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Internet Governance. Where is the discussion leading?

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It depends on what we're
trying to govern.

A packet-switching network that was deliberately designed to be invulnerable to central disruption?

Its physical infrastructure?

The communication protocols?

Crucial services that reside at
the periphery of that network?

The rights of the world's
language communities?

The rights of self-organized
stakeholder groups?

The rights of national governments?

Exercised autonomously?

Through IGOs?

Through NGOs?

“When I use a word,” Humpty Dumpty said, in rather a scornful tone, “it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less.”

Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking-Glass*

The evolution of a word —

1. internet

3. Internet

5. internet

Who steers this process?

Where?

This document gives guidelines for a character set – with certain accompanying obligations – containing the letters and other characters that governmental agencies must be able to use for writing personal names, corporate names and geographic names for computerized processing.

*Character set guidelines for writing names
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Member States and international organizations should promote appropriate partnerships in the management of domain names, including multilingual domain names.

*Recommendation concerning the Promotion and Use of
Multilingualism and Universal Access to Cyberspace*

UNESCO General Conference 2003

Linguistic diversity in the internet has been ignored till the 1st WSIS Summit in 2003.

The use of native languages in internet has been overlooked up until the WSIS prepcom meetings, which created the first opportunity for non english speaking countries to express their needs and frustrations.

Workshop on Linguistic Diversity
IGF, Athens, 1st November 2006

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

All the king's horses and all the king's men

Couldn't put Humpty together again.

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