Thick WHOIS Policy Implementation

RrSG Stakeholder Group Meeting Follow-up | 23 March 2016

Objective & Agenda

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⦿ Discuss feedback received from the RrSG during ICANN 55
⦿ Discuss next steps on definition of the transition implementation plan

Agenda

⦿ Background on meeting with the RrSG
⦿ Outcome of the meeting
⦿ Status of transition timelines discussions
⦿ Discussion of Next Steps

Transition of Existing Registrations from thin to thick

Analysis of Existing Data (Scoping Paper)

⊙ Objective
  – Identify and quantify challenges with transitioning of registration data
  – Inform the definition of the implementation plan in terms of:
    – Requirements
    – Timeline to completion of transition
    – Supporting measures as needed

⊙ Scope
  – 10-20 registrars managing amounts of .COM, .NET and .JOBS registrations
  – Testing representative data samples against the registries' systems requirements and all applicable contractual provisions

⊙ **Findings to determine types and prevalence of potential challenges** such as:
  – Missing data
  – Incompatible data format
  – Incomplete data
  – Inability to contact registrant based on current data record

Initial Timeline for Data Analysis

Next Steps and Expected Timeline (included in Scoping Paper)

- Clarification of scope and Terms of Reference: **18 March 2016**
- Deadline for recruitment of volunteer registrars: **1 April 2016**
- Sharing of initial findings among volunteers: **20 April 2016**
- Discussion of findings and conclusions: **12 May 2016**
- Final Data Analysis Report: **2 June 2016**

- Development of Implementation Plan : **June/July 2016**

Outcome of meeting with the RrSG (ICANN 55)

No expression of interest from Registrars on Data Analysis at this stage

Comments made in relation to the implementation of the transition:

⊙ Use of data escrow for transitioning registration data was discussed and rationale for ruling it out was provided

⊙ Implementation should not be split between new and existing registrations, but instead proceed on a per registrar basis, as was done for .ORG (Franck Michlich)

⊙ No registry-side data format checks should be imposed (Volker Greimann)

⊙ Implementation should favor a cut-off date rather than a multi-stage process in order to minimize systems impact (Volker Greimann)

⊙ Transition of data from thin to thick should be perfomed when a registration is either transfered or renewed, which could take 10 years (James Bladel)

⊙ A staging area should be provided for Registrar testing (Ben Anderson)

⊙ Need for exemption from Whois complaint during and after implementation (Rob Golding)

Implementation Timelines under Discussion with IRT

New Registrations

- ⊙ Proposed milestones
  - Registries to make system changes
  - Registrar notification of changes
  - Introduction of optional thick (contact support) in OT&E
  - Introduction of optional thick (contact support) in production
  - Registrar notification/transition period
  - Cutover to required thick (contacts) for new registrations in OT&E
  - Cutover to required thick (contacts) for new registrations in production

- ⊙ Current assumptions (ICANN 55): 18 - 21 months overall duration
  - 90 days notification of systems changes to Registrars (optional thick)
  - 12 to 18 months for Registrars to complete the transition
  - 90 days notification of systems changes to Registries (required thick)

Existing Registrations

- ⊙ No Specific IRT input to date

Next Steps

Existing Registration

- Decision on next steps for Existing Registration Data Analysis considering RrSG interest to date and comments received

New Registrations

- Registries to provide overview of system changes (target: **April 2016**)
- Registries and registrars to refine current assumptions and agree on a detailed timeline for New Registrations (target: **May 2016**)

Current Timeline Assumptions