Expert Working Group on gTLD Directory Services (EWG) Final Report Briefing

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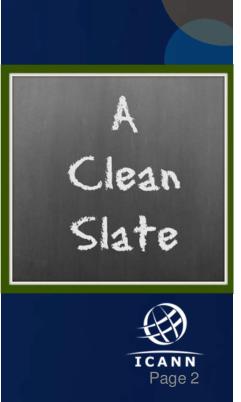22 June, 2014

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About the EWG

- Formed to overcome decade-long deadlock

  - Bring together a diverse group of volunteers

  - Apply wide range of expertise and experiences

  - Discuss issues frankly, participate individually

  - Strike compromises to find a path forward

- ICANN Board's mandate to EWG

  - Reexamine purpose & provision of gTLD registration data

  - Envision a next-generation solution to better serve global Internet community needs

  - Create a foundation to help the ICANN community (through the GNSO) create a new policy for gTLD directory services

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EWG Approach

- Final Report reflects 15+ month effort
  - Thousands of hours on in-depth research
  - 2600+ pages of comments, responses, results
  - 19 public community consultations
  - 35 EWG meeting days
  - 42 EWG calls
  - More than 200 subteam calls

- To answer a simple question about a very complex problem…

Is there an alternative to today's WHOIS to better serve the global Internet community?

EWG's Answer

- Today's WHOIS model of giving every user the same entirely anonymous public access to often-inaccurate data should be abandoned.

EWG's Final Report

- Details a proposed next-generation
  Registration Directory Service (RDS)

- Strikes a balance between
  accuracy, access, and accountability

- Collects, validates and discloses gTLD data for
  permissible purposes only

- Leaves minimum data publicly available

- Safeguards the rest through a new paradigm:
  purpose-driven gated access

- Introduces new contracted parties to

  - Validate Contact Data

  - Accredit RDS Users

To Learn More in London

- EWG Final Report Overview
  Monday, 23 June, 15:15 to 16:15

  - Public and Gated Data
  - Purpose-Driven Access by Accredited Users
  - Validation and Accuracy
  - Recommended Model
  - Data Protection and Law Enforcement Access
  - Secure Protected Credentials

  http://london50.icann.org/en/schedule/
  mon-ewg-final-overview

- Extended Q&A Opportunities

  o EWG Final Report Discussion Session 1
    Monday, 23 June, 17:00 – 19:00

  o EWG Final Report Discussion Session 2
    Wednesday, 25 June, 08:00 – 10:00

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Next Steps

- EWG to offer webinars and other opportunities for Community Q&A

- ICANN Board to consider EWG's Final Report as foundation for the Board-requested GNSO Policy Development Process (PDP)

- Fundamental questions to consider

    o Is the RDS preferable to today's WHOIS?

    o If not, can WHOIS meet the needs of the evolving global Internet?

Additional Resource Links

- **EWG Public Wiki**
  https://community.icann.org/pages/viewpage.action?
  pageId=40175189

- **Initial Report Announcement**
  https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-3-2013-06-24-en

- **Status Update Report Announcement**
  https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2013-11-11-en

- **Final Report Announcement**
  https://www.icann.org/news/blog/ewg-recommends-a-
  replacement-for-whois

- **Public Research Page**
  https://community.icann.org/display/WG/
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