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• Fraudulent email
• Websites offering counterfeit or pirated goods
• Websites posting trade secrets
• Cybersquatters
What do we use?

• Registrant name – need for context, negotiation and legal action
• Address – need for service of process
• Email – need for quick communication
• Phone no. – again for quick communication
• Fax no – less used, but sometimes useful
• Providing it is accurate it is useful
What else would be nice?

• Reverse look up – can be important for UDRP cases (pattern of conduct)
• Historical data – assist when things go wrong
• Field for security interests/pledges – to reflect that some domain names are valuable assets.
What accurate and accessible WHOIS means

• Registrars and registries are kept out of the fight – particularly where UDRP/LDRP available
• Problems can be addressed quickly.
• Action can be taken against the appropriate party when necessary.