GNSO Council-requested Whois studies – Cross-reference to original study numbers
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Study Area/Topic	X-ref to study proposals	Specific studies defined (work in progress)	Current status
1. Whois Misuse Studies Extent to which publicly displayed Whois data is misused	Study # 1, #14, #21 GAC data set 2	1. Experimental: register test domains and measure harmful messages resulting from misuse 2. Descriptive: study misuse incidents reported by registrants and researchers/law enforcement	RFP released – deadline 27 Nov 2009. 3 responses were received, staff analysis is underway.
2. Whois Registrant Identification Study	GAC 5, GAC 6 #13a, #18 GAC 9, GAC 10	1. Gather info about how business/commercial domain registrants are identified. 2. Correlate such identification with use of proxy/privacy services.	RFP released – deadline 23 Dec 2009. 5 responses were received, staff analysis is underway.
3. Whois Proxy and Privacy Abuse and Reveal Studies	#13b, #13c, #17 GAC 1, GAC 11 #3, #19, #20	1. Relationship between use of proxies and harmful/illegal activity, if any ("Abuse") 2. Proxy service responsiveness to information requests ("Reveal")	RFP terms of reference are being developed. The schedule for these has been delayed.
4. Impact of non-ASCII registration information on accuracy and readability	Previously Study #11	Technical analysis of how entry of non-ASCII registration information is displayed by various client-side software. Analysis would examine and recommend methods to display Whois contact information.	On hold pending work of the SSAC-GNSO Internationalized Registration Data Working Group.
5. Whois service requirements	Separate request-7 May	Compile a list of Whois service requirements based on current + previous policy discussions	Compilation of service requirements is underway. Targeting first draft in March-April timeframe.

Note: Study areas 1-4 reflect all the studies initially requested by the GNSO Council 4 March, 2009.
Study area 5 was requested by the Council 7 May, 2009