



**PUBLIC-ROOT**

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**Memo to the Internet Community  
Public-Root resolution problems**

I in my capacity as the Official Public-Root Representative and whistle-blower, asked Peter Dambier to publish to NANOG a notice that the Public-Root had fractured. Namely, the root in Ankara operated by Celep Bahadir who is also the UNIDT ([www.unidt.com](http://www.unidt.com)) representative to Turkey and the Middle East.

There was an attempt by UNIDT to start a new root system called the United-Root. Attempts by Ankara to test this root on l.public-root.net at 195.214.191.125 resulted in a fracturing of the public-root network.

The Ankara root injected a number of older records into the DNS resulting in false answers to queries. Ankara was also listing as root servers some DNS that pointed back to ICANN data and did not resolve the Public-Root. This was very unprofessional behavior on behalf of UNIDT resulting in a serious violation of their contractual obligations to the Public-Root.

I sent several email communications to UNIDT General Manager Mr. Marty van Veluw pointing out the problem. I am pleased to announce the problem is corrected now but no official response was received back from Mr. Van Veluw. The last time Ankara was checked it was found the root server is out of sync with the remaining Public-Root network. This is also very unprofessional. I have sent email messages to Mr. van Veluw pointing out the problem.

Unfortunately I consider UNIDT unstable and expect they may intentionally jeopardize the root in order to break their contracts with us. Mr. Martijn Burger the chair of INAIC and Public-Root has advised me Mr. van Veluw may close down the Ankara server in the near future. This would also constitute a violation of the contract between UNIDT and the Public-Root.

I continue to maintain my position that any administrator using the public-root should select another root system during this period of reorganization.

I also want to take this time to criticize NANOG (North American Network Operators Group) and the inclusive and alternative namespace communities. However, my main concern is NANOG. I find the fact the people of Turkey are being the subject of technical jokes on NANOG appalling.

Anyone who understands the importance of root servers also understands the fiduciary responsibilities that go with such an operation. The technical problems with the public-root pale when one reviews the people involved. I regret to say that hackers and criminals are behind the Public-Root. Therefore, this is not a joke, this is a serious issue. The people of Turkey and Tiscali users have been surfing the Internet using a system that can compromise their security and privacy.

I hope in future the NANOG and root communities will be more responsive and civil.