

A Next Generation Registration Directory Service (RDS)

Briefing by the
Expert Working Group (EWG)
on gTLD Directory Services
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Introduction: Mandate and Purpose



- + ICANN Board directives
 1. Implement WHOIS Review Team recommended improvements
 2. Redefine the purpose and provision of gTLD registration data
- + Expert Working Group (EWG) was formed to address the latter by
 - Assessing the needs for a Next Generation Registration Directory Service (RDS)
 - Recommending a clean-slate approach

What's happened so far?

- + Initial Report published on 24 June
- + Recommended paradigm shift
 - Abandon one-size-fits-all WHOIS approach
 - Create new purpose-driven RDS to improve privacy, accuracy & accountability
- + Community consultations in Beijing and Durban, and via public comment and on-line survey
- + Status Update Report published on 11 Nov



<http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-11nov13-en.htm>

Status Update Report



- + Highlights current thinking on key issues:
 - Public and gated data elements
 - Validation of data, including reusable contacts
 - Better privacy and proxy services
 - Secure protected credentials
 - Jurisdictional and applicable law issues
 - Harmonized approaches to data protection
 - How EPP and RDAP could be utilized by the RDS
 - Comparison with current WHOIS system
 - Implementation model pros and cons
- + Work-in-progress, ideas for discussion

Next Steps for the EWG



+ **Dialog** with Community at ICANN 48

+ **Research Phase**

- ccTLD and commercial validation practices
- Risk/impact analysis
- Proxy practices
- Detailed cost analysis

+ **Final Deliberations**

- + **Early 2014** WG reconvenes to examine research results and comments received
- + **After ICANN 49** Final Report to the ICANN Board for consideration and follow-up



How to Learn More



- + Buenos Aires Public Session Recording
<http://buenosaires48.icann.org/en/schedule/wed-rds>
- + Initial Report Announcement
<http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-3-24jun13-en.htm>
- + Status Update Report Announcement
<http://www.icann.org/en/news/announcements/announcement-11nov13-en.htm>
- + Public Comment Responses
<http://www.icann.org/en/groups/other/gtld-directory-services/summary-response-initial-12nov13-en.pdf>
- + Calls, briefings, meetings upon request