

## RDS PDP WG Poll on Purpose - 7 March

During our 7 March call, 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/i6zRAw> (These materials may be helpful in completing the poll.)

The following poll question gives all WG members an opportunity to confirm, reconsider, or elaborate upon one potential agreement discussed at length during the 7 March call. To enable use of poll results in our F2F WG meeting, this poll will close promptly at 9 am CET on Saturday 11 March 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)**

In our 28 February WG poll, 71% of respondents agreed that *"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.]"*

However, some respondents questioned whether or not the RDS was the "authoritative source" for all registration data elements. A couple of respondents questioned what might be meant by "based on approved policy." Two comments suggested the phrase "facilitate the dissemination of" as alternative to "provide." During the 7 March WG call, these comments and further alternatives were discussed.

**2. To arrive at an alternative wording that better reflects rough consensus, please indicate which of the following alternatives (if any) that you prefer. Text that differs is colored simply to help contrast alternatives. If desired, you may give rationale for your answer or suggest another alternative using the comment box.**

- A purpose of RDS **is to provide** authoritative gTLD registration data, such as domain names and their domain contacts and name servers, **in accordance with** applicable policy.
- A purpose of RDS **is to provide** authoritative gTLD registration data, such as domain names and their domain contacts and name servers, **as authorized by** applicable policy .
- A purpose of RDS **is to facilitate dissemination of** authoritative gTLD registration data, such as domain names and their domain contacts and name servers, **in accordance with** applicable policy.
- A purpose of RDS **is to facilitate dissemination of** authoritative gTLD registration data, such as domain names and their domain contacts and name servers, **as authorized by** applicable policy .
- 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.
- A purpose of RDS **is to facilitate dissemination of** gTLD registration data, such as domain names and their domain contacts and name servers, **as authorized by** applicable policy .

Comment Box: If desired, use this comment box to provide rationale or suggest alternatives.

**3. Is there anything missing from the latest draft statement of purpose (below) that you suggest be added?**

*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.*

*Note: (2) above will be revised, based on the results of this poll.*

<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.

No, not at this time

Yes (please describe below)

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

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