



“Whois AUP” Policy Proposal

- Started in 2002 in order prevent abuse of ARIN whois data (only bulk whois is protected by AUP right now), to deal with several other security issues with whois distribution as well as expand availability of bulk whois
- Provides for one unified policy that deals with distribution of ARIN whois data - this possibly should have been called *“Whois Data Distribution Policy Proposal”*



How this proposal changes current policies

- Specifies that one unified AUP should apply to any type of access to ARIN public whois database
- Allows individual users to request bulk whois data (currently can only be done by organizations)
- Allows for bulk whois data to be obtained by requesting hard media (and not only through public internet protocol such as ftp)
- Specifies other security measures to be used when bulk whois data is distributed through public internet



Changes to previous version of this policy proposal

- Although policy had support during ARIN Chicago meeting, afterwards it was pointed out by ARIN council that public policy can not include text of legal document (which AUP is)
- So instead of specifying exact text of the AUP in first part of the policy only general points are provided of what AUP should have and ARIN legal staff should use these as guideline when creating actual AUP.



What should be in ARIN AUP

- Information on appropriate use of whois data only for purposes of research and Internet operations
- Information on inappropriate use of whois data such as for advertising, direct marketing, marketing research or similar purposes
- Information on restrictions for redistribution of ARIN whois data by third parties in order to insure such redistributed data is used in accordance with requirements of this policy
- Information on procedures and actions ARIN may take if WHOIS AUP is not followed