

Why we need advice documents for EAI deployment

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Since key EAI RFCs have been (or will be)published by IETF, many users may request their email service provider to support these kind of email addresses

- eg.اختبار @اختبار
- परीक्षा@उदाहरण.in
- 例え@例え.jp
- 실례@실례.kr
- <u>用户@中文.cn</u>
- été@Économie.fr
- teuer@Schön.de



Main email service providers in Mainland china

- Coremail (163.com) more than 400 million email users
- (http://www.techweb.com.cn/internet/2011-07-25/1071230.shtml)
- Tencent (qq.com) more than 200 million email users
- Sina (sina.com) more than 50 million email users
- Sohu (sohu.com) more than 50 million email users
- Yahoo (yahoo.com.cn) more than 50 million email users
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What is the email service providers' concern?

Business leaders:

- Can the internationalized email address create profits and benefits to the company?
- Can/How EAI users send the message to ASCII users

Technology leaders:

- Are the core EAI RFCs the standard tracks?
- Can/How EAI users send the message to ASCII users?



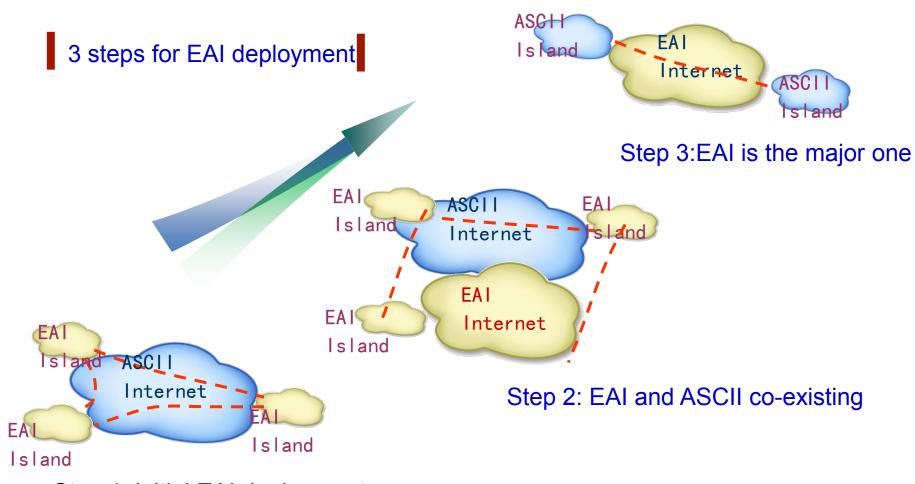
- Business leader and Technology leader share the same concern
 - Can/How EAI users send the message to ASCII users
- Why the experimental RFCs of EAI cover the above issue?
 - Users need it
 - Email service providers need it
- Why the STD track RFCs of EAI does not cover the above issue?
 - It is not because we do not need it; it is because that we can not solve it perfectly (in my view)



Why the email service providers care about How EAI users send the message to ASCII users

- They do not need to care for it if all mail servers support EAI
 - It is a long time goal
 - It is almost impossible
- The initial EAI deployment is very difficult
 - The first EAI SMTP server is an EAI island
 - Only the users in EAI island can communicate with each other
 - Compared to IPv6 deployment, IPv6 network is still an island after more than 10 years deployment

Deployment Phase



Step 1: initial EAI deployment



What is the problem for EAI deployment

- Problem 1: relationship between EAI address and ASCII address
 - ASCII address is sent to ASCII users
 - EAI address is sent to EAI users
- It is not that we create downgrade mechanism for EAI deployment, but we create a mechanism that makes the users have a feeling of that use of EAI address does not affect their ASCII address usage
 - One mail box with two email addresses
 - ASCII address is sent to ASCII users
 - EAI address is sent to EAI users



- Problem 2: other factors that may affect the deployment of EAI
 - Firewall
 - Email filter
 - Relay server
 - Client
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Problem 3: other un-predicted problems



Advice document is better to have one than nothing

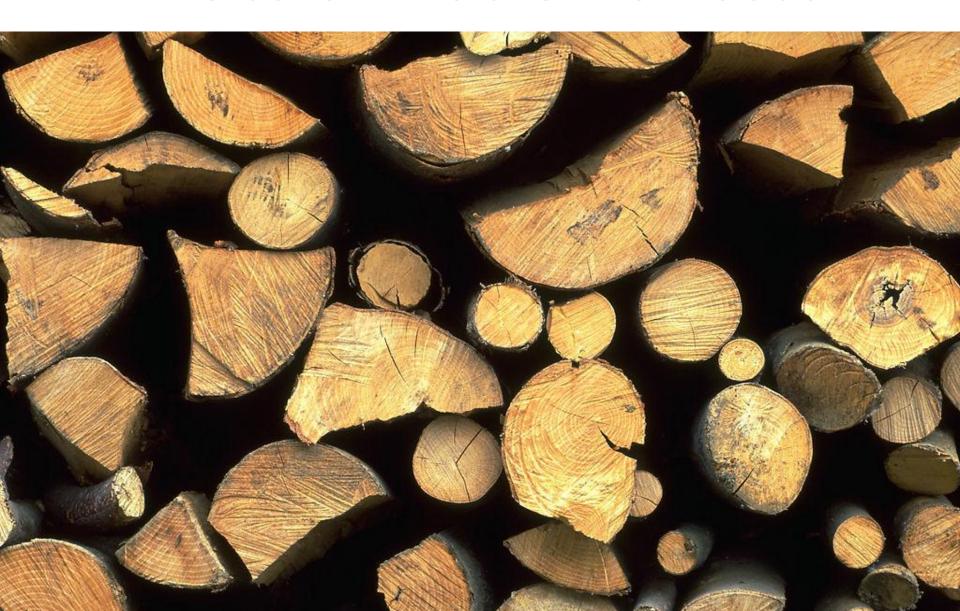
- Advice documents can convince email service providers that
 - Using EAI does not mean the island
 - Implementing and deploying EAI is not difficult
 - Both core RFCs and supporting(advice) documents are ready
- Advice documents can convince EAI users that
 - An mailbox with both EAI and ASCII address is a perfect experience
 - Implementing and deploying EAI is not difficult
- After many deployment, we may create BCP advice document. Currently, we may create INFO advice document



- The core documents are dry woods
- The advice documents are the lighters
- The deployment is the fire
- Without the lighters, we must drill wood to make fire or depend on sun to get the fire



The core RFCs are the woods



The advice documents are the lighters



EAI deployment is the fire

(lighter encounters with the wood to make a fire)



If we hope to make EAI to deploy easily, we have to provide the advice documents



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