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MEDIA / PUBLIC INFORMATION

Ruby AI News newsletter

An ecosystem newsletter reports that Agent Community is pursuing a community-led ICANN application for .agent.

The .agent Community launched by Open Agent Registry is pursuing a community-led ICANN application to secure .agent as a top-level domain for AI agents. The initiative has

Outside newsletter; no member or formal relationship located; pre-window.

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2026-03-27

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Turing Post public commentary

Turing Post discusses Balazs Nemethi's work on .agent and the agent community around it.



Turing Post

@TheTuringPost · Follow

that's a fascinating idea to create a .agent domain. Balázs is working on it plus is building a unique agent community around it. Join it! [Show more](#)



Balázs Némethi

@nembal

clearly .agent is the most important property for the coming age.

thats why we are building @agentcommunity_ to ensure it's a governed and not a shareholder value maxxng property!

3:30 PM · Jun 15, 2026

Outside public commentary; not editorial reporting or an endorsement.

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EXTERNAL STANDARDS RECORD

Approved DAWN BoF request

An approved DAWN BoF request catalogs AID and links agentcommunity.org among existing discovery efforts.

Versions:

Document	Type	Approved BOF request
	Title	Discovery of Agents, Workloads, and Named entities
	Last updated	2026-06-12
	State	Approved
	Editor	Adrian Farrel
	Responsible leadership	
	Additional resources	GitHub Repository Mailing List
	Send notices to	(None)

To allow evaluation of your proposal, please include the following items:

- Any protocols or practices that already exist in this space
 - Semi-private AI agent-to-agent ecosystems include forms of discovery such as may be seen in
 - Agent-to-Agent protocol (A2A) from Google
 - See <https://a2a-protocol.org/>
 - AGNTCY from Cisco
 - See <https://agntcy.org/>
 - MCP from the Linux Foundation
 - See <https://modelcontextprotocol.io/>
 - See "Discovery of Model Context Protocol Servers via DNS TXT Records" ([draft-morrison-mcp-dns-discovery](#))
 - ATP from Nankai University
 - See "Agent Transfer Protocol (ATP)" ([draft-li-atp](#))
 - AT protocol (ATPROTO) from Bluesky
 - See <https://atproto.com/>
 - DNS already performs a similar discovery mechanism and several proposals exist to make it applicable, such as
 - DNS-AID ([draft-mozleywilliams-dnsop-dnsaid](#))
 - See <https://dns-aid.org/>
 - Agent Identity and Discovery (AID) ([draft-nemethi-aid-agent-identity-discovery](#))
 - See <https://agentcommunity.org/>
 - DNS-Native AI Agent Naming and Resolution ([draft-cui-dns-native-agent-naming-resolution](#))
 - AgentDNS: A Root Domain Naming System for LLM Agents ([draft-liang-agentdns](#))
 - An alternative to DNS is proposed as
 - Agent Registration and Discovery Protocol (ARDP) from Roberto Pioli
 - See [draft-pioli-agent-discovery](#)
- Which (if any) modifications to existing protocols or practices are required
 - It would be up to the working group to determine what requirements need to be addressed, which protocol(s) form the best starting point,

Approval applies to the BoF request, not AID, Agent Community, or .agent.

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EXTERNAL TECHNICAL FORUM

Public AID repository issue

An outside DNS specialist opens a substantive issue on AID's TXT-record design.

Use of SVCB DNS record vs. a TXT record #113

New Issue

jmozley-infoblox opened on Mar 2

Hi,

I see your proposal is using TXT records "Given a domain, where is the agent and which protocol should I speak?". Myself and fellow authors of the Internet-Draft linked below have considered that same topic.

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-mozleywilliams-dnsop-dnsaid/>

Would you consider using SVCB records rather than TXT records? The SVCB has a defined structure and can indicate the IP address (ipv4hints) and protocol (alpn) with defined parameters (<https://www.iana.org/assignments/dns-svcb/dns-svcb.xhtml>). Other SVCB Service Parameter Keys (SvcParamKeys) can be defined. Optionally TXT records with the same name might be used to augment the SVCB record for a particular agent.

Using SVCB records are more efficient and this is something that exists today.

Regards, Jim Mozley

Outside technical engagement on a community repository; not an endorsement.

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EXTERNAL FORUM

IETF DNSOP mailing-list reply

An outside DNS specialist publicly challenges assumptions in the AID proposal.

[DNSOP] Re: DNSOPAgent Identity & Discovery (AID) — DNS TXT-based agent service discovery

Wes Hardaker | Tue, 17 Mar 2026 18:40:14 -0700

> which

> protocol to speak. One TXT record at _agent.<domain>:

How do you think this will scale when there are potentially many agents that exist for a single domain name? The scale that some people are predicting for things like this could likely grow beyond the point that a DNS RR (of any type) can likely return. Certainly includes are one

Outside standards engagement; not an endorsement; pre-window.

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EXTERNAL STANDARDS PROGRAM

IETF 125 DNSOP presentation

A DNSOP presenter lists the AID draft among existing related proposals.

Meeting Slides

Domain Name System Operations (dnsop) WG

Date and time

2026-03-19 08:30-10:00 GMT Meeting Local UTC

Title

DNS-AID_DNSOP

State

Active

Other versions

pdf

Last updated

2026-03-18

"SUPPORTERS"

Existing similar DNS-based AI discovery I-Ds (beyond ours):
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-nemethi-aid-agent-identity-discovery/>
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-cui-dns-native-agent-naming-resolution/>
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-liu-cats-dns-service-discovery/>
CN NIC side meeting presentation (waiting for link to slides / drafts)

Complementary drafts:
"Use TXT RR to list payment services" <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-jeftovic-x402-dns-discovery/>
"The index to consolidate AI DNS records" <https://ad.jaime.win/draft-jimenez-ad-agent-directory>
"Combine index and DNS" <https://www.ietf.org/archive/id/draft-narajala-ans-00.html>

Internal

DNSOP Meeting
IETF 125 - Shenzhen, China - March 2026

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Individual presentation; not IETF endorsement or consensus; pre-window.

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SEPARATELY AUTHORED RESEARCH

Morrison Internet-Draft

A separately authored Internet-Draft gives AID its own numbered comparison section.

draft-morrison

April 2026

Informational

The intended deployment is layered: DNS provides the fast, cacheable bootstrap; the Server Card provides the full metadata. Operators SHOULD publish both a Discovery Record and a Server Card. Clients SHOULD attempt DNS discovery first and fall back to HTTPS discovery.

11.4. Relationship to Agent Identity and Discovery (AID)

The Agent Identity and Discovery protocol [AID] uses `_agent.<domain>` TXT records with a `v=aid1` version tag to provide cross-protocol meta-discovery (MCP, A2A, OpenAPI, and others). The `_mcp.<domain>` record defined in this document is MCP-specific and provides richer MCP-native fields (epoch, attest, scope, proto).

The two mechanisms are complementary. `_agent.<domain>` is the cross-protocol meta layer; `_mcp.<domain>` is the MCP-specific refinement. A domain MAY publish both records. A client that discovers MCP support via `_agent.<domain>` MAY subsequently query `_mcp.<domain>` for detailed MCP metadata.

11.5. Relationship to Google Agent-to-Agent Protocol (A2A)

The Google Agent-to-Agent Protocol (A2A) uses `/.well-known/agent-card.json` for HTTPS-based agent

Individual submission; not IETF consensus; pre-window.

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AIP academic preprint

Academic preprint; not peer-reviewed or an endorsement; pre-window.

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Ericsson-authored discovery survey

One author cluster; individual submission, not IETF consensus.

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ADJACENT PEER PROJECT

DNS-AID public documentation

A separately maintained DNS discovery project identifies Agent Community and the .agent effort.

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- **AgentDNS** - A separate proposal that builds an agent-naming layer on top of DNS
stay inside RFC 9460 SVCB so existing authoritative servers and resolvers work unchan
- **NANDA** - A peer-to-peer overlay approach. Useful in deployments where a DHT-styl
operate.
- **ai.txt / llms.txt** - Free-form text files at well-known URLs. Useful for human-r
- **.agent` gTLD** - An ICANN new-gTLD effort by the [Agent Community](https://agent
when `.agent` domains become available, DNS-AID records will work on them too, the sa
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****Where DNS-AID is scoped****

DNS-AID standardizes the publish/resolve substrate: SVCB record layout, naming conven

Adjacent peer project; concurrent or later technical coordination disclosed.

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EXTERNAL IMPLEMENTATION

Bots Matter AID implementation

An outside operator documents and publishes a live DNS record using the AID community specification.

Agent-Ready Enhancements Plan

```
**Created:** 2026-06-09
**Updated:** 2026-06-10 - incorporated
**Status:** Shipped 2026-06-10 (commi
dashboard.
**Source:** Scan from [isitagentready
**Current score:** 21 / 100 - Level 1
```

****If we ever upgrade to Cloudflare Pro/Business/Enterprise**
text/markdown` at the edge, making our Phase 2.1 middle

6.3 AID community-spec DNS TXT record (honest inten

****Where:**** DNS provider → add TXT record at `_agent.bot

****Record value (AID v2 syntax):****

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```
~~~
v=aid2;u=https://botsmatter.live/llms.txt;p=llms
~~~
```

****Fields:****

- `v=aid2` - AID v2 (the v1 spelled-out form `v=aid1; uri=...;

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pretty-print
{"Status":0,"RC":false,"RD":true,"RA":true,"AD":false,"CD":false,"Question":[{"name":"_agent.botsmatter.live.", "type":16}], "Answers":
[{"name":"_agent.botsmatter.live.", "type":16, "TTL":290, "data":"v=aid2;u=https://botsmatter.live/llms.txt;p=llms"}]}
```

One operator cluster; repository AI co-authorship disclosed; before submission.

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PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Wes Roth public commentary

Wes Roth describes the .agent effort as decentralized and community-driven.



Wes Roth



@WesRoth · Follow



Brave registered a .agent domain, publicly throwing its weight behind a decentralized, community-driven initiative for the new top-level domain (TLD).



Brave



@brave

Brave just registered a .agent domain!

We support the effort to have the .agent top-level domain managed by a community, instead of being owned by one company.

Join the community and pre-register your domain here:
agentcommunity.org

10:00 AM · Mar 25, 2026

Outside commentary on Brave's announcement; not an endorsement by Brave.

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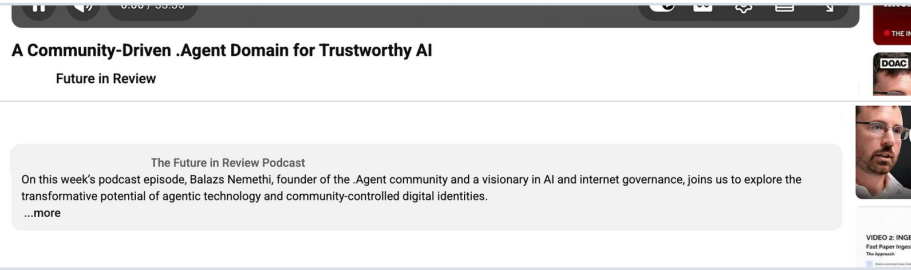
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EXTERNAL PROGRAM

Future in Review podcast

Future in Review identifies its guest as founder of Agent Community in an outside-produced program.



External production; guest claims remain speaker-attributable; pre-window.

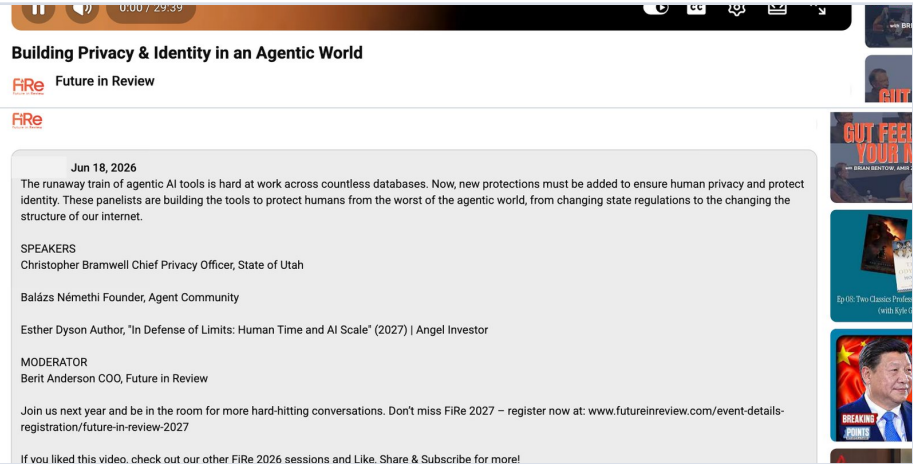
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EXTERNAL PROGRAM

Future in Review conference panel

A public multi-party FiRe program lists Agent Community alongside outside institutional participants.



External program; one adviser interlock disclosed; before submission.

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DISCLOSED COLLABORATION

Brave Technologist podcast

Brave publishes a full episode identifying Balazs Nemethi as CEO of Agent Community.

Jun 3, 2026

Episode 123

AI Agents Need Names, And Nobody Owns Them Yet

Balazs Nemethi, CEO of the Agent Community, explains

Nobody Owns Them Yet

Balazs Nemethi, CEO of the Agent Community, explains AI agents need identities and why the window to decide who controls that infrastructure is closing fast. He breaks down:

- What challenges will emerge around trust, safety, and accountability as agents scale, and why domains are a powerful trust layer
- What community governance could change by preventing single-company control over agent identity
- How the ICANN application process works, and the one bylaw that gives community a real shot at winning a TLD

Brave is a disclosed member and supporter; collaboration, not outside coverage.

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EXTERNAL PROGRAM

ETHDenver official video

ETHDenver publishes a talk with 'Agent Community' in the title on its official public channel.

Claws Out Summit | Balazs Nemethi - Agent Community

Feb 21, 2026

External event channel; speaker claims remain speaker-attributable; pre-window.

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