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Changes in the .fi domain name system imposed by the GDPR

1 Changes in the WHOIS service and in retrieving public information related to domain names through FICORA's public website

The changes affect information retrieved by the official whois service (whois.fi) and the search function of the FICORA website (https://www.viestintavirasto.fi/fiverkkotunnus.html).

Changes

- If the user of the domain is a private individual, only First name and Last name will be displayed. Other details of private persons are not public and cannot be published, not even with user consent.

- If the user of the domain is a company or organisation, Department/Contact person will no longer be published, not even with consent.

- All the details of administrative contact persons (Admin) will be erased from the database by FICORA. The details of administrative contact persons will no longer be collected.

- For Reseller and Technical, only the name and email address of the contact person will be displayed. A private person can longer enter contact details for Reseller or Technical. All the contact details for Reseller or Technical entered by a private person will be removed from the database by FICORA.

2 Changes in the OData interface

The OData interface for .fi domain names can be found at:

https://odata.domain.fi/OpenDomainData.svc.

https://odata.domain.fi/v4/odata

Changes

- The domains and user information of all private persons will be removed from the OData service. The publication of private persons' domain name information will be technically prevented in the OData interface.

- The user details of companies and associations will not include Department/Contact person.

3 Registrar's browser-based user interface: Contact details / Contact management

- The tickbox for giving consent to the publication of contact information ("Public information") will be removed from the details of private users.

- The tickbox for giving consent to the publication of the user's email address will be removed from private persons but retained for Companies/Associations.

- All previous indications of consent to the publication of a user's email address will be removed on May 25, after which all other users except private individuals can again consent to the publication of email addresses.

4 Changes concerning Contact objects

Administrative / Admin contact to be removed:

- It will no longer be possible to create an Admin contact in the browser-based user interface

- Admin contacts cannot be created in the EPP.

- All existing Admin contacts will be removed from the database by FICORA

Private persons will be removed from Reseller contacts:

- A private person will no longer be able to create a Reseller contact. The "Private person" option will be removed from the browser-based user interface.

- A private person will no longer be able to create a Reseller contact. The "Private person" option will be removed from EPP

- All Reseller contacts created as "private person" will be removed from the database by FICORA.

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Private persons will be removed from Technical contacts:

- The "Private person" option for creating a Technical contact will be removed from the browser-based user interface

- The "Private person" option for creating a Technical contact will be removed from EPP

- All Technical contacts created as "private person" will be removed from the database by FICORA.

5 Removal of orphaned user contacts from registrar account

An orphaned user contact means that no domain names have been linked to the contact on the registrar's admin account. An orphaned user contact contains information about an old customer, including personal data.

When a domain name is transferred to another registrar and the donor registrar is left with an orphaned user contact, the user's orphaned "contact object" is automatically removed during the registrar switch process (triggered by the process).

6 Private person as domain name registrar

Background: A user with the role 'private person' who acts as a registrar can add subusers and basic users to their registrar account. These subusers can see all the details of the private person registrar. Of course, these are users added and authorised by the private person registrar themself.

Changes

- When a registrar (a Finnish or foreign private person) adds a new subuser or basic user to their registrar account, the default setting is OFF in the access management section of the Registrar account details page.

- The registrar's personal identity code/birthday will not be displayed for the registrar's user interface --> "Registrar account details below"

7   Schedule

The changes will be introduced in two stages

- 15/4: Mostly changes affecting how information is displayed
- 20/5: Remaining changes, including all changes in the EPP interface

8   For more information

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