The Operational Point of Contact Proposal

GNSO Whois Task Force
History

- First draft created by independent working group in April, 2005 in Mar del Plata, Argentina in response to the lack of progress on Whois issues.
History

- Was widely circulated, discussed and modified with dozens of stakeholders throughout 2005 and into 2006
- 7 different versions produced
- Informal input solicited from all constituencies and major stakeholders prior to presentation to Task Force
- Received agreement in principle from several key constituencies
History

• Presented to GNSO Whois Task Force on January 18, 2006

• Became an official work product of the Task Force at that point

• Subject to significant review and revision since that time
Where it fits in...

Whois

Proposal

Of Scope

Purposely
Goals

• To simplify Whois data output
• reduce facilitation of domain related scams, illegal data mining, phishing and identity theft
• maintain or increase the value of Whois for all stakeholders
• provide solid foundation for enhanced access to data by key stakeholders
• promote data accuracy
Tactics

- replace redundant or obsolete contacts with new contact type
- clarify responsibilities of all contact types and eliminate redundancies
- create consistency with various access proposals including IRIS, etc. while maintaining backwards compatibility with existing protocol and process.
Not included...

• What data gets collected?
• out of scope for the task force
• all old data will continue to be collected
• additional data will be collected
• OPoC will increase the amount of data held per registration (old + new = more)
Not included...

• Who gets access to data not published

• This is a huge question

• OPoC was built to be consistent with

• new technical protocols (IRIS, EPP, etc.)

• existing practice (due process, ask nicely, port 43, Web Whois, RRP)
Access is Important!

- The task force has not yet substantively dealt with the question of “who gets access” and “how they get access”

- These policy proposals cannot be implemented unless this question gets answered

- Registrar support of Task Force conclusion is contingent on a reasonable and appropriate answer to this question
The details

• stop publication of some contact data for Registered Name Holders (RNH)
  • address, email, telephone
  • keep name and jurisdiction
• merge obsolete contacts into new contact type
  • administrative and technical contacts merge into “operational point of contact” (OPoC)
•olls on publication of multiple OPoC
The details

• reinforce data correction mechanisms

• require registrars to revoke or suspend registrations if corrections aren’t made in a timely manner (currently optional)

• create additional correction requirements

• validation of newly corrected data
The details...

- Reinforce domain transfer mechanisms
- continue to require inter-registrar data transfer to ensure data continuity and name portability
Commercial Registration in .com

Registered Name Holder:
Tucows.com Co
96 Mowat Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M6K3M1
Canada
Phone: +1.4165350123x0000

Administrative Contact:
dnsadmin@tucows.com
96 Mowat Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M6K3M1
Canada
Phone: +1.4165350123x0000

Additional Operational Contact:
dnsadmin2@tucows.com
96 Mowat Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M6K3M1
Canada
Phone: +1.4165351234x0001

Registrar of Record: TUCOWS, INC.
Record last updated on 26-Aug-2006.
Record expires on 06-Sep-2007.
Record created on 07-Sep-1995.

Domain servers in listed order:
S2.TUCOWS.COM 216.40.37.12
S1.TUCOWS.COM 216.40.37.11
S3.TUCOWS.COM 204.50.180.59
Thank You!

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