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How do we collect and process data today?

- Registrars and registries process a ton of personal data
- Much of it is not essential to providing domain registration services
- Data is shared globally without restriction
- It's also published in the public Whois

Do these practices serve the individual?

The GDPR calls us to:

Process data more consciously and responsibly

- Process data lawfully, fairly, and transparently
- Collect data for specific and legitimate purposes

Ask which personal data elements we *should* collect

minimize to only the data relevant and required for the purposes collected

Provide customers greater control of their personal data

- Keep data only for as long as is necessary to fulfill its intended purpose
- Ensure that we securely and accurately process the data we receive and keep it up-to-date



What makes the GDPR different?

Scope

The GDPR's rules are complex and applicable to:

- Any company located in the EU
- Any company that processes EU residents' personal data
- Any company that contracts with a company in the EU to process personal data

The policy also extends the rights of data subjects

• Even EU organizations compliant with current law will need to make changes

Severity

Fines of up 4% of annual global turnover or €20 Million (whichever is greater)

How We're Thinking about the GDPR

"Privacy by default and by design."

Consent and Control

Clear, informed consent and individual control over the use of personal data are basic rights in the GDPR.

Transparency

Timely, transparent reporting of security breaches allows any affected person to respond in whatever way they feel is appropriate to protect their privacy.

The right to be forgotten

EU-locals have the right to revoke consent for a service provider to use their data and must be able to invoke this right using a straightforward method.

We'll extend the benefits of GDPR to everyone whose data we process by applying all changes platform-wide.



What data do we *need* in order to register a domain, and how can we *legally* collect it?

The essentials:

Registrant's First name, Last name, Email, Country, IP address

• This is what what is truly necessary to register a domain name

We also process the following:

Street address, phone number, fax number for the registrant as well as the technical contact, and administrative contact.

- These elements are required by ICANN
- Some registries request additional elements
- These data, while not essential to registration, can be useful



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GDPR Restrictions:

Data minimization: We may only collect data that is relevant and required for the purposes collected.

Disclosure: Registrants have the right to know **which data** is being processed, but also **why**, **where** and **how** it is being processed.

Justification: We must have a legal basis for processing each data element we collect:

Contract | Consent



Why relying on consent alone isn't enough

Consent	Contract
 Can be withdrawn at any time Has many restrictions and conditions Involves a high level of risk 	 Applicable if data is necessary to provide a service Involves less risk and can't be withdrawn
We'll use consent as the legal basis to collect nice-to-have data.	We'll use contract as the legal basis to collect need-to-have data.

In both cases, the principle of data minimization still applies.

Our Solution



Data minimization



Contract changes



Consent management



Whois Changes

How will Whois be affected?



What is the future of Whois?



Personal data can no longer be published in the public Whois



There is no legal basis for publishing it, and once published, it's no longer secure



Our solution is a "gated" Whois system with restricted access for legitimate parties

Registrant Name: EXAMPLE REGISTRANT

Registrant Organization: EXAMPLE ORGANIZATION

Registrant Street: 123 EXAMPLE STREET

Registrant City: ANYTOWN Registrant State/Province: AP5 Registrant Postal Code: A1A1A16

Registrant Country: AA

Registrant Phone: +1.5555551212 Registrant Phone Ext: 12347 Registrant Fax: +1.5555551213

Registrant Email: EMAIL@EXAMPLE.TLD

Admin Name: EXAMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE Admin Organization: EXAMPLE ORGANIZATION

Admin Street: 123 EXAMP

Admin City: ANYTOWN Admin State/Province

Admin Postal Code: Admin Country: AA

Admin Phone: +1.5555 Admin Phone Ext: 1234

Admin Fax: +1.5555551213

Admin Email: EMAIL@EXAMPLE.TLD

Tech Name: EXAMPLE TECHNICAL

Tech Organization: EXAMPLE LLC Tech Street: 123 EXAMPLE STREET

Tech City: ANYTOWN Tech State/Province: AP

Tech Postal Code: A1A1A1

Tech Country: AA

Tech Phone: +1.1235551234

Tech Phone Ext; 1234 Tech Fax: +1.5555551213

Tech Email: EMAIL@EXAMPLE.TLD

Working for Ourselves and our Resellers

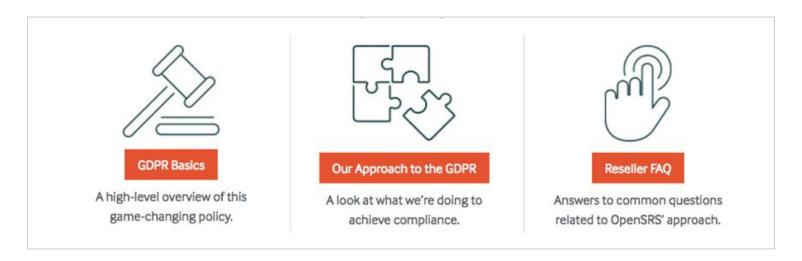
Fighting for our industry

- Spearheading work with ICANN and registries
- Collaborating with other key players to lead the way
- Addressing changes that conflict with existing ICANN policies

Designing our own best approach to the GDPR

- Keeping domain purchase and management as straightforward, simple, and instantaneous as possible for the end-user
- Minimizing the impact to, and action required by, our resellers

Check out our blogs and resource pages



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