Whois Workshop
Registrant/User Classification & Current Practices Panel

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Data Issues

- accuracy
- privacy issues
- data collection
- verification measures
- complaint procedures
- investigatory methods for false information
- third party registration practices
gTLD Registry Perspective

- There is minimal whois information available at “thin” registries.
- Registries which are “thick” rely on the relationship between the registrant (domain customer) and registrars for the listed data issues.
- The ICANN contracts require that the listed data issues are the responsibility of registrars.
3.7.7.1 The Registered Name Holder shall provide to Registrar accurate and reliable contact details and promptly correct and update them during the term of the Registered Name registration, including: the full name, postal address, e-mail address, voice telephone number, and fax number if available of the Registered Name Holder; name of authorized person for contact purposes in the case of an Registered Name Holder that is an organization, association, or corporation; and the data elements listed in Subsections 3.3.1.2, 3.3.1.7 and 3.3.1.8.
Contract Responsibilities

3.7.7.2 A Registered Name Holder's willful provision of inaccurate or unreliable information, its willful failure promptly to update information provided to Registrar, or its failure to respond for over fifteen calendar days to inquiries by Registrar concerning the accuracy of contact details associated with the Registered Name Holder's registration shall constitute a material breach of the Registered Name Holder-registrar contract and be a basis for cancellation of the Registered Name registration.

Source: Registrar Accreditation Agreement found at http://www.icann.org/registrars/ra-agreement-17may01.htm
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