

Telnic increases .tel data portability with hCard, OAuth and OpenID

Telnic adds its support to DataPortability Project

LONDON, United Kingdom – July 7th, 2010 – Telnic Limited (<http://telnic.tel>), the Registry Operator for the award-winning, communications-focused .tel top level domain (TLD), today announced that all .tel names now support the hCard microformat, OpenID and Open Authentication (OAuth). In addition, Telnic also announced its support for the DataPortability Project (<http://dataportability.org>), signing up to its Portability Policy Initiative.

“With these enhancements, .tel owners can now benefit from being more discoverable and begin to utilize their .tel domain in conjunction with more services,” said Henri Asseily, CTO and Chief Strategist for Telnic Limited. “With the introduction of support for these standards, .tel becomes more useful to and more manageable for individuals to use as a single authoritative source of information online across multiple services.”

Telnic has also published its Data Portability Policy at <http://www.telnic.org/portabilitypolicy.html>. Elias Bizannes, Chairman of the DataPortability Project said: “Telnic’s support for these open standards enables true interoperability – companies can integrate their own products against Telnic’s suite with minimal effort and maximum future-capability. By also adopting a Portability Policy, they are enabling clearer communication with their stakeholders as they evolve.”

hCard is a microformat for publishing and reading of contact information of people, companies or organizations by third-party technologies. This format is now supported automatically in .tel names, with no action required for the owner.

OpenID is an open, decentralized standard for authenticating users that can be used for access control, allowing users to log on to different services with the same digital identity where these services trust the authentication body. From today, a .tel owner will be able to use <http://yourname.tel> and their .tel username and password as authentication when signing in to the many online services that support OpenID.

OAuth allows a user to grant a third-party site access to their information stored with another service provider, without sharing their access permissions or the full extent of their data. This will enable services offered to the .tel community to manage their .tel names using a variety of third party tools to be delivered in a secure, simple and trustworthy way.

For more information regarding .tel, visit <http://telnic.org>

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