

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 purpose(s) of individual registration data elements¹ versus the purpose(s) of a RDS, i.e., the system that may collects, maintains, and provides provide or deny access to some or all of those data elements [and services related to them, if any.] This purpose statement is intended to focus on the purpose(s) 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).
- ~~d.~~ To communicate purpose(s) of the RDS to registrants (and others)
- ~~e.~~ To establish sufficient relationship between the purpose(s) and the use(s) of the RDS

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(s) and the use(s) 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:

¹ Here, "registration data elements" refers to data about gTLD domain names collected in the relationship between registrars to registries and in the relationship between registrars/registries and ICANN.

Comment [LP1]: Comment raised during WG call but not resolved: "One of the things we're trying to accomplish is to create a legal basis for compliance with data protection laws - is that our job or is that something that happens later by legal review?" See call notes for further discussion.

Comment [LP2]: A proposal to move these bullets from Prerequisite Conditions up to Goals (above) was discussed but not resolved during the WG call – are these goals for the statement of purpose? Do they apply to the statement overall or to specific purposes?

- 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