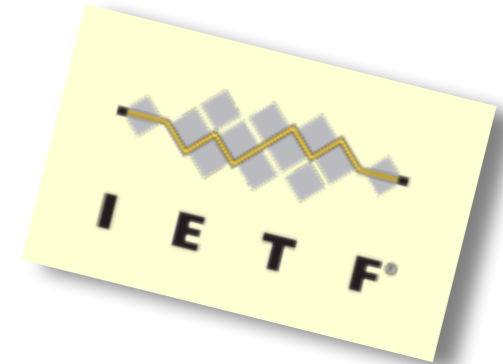# WEIRDS
A Status Update

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a status update

WEIRDS WG Chair

With Murray Kuchewary

who also provided a lot of content

RFC 812

```
Connect to the service host
   TCP: service port 43 decimal
   NCP: ICP to socket 43 decimal, establishing two 8-bit connections
Send a single "command line", ending with <CRLF>.
Receive information in response to the command line.  The
server closes its connections as soon as the output is
finished.
```

in other words:
ask a single question
you receive one free-form answer

Updated by
RFC 3912

(but still the same)

Example

```
$ whois -h whois.sidn.nl nlnetlabs.nl
Domain name: nlnetlabs.nl
Status:        active

Registrar:
    Prolocation B.V.
    Populierlaan 3B
    2282KX RIJSWIJK ZH
    Netherlands

DNSSEC:        yes

Domain nameservers:
    ns3.domain-registry.nl
    open.nlnetlabs.nl          2001:7b8:206:1::53
    open.nlnetlabs.nl          213.154.224.1
    omval.tednet.nl

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```

query

How
context dependent

names

numbers

How:
Unstructured

registration
data

What:
Policy and context
dependent

WHOIS
SHORTCOMINGS

No differential service

Not internationalized

No structured response syntax

Not standard redirection capability

Except 'RWHOIS' with RIRs

No Bootstrap

Law enforcement vs General public

奥拉夫 科尔克门

Automation difficult

For more specific information: go elsewhere

Where should I ask anyway

What and How

How:
the method of data
delivery

What:
the content of the data

Protocol

Policy

I E T F

Community

RIRs ccTLDs

ICANN local

WEIRDS

Web Extensible Internet Registration Data Service

- WEIRDS WG chartered to deliver a protocol that supports:
  - Internationalization
  - A specific reply syntax
  - Redirection
  - Authentication (allowing differential service)
  - Over HTTP
  - <u>Same</u> mechanism for names vs. numbers
  - <u>No</u> special client knowledge

Standardize the 'How'

With a 'core What' that can be extended

RESTful?

- Representational State TransFer

  - GET, PUT, POST, DELETE

  - Resources represented by URIs

- On top of HTTP it provides you readily available libraries to do things like
http://whois.example.com/ip/192.0.2.0/operator/contacts/abuse
or
http://whois.example.net/domain/example.com/contacts/registrants

Deliverables

the current plan

| DUE	DELIVERABLE
Done	draft-ietf-weirds-using-http
Done	draft-ietf-weirds-rdap-sec
Jan 2014	draft-ietf-weirds-rdap-query
Jan 2014	draft-ietf-weirds-json-response
Jan 2014	draft-ietf-weirds-redirects
Jan 2013	draft-ietf-weirds-object-inventory
Feb 2014	Draft describing bootstrapping protocol

Major Issues 1

- Search

  - Search patterns

  - I18N issues related to string comparison

  - Boolean logic, paging, and other features.

CURRENT THOUGHTS

CONVERGING

Partial Prefix Matching

UTF8
(with case folding for plain ASCII)

Local policy on what matches exactly

```
co*

coer
cŒr
```

protocol match

variant: local policy
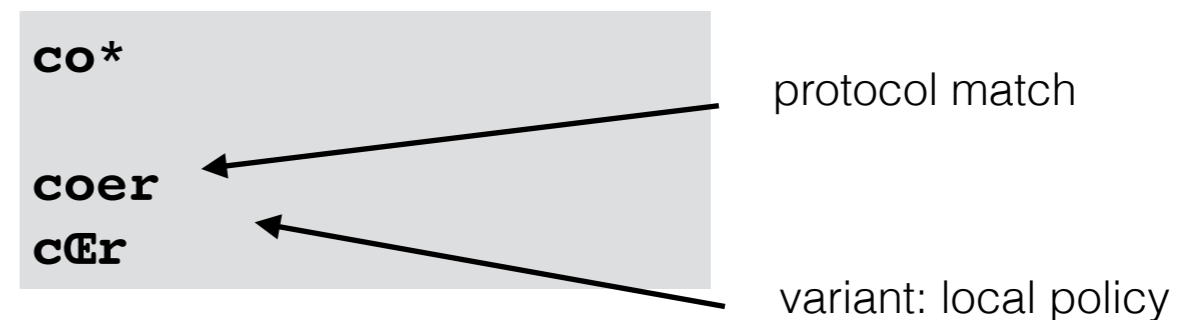
Major Issues 2

CURRENT THOUGHTS

NO EMERGING CONSENSUS

- Bootstrapping

  - Names or Numbers

  - Other Entities

  - Scraping or Querying

Use IANA

Use Heuristics

Use DNS

Potentially not standardize (experimental/informational)

Minor Issues

Redirect

Depends on bootstrap

Object Inventory

'Complete'?

Being Restful

Well- Known URI

URI - Template

The Good News

- ☑ Running Code
- ☐ Rough Consensus

Interoperability tests

5 Servers

2 Names

2 Numbers

1 Names and Numbers

Coordinates

- http://tools.ietf.org/wg/weirds

- General Discussion: weirds@ietf.org

  - To Subscribe:
    https://www.ietf.org/mailman/listinfo/weirds

  - Archive:
    http://www.ietf.org/mail-archive/web/weirds/

  - Specifics:
    https://datatracker.ietf.org/meeting/88/materials.html