

Draft Registration Data and Directory Service Statement of Purpose

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This statement is intended to define the purpose(s) of a Registration Data and a Registration Directory Service (RDS) for generic TLD domain names. The statement is grouped into two categories: 1) Overall Goals for this Statement of Purpose; 2) Specific Purposes. To ensure that the purposes are understood in the appropriate context, a list of prerequisite conditions of purposes is also provided.

Note that it is important to make a distinction between the purposes of individual registration data elements versus the purpose(s) of a RDS, i.e., the system that collects, maintains, and provides access to those data elements and services related to them. This purpose statement is intended to focus on the purposes of the RDS as a whole, although some overlap may be unavoidable.

Overall Goals for this Statement of Purpose

- a. To set unambiguous boundaries for RDS policy requirements and RDS consensus policies
- b. To establish minimum criteria for RDS policy requirements and RDS consensus policies
- c. To describe why, specifically and explicitly, an RDS is needed (see Specific Purposes, below).

Prerequisite Conditions of for each RDS Purpose

- i. Consistency with ICANN's mission
- ii. Consistency with other consensus policies that pertain to gTLD domain names
- iii. Consistency with applicable laws
- iv. Helps to clearly articulate a rationale for an RDS
- v. Helps to easily communicate the purpose of the RDS to registrants (and others), because the registrants have to be told what the purpose is for collecting their data
- vi. Helps to establish sufficient relationship between the purpose and use of the RDS.

Specific Purposes for Registration Data and Registration Directory Services

1. The purpose of gTLD registration data is to provide information about the lifecycle of a domain name (as specified by ICANN's [Diagram of gTLD Lifecycle](#)) to enable management of a domain name registration.
2. The purpose of a system to collect, maintain, and provide access to gTLD registration data (hereafter referred to as "the RDS") is to provide information that is needed by authorized parties to operate a gTLD domain name in the DNS.
3. Further specific purposes of the RDS include:
 - a. To enable contact with registrants, registrars, (registries?), and proxy/privacy service providers associated with gTLD domain names, for specific policy-defined purposes
 - b. To enable release of accurate gTLD registration data that may not otherwise be publicly available, under specific and explicit policy-defined conditions