

The purposes for collecting data for WHOIS system include:

- a. Providing legitimate access to accurate, reliable, and uniform registration data;
- b. Enabling a reliable mechanism for identifying and contacting the registrant;
- c. Enabling the publication of technical and administrative points of contact administering the domain names at the request of the registrant;
- d. Providing reasonably accurate and up to date information about the technical and administrative points of contact administering the domain names;
- e. Supporting a framework to address issues involving domain name registrations, including but not limited to: consumer protection, investigation of cybercrime, DNS abuse, and intellectual property protection;
- f. Providing a framework to address appropriate law enforcement needs;
- g. Facilitating the provision of zone files of gTLDs to Internet users;
- h. Providing mechanisms for safeguarding registrants' registration data in the event of a business or technical failure, or other unavailability of a registrar or registry;
- i. Coordinating dispute resolution services for certain disputes concerning domain names;
- j. Handling contractual compliance complaints submitted by registries, registrars, registrants, and other Internet users.

Source:

<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/files/gdpr-compliance-interim-model-08mar18-en.pdf>