**RDAP Operational Profile for gTLD Registries and Registrars**

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# Introduction

Lookup and search services for name resources have traditionally been offered through WHOIS (see [RFC3912](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3912.txt)), with additional services such as web pages and bulk download. Despite its wide deployment and usage, shortcomings of the WHOIS protocol became apparent with the years. These include the lack of a standard data model, the lack of support for internationalization and the inability to authenticate users and provide differentiated services to classes of users.

In 2012, The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) chartered the [WEIRDS](https://tools.ietf.org/wg/weirds/) (Web Extensible Internet Registration Data Services) working group to determine the needs of the community. This working group concluded in early 2015 with the publication of several specifications ([RFC7480](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7480.txt), [RFC7481](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7481.txt), [RFC7482](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7482.txt), [RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt), [RFC7484](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7484.txt) and [RFC7485](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7485.txt)) defining the behavior of the Registry Data Access Protocol (RDAP), a standardized replacement for WHOIS.

The goal of this document is to define an RDAP profile for gTLD Registries and Registrars. This document covers the features within the RDAP protocol that are mandatory, the basic parameters, the mandatory set of objects to be implemented, and other allowed optional objects.

# RDAP Operational Profile

The purpose of this profile is to specify the RDAP requirements that are in line with the current Whois service requirements. The profile is built from the related IETF standards, requirements from the gTLD Registry Agreement (RA), 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA), Whois-related advisories and consensus policies published by ICANN.

This document should be read together with the following:

* gTLD Registry Agreement (RA), <https://newgtlds.icann.org/sites/default/files/agreements/agreement-approved-09jan14-en.htm>
* 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA), <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/approved-with-specs-2013-09-17-en>
* Additional Whois Information Policy (AWIP), <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/policy-awip-2014-07-02-en>
* RDDS Clarification Advisory, <https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registry-agreement-raa-rdds-2015-04-27-en>

Section 1 contains requirements applicable to both gTLD Registries and Registrars. Section 2 only applies to gTLD Registries while Section 3 only applies to gTLD Registrars.

The term "RDDS fields" in this document refers to the key/value pairs listed in the RDDS Specification of the Registry Agreement (RA), the Registration Data Directory Service (WHOIS) Specification of the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (RAA) or the RDDS Clarification Advisory.

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", and "MAY" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119, which is available at <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>.

1. The following requirements apply to both gTLD Registries and Registrars (i.e. contracted parties)
   1. Within the present profile and through the RAA and RA, all references to Registration Data Directory Services (RDDS) apply to the following services: WHOIS (port 43), web-based WHOIS and RDAP.
   2. RDDS fields defined as Optional in this document are REQUIRED to be included in a response, using the appropriate mapping as defined in Appendix B, when germane to the query and data exists in the Registry or Registrar database, as the case may be.
   3. RDAP protocol:
      1. The RDAP service MUST implement the following RFCs:

* [RFC7480](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7480.txt) - HTTP Usage in the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)
* [RFC7481](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7481.txt) - Security Services for the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)
* [RFC7482](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7482.txt) - Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Query Format
* [RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt) - JSON Responses for the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)
* [RFC7484](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7484.txt) - Finding the Authoritative Registration Data (RDAP) Service
  + 1. The RDAP service MUST be provided over HTTPS only. The RDAP service MUST use the best practices for secure use of TLS as described in [RFC7525](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7525.txt) or its successors.
    2. A client must be able to successfully validate the TLS certificate used for the RDAP service with a TLSA record from the DNS (RFC 6698 and RFC 7671) published by the RDAP service provider. The Certificate Usage field of the TLSA record MUST have a value of 1 or 3.
    3. The TLS certificate used for the RDAP service MUST be issued by a Certificate Authority (CA) trusted by the major browsers and mobile operating systems such as the ones listed in the Mozilla Included CA Certificate List (<https://wiki.mozilla.org/CA:IncludedCAs>). The TLS certificate used for the RDAP service MUST be issued by a CA that follows the latest CAB Forum Baseline Requirements (https://cabforum.org/baseline-requirements-documents).
    4. The RDAP service MUST support both GET and HEAD types of HTTP methods. HEAD requests are used to verify the existence of an object in the database, as specified in [RFC7480](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7480.txt).
    5. RDAP extensions, if used, MUST be registered in the IANA's RDAP Extensions registry (<https://www.iana.org/assignments/rdap-extensions/rdap-extensions.xhtml>), as defined in [RFC7480](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7480.txt). Contracted parties MAY deploy RDAP extensions in order to add new RDDS fields, RDAP *events* or RDAP *roles* without further approval by ICANN. The RDAP extensions MUST NOT provide confidential information of any sort, add browser executable code (e.g., Javascript) to the response, nor cause a negative impact to the security, stability, or resiliency of the Internet’s DNS or other systems. Contracted parties SHALL provide and update the relevant documentation of all the RDAP extensions supported to ICANN prior to deployment.
    6. An rdapConformance object [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)] MUST be present in the topmost object of every response, and it MUST contain the conformance level of the RDAP protocol and of any extension, as specified in [RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt).
    7. RDAP services MUST be available over both IPv4 and IPv6 transport. The resource records related to the RDAP service MUST be signed with DNSSEC, and the DNSSEC chain of trust from the root trust anchor to the name of the RDAP server MUST be valid at all times. The DNSSEC security algorithm used for zone signing at each level MUST be listed as standardized for Zone Signing in the IANA's Domain Name System Security (DNSSEC) Algorithm Numbers registry.
    8. Contracted parties MUST only use fully qualified domain names in RDAP responses.
  1. Responses to RDAP queries:
     1. The RDAP server MUST support Internationalized Domain Name (IDN) RDAP lookup queries using A-label or U-label format [[RFC5890](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5890.txt)] for domain names, and in the case of Registries, also for name server objects. An RDAP server that receives a query string with a mixture of A-labels and U-labels MUST convert all the U-labels to A-labels, perform IDNA processing, and proceed with exact-match lookup.
     2. The source data used to generate the RDAP responses MUST be the same across all RDDS services (i.e. port-43 WHOIS, web-based WHOIS and RDAP).
     3. The case (i.e. uppercase and lowercase) of the data returned in RDAP responses SHOULD preserve the case received via EPP.
     4. The terms of service of the RDAP service MUST be specified in the notices object in the topmost JSON object of the response. The notices object MUST contain a links object [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)]. The links object MUST contain an URL of the contracted party providing the RDAP service.
     5. In contact entities [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7480.txt)], phone numbers MUST be inserted as tel properties with a voice type parameter, as specified in [RFC6350](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc6350.txt), the vCard Format Specification and its corresponding JSON mapping [RFC7095](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7095.txt).
     6. In contact entities, fax numbers are Optional RDDS fields, if used, MUST be inserted as tel properties with a fax type parameter, as specified in [RFC6350](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc6530.txt), the vCard Format Specification and its corresponding JSON mapping [RFC7095](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7095.txt).
     7. RDAP Help queries [[RFC7482](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7482.txt)] MUST be answered and include a links member with a URL to a document that provides usage information, policy and other explanatory material.
     8. Truncated RDAP responses MUST contain a notices member describing the reason of the truncation. The notices object type MUST be of the form “Response truncated due to {authorization|load|unexplainable reason}”.
     9. Truncated RDAP objects MUST contain a remarks member describing the reason of the truncation. The remarks object type MUST be of the form “Result set truncated due to {authorization|load|unexplainable reason}”.
     10. An RDAP response MUST contain a remarks member with a description containing the string “This response conforms to the RDAP Operational Profile for gTLD Registries and Registrars version 1.0”.
     11. If permitted or required by an ICANN agreement provision, waiver, or Consensus Policy, an RDAP response may contain redacted registrant, administrative, technical and/or other contact information. If any information is redacted, the response MUST include a *remarks* member with *title* "Data Policy", *type* "object truncated due to authorization", a *description* containing the string "Some of the data in this object has been removed" and a *links* member with the elements *rel*:*alternate* and *href* indicating where the data policy can be found. An entity with redacted information MUST include the "removed" value in the *status* element.
     12. An entity object within an RDAP response MUST contain an events member with the following events:
* An event of eventAction type registration.
* An event of eventAction type last changed. The event of eventAction type last changed MUST be omitted if the Contact Object (as defined in [RFC5733](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5733.txt)) has not been updated since it was created.
* An event of eventAction type last update of RDAP database.
  + 1. In the case of a TLD in which name servers are specified as Host Objects (as defined in [RFC5732](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5732.txt)), a nameserver object within an RDAP response MUST contain an events member with the following events:
* An event of eventAction type registration.
* An event of eventAction type last changed. The event of eventAction type last changed MUST be omitted if the Host Object has not been updated since it was created.
* An event of eventAction type last update of RDAP database.
  + 1. The RDAP database (i.e. separate database used to generate the RDAP responses) MUST only include registration data (e.g., contact fields) synchronized from the Registry or Registrar database, as the case may be. For the absence of doubt, the RDAP service is one of the Registration Data Directory Services as defined in the RA and the RAA. In a case where the contracted party is querying its database directly, and therefore, using real-time data, the *eventAction* type *last update of RDAP database* MUST show the timestamp of the response to the query.
  1. Responses to domain name RDAP queries:
     1. The top-level domain object [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)] in the RDAP response MUST contain the A-label format of the domain in the ldhName member [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)].
     2. The top-level domain object in the RDAP response MUST contain the U-label format of the domain in the unicodeName member [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)], only if the domain name is an IDN.
     3. The top-level domain object in the RDAP response MUST contain a status member [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)] with the domain statuses in the SRS. The status MUST be a valid status type per the IANA’s RDAP JSON Values registry.
     4. The status member value of the RDAP *domain*, nameserver [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7482.txt)] and entity objects MUST conform to the values defined in IANA’s RDAP JSON Values (<https://www.iana.org/assignments/rdap-json-values/rdap-json-values.xhtml>) of status type.
     5. The status member of a domain object in the RDAP response MUST match the EPP Status codes in the SRS within the allowed timeframe (e.g. ≤60 minutes) to update the RDAP database from the Registry or Registrar database, as the case may be.
     6. The status member of a domain object in the RDAP response MUST be either (1) an RDAP status derived from an EPP status code (e.g. the RDAP status "pending update" is derived from EPP status code "pendingUpdate") or (2) an RDAP status according to the mapping table in Appendix C.
     7. The domain object in the RDAP response MUST contain the name servers of the domain in the nameservers member. Each nameserver object MUST contain the following member: ldhName. The following members are Optional: ipAddresses [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)], unicodeName, handle [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)] (ROID of the host object, <host:roid> as defined in [RFC5732](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5732.txt)), and status. In the case of a TLD in which name servers are specified as domain attributes, the nameserver object MUST NOT contain the following members: handle and status.
     8. The domain object in the RDAP response MUST contain entities with the following roles. Exactly one entity per role MUST be present in the response, each of them with a handle (ROID of the contact object, <contact:roid>, as defined in [RFC5733](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5733.txt)) and valid members fn, adr, tel, email (as specified in [RFC6350](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc6350.txt), the vCard Format Specification and its corresponding JSON mapping [RFC7095](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7095.txt)):
* registrant
* administrative
* technical
  + 1. The domain object in the RDAP response MAY contain an entity of the billing role with a handle (ROID of the contact object, <contact:roid>, as defined in [RFC5733](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5733.txt)) and valid members fn, adr, tel, email.
    2. The following RDDS fields used to generate the adr member of the entities with the registrant, administrative and technical roles are REQUIRED to be included in the RDAP response:
* Registrant/Admin/Tech Street
* Registrant/Admin/Tech City
* Registrant/Admin/Tech Country
  + 1. The following RDDS fields are Optional:
* Registrant/Admin/Tech Organization
* Registrant/Admin/Tech State/Province
* Registrant/Admin/Tech Postal Code
* Registrant/Admin/Tech Phone Ext
* Registrant/Admin/Tech Fax
* Registrant/Admin/Tech Fax Ext
  + 1. The domain object in the RDAP response MUST contain an entity with the registrar role (called registrar entity in this section). The handle of the entity MUST be equal to the IANA Registrar ID. A valid fn member MUST be present in the registrar entity. Other members MAY be present in the entity (as specified in [RFC6350](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc350.txt), the vCard Format Specification and its corresponding JSON mapping [RFC7095](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7095.txt)). Contracted parties MUST include an entity with the abuse role (called Abuse Entity in this section) within the registrar entity. The Abuse Entity MUST include tel and email members, and MAY include other members.
    2. The entity with the registrar role in the RDAP response MUST contain a publicIDs member [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)] to identify the IANA Registrar ID from the IANA’s Registrar ID registry (<https://www.iana.org/assignments/registrar-ids/registrar-ids.xhtml>). The type value of the publicID object MUST be equal to IANA Registrar ID.
    3. The domain object in the RDAP response MUST contain the following events:
* An event of eventAction type registration.
* An event of eventAction type expiration.
* An event of eventAction type last changed. The event of eventAction type last changed MUST be omitted if the domain name has not been updated since it was created.
* An event of eventAction type last update of RDAP database.
  + 1. The domain object in the RDAP response MAY contain the following events:
* An event of eventAction type registrar expiration.
* An event of eventAction type transfer, with the last date and time that the domain was transferred. The event of eventAction type transfer MUST be omitted if the domain name has not been transferred since it was created.
  + 1. Entities MUST use jCard [[RFC7095](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7095.txt)] structured addresses.
    2. If the queried domain name is allocated, the following applies: If allocated variant domain names exist for the queried domain name, or if the domain name is an allocated variant domain name, the domain object in the RDAP response MUST contain a variants member [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)]. The variants relation member MUST contain valid variant relation types as defined in the IANA's RDAP JSON Values registry. If the queried domain name is an allocated variant name, the original name MUST be included in the variants member.
    3. A domain name RDAP response MUST contain a remarks member with a title “EPP Status Codes”, a description containing the string “For more information on domain status codes, please visit https://icann.org/epp” and a links member with the <https://icann.org/epp> URL.
    4. The domain object in the RDAP response MUST contain a secureDNS member [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)] including at least a delegationSigned element. Other elements (e.g. dsData, maxSigLife) of the secureDNS member MUST be included, if the domain name is signed and the elements are stored in the Registry or Registrar database, as the case may be.
    5. A domain name RDAP response MUST contain a remarks member with a title “Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form”, a description containing the string “URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: https://www.icann.org/wicf” and a links member with the <https://www.icann.org/wicf> URL.
    6. The returned domain object in the RDAP response MAY contain exactly one entity with the reseller role, if the domain name was registered through a reseller.
    7. The domain object handle in the RDAP response MUST contain the Repository Object Identifier (ROID of the domain object, <domain:roid> as defined in [RFC5731](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5731.txt)) for the domain name object.

Note: a mapping of RDAP elements/objects is available in Appendix B.

* + 1. RDAP test services MAY be operated, if such services comply with the following requirements:
       1. An RDAP test service MUST NOT be listed in the IANA's Bootstrap Service registry for Domain Name Space.
       2. An RDAP test service MAY implement RDAP extensions without further approval by ICANN. The Registry Operator is not required to inform ICANN about these RDAP extensions.
       3. All RDAP test services MUST be decommissioned no later than 01 February 2019, or a later date defined by ICANN.
       4. The operation of an RDAP test service MUST NOT provide confidential information of any sort.
       5. The operation of an RDAP test service MUST NOT cause a negative impact to the security, stability, or resiliency of the Internet’s DNS or other systems.
       6. ICANN reserves the right to request termination of an RDAP test service for a given TLD at any time. Registry Operator MUST terminate an RDAP test services no later than seven (7) calendar days after receiving a request by ICANN.
       7. The RDAP test services MUST be provided over HTTPS only. The RDAP service MUST use the best practices for secure use of TLS as described in RFC7525 or its successors.

1. The following requirements apply to Registries only:
   1. Registries MUST support RDAP search requests for name servers by IP address as defined in [RFC7482](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7482.txt) section 3.2.2.
   2. If a Registry supports multiple host objects with the same name, the Registry MUST support the capability to respond with a set of host objects in response to a name server lookup, no later than 180 days after an RFC defining this capability has been published.
   3. The RDAP domain response MUST contain a links object, as defined in [RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt) section 4.2, in the topmost JSON object of the response, if the registration data of the registrant, administrative, or a technical contact is not available in the registry (i.e. a "thin" registration). The links object MUST contain the elements rel:related and href pointing to the Registrar's RDAP URL of the queried domain name object.
   4. Registries offering Whois contact lookup (e.g., per exhibit A of their RA) MUST support RDAP lookup request for entities with any role within other objects using the handle (as described in 3.1.5 of [RFC7482](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7482.txt)).
   5. Sections 1.5.8, 1.5.9, 1.5.10 and 1.5.11 do not apply for "thin" registrations.
   6. Reporting requirements:
      1. Specification 3 of the RA specifies the format and content of the monthly reporting for Registry operators. The following rows are added to the Registry Functions Activity Report under section 2:

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| Field # | Field Name | Description |
| 40 | rdap-queries | Number of RDAP queries during the period. |
| 41 | rdap-rate-limit | Number of RDAP queries refused due to rate limiting for the period. |
| 42 | rdap-redirects | Number of HTTP redirects for the period. |
| 43 | rdap-authenticated | Number of authenticated RDAP queries for the period. |
| 44 | rdap-search-domain | Number of RDAP domain search queries for the period. |
| 45 | rdap-search-entity | Number of RDAP entity search queries for the period. |
| 46 | rdap-truncated-authorization | Number of RDAP responses truncated due to authorization. Includes both results and object truncation events. |
| 47 | rdap-truncated-load | Number of RDAP responses truncated due to server load. Includes both results and object truncation events. |
| 48 | rdap-truncated-unexplainable | Number of RDAP responses truncated due to unexplainable reasons. Includes both results and object truncation events. |

* 1. RDAP Bootstrapping requirements:
     1. The base URL of RDAP services MUST be registered in the IANA's Bootstrap Service registry for Domain Name Space (<https://www.iana.org/assignments/rdap-dns/rdap-dns.xhtml>), as described in [RFC7484](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7484.txt), through the IANA Root Zone Management system. A separate entry is required for each TLD.
     2. When the RDAP service base URL needs to be changed, the previous URL and the new one MUST remain in operation until: 1) the IANA's Bootstrap Service registry for Domain Name Space is updated, and 2) the date and time in the Expires HTTP header of a HTTP/GET request performed on the IANA's Bootstrap registry for Domain Name Space (after the new URL has been published) has elapsed.
     3. An IANA's Bootstrap registry for Domain Name Space entry MUST be populated with an HTTPS URL only.
  2. Response to registrar queries:
     1. In response to registrar queries, the returned RDAP response MUST be an entity with registrar role, with a handle and valid elements fn, adr, tel, email.
     2. Registrar object lookup using an entity search on the fn element MUST be supported.
     3. Registries MUST support lookup for entities with the registrar role within other objects using the handle (as described in 3.1.5 of [RFC7482](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7482.txt)). The handle of the entity with the registrar role MUST be equal to IANA Registrar ID. The entity with the registrar role in the RDAP response MUST contain a publicIDs member to identify the IANA Registrar ID from the IANA’s Registrar ID registry. The type value of the publicID object MUST be equal to IANA Registrar ID.
     4. The adr member in the RDAP response for a Registrar query MUST at least contain the following RDDS fields:
* Street
* City
* Country
  + 1. The following RDDS fields in the RDAP response for a Registrar query are Optional:
* State/Province
* Postal Code
* Fax Number
  + 1. The RDAP response SHOULD contain at least two entities, with the administrative and technical roles respectively within the entity with the registrar role. The entities with the administrative and technical roles MUST contain a handle and valid fn, tel, email members, and MAY contain a valid adr element.
  1. Responses to name server RDAP queries:
     1. Registries MUST support nameserver lookup queries based on the name server’s name as specified in 3.1.4 of [RFC7482](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7482.txt).
     2. The name server's name MUST be specified in the ldhName in A-label format.
     3. All known glue record IPv4 and IPv6 addresses for the name server MUST be listed in the ipAddresses member.
     4. The unicodeName member MUST be present in the response to a nameserver lookup, if the name server has an IDN label.
     5. The Registrar RDDS field is Optional; if present, it MUST be represented as an entity with the registrar role. The handle of the entity with the registrar role MUST be equal to IANA Registrar ID. The entity with the registrar role in the RDAP response MUST contain a publicIDs member to identify the IANA Registrar ID from the IANA’s Registrar ID registry. The type value of the *publicID* object MUST be equal to IANA Registrar ID.
     6. In the case of a Registry in which name servers are specified as domain attributes, the existence of a name server used as an attribute for an allocated domain name MUST be treated as equivalent to the existence of a host object.
     7. The nameserver object MUST contain the following member: ldhName. The following members are Optional: ipAddresses [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)], unicodeName, handle [[RFC7483](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt)] (ROID of the host object, <host:roid> as defined in [RFC5732](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5732.txt)) and status. In the case of a Registry in which name servers are specified as domain attributes, the *nameserver* object MUST NOT contain the following members: *handle* and *status*.

1. The following requirements apply to Registrars only:
   1. **Responses to domain name RDAP queries:**
      1. For all gTLDs, with the exception of .com, .jobs and .net[[1]](#footnote-2), Registrars are REQUIRED to provide an RDAP service for domain names for which the Registrar is the Sponsoring Registrar, and the registration data stored in the Registry is "thin". Registrars MAY offer an RDAP service for domain names registered under any gTLD.
      2. A Registrar MUST return an HTTP 404 response when the Registrar is not the Sponsoring Registrar for the domain name.
      3. The *domain* object *handle* in the RDAP response MUST contain the Repository Object Identifier (ROID of the domain object, *<domain:roid>* as defined in [RFC5731](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5731)) for the Domain Name object. For example, a Registrar could obtain the ROID from the Registry via EPP and cache the information locally after creating or gaining a domain name via a transfer.
      4. The *entity* *handle* in the RDAP response MUST contain the Repository Object Identifier (ROID of the contact object, *<contact:roid>*, as defined in [RFC5733](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5733)) for the Contact object. For example, a Registrar could obtain the ROID from the Registry via EPP and cache the information locally. The RAA 2013 defines that this information MUST be shown if available from the Registry. If this information is not available from the Registry (e.g., a "thin" Registry), the *handle* MUST contain the unique identifier within the Registrar.
      5. The *eventAction* type *last changed* MUST reflect the date and time of the latest successful update known to the Registrar. Registrars are not required to constantly refresh this date from the Registry.
      6. The *status* element MUST reflect the latest known set of EPP statuses in the Registry. Registrars are not required to constantly refresh the EPP statuses from the Registry.
2. Open Issues

The following issues have been identified in the RDAP base specification required to mirror the current RDDS requirements. The following section describes the issues found, and the possible solutions. Implementers are advised that the RFC(s) published in the future to handle this missing functionality may be different from the proposed solution in this section.

## Status Codes for Domains

The current Whois requirements (see, Additional Whois Information Policy,

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/policy-awip-2014-07-02-en>) require the use the EPP domain statuses codes in responses.

This issue is discussed in the IETF document “Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP) and Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Status Mapping” (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-gould-epp-rdap-status-mapping>). This Internet Draft suggests new RDAP status codes to cover the EPP domain statuses that cannot be mapped to the currently defined RDAP statuses.

### Possible Solutions

Add RDAP statuses to the IANA's RDAP JSON Values registry mapping to the missing EPP domain name statuses.

## Multiple host objects for the same name server name

Items 29, 30, 32 of the RDDS Clarification Advisory (<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registry-agreement-raa-rdds-2015-04-27-en>) cover the case of the existence of multiple host objects for the same name server name. This requirement is not supported by the RDAP specification‬‬‬‬. ‬‬‬

**Possible Solutions**

An Internet Draft (https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-lozano-rdap-nameservers-sharing-name) with a potential solution for this issue was published in the IETF I-D repository, and the author is working with the REGEXT WG to move it through the IETF process.

1. Data Elements Mappings

## Domain Name Query Elements (this section applies to both registries and registrars)

The table below provides data elements mappings of RDDS fields to RDAP for Domain Name queries.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| RDDS field | | Location in RDAP Response |
| **Registry** | **Registrar** |
| **General** | | |
| WHOIS Server / Referral URL |  | links object with rel:related |
|  | WHOIS Server / Referral URL | [Not applicable in RDAP] |
| Last update of WHOIS database | Last update of WHOIS database | events.eventAction "last update of RDAP database" |
| **Domains** | | |
| Domain Name | Domain Name | ldhName |
| Domain ID | Registry Domain ID | handle |
| Updated Date | Updated Date | events.eventAction “last changed” |
| Creation Date | Creation Date | events.eventAction “registration” |
| Registry Expiry Date |  | events.eventAction “expiration” |
| Registrar Registration Expiration Date | Registrar Registration Expiration Date | events.eventAction "registrar expiration" |
| Domain Status | Domain Status | status object |
| Name Server | Name Server | nameservers.ldhname |
| DNSSEC | DNSSEC | secureDNS object |
| Internationalized Domain Name | Internationalized Domain Name | unicodeName |
| **Registrar** | | |
| Sponsoring Registrar | Registrar | entities.roles registrar |
| Sponsoring Registrar IANA ID | Registrar IANA ID | publicIDs.identifier |
| Registrar Abuse Contact Email | Registrar Abuse Contact Email | entities.role abuse |
| Registrar Abuse Contact Phone | Registrar Abuse Contact Phone | entities role abuse |
| **Reseller** | | |
| Reseller | Reseller | entities.roles reseller |
| **Registrant Contact** | | **entities role registrant** |
| Registrant ID | Registry Registrant ID | entity.handle |
| Registrant Name | Registrant Name | jCard “fn” |
| Registrant Organization | Registrant Organization | org |
| Registrant Street | Registrant Street | Grouped into the adr member. |
| Registrant City | Registrant City |
| Registrant State/Province | Registrant State/Province |
| Registrant Postal Code | Registrant Postal Code |
| Registrant Country | Registrant Country |
| Registrant Phone Number | Registrant Phone Number | tel with a type parameter voice |
| Registrant Phone Number Ext | Registrant Phone Number Ext | ext |
| Registrant Fax | Registrant Fax | tel with a type parameter fax |
| Registrant Fax Ext | Registrant Fax Ext | ext |
| Registrant Email | Registrant Email | email |
| **Administrative Contact** | | **entity role administrative** |
| Admin ID | Registry Admin ID | entity.handle |
| Admin Name | Admin Name | jCard “fn” |
| Admin Organization | Admin Organization | org |
| Admin Street | Admin Street | Grouped into the adr member. |
| Admin City | Admin City |
| Admin State/Province | Admin State/Province |
| Admin Postal Code | Admin Postal Code |
| Admin Country | Admin Country |
| Admin Phone Number | Admin Phone Number | tel with a type parameter voice |
| Admin Phone Number Ext | Admin Phone Number Ext | ext |
| Admin Fax | Admin Fax | tel with a type parameter fax |
| Admin Fax Ext | Admin Fax Ext | ext |
| Admin Email | Admin Email | email |
| **Technical Contact** | | **entitites.role technical** |
| Tech ID | Registry Tech ID | entity.handle |
| Tech Name | Tech Name | jCard “fn” |
| Tech Organization | Tech Organization | org |
| Tech Street | Tech Street | Grouped into the adr member. |
| Tech City | Tech City |
| Tech State/Province | Tech State/Province |
| Tech Postal Code | Tech Postal Code |
| Tech Country | Tech Country |
| Tech Phone Number | Tech Phone Number | tel with a type parameter voice |
| Tech Phone Number Ext | Tech Phone Number Ext | ext |
| Tech Fax | Tech Fax | tel with a type parameter fax |
| Tech Fax Ext | Tech Fax Ext | ext |
| Tech Email | Tech Email | email |
| **Billing Contact** | | **entities role billing** |
| Billing ID | Registry Billing ID | entity.handle |
| Billing Name | Billing Name | jCard “fn” |
| Billing Organization | Billing Organization | org |
| Billing Street | Billing Street | Grouped into the adr member. |
| Billing City | Billing City |
| Billing State/Province | Billing State/Province |
| Billing Postal Code | Billing Postal Code |
| Billing Country | Billing Country |
| Billing Phone Number | Billing Phone Number | tel with a type parameter voice |
| Billing Phone Number Ext | Billing Phone Number Ext | ext |
| Billing Fax | Billing Fax | tel with a type parameter fax |
| Billing Fax Ext | Billing Fax Ext | ext |
| Billing Email | Billing Email | email |

## Name Server Elements (this section only applies to registries)

The table below provides data elements mappings of RDDS fields to RDAP for Name Server queries.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| RDDS field | Location in RDAP Response |
| **Registry** |
| Server Name | nameserver.ldhName |
| IP Address | nameserver.ipAddresses |
| Registrar | entities.roles registrar |
| WHOIS Server / Referral URL | [Not applicable in RDAP] |
| Last update of WHOIS database (RA and RAA) | events.eventAction "last update of RDAP database" |

## Registrar Queries Elements (this section only applies to registries)

The table below provides data elements mappings of RDDS fields to RDAP for Registrar queries.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| RDDS field | Location in RDAP Response |
| **Registry** |
| **General** |  |
| WHOIS Server / Referral URL | [Not applicable in RDAP] |
| Last update of WHOIS database (RA and RAA) | events.eventAction "last update of RDAP database" |
| **Registrar** | **entities.role registrar** |
| Registrar Name | jCard fn |
| Registrar Street | Grouped into the adr member. |
| Registrar City |
| Registrar State/Province |
| Registrar Postal Code |
| Registrar Country |
| Registrar Phone Number | tel with a type parameter voice |
| Registrar Phone Number Ext | ext |
| Registrar Fax | tel with a type parameter fax |
| Registrar Fax Ext | ext |
| Registrar Email | email |
| **Registrar Administrative Contact** | **entity.role administrative** |
| Admin Contact | jCard fn |
| Phone Number | tel with a type parameter voice |
| Phone Number Ext | ext |
| Fax Number | tel with a type parameter fax |
| Fax Number Ext | ext |
| Email | email |
| **Registrar Technical Contact** | **entitites.role technical** |
| Technical Contact | jCard fn |
| Phone Number | tel with a type parameter voice |
| Phone Number Ext | ext |
| Fax Number | tel with a type parameter fax |
| Fax Number Ext | ext |
| Email | email |

1. EPP status code mapping

| **EPP Status Code** | **RDAP Status Code** | **Comments** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| linked (contact status from [RFC5733](https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc5733.txt)) | associated | Applies to name servers and entities, when they are associated with a network resource or domain. | |
| ok | active |  | |

1. RDAP IETF Standards

RDAP standards are a set of specifications, which together provide a complete RDAP service. Each specification is briefly described below.

RFC7480 - HTTP Usage in the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)

<https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7480.txt>

Describes usage of HTTP transport for RDAP, error messages, RDAP extensions, rate limiting and internationalization with URIs.

RFC7481 - Security Services for the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)

<https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7481.txt>

Covers access control, authentication, authorization, privacy, data confidentiality and RDAP services availability considerations.

RFC7482 - Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Query Format

<https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7482.txt>

Defines the URL patterns for networks, autonomous systems, reverse DNS, name servers, registrars and entities queries. Also covers help requests, search (wildcards) and internationalization in requests.

RFC7483 - JSON Responses for the Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP)

<https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7483.txt>

Defines JSON object classes for domains, name servers, entities, IP networks and autonomous system numbers. Describe answers to help queries, searches, JSON-embedded error codes and truncated answers.

RFC7484 - Finding the Authoritative Registration Data (RDAP) Service

<https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7484.txt>

Describes a method to find the authoritative server for RDAP data.

IANA RDAP JSON Values Registry

<https://www.iana.org/assignments/rdap-json-values/rdap-json-values.xhtml>

This registry defines valid values for RDAP JSON status, role, notices and remarks, event action, and domain variant relation, as defined in RFC7483.

IANA Bootstrap Service Registry for Domain Name Space

<https://www.iana.org/assignments/rdap-dns/rdap-dns.xhtml>

1. Other References

RFC7485 - Inventory and Analysis of WHOIS Registration Objects

<https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc7485.txt>

Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP) and Registration Data Access Protocol (RDAP) Status Mapping

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-gould-epp-rdap-status-mapping>

jCard: The JSON Format for vCard

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7095>

vCard Format Specification

<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6350>

gTLD Registry Agreement

<https://newgtlds.icann.org/sites/default/files/agreements/agreement-approved-09jan14-en.htm>

2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/approved-with-specs-2013-09-17-en>

ICANN Advisories

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/advisories-2012-02-25-en>

Advisory: Clarifications to the Registry Agreement, and the 2013 Registrar Accreditation Agreement (

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registry-agreement-raa-rdds-2015-04-27-en>

Advisory: Registrar Implementation of the 2013 RAA's Whois Requirements

<https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2013-07-31-en>

ICANN Consensus Policies

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registrars/consensus-policies-en>

Additional Whois Information Policy

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/policy-awip-2014-07-02-en>

EPP Status Code (ICANN)

<https://www.icann.org/epp>

Draft Final Report from the Expert Working Group on Internationalized Registration Data

<https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/ird/ird-draft-final-10mar15-en.pdf>

Study to Evaluate Available Solutions for the Submission and Display of Internationalized Contact Data

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/transform-dnrd-02jun14-en.pdf>

Final Report on the Thick Whois Policy Development Process

<https://gnso.icann.org/en/issues/whois/thick-final-21oct13-en.pdf>

ICANN Whois Marketing Restriction Policy

<https://www.icann.org/resources/pages/registrars/consensus-policies/wmrp-en>

gTLD Applicant Guidebook

<https://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/agb/guidebook-full-04jun12-en.pdf>

RIPE RDAP Implementation (beta)

<https://github.com/RIPE-NCC/whois/wiki/RDAP>

CNNIC RDAP Project Git

<https://github.com/cnnic/rdap>

APNIC RDAP Conformance Git

<https://github.com/APNIC-net/rdap-conformance>

Viagenie RDAP Test Suite

<http://rdap.viagenie.ca>

Mozilla Included CA Certificate List

<https://wiki.mozilla.org/CA:IncludedCAs>

CAB Forum Baseline Requirements

<https://cabforum.org/baseline-requirements-documents>

1. The upcoming Thick Whois Policy that covers the transition of .com, .jobs and .net gTLDs from thin to thick Whois will define an implementation date for Registrars to offer an RDAP service for registrations under these TLDs. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)