

Post-Expiration Domain Name
Recovery PDP Initial Report
Update to the GNSO Council

Saturday, 19 June 2010



Background



Background



- To what extent should registrants be able to reclaim their domain names after they expire?
- PEDNR PDP WG was formed in July 2009
- PEDNR WG examines five questions relating to expiration and renewal practices and policies
- WG is expected to make recommendations for best practices and / or consensus policies



WG Composition

	Membership	Active Members*
At-Large	6	3
CBUC	4	2
IPC	2	2
ISPCP	0	0
NCSG	4	1
Registrars	12	6
Registries	1	0

*Participated in more than ½ of the meetings

CBUC = Commercial and Business Users Constituency, IPC = Intellectual Property Constituency, NCSG = Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group, ISPCP = Internet Service and Connection Provider Constituency



The Initial Report



Content

- Results of registrar survey
- Overview of WG deliberations
- Compliance information
- Results of WG survey outlining options for further consideration



Registrar Survey



- Objective to review current registrar practices regarding expiration, renewal, and post-expiration recovery
- Survey covers top 9 registrars by total domains which represent approx. 66% of domains registered
- Many different approaches amongst registrars - is this good or bad? Is it understandable for registrants what happens after expiration?



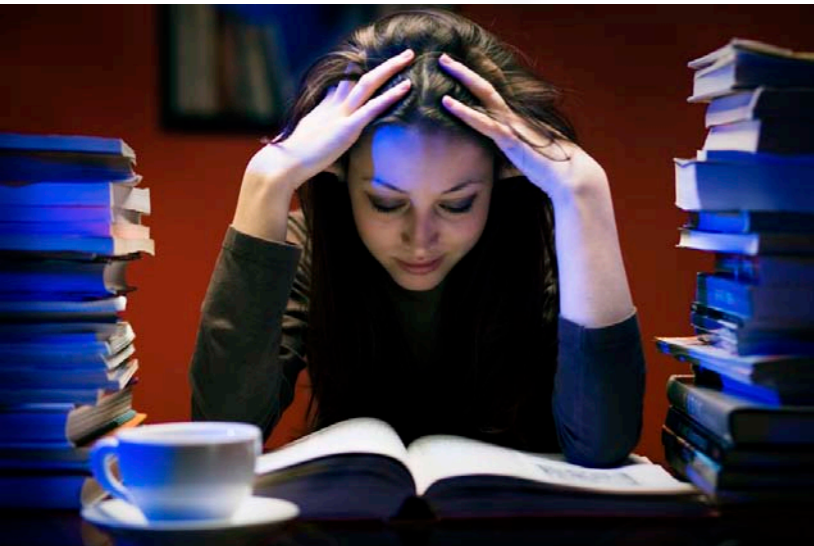
WG Survey



- Objective was to assess the views of WG members and determine where there might be agreement or consensus on a possible approach forward
- Results of survey are covered in report - some show clear path forward, others are more diverse
- Main difference of opinion seems to be policy (mandatory) vs. best practice (optional)
- Next step will be to decide how to move from survey responses to recommendations



WG Survey Questions



- Overarching issues (ability to recover & minimum timeframe)
- Period prior to expiration (clarification of EDDP provision, notice details)
- Post-Expiration (WHOIS status messages, notices, what happens with email / non-email services, transfer)
- Contractual conditions (understanding / availability, fee info)
- Redemption Grace Period (consensus policy, transfer)



Next Steps



- Get your feedback today and during the public comment forum
- Continue deliberations and work towards consensus on recommendations
- Second public comment period on draft recommendations (tbc)
- Develop Final Report



Further Information



- Post-Expiration Domain Name Recovery Initial Report
<http://gnso.icann.org/issues/pednr/pednr-initial-report-31may10-en.pdf>
- Monitor the PEDNR WG workspace
<https://st.icann.org/post-expiration-dn-recovery-wg/>
- Public Comment Forum (to be opened following ICANN meeting)
<http://www.icann.org/en/public-comment/>



Main WG Survey Questions

Ability to recover



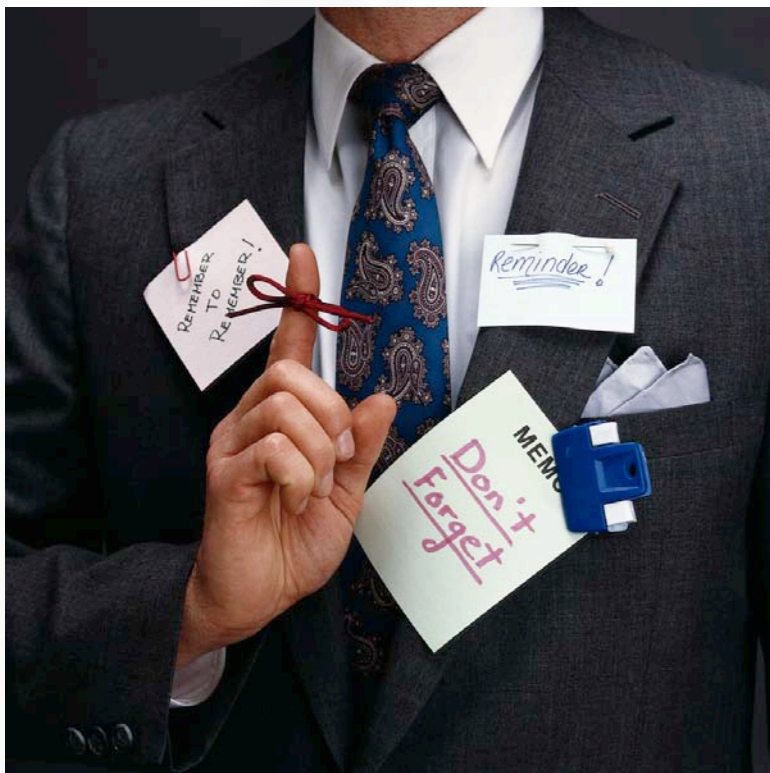
- Should a registrant have the ability to renew after the expiration date?
- If so, for how long?
 - Opinions split between mandatory ability to recover (change in policy) or recommend as a best practice
 - Timeframes suggested range from < 29 days to > 40 days



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Expiration Notices

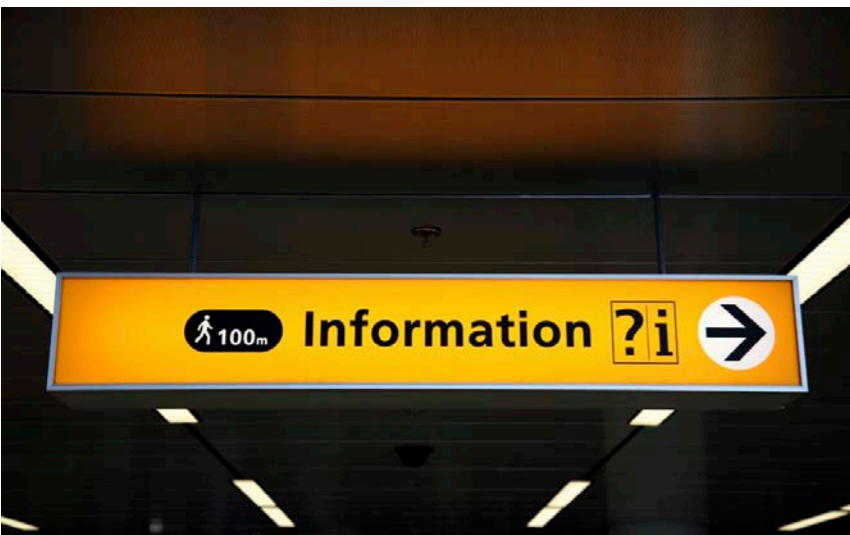
- In how much detail should the RAA specify how many notices must be sent to registrant prior to registration, when they should be sent, and how they should be sent (currently 2 are implied, with no further details)?
 - Most WG members agree that at least two notices within a specific timeframe need to be sent
 - Less agreement on whether further details are required



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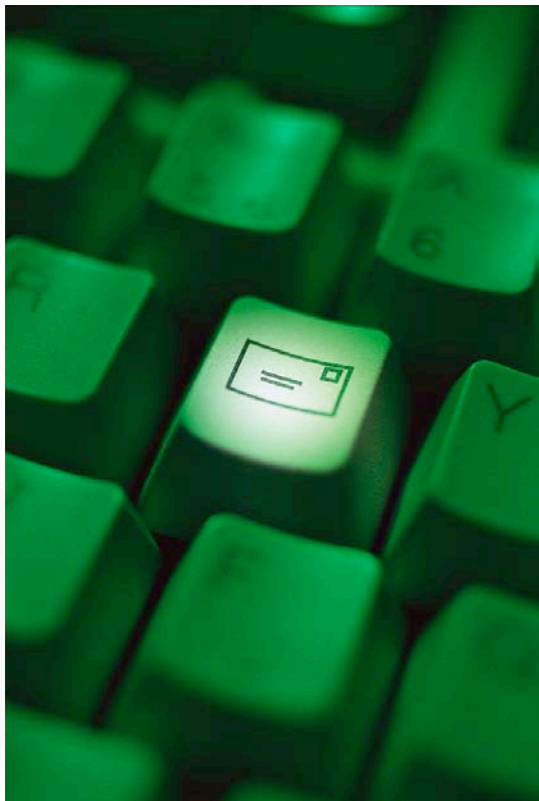
WHOIS Information

- Should it be obvious from WHOIS that a domain has expired and not renewed by the registrant (or their agent)?
 - Most WG members agree WHOIS status messages related to expiration be clarified to avoid confusion over when a domain name registration expires



Main WG Survey Questions

What should happen



- What should happen when the domain is accessed via the web; when email is sent to address at the domain; or other IP services are used?
 - Different views amongst WG members



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Redemption Grace Period (RGP)



- Should offering of the RGP be mandatory for both registries and registrars?
 - Small majority is of the opinion that it should be mandatory



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