

Discord over Directory Services

How did we get here, and where
do we go now?

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Proposal Origin

- ARIN XII, Chicago IL, October 2003
 - Five policies that touch Directory Services.
 - A lot of discussion about how the policies interacted.
- History of WHOIS
 - Published by ARIN

Why This Proposal?

- A Unified Approach
- A Comprehensive Approach
- A Compromise for All

What happened at ARIN XV?

- The 'G' Men showed up.
 - And they spoke.
- The Lawyers showed up.
 - And they didn't speak.

What did the 'G' Men say?

- This proposal makes it harder to do our jobs.
- Note, the full comments are available at http://www.arin.net/meetings/minutes/ARIN_XV/ppm_minutes_day2.html#anchor_2

What happened on PPML post-meeting?

- Confusion over “allowed” and “prohibited uses”.
 - A semantic game?
- Argument over CD distribution, compared to DVD or other newer media distribution.
 - A lot of discussion over something that is almost never used?
- Concerns that reassignment information would have to be resubmitted before a new request.
 - Not the intention, but does the wording need to be changed?

What didn't happen at the meeting or on PPML?

- Support.

The Experiment has Failed

- Putting everything in a single proposal did not result in a proposal that was any easier to pass.
- It did have the positive effect of involving several parties who have a strong interest in directory services who were previously in the shadows.

The Proposal will be Dropped

What does the future hold?

- Mark Kosters has suggested we define the “purpose and scope” of directory services.
 - Attack the problem from one level higher to avoid rat-holes on the details.
- The membership needs to better understand what data is in the database, and how various parties are using it.
 - It’s hard to make policy when there are many different uses, but you’ve only been exposed to your own.