

Designation and removal of RSOs

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Designation and removal of RSOs

Acronyms

- RSO(s): root server operator(s)
- RSS: root server system
- RSS GS: root server system governance structure

4. **2.10 I Maintain and enhance trust in the RSS**

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The decision-making framework used to establish the number and identities of RSOs must preserve and enhance trust in the RSS.

Considerations for implementation

- The “equation” that defines how many RSOs is an implementation artifact that supports the engineering reality.

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5. Please provide any additional considerations for implementation.

6. **2.11 I Maintain and enhance trust in RSS performance**



The decision-making framework used to establish the number and identities of RSOs must preserve and demonstrate competence, consistency, commitment, and care for the RSS.

Considerations for implementation

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8. **2.20 I Move cautiously**

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Changes to the composition and identity of the RSOs must be undertaken with caution. Extreme or rapid change to identities or numbers of RSOs creates unnecessary operational risk and is to be avoided.

Considerations for implementation

- See, for example, RSSAC058 Success Criteria A.7.3, designation or removal will require, at minimum, approval by a supermajority of RSOs.

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10. **2.29 I Balance of service coverage**

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The RSS GS must ensure balance of service coverage for the RSS.

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11. Please provide any considerations for implementation.

12. **2.30 I RSS service mission is global and universal in scope** *

The RSS is a service that is provided to the world without regard to the identity, affiliation, or location of the user.

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14. **2.31 I RSO service mission is global and universal in scope**



Each RSO holds a position of global trust, and each RSO must maintain a service that is globally available.

Considerations for implementation

- RSOs must provide a global service.
- The RSS GS must ensure that the aggregate of all RSOs deliver on a globally architected solution.

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16. **2.40 I Criteria objectivity and transparency** *

Decisions about designation and removal of RSOs must be based on criteria that are both objective and transparent.

Considerations for implementation

- Designation and removal are two different processes that require different standards.

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18. **2.41 I Impartiality of decision-making** *

Decisions about designation and removal of RSOs must be made in a manner that is impartial.

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19. Please provide any considerations for implementation.

20. **2.60 I Technical necessity**

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Any additional RSO designation must be based solely on objective technical necessity.

Considerations for implementation

- This principle does not alter the need to preserve and promote RSO organizational diversity as discussed in RSSAC058 Success Criteria A.2.1.2.

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22. **2.70 I Due diligence on candidate RSOs** *

The RSS GS must conduct appropriate due diligence to assess the technological and non-technological characteristics of a candidate RSOs and to assure the RSS stakeholders that the candidate RSO complies with adopted designation criteria.

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24. **2.80 I Differentiate treatment of designation and removal of RSOs** *

Decisions on designation of an RSO are different from decisions on removal of an RSO and should be subject to different frameworks.

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26. **2.100 | Funds received from RSO designation are dedicated to the RSS** *

If the RSS GS receives funds in the process of assessing and granting a new RSO designation, such funds must be placed at the disposal of the RSS GS and used to benefit the RSS.

Considerations for implementation

- This is not a mandate to charge, or accept money from, applicants.
- This is merely guidance on what to do if there is going to be such a charge.

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28. **2.210 I Voluntary resignation**

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Each RSO should have a path available that enables it to voluntarily resign its designation as an RSO in a controlled manner.

Considerations for implementation

- Avoid situations where too many RSOs can resign too quickly.
- The onus is on the RSS GS to manage the resignation process.
- Candidate RSOs must have a plan for this in much the same way that they are expected to have incident response plans and related management in place.

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