



Universal Whois Registrar Consultation

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VeriSign's Universal Whois Obligation

- ▶ **Specified in Appendix W of the com | net | org agreements between VeriSign and ICANN**
 - <http://www.icann.org/tlds/agreements/verisign/registry-agmt-appw-com-16apr01.htm>
- ▶ **“...design and develop a Universal Whois Service that will allow public access and effective use of Whois across all Registries and all TLDs.”**
- ▶ **“...commence research and development of the Universal Whois Service no later than December 31, 2001”**
- ▶ **“Registry Operator shall, insofar as is reasonably possible in view of Registry Operator's dependence on the cooperation of third parties, *strive to achieve significant progress* in implementing the Universal Whois Service by December 31, 2002.”**



Universal Whois

▶ **Universal Whois**

- UWho is the informal name of the work VeriSign has committed to in agreement with ICANN (Appendix W)
- <http://uwho.verisignlabs.com/>

▶ **Formal public consultations**

- Business, intellectual property holders (Aug/01)
- Civil liberties (Nov/01)
- International input (Nov/01)

▶ **Informal public consultations/presentations**

- RIPE 40 (Oct/01)
- NANOG 23 (Oct/01)
- RIPE 41 (Jan/02)
- NANOG 24 (Feb/02)
- CENTR (Feb/02)
- APRICOT 2002 (Mar/02)
- APNIC 13 (Mar/02)
- ARIN IX (Apr/02)



CRISP?

- ▶ **Cross Registry Information Service Protocol**
- ▶ **IETF Applications Area Working Group**
 - First meeting held at IETF 54, Yokohama, Japan, in July, 2002.
 - <http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/crisp-charter.html>
- ▶ **What is VeriSign's role?**
 - Appendix W requires Universal Whois to be an open standard.
 - VeriSign is contributing UWho work to the IETF as a starting point.
 - The IETF process is open and anybody can participate.



Questions for Registrars

- ▶ **What do you think that VeriSign should be doing under Appendix W?**
- ▶ **How do you think VeriSign should be approaching the task defined under Appendix W?**
- ▶ **What do they think are the major obstacles that VeriSign faces in accomplishing the task defined in Appendix W?**
- ▶ **How do you think VeriSign should respond to these obstacles in seeking to accomplish the task defined in Appendix W?**

