

POLICY FOR RECOVERING UNUTILIZED INTERNET RESOURCES

Description of the Problem

Consider that the term "Unutilized Internet Resources" refers to those resources that are not visible on the global Internet table for a period of over one year. According to this definition there are 617 unutilized allocations (IPv4 prefixes). The majority of these prefixes (over 400) correspond to allocations prior to 1995. Something similar occurs with ASNs: there are 81 which are unutilized (32 are allocated to organizations that have ceased to exist).

Proposal

WHEN RESOURCES ARE UNUTILIZED AND:

1. The organization's contact can be located but the contact does not agree to return the resources
In this case the organization keeps the blocks
2. The contact does not respond or is no longer related to the organization that requested the resources.
 - a. The organization's existence is verified and
 - b. No information can be found as to the organization's status
List the names of the organizations about which there are doubts on a webpage. Likewise, create a bulletin, perhaps to be distributed on a monthly basis, so that the entire community becomes a potential "ally."
3. It is verified that the organization no longer exists (independent of whether the contact responds or not).
 - a. The organization has ceased to exist because it was acquired by another organization and the resources are no longer utilized
Resources are recovered (LACNIC may reallocate these resources)
 - b. The organization has ceased to exist because it was acquired by another organization but it can be justified that services or users that utilize the resources have also been transferred
In this case LACNIC accepts the transfer of the resources
 - c. The organization has disappeared, it is no longer operating. The resources are no longer being utilized
If services are no longer being offered, the resources are recovered by LACNIC
 - d. The organization has disappeared, it is no longer operating. The resources are still being utilized
The new organization must formally present its request for resource allocation before LACNIC; if it satisfies all the applicable requirements, it may continue to utilize the resources, otherwise LACNIC recovers them.

Summary of Comments Received on the Mailing List:

1. To separate the problems of updating information and recovering resources, to view them as separate problems with separate solutions.
2. To respect the use of resources. To not proceed to recovery even though the information is not up-to-date.
3. In the case that one company is acquired by another, a policy for transferring existing resources should be applied.
4. For organizations for which there is no certain information, bulletins could be implemented to help obtain information through other members of the community regarding the status of these organizations.
5. It is important to consider the opinion of the legal department before ratifying this policy.
6. Recovery of IPv4 resources outside 200/8 and 201/8 would remain pending their destination.

7. The spirit of this policy is not intended to take back resources simply for the sake of recovering resources, but to identify those resources that are not recognized as belonging to an organization.