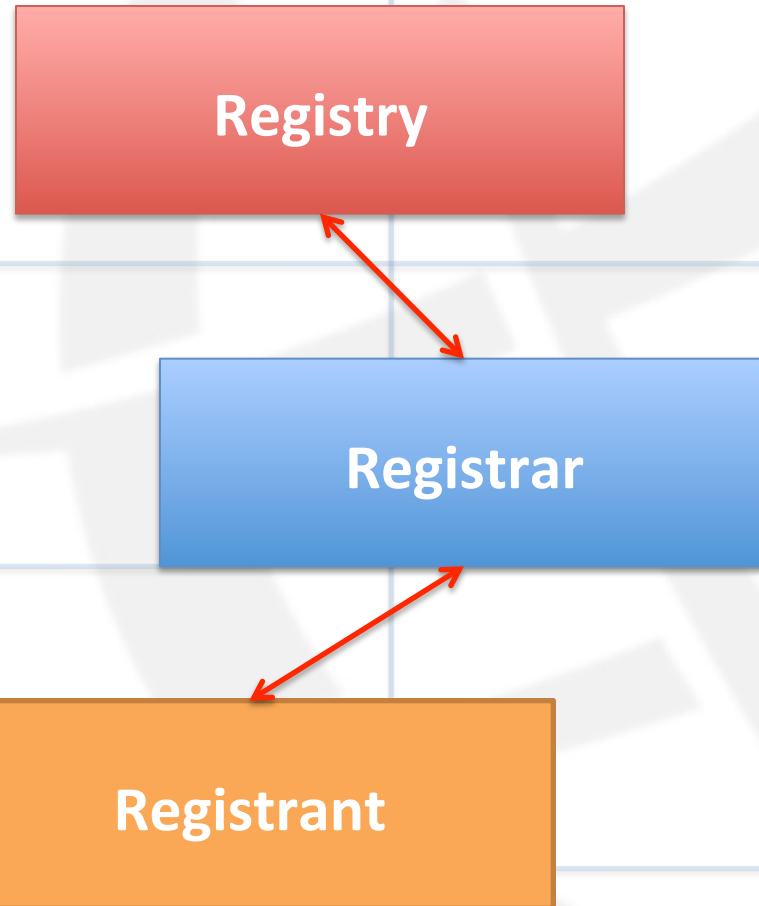
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Registering a gTLD domain name

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Registry

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Registrant

Why a registrar ?

- Competition → Cheaper prices

- You generally don't just need a domain name

- Personalized support in your language and time zone

- One place for all domain names and TLDs

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Who can be a registrar ?

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1. ICANN Accreditation (submitted to financial, operational and technical criteria).

2. Contract with one or more gTLD registry operators.
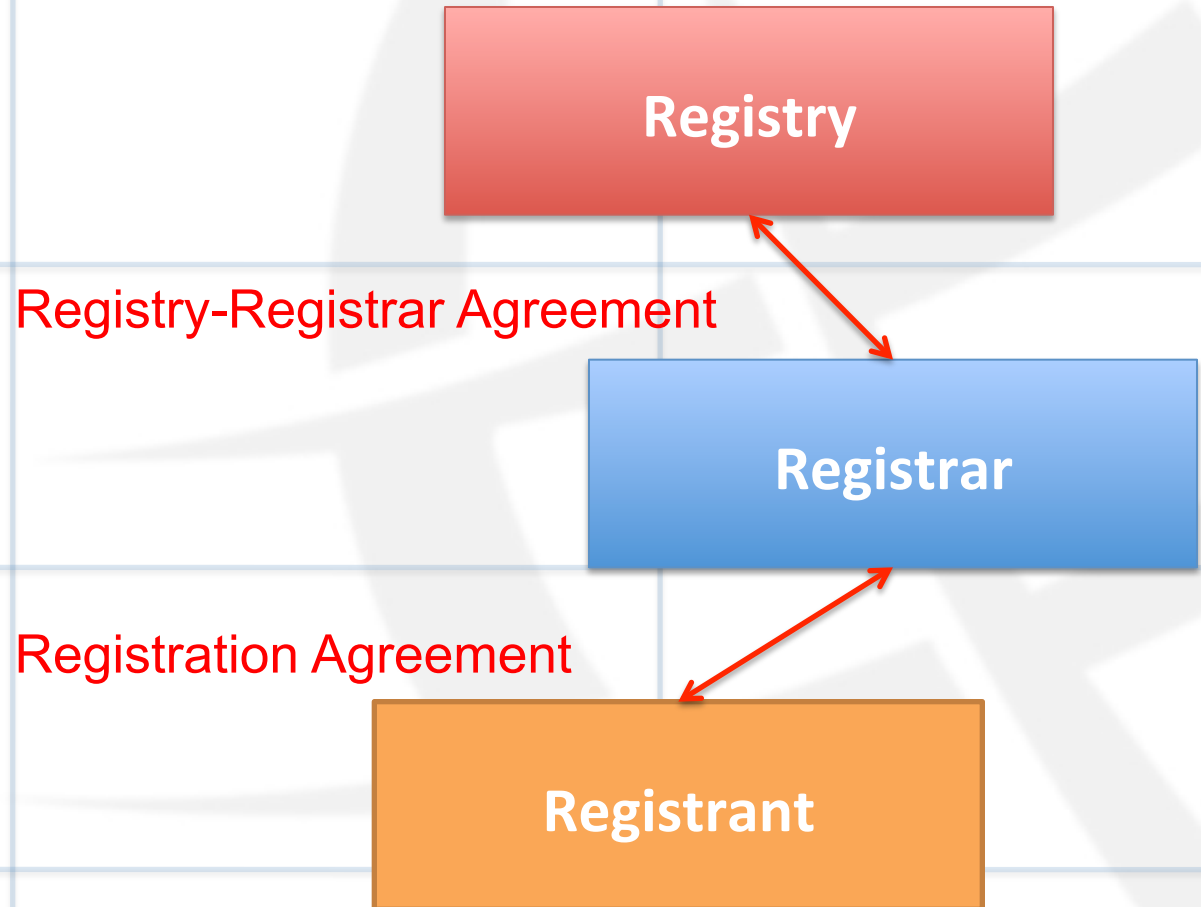
What about ccTLDs ?

- ICANN accreditation → only gTLDs

- A consistent number of ccTLD registries have adopted a registry-registrar system

- Each operator determines the rules and procedure for accreditation under its ccTLD
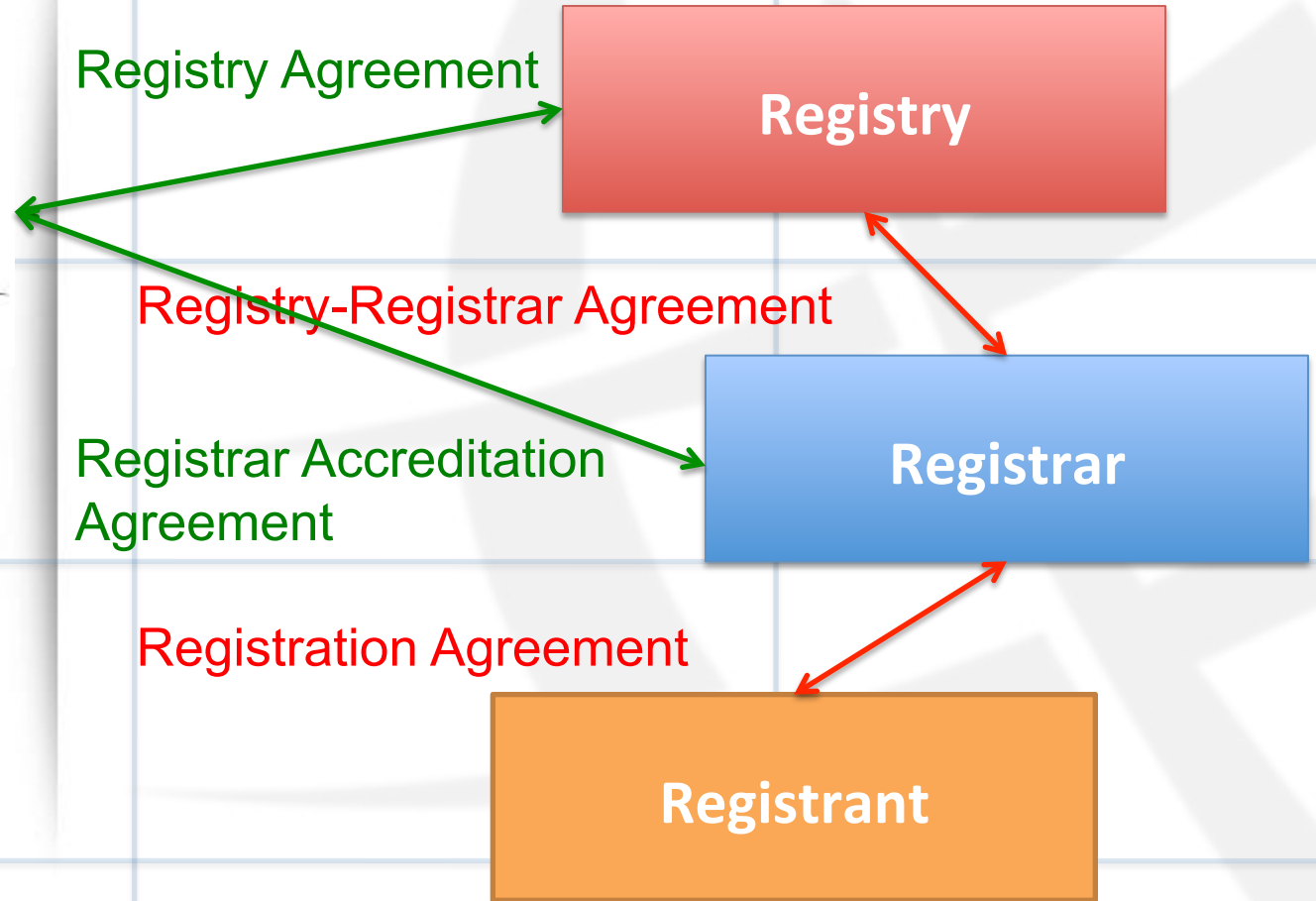
Contractual Relationships

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Contractual Relationships (gTLDs)

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Consensus Policies

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Advisories

Accreditation

Accreditation Agreement

RRA Amendment Procedure

Consensus Policies

Restored Names Accuracy Policy

Whois Data Reminder Policy

Whois Marketing Restriction Policy

Governing
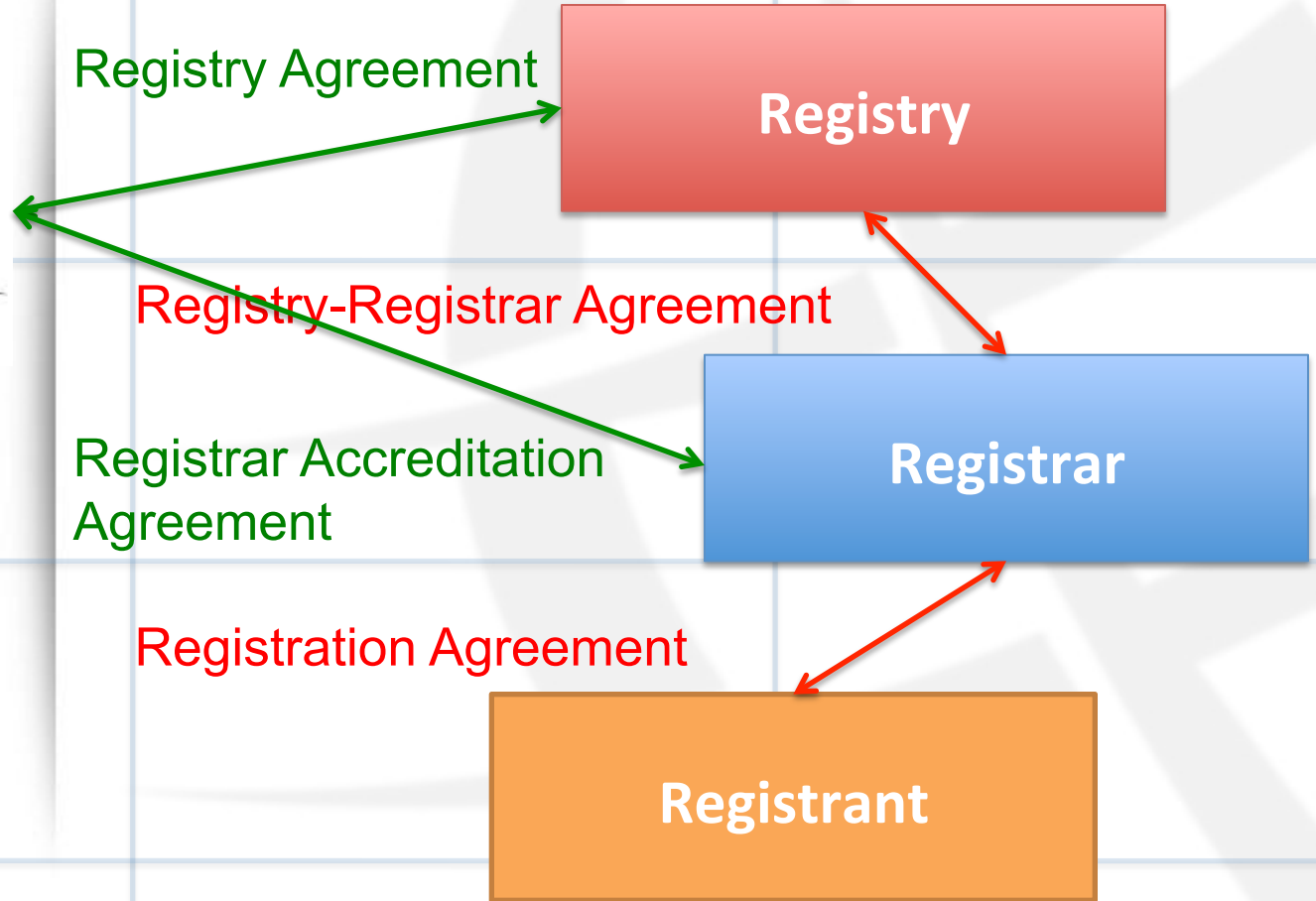
ICANN's agreements with accredited registrars and with gTLD registry operators require compliance with various specifically stated procedures and also with "consensus policies." Sponsors and registry operators of sponsored TLDs may be required to comply with consensus policies in some instances.

The following policies are specifically identified as having been adopted as consensus policies by the ICANN Board of Directors as of the dates shown below.
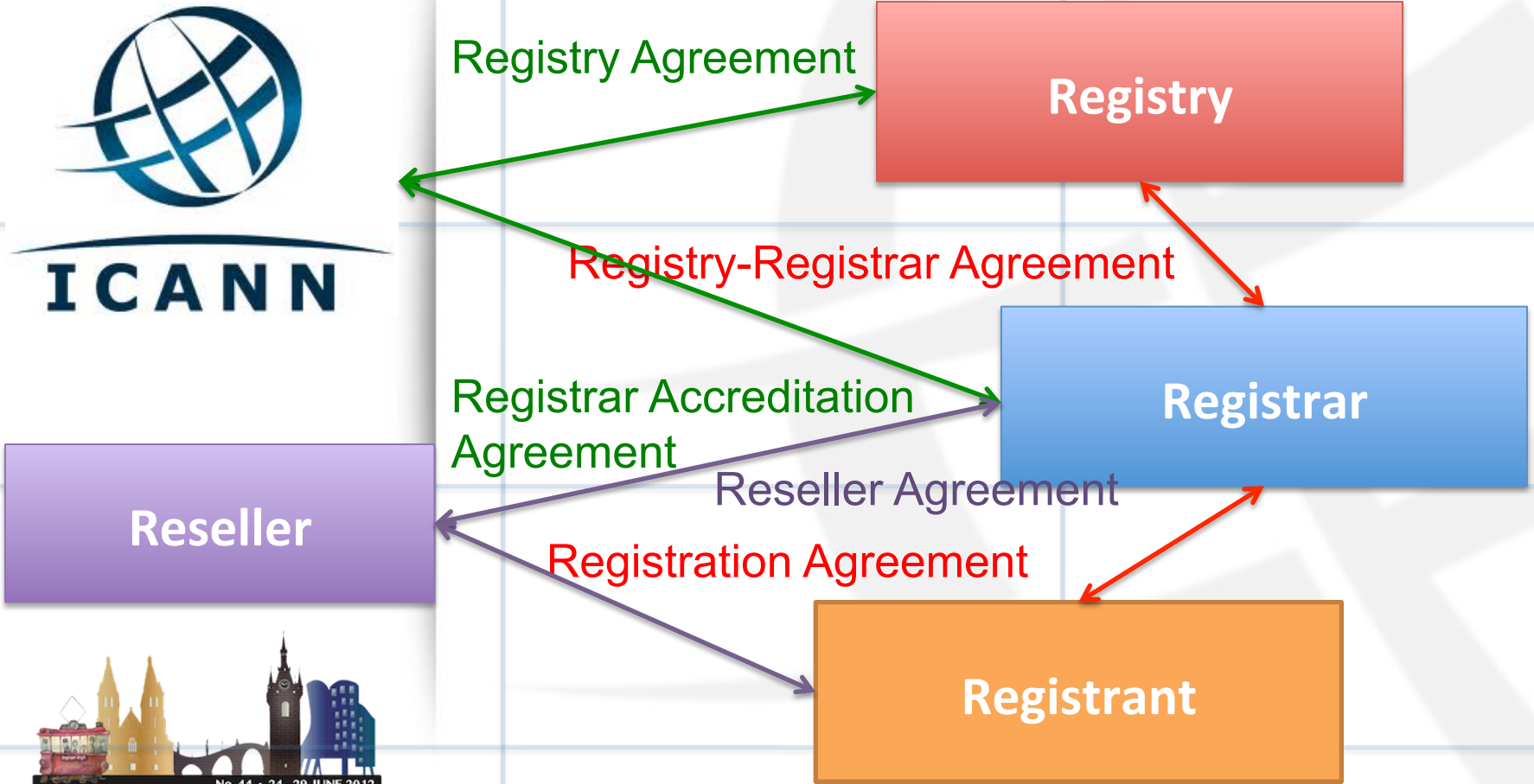
- Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (adopted by ICANN Board 26 August 1999; form of implementation documents approved 24 October 1999).
- Whois Data Reminder Policy (adopted by ICANN Board 27 March 2003; implementation documents issued 16 June 2003).
- Inter-Registrar Transfer Policy (effective on 12 November 2004, adopted by ICANN Board 25 April 2003; implementation documents issued 13 July 2004).
- Whois Marketing Restriction Policy (effective on 12 November 2004, adopted by ICANN Board 27 March 2003; implementation documents issued 12 August 2004).
- Restored Names Accuracy Policy (effective on 12 November 2004, adopted by ICANN Board 27 March 2003; implementation documents issued 12 August 2004).
- Expired Domain Deletion Policy (effective on 21 December 2004, adopted by ICANN Board 31 October 2003; implementation documents issued 21 September 2004).
- Registry Services Evaluation Policy (effective on 15 August 2006, adopted by ICANN Board 8 November 2005; implementation documents posted 25 July 2006)
- AGP Limits Policy (effective on 1 April 2009, adopted by ICANN Board on 26 June 2008; implementation documents posted 17 December 2008)

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What about ccTLDs ?

- Rules may vary between the ccTLDs

- Contact the relevant operator / visit its website

http://www.iana.org/domains/root/db

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Choosing a registrar

ICANN accredited registrars

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The Accredited Registrar Directory

The following companies have been accredited by ICANN to act as registrars in one or more TLDs:

Alphabetical Listing by Company/Organization Name

Listing by Location of Registrar

Listing by Language Supported

Since new accredited registrars are establishing registration services on an ongoing basis, this directory will be updated frequently. It is suggested that you refer to this directory often for new, up-to-date information.

For information on the ICANN registrar accreditation process, please refer to the ICANN Accredited Registrar Information Page.

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ICANN accredited registrars

Internet Internal Affairs Corporation	United States	Homepage	Contact Information	2009 RAA
Internet Invest, Ltd. dba Imena.ua	Ukraine	imena.ua	Contact Information	2009 RAA
Internet NAYANA Inc.	Korea (South)	NAYANA COMMUNICATION	Contact Information	
Internet Networks S.A. De C.V.	Mexico	internetworks	Contact Information	
Internet Service Registrar, Inc.	United States	ISREGISTRAR.com	Contact Information	2009 RAA
Internet Solutions (Pty) Ltd.	South Africa	internet solutions	Contact Information	2009 RAA
Internet Viennaweb Service GmbH	Austria	Viennaweb Der Webspaceprovider	Contact Information	2009 RAA
Internet.bs Corp.	Bahamas	Internet.bs	Contact Information	2009 RAA
Internetters Limited	United Kingdom	internetters	Contact Information	2009 RAA

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There is a problem

When can ICANN help ?

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ICANN can address:

- Violations of a Registry Agreement by a registry

- Violations of a RAA by a registrar

- Violations of a Consensus Policy by a registry or a registrar

ICANN cannot address:

- Ownership issues ($\rightarrow$ UDRP or Courts)
- Contractual issues between registrants, registrars and/or resellers
- ccTLD issues
- Issues regarding the use of a domain name (website, spams…)

More information

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