

# Whois Task Force

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# Background

- Whois Task Force chartered to work on:
  - Purpose of Whois and contacts in Whois
  - What data should be public, and how it should be accessed
  - Accuracy of Whois data
  - Resolving conflicts between ICANN contractual requirements and local privacy laws
- Work on last item is complete
- Currently focusing on purpose of Whois

# Formulation #1

- “The purpose of the gTLD Whois service is to provide information sufficient to contact a responsible party for a particular gTLD domain name who can resolve, or reliably pass on data to a party who can resolve, issues related to the configuration of the records associated with the domain name within a DNS nameserver.”
- Supported by the registrars, registries, and NCUC
  - Consistent with the narrow technical mission of ICANN, ICANN's Core Values (particularly 1-3) and national data protection laws worldwide.
  - Core Values: #1 Security and Stability, #2 Respecting creativity and flow of information by limiting ICANN's activities to matters in ICANN's mission, #3 Delegating to and respecting the policy role of responsible entities that reflect the interests of affected parties

# Formulation #2

- “The purpose of the gTLD Whois service is to provide information sufficient to contact a responsible party or parties for a particular gTLD domain name who can resolve, or reliably pass on data to a party who can resolve, technical, legal or other issues related to the registration or use of a domain name.”
- Supported by IPC, ISPCP, and BC
  - This approach is most consistent with the history of Whois and follows the growth and expansion, in both number of users and importance as a means of communication, of the Internet.
  - This approach is most consistent with the actual uses of Whois to help resolve these issues
  - This approach is consistent with ICANN's Mission and Core Values

# Common Ground And Differences

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- (versus “issues related to the configuration of the records associated with the domain name within a DNS nameserver.”)

# We Need Your Input

- Comments on differences between the two formulations on the purpose of Whois
  - Which is more appropriate?
  - Are there other formulations or missing elements?
- Other input welcome as well
- Thank you!