

# Internet architecture, policy and politics

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## Chaos @ ICANN

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"Chaos will reign"

MPAA lawyer Leon Gold in the lawsuit against 2600 cause of DeCSS, August 2000

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# About the Chaos Computer Club - <http://www.ccc.de>

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- History, Duty and function

- since 1981 more or less regular meeting of computerfreaks
- since 1984 magazine Datenschleuder and organizing of the yearly Chaos Communication Congress
- 1986 Found of the [Chaos Computer Club e.V.](#) as a consequence to new german law on computer-crime

- Goals

- Establishing a human right for at least worldwide communication
- Support of freedom of information and transparency (machine-readable government for e.g.)
- Watching and handling consequences for the society through technical development

- Practical work and structure

- widespread organization decentrally organised in local groups
- running communication-structures and other media (Datenschleuder, Web- & Listserver, CD-ROMs)
- organizing & participating events (Congress & Camp, Workshops & hearings of all kind)

# About ICANN - <http://www.icann.org>



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- Organizational Situation of ICANN and the relationship to the united states government (USG), dept. of commerce (DOC)
    - Role of the Supporting Organizations (ASO, PSO, DNSO) and the governmental advisory committee (GAC)
  - Technical Situation of the Domain Name System (DNS); structure and abilities to misuse
  - Practical Situation of the influence of ICANN and the USG/DOC now and in the future
  - Struggle fields;
    - national governments & ccTLD's, policies and problems
    - trade mark and the domain name space and ICANN's "solution" on this problems;
    - impact on the public space (UDRP for gTLD's)
    - misuse of the registry databases for political actions
  - Future Development of the Name System, extensions to more gTLD's
  - Alternative Root-Name Server concept and the problems

# Legitimation and participation at ICANN



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- simulation of legitimation through introduction of the "at large membership"
  - development and status quo
  - voting of 5 directors through the at-large election in october 2000
  - current situation and future of at-large; "clean sheed study"
  - non-commercial domain name holders constituency, <http://www.ncdnhc.org>
  - possibilities to act within and without ICANN
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# issues and possible actions

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- trade mark vs. domain name space
    - separation through different gTLD's (public / commercial space) with different rules / UDRP's
  - "intellectual property" (media copyright) vs. *free flow of information*
    - showing the media industry other ways to finance art *not based on control*
  - centralised DNS / root-name-server structure and dependency of the root-zone-file from USG
    - alternative root-zone-structures and/or fallback systems based strict on IP-adresses
  - governments taking more control / strict policies on ccTLD's
    - supporting more gTLD's
  - national sensitivities vs. global sensitivities (*vs. free flow of information* )
    - teaching governments and supporting media competence
  - general: development of technology misused for political control
  - (and ... the privacy issues)
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# More Information

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- Internet Corporation for assigned names and numbers - ICANN  
- <http://www.icann.org>
- CCC - Chaos Computer Club - <http://www.ccc.de>
- Discussion to organize a european at-large members forum
  - [icann-europe@fitug.de](mailto:icann-europe@fitug.de) / subscribtion information at <http://www.fitug.de>
- Information & Discussion on icann-issues and it's impacts on the public space
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