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Objective of this session

• The Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) is intended to eventually replace the WHOIS (port 43) protocol

• ICANN is preparing to request implementation of RDAP from gTLD registries and registrars in the short term

• This session will offer an opportunity to discuss the different community members' challenges and questions surrounding RDAP implementation.



Main RDAP Features vs. WHOIS

- Standardized query, response and error messages
- Secure access to data (i.e., over HTTPS)
- Extensibility (e.g., easy to add output elements)
- Bootstrapping mechanism to easily find the authoritative server for a given query
- Standardized redirection/reference mechanism (e.g., from a registry to a registrar)
- Builds on top of the well-known web protocol HTTP/HTTPS
- Support for internationalized registration data
- Differentiated access (e.g., limited access for anonymous users, and full access for authenticated users)



RDAP History

- **19 September 2011:** SSAC's SAC 051: "The ICANN community should evaluate and adopt a replacement domain name registration data access protocol"
- 28 October 2011: Board resolution adopts SAC 051
- 4 June 2012: Roadmap to implement SAC 051 is published
- **2012:** RDAP community development within IETF WG begins
- March 2015: RDAP IETF RFCs are published
- June 2015: Begin work on the RDAP gTLD Profile which maps RDAP features to existing policy and contractual requirements
- **26 July 2016:** Version 1.0 of RDAP gTLD Profile is published



Development of the RDAP gTLD Profile – Timeline

- Discussion with the community about a profile's concept in June 2015
- First draft of the gTLD RDAP profile shared for discussion with the community in September 2015.
- Working session during ICANN meeting on 21-Oct-2015
- Working session during IETF meeting on 4-Nov-2015
- Updated version went for public comment from 3-Dec-2015 to 18-Mar-2016
- Working session during ICANN meeting on 7-Mar-2016
- Updated release candidate 1 version shared for discussion with the community on 30-Jun-2016
- Updated release candidate 2 version shared for discussion with the community on 22-Jul-2016
- Version 1.0 of RDAP gTLD Profile published on 26-Jul-2016



RDAP – Current Status

- The implementation of RDAP was required by the first version of the Consistent Labeling & Display Policy
- Registries submitted a "Request for Reconsideration" regarding the inclusion of RDAP in the Consistent Labeling & Display policy, among other things
 - Revised Consistent Labeling & Display Policy, removing the RDAP requirement, is currently open for public comment
- ICANN plans to request RDAP implementation, via existing contractual requirements, once the Consistent Labeling & Display policy is finalized and following consultations with the community



Panel Discussion



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Roadmap to Implement SAC 051

