

## RDS PDP WG Poll on Purpose - 28 March

During our March 28th meeting, the RDS PDP WG continued deliberation on the following sub-question:

*Question 2.3: What should the over-arching purpose be of collecting, maintaining, and providing access to gTLD registration (thin) data?*

The draft Statement of Purpose previously created by the RDS PDP WG, along with poll results from the previous week, can be found at this link: <https://community.icann.org/x/pLzRAw> (These materials may be helpful in completing the poll.)

The following poll questions give all WG members an opportunity to confirm, reconsider, or elaborate upon proposed revisions discussed during the 28 March meeting. This poll will close at COB on Saturday 1 April 2017.

*As previously announced, by submitting a response to this poll, you are granting permission for your entire response - including WG member name and response timestamp - to be included in published poll results. Responses submitted by WG members are not assumed to reflect the views of any organization with which they may be affiliated.*

Note: A link to the most recently-opened RDS PDP WG poll, along with links to the last meeting's notes/recordings and next meeting materials, can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/ng-rds>

**\* 1. Your name (must be a RDS PDP WG Member, not Observer, to participate)**

During this meeting, the RDS PDP WG considered several proposed changes to our draft Statement of Purpose for Registration Data and Directory Services (*shown below*).

Draft Registration Data and Directory Service Statement of Purpose:

*This statement is intended to define the purpose(s) of a potential Registration Directory Service (RDS) for generic top-level domain (gTLD) names. The statement identifies Specific Purposes for registration data and registration directory services.*

*Note that it is important to make a distinction between the purpose(s) of individual registration data elements<sup>1</sup> versus the purpose(s) of a RDS, i.e., the system that may collect, maintain, and provide or deny access to some or all of those data elements and services related to them, if any.*

Specific Purposes for Registration Data and Registration Directory Services

1. *A purpose of gTLD registration data is to provide information about the lifecycle of a domain name.*
2. *A purpose of RDS is to provide an authoritative source of information about, for example, domain contacts<sup>2</sup>, domain names and name servers for gTLDs, [based on approved policy].*
3. *A purpose of RDS is to identify domain contacts and facilitate communication with domain contacts associated with generic top-level domain names, [based on approved policy].*
4. *A purpose of gTLD registration data is to provide a record of domain name registrations.*
5. *A purpose of RDS policy is to facilitate the accuracy of gTLD registration data.*

<sup>1</sup> Here, "registration data elements" refers to data about generic top-level domain names collected in the relationship between registrars to registries and in the relationship between registrars/registries and ICANN.

<sup>2</sup> Contacts related to the domain name, including those directly related to the domain name and also those involved in the registration system as relevant. Further specification may occur at a later stage in the RDS PDP process.

Through discussion of ICANN58 poll results ([SummaryResults-Poll-on-Purpose-from-15MarchCall.pdf](#)), WG members arrived at several alternative proposals, detailed in the following poll questions.

Understanding that feedback yet to be received from data commissioners may result in further refinement, please indicate your level of support for the alternatives given below, using the "Response" pull-down choices:

- This is my preference
- I could live with this
- I do not support this, or
- Leave blank if no opinion or not applicable.

2. During our 28 March meeting, we revisited the previously-proposed change to: "1) A purpose of gTLD registration data is to provide information about the lifecycle of a domain name."

In the 15 March poll, 68% of respondents agreed to this rewording: "1) A purpose of gTLD registration data is to provide information about the lifecycle of a domain name and its resolution on the Internet."

However, upon further discussion, we found differences of opinion about whether domain name resolution is part of the lifecycle of a gTLD domain name registration. For example, you may assume that domain resolution is not a part of the lifecycle of a domain registration, but rather something that happens during the lifecycle of many domain name registrations. To resolve differences of opinion, we agreed to poll on the following alternatives.

Please use the "Response" pull-down menu to choose the answer that best reflects your opinion about each alternative; leave blank for no opinion/not applicable. Rationale may be given in the comment box.

Response

Alternative A (no change)

1) A purpose of gTLD registration data is to provide information about the lifecycle of a domain name.

Alternative B

1) A purpose of gTLD registration data is to provide information about the lifecycle of a domain name. &

#) A purpose of gTLD registration data is to provide information useful in trouble-shooting problems in resolution of a domain name.

Alternative C

1) A purpose of gTLD registration data is to provide information about the lifecycle of a domain name and its resolution on the Internet.

Alternative D

Propose your own alternative in the comment box below

If desired, you may provide rationale or suggest another alternative here:

3. During our 28 March meeting, we revisited the previously-proposed change to:"2) A purpose of RDS is to provide an authoritative source of information about, for example, domain contacts , domain names and name servers for gTLDs, [based on approved policy]."

In the 15 March poll, 84% of respondents agreed to this rewording:"2) A purpose of RDS is to facilitate dissemination of authoritatively-sourced gTLD registration data, such as domain names and their domain contacts and name servers, in accordance with applicable policy."

However, upon further discussion, we found differences of opinion about use of the term "dissemination" and whether to include "authoritatively-sourced" in this purpose. When completing this poll, please assume that "dissemination" does not imply public display. To resolve differences of opinion about "authoritatively-sourced," we agreed to poll on the following alternatives.

Please use the "Response" pull-down menu to choose the answer that best reflects your opinion about each alternative; leave blank for no opinion/not applicable. Rationale may be given in the comment box.

Response

Alternative A

2) A purpose of RDS is to facilitate dissemination of authoritatively-sourced gTLD registration data, such as domain names and their domain contacts and name servers, in accordance with applicable policy.

Alternative B

2) A purpose of RDS is to facilitate dissemination of [authoritatively-sourced] gTLD registration data, such as domain names and their domain contacts and name servers, in accordance with applicable policy.

Alternative C

2) A purpose of RDS is to facilitate dissemination of gTLD registration data, such as domain names and their domain contacts and name servers, in accordance with applicable policy.

Alternative D (no change)

A purpose of RDS is to provide an authoritative source of information about, for example, domain contacts, domain names and name servers for gTLDs, [based on approved policy].

Alternative E

Propose your own alternative in the comment box below

If desired, you may provide rationale or suggest another alternative here:

4. During our 28 March meeting, we revisited the previously-proposed change to: "5) A purpose of RDS policy is to facilitate the accuracy of gTLD registration data."

In the 15 March poll, 71% of respondents agreed to this rewording: "5) A purpose of RDS policy is to facilitate fulfilling requirements for the accuracy of gTLD registration data."

However, upon further discussion, we found differences of opinion about the implications of including "accuracy" in this purpose. To resolve this, we agreed to poll on the following alternatives.

Please use the "Response" pull-down menu to choose the answer that best reflects your opinion about each alternative; leave blank for no opinion/not applicable. Rationale may be given in the comment box.

Response

Alternative A

5) A purpose of RDS policy is to facilitate the accuracy [#] of gTLD registration data.

Footnote: [#] "Accuracy" as it pertains to the RDS will be defined later in this PDP (see Charter question on Accuracy).

Alternative B

5) A purpose of RDS policy is to facilitate fulfilling requirements for the accuracy [#] of gTLD registration data.

Footnote: [#] "Accuracy" as it pertains to the RDS will be defined later in this PDP (see Charter question on Accuracy).

Alternative C (no change)

5) A purpose of RDS policy is to facilitate the accuracy of gTLD registration data.

Alternative D

5) A purpose of RDS policy is to facilitate fulfilling requirements for the accuracy of gTLD registration data.

Alternative E

Propose your own alternative in the comment box below

If desired, you may provide rationale or suggest another alternative here:

Thanks for participating in this poll. Please click below to submit your responses.

*By submitting a response to this poll, you are granting permission for your entire response - including WG member name and response timestamp - to be included in published poll results.*

Input gathered through this poll will be used as input to further WG deliberation on this charter question.