

ChatGPT:

A Threat to ccTLDs?

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Two Identical Conversations with ChatGPT

- Early April and late August
- The same questions (15) were asked in each conversation
- Focus was on ccTLDs, ICANN, and IANA relationships

April Conversation elicited many errors

TOPIC	Error Count	Correction Count
Misstatement regarding actual ccTLD manager	6	1
Legal jurisdiction of the ccTLD	1	0
ICANN accreditation of the ccTLD required	1	1
ccTLD must follow ICANN policies and regulations	4	0
.AS is under contract with ICANN	1	1
Mis-statement of number of ccTLDs under contract	1	1
ccTLDs must pay fees to ICANN	2	0
Totals	16	4

August Conversation: fewer mis-statements

TOPIC	Error Count	Correction Count
Misstatement regarding actual ccTLD manager	1	0
Legal jurisdiction of the ccTLD	0	0
ICANN accreditation of the ccTLD required	0	0
ccTLD must follow ICANN policies and regulations	0	0
.AS is under contract with ICANN	0	0
Mis-statement of number of ccTLDs under contract	0	0
ccTLDs must pay fees to ICANN	0	0
Totals	1	0

Did ChatGPT Get “Smarter”?

- NO
- It got extremely cautious and simply would not address the question posed to it, citing the age of the database it was relying on, lack of real-time access to the internet, and other factors.
- Despite its recent reticence to make broad claims about ccTLDs and their relationships to ICANN, I believe it remains a threat to ccTLDs.