



# Final Issue Report on 'Thick' Whois

*Overview*

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# Background

- On the recommendation of the IRTP Part B WG, the GNSO Council requested an Issue Report on 22 September 2011
- Issue Report to consider any positive and/or negative effects that are likely to occur that would need to be taken into account when deciding whether a requirement of 'thick' WHOIS for all gTLDs would be desirable or not
- Preliminary Issue Report published for public comment on 21 November 2011

# Public Comment Forum

- 9 contributions received
- Comments focused on:
  - Issues that should be included and/or amplified as part of the Issue Report.
  - Views expressed on the pros and cons of a ‘thin’ or a ‘thick’ Whois model.
  - Opinions on whether a PDP should be initiated or not.
  - Comments in relation to the scope of a PDP, should one be initiated.

# Final Issue Report

- Submitted on 2 February 2012
- Report describes difference between ‘thick’ and ‘thin’ Whois, provides an overview of current situation of gTLDs as well as new gTLDs
- Provides an initial list of issues that should be considered to determine possible positive / negative consequences of requiring ‘thick’ Whois (e.g. consistent response; enhanced stability; enhanced accessibility; cost implications; privacy and data protection; data escrow; impact on existing Whois requirements) should a PDP be initiated

# Final Issue Report (continued)

- Also highlights other issues that should be considered should a PDP go ahead such as scope of the PDP, relationship with other Whois activities, resources
- Staff recommendation: the proposed issues are within the scope of the ICANN policy process and the GNSO. It is reasonable from the staff's perspective to expect that further investigation of 'thick' Whois for all gTLDs would be beneficial to the community generally, as it would allow for an informed decision by the GNSO Council as to whether 'thick' Whois for all gTLDs should be required or not. ICANN Staff, therefore, recommends that the GNSO Council proceed with a PDP.

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# Questions?



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