NAME
whois.conf − alternative WHOIS servers list for whois client

SYNOPSIS
/etc/whois.conf

DESCRIPTION
This file contains a list of WHOIS servers which can augment or override the built-in list of the client.

It's a plain text file in ASCII encoding. Each line consists of two fields: a pattern to match WHOIS object identifier and a corresponding WHOIS server domain name.

Fields are separated by non-empty sequence of space or a tabular characters. A line starting with a hash character is a free comment and it's not considered.

The pattern is case-insensitive extended regular expression if whois client has been compiled with POSIX regular expressions support. Otherwise, simple case-insensitive suffix comparison against WHOIS object identifier is used.

Internationalized domain names (IDN) must be specified in ascii-compatible encoding (ACE) format.

EXAMPLE
```
\.nz$           nz.whois-servers.net
# Hangul Korean TLD
\.xn--3e0b707e$   whois.kr
# Private ASNs
^as645(1[2-9]|2[0-9]|3[0-4])$    whois.example.net
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FILES
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SEE ALSO
whois(1)

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