

RDS PDP WG Poll - 18 July

During our 18 July meeting, the RDS PDP WG continued deliberation on the Data Elements Charter question: *What gTLD registration data elements should be collected, stored, and disclosed?* Specifically, we considered several data elements that were strongly supported by WG members who participated in the 28 June poll: Registrant Name and Organization, Registrant Country, and Registrant Email Address.

This poll gives all WG members an opportunity to consider points made during our 18 July meeting and confirm broad support for including these data elements (or variants thereof) in the RDS. Please note that this poll covers only collection of these data elements; it should NOT be assumed that a data element will be displayed if collected. Access to RDS data elements will be deliberated separately.

Poll results will be used to inform deliberation during the 25 July WG meeting and on-list, helping the entire WG better understand and then hopefully agree upon rationale for or against inclusion of these data elements in the RDS.

Any WG member who did not attend the 18 July WG meeting is expected to catch up on WG discussion before taking this poll. Meeting notes and materials, including transcripts and recordings, can be found here: <https://community.icann.org/x/SWfwAw>

This poll will close at 18.00 UTC on Sunday 23 July.

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.

*** 1. Your name (must be RDS PDP WG Member - not WG Observer - to participate in polls)**

If you are a WG Observer and wish to participate in polls, you must upgrade to WG Member to do so.

2. Registrant Name and Organization

In the 28 June poll, strong support was expressed for Registrant Name and Registrant Organization as data elements to be included in RDS data elements. Registrant Name and Registrant Organization are defined by the [2013 RAA Whois Requirements](#) (Section 1.4.2) and included in data elements recommended by the [EWG Final Report](#) (page 50). More specifically, according to the 2013 RAA:

* The Registrant is the entity that has acquired the right to use the Internet resource. A Domain Name Registrant is the person or organization who has registered the domain name, also referred to as a Registered Name Holder.

* For Registrant fields requiring a "Name" or "Organization", the output must include either the name or organization (or both, if available).

In the 18 July call, the WG discussed that domain names may be registered by various entities, including natural persons and many kinds of organizations, such as proxies. To some, "Name" implies a natural person's name, which is not applicable to all Registrants. Similarly, "Organization" is not applicable to all Registrants. However, there was strong agreement that the Registrant must be identified in some way.

Several suggestions were made as to how to best represent this data. Which of the following best reflects your view and why? (If you could support more than one suggestion, you may check more than one box)

- a) The existing data elements Registrant Name and Registrant Organization must be included as RDS data elements. As today, either Name or Organization must be mandatory to collect for every domain name registration.
- b) The existing data elements Registrant Name and Registrant Organization must be included in RDS data elements. Registrant Name must be mandatory to collect for every domain name registration. Registrant Organization must be optional to collect.
- c) A new data element Registrant must be included in RDS data elements, replacing ONLY the existing Registrant Name data element. Registrant must be mandatory to collect for every domain name registration. The existing data element Registrant Organization should be deleted as redundant.
- d) A new data element Registrant must be included in RDS data elements, replacing ONLY the existing Registrant Name data element. Registrant must be mandatory to collect for every domain name registration. The existing data element Registrant Organization must be included in RDS data elements but become optional to collect.
- e) A new data element Registrant must be included in RDS data elements, replacing BOTH the existing Registrant Name and Registrant Organization data elements. Registrant must be mandatory to collect for every domain name registration.
- f) Registrant Name and Registrant Organization must never be included in RDS data elements to be collected, even if these values are not made publicly accessible.
- g) Unsure, No Opinion, or Other Answer as described in comment box below

Other Suggestion or Rationale

3. Registrant Country

Registrant Country is defined by the [2013 RAA Whois Requirements](#) (Section 1.4.2) and included in data elements recommended by the [EWG Final Report](#) (page 50). This data element identifies a single country or territory in which the Registrant resides. According to the 2013 RAA, the format of the country field must conform to the mappings specified in EPP RFCs 5730-5734 (or its successors). According to RFC 5733 (EPP Contact Mapping), contact country identifiers are represented using two-character identifiers specified in [ISO3166-1].

In the 28 June poll, strong support was expressed for Registrant Country as a data element to be included in RDS data elements. Many who provided rationale for this data element said it was important for determining jurisdiction. Which of the following statements best reflects your view about this data element and why?

- a) Registrant Country must be included in RDS data elements; it must be mandatory to collect for every domain name registration.
- b) Registrant Country must be included in RDS data elements; it must be optional to collect for each domain name registration.
- c) Registrant Country must never be included in RDS data elements to be collected, even if these values are not made publicly accessible.
- d) Unsure, No Opinion, or Other Answer as described in comment box below

Other Suggestion or Rationale

4. Registrant Email Address

In the 28 June poll, strong support was expressed for Registrant Email Address as a data element to be included in RDS data elements. Registrant Email Address is defined by the [2013 RAA Whois Requirements](#) (Section 1.4.2) and included in data elements recommended by the [EWG Final Report](#) (page 50). This is an operational email address that can be used to contact the Registrant. According to the 2013 RAA, the format of the email address field must conform to the mappings specified in EPP RFCs 5730-5734 (or its successors). According to RFC 5733 (EPP Contact Mapping), email address syntax is defined in [RFC5322].

However, as different Registrants may have different preferred methods of contact, in the 18 July WG call, it was suggested that existing Registrant Contact data elements (including Registrant Email Address) be replaced by a single RDS data element: **Registrant Contact**. This single data element could be a structured element containing addresses corresponding to multiple forms of contact (email and other forms of contact such as text messaging, yet to be discussed), conceptually similar to entries found in an address book.

Which of the following statements best reflects your view about this suggestion and why?

- a) A new data element, Registrant Contact, must be included in RDS data elements, replacing the existing Registrant Email Address data element. Within Registrant Contact, at least one address enabling contact (email or [other addresses yet to be discussed]) must be mandatory to collect for every domain name registration.
- b) A new data element, Registrant Contact, must be included in RDS data elements, replacing the existing Registrant Email address data element. Registrant Contact must be optional to collect for each domain name registration.
- c) The existing data element Registrant Email Address must remain a separate data element in the RDS, and must be mandatory to collect for every domain name registration.
- d) The existing data element Registrant Email Address must never be included in RDS data elements to be collected, even if this value is not made publicly accessible.
- e) Unsure, No Opinion, or Other Answer as described in comment box below

Other Proposal or Rationale

Please click the Submit button below to record your responses.

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.

Input gathered through this poll will be used as input to further WG deliberation on charter questions. Thank you for participating in this poll.