

PROPOSED BULK WHOIS POLICY

I. As to who may have access to the Whois database, in the form of Bulk Whois.

Access to Bulk Whois may be requested by any organization that considers it convenient. In order to do so they shall:

- Submit an application including all the organization's information (name of the organization, postal address, point of contact, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address) and an explanation or the reasons why it is requesting a copy of the database.

Possible reasons that may be considered for granting authorization to access Bulk Whois are exclusively, at least, one of the following:

- research,
- security software design or preparation,
- projects for enhancing Internet performance,
- network traffic optimization.

If the stated use is research, sufficient information must be supplied to justify why the database is necessary for said research.

Applications shall be public and shall be published on LACNIC's webpage in a section yet to be determined, where the response to the application shall also be included, whether it is approval or non-approval. In both cases LACNIC's personnel shall communicate to the announcement list the resolution and the reasons that justify said resolution.

II. As to applications authorized to access Bulk Whois

In case an application is approved, the applicant shall sign a contract with LACNIC whereby the applicant agrees to use the copy received from the database exclusively for the purposes for which it was requested and approved.

Likewise, the contract shall establish the penalties and responsibilities applicable in case of unauthorized use of the information provided by Bulk Whois. The contract shall include non-redistribution and non-retransmission clauses for the data provided to the entity presenting the application.

By default, the copy of the database provided to the applicant shall not include point of contact information; only the following information shall be supplied: an identifier (nic-handle) and only the name, city and country of the entity shall be included.

Should the applicant require the information excluded by default, the applicant shall present a detailed justification of why this information is necessary. If this information is included in the copy, its use shall be regulated by the contract.

All organizations that receive a copy of the Whois database for research purposes shall inform LACNIC of the investigation's progress and results, as well as the finalization of said investigation, at LACNIC's request.

III. Recommendations

1. An explicit privacy of information policy is recommended for those searches allowed through LACNIC's webpage, as well as a privacy of information policy in LACNIC's databases.
2. It is recommended that the established group, or another group designated by LACNIC, begin the analysis and determine the usefulness and applicability of RWhois for LACNIC.