



Searchable WHOIS Policy

This document describes the policies governing the use of searchable Whois in the Rightside registry.

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1 Introduction

The searchable WHOIS function provides flexible search ability for users through a web-based interface.

This service is available to approved Law Enforcement and other Qualified Entities with a demonstrated need that have been verified by United TLD and issued with user credentials.

2 Definitions

Authorized Contact - means the person authorized to apply for the Searchable WHOIS function and has signed the United TLD's Searchable WHOIS Agreement on behalf of a Law Enforcement or other Qualified Entity.

Law Enforcement - means an entity authorized by a national government and whose responsibilities include the maintenance, co-ordination, or enforcement of laws, multi-national treaty or government-imposed legal obligations.

Qualified Entity – means quasi-governmental or other similar authorities designated by a national or territorial government to obtain the information. For example in the USA, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

Whois – means the query and response protocol used for querying the registry database to obtain registration information about a domain name.

3 Applying for User Credentials

A Law Enforcement or other Entity wishing to use the Searchable WHOIS function must apply for credentials to the registry at searchwhois@unitedtld.com

An applicant must provide suitable documentation to prove their identity as a

representative of Law Enforcement.

If not a member of Law Enforcement, a user must submit documentation to support their designation as a Qualified Entity. Information such as a Charter or evidence of Governmental authorization must be supplied along with user information.

Contact / User information to be provided:

- Contact Name (First, Last)
- Contact Phone Number
- Contact email address

All qualification decisions will be made by United TLD and will be Final. Once the application is verified, the Authorized contact will be issued with a User ID and password which will be required to access the online WHOIS query form.

3.1 Use

A user manual with specific instructions on how to conduct a searchable whois is provided to users and can be downloaded at:

http://unitedtld.com/docs/UnitedTLD_SearchableWHOIS.UserManual.pdf.

A search should be kept as narrow as possible in order to minimize the impact on the database and keep the results to within manageable levels.

3.2 Access Policy

The information displayed by United TLD's Whois service consists of the domain name and other relevant registrant contact information associated with the domain name as required by ICANN. It also identifies the nameserver delegation and the registrar of record.

The data in the Whois record is provided for informational purposes only and United TLD does not represent or warrant that the information is accurate. This service is intended only for query-based access.

United TLD reserves the right to modify use terms at any time and by submitting a Searchable Whois query to United TLD's shared registration system (SRS), users agree to abide by this Whois Access Policy.

3.3 Terms of Use

Users accessing the United TLD Searchable Whois function agree to use the data only for lawful purposes, and under no circumstances may this data be used to:

- Allow, enable, or otherwise support the transmission by e-mail, telephone, or facsimile of mass unsolicited, commercial advertising or solicitations to entities other than the registrar's own existing customers.
- Enable high volume, automated, electronic processes that send queries or data to the systems of United TLD or any ICANN-accredited registrar, except as reasonably necessary to register domain names or modify existing registrations.

When using the United TLD Searchable Whois service, please consider the following:

- Whois is not considered authoritative for registered domain objects.
- The Whois service may be scheduled for downtime during production or OT&E maintenance periods.

United TLD will block user access to the Searchable Whois facility when users are found in violation of this policy.