WHOIS Disclosure System Design Paper

Project Update with GNSO Council Small Team

ICANN

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Agenda

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◉ Design Highlights

◉ Question to Small Team

◉ Q&A

Project Timeline

- **Week of 12 September**

  - Share the Design Document with the Small Team

- **17 September (1500-1600 & 1630-1730 local time)**

  - Present key features & system mockups with the Small Team

  - Q&A

WHOIS Disclosure System

- ◉ **Simplifies the process** for submitting and receiving requests for nonpublic gTLD registration data for both the requestors and contracted parties
  - ○ Features for requestors to easily create and manage requests
  - ○ Registrar features to effectively manage and process in-bound requests

- ● **Cost effective**
  - ○ Simpler features allow system to be built quickly
  - ○ Less costly to build and maintain the system
  - ○ Utilization of existing ICANN systems

System Design Highlights

System Features

◉ Modeling off of CZDS

  ○ Utilization of what's available within ICANN

◉ System connects requestors and registrars
  ○ Registries are not envisioned to be system users

◉ System handles data requests for domains in gTLDs
  ○ Domains in ccTLDs and other non-contracted registries are out of scope

◉ Email verification
  ○ No further identity verification

◉ Any communications between requestors and registrars takes place outside of the system

  ○ i.e. Clarifying questions, additional documentation request, data disclosure, etc.

◉ No integration with registrars' systems

System Design Highlights - cont'd

<u>Other notable features</u>

- ◉ Voluntary participation model with registrars
  - ○ No policy or contracts to mandate participation
  - ○ We are exploring how to encourage participation

- ◉ ICANN funded
  - ○ No billing functions

- ◉ Compliance with data protection laws
  - ○ Registrars make the data disclosure decisions

Are we aligned?

Design largely aligns with Small Team's Proof of Concept about what SSAD-related recommendations should be reflected in the *WHOIS Disclosure System*

Exception: Contracted Party behaviors

No policy or contractual clause to mandate a specific behavior from Registrars

Question to Small Team

The Proof of Concept in the [Preliminary Report](#) states for rec 4:

> "*Necessary - Automated response to requestor once a form has been submitted, informing of proof of concept approach as well as confirming data processing / retention that will take place. ICANN org relays request to sponsoring Registrar.*"

<u>Question:</u>

What kind of information is expected to be displayed in this request submission acknowledgement?

Q&A

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