

## Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP) Host Mapping

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### Abstract

This document describes an Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP) mapping for the provisioning and management of Internet host names stored in a shared central repository. Specified in XML, the mapping defines EPP command syntax and semantics as applied to host names.

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## 1. Introduction

This document describes an Internet host name mapping for version 1.0 of the Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP). This mapping is specified using the Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 as described in [XML] and XML Schema notation as described in [XMLS-1] and [XMLS-2].

[RFC3730] provides a complete description of EPP command and response structures. A thorough understanding of the base protocol specification is necessary to understand the mapping described in this document.

XML is case sensitive. Unless stated otherwise, XML specifications and examples provided in this document MUST be interpreted in the character case presented to develop a conforming implementation.

### 1.1. Relationship of Host Objects and Domain Objects

This document assumes that host name objects have a subordinate relationship to a superordinate domain name object. For example, host name "ns1.example.com" has a subordinate relationship to domain name "example.com". EPP actions (such as object transfers) that do not preserve this relationship MUST be explicitly disallowed.

A host name object can be created in a repository for which no superordinate domain name object exists. For example, host name "ns1.example.com" can be created in the ".example" repository so that DNS domains in ".example" can be delegated to the host. Such hosts are described as "external" hosts in this specification since the name of the host does not belong to the name space of the repository in which the host is being used for delegation purposes.

Whether a host is external or internal relates to the repository in which the host is being used for delegation purposes. Whether an internal host is subordinate or not relates to a domain within the

repository. For example, host ns1.example1.com is a subordinate host of domain example1.com, but it is not a subordinate host of domain example2.com. ns1.example1.com can be used as a name server for example2.com. In this case, ns1.example1.com MUST be treated as an internal host, subject to the rules governing operations on subordinate hosts within the same repository.

## 1.2. Conventions Used In This Document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

In examples, "C:" represents lines sent by a protocol client and "S:" represents lines returned by a protocol server. Indentation and white space in examples is provided only to illustrate element relationships and is not a REQUIRED feature of this protocol.

## 2. Object Attributes

An EPP host object has attributes and associated values that can be viewed and modified by the sponsoring client or the server. This section describes each attribute type in detail. The formal syntax for the attribute values described here can be found in the "Formal Syntax" section of this document and in the appropriate normative references.

### 2.1. Host Names

The syntax for host names described in this document MUST conform to [RFC952] as updated by [RFC1123]. At the time of this writing, RFC 3490 [RFC3490] describes a standard to use certain ASCII name labels to represent non-ASCII name labels. These conformance requirements might change in the future as a result of progressing work in developing standards for internationalized host names.

### 2.2. Client Identifiers

All EPP clients are identified by a server-unique identifier. Client identifiers conform to the "clIDType" syntax described in [RFC3730].

### 2.3. Status Values

A host object MUST always have at least one associated status value. Status values MAY be set only by the client that sponsors a host object and by the server on which the object resides. A client can change the status of a host object using the EPP <update> command. Each status value MAY be accompanied by a string of human-readable

text that describes the rationale for the status applied to the object.

A client **MUST NOT** alter status values set by the server. A server **MAY** alter or override status values set by a client subject to local server policies. The status of an object **MAY** change as a result of either a client-initiated transform command or an action performed by a server operator.

Status values that can be added or removed by a client are prefixed with "client". Corresponding status values that can be added or removed by a server are prefixed with "server". Status values that do not begin with either "client" or "server" are server-managed.

#### Status Value Descriptions:

- clientDeleteProhibited, serverDeleteProhibited

Requests to delete the object **MUST** be rejected.

- clientUpdateProhibited, serverUpdateProhibited

Requests to update the object (other than to remove this status) **MUST** be rejected.

- linked

The host object has at least one active association with another object, such as a domain object. Servers **SHOULD** provide services to determine existing object associations.

- ok

This is the normal status value for an object that has no pending operations or prohibitions. This value is set and removed by the server as other status values are added or removed.

- pendingCreate, pendingDelete, pendingTransfer, pendingUpdate

A transform command has been processed for the object (or in the case of a <transfer> command, for the host object's superordinate domain object), but the action has not been completed by the server. Server operators can delay action completion for a variety of reasons, such as to allow for human review or third-party action. A transform command that is processed, but whose requested action is pending, is noted with response code 1001.

Transform commands **MUST** be rejected when a pendingCreate, pendingDelete, pendingTransfer, or pendingUpdate status is set.

When the requested action has been completed, the pendingCreate, pendingDelete, pendingTransfer, or pendingUpdate status value **MUST** be removed. All clients involved in the transaction **MUST** be notified using a service message that the action has been completed and that the status of the object has changed.

"ok" status **MAY** only be combined with "linked" status.

"linked" status **MAY** be combined with any status.

"pendingDelete" status **MUST NOT** be combined with either "clientDeleteProhibited" or "serverDeleteProhibited" status.

"pendingUpdate" status **MUST NOT** be combined with either "clientUpdateProhibited" or "serverUpdateProhibited" status.

The pendingCreate, pendingDelete, pendingTransfer, and pendingUpdate status values **MUST NOT** be combined with each other.

Other status combinations not expressly prohibited **MAY** be used.

## 2.4. Dates and Times

Date and time attribute values **MUST** be represented in Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) using the Gregorian calendar. The extended date-time form using upper case "T" and "Z" characters defined in [RFC3339] **MUST** be used to represent date-time values as XML Schema does not support truncated date-time forms or lower case "T" and "Z" characters.

## 2.5. IP Addresses

The syntax for IPv4 addresses described in this document **MUST** conform to [RFC791]. The syntax for IPv6 addresses described in this document **MUST** conform to [RFC3513]. Practical considerations for publishing IPv6 address information in zone files are documented in [RFC1886], [RFC2874], and [RFC3152]. A server **MAY** reject IP addresses that have not been allocated for public use by IANA. When a host object is provisioned for use as a DNS name server, IP addresses **SHOULD** be required only as needed to generate DNS glue records.

### 3. EPP Command Mapping

A detailed description of the EPP syntax and semantics can be found in [RFC3730]. The command mappings described here are specifically for use in provisioning and managing Internet host names via EPP.

#### 3.1. EPP Query Commands

EPP provides two commands to retrieve host information: <check> to determine if a host object can be provisioned within a repository, and <info> to retrieve detailed information associated with a host object.

##### 3.1.1. EPP <check> Command

The EPP <check> command is used to determine if an object can be provisioned within a repository. It provides a hint that allows a client to anticipate the success or failure of provisioning an object using the <create> command as object provisioning requirements are ultimately a matter of server policy.

In addition to the standard EPP command elements, the <check> command MUST contain a <host:check> element that identifies the host namespace and the location of the host schema. The <host:check> element contains the following child elements:

- One or more <host:name> elements that contain the fully qualified names of the host objects to be queried.

Example <check> command:

```
C:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
C:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
C:  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
C:  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
C:    epp-1.0.xsd">
C:  <command>
C:    <check>
C:      <host:check
C:        xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
C:        xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
C:          host-1.0.xsd">
C:        <host:name>ns1.example.com</host:name>
C:        <host:name>ns2.example.com</host:name>
C:        <host:name>ns3.example.com</host:name>
C:      </host:check>
C:    </check>
C:  <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
```

C: </command>  
C: </epp>

When a <check> command has been processed successfully, the EPP <resData> element MUST contain a child <host:chkData> element that identifies the host namespace and the location of the host schema. The <host:chkData> element contains one or more <host:cd> elements that contain the following child elements:

- A <host:name> element that contains the fully qualified name of the queried host object. This element MUST contain an "avail" attribute whose value indicates object availability (can it be provisioned or not) at the moment the <check> command was completed. A value of "1" or "true" means that the object can be provisioned. A value of "0" or "false" means that the object can not be provisioned.
- An OPTIONAL <host:reason> element that MAY be provided when an object can not be provisioned. If present, this element contains server-specific text to help explain why the object can not be provisioned. This text MUST be represented in the response language previously negotiated with the client; an OPTIONAL "lang" attribute MAY be present to identify the language if the negotiated value is something other than the default value of "en" (English).

Example <check> response:

```
S:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
S:  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
S:  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
S:    epp-1.0.xsd">
S:  <response>
S:    <result code="1000">
S:      <msg>Command completed successfully</msg>
S:    </result>
S:    <resData>
S:      <host:chkData
S:        xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
S:        xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
S:          host-1.0.xsd">
S:        <host:cd>
S:          <host:name avail="1">ns1.example.com</host:name>
S:        </host:cd>
S:        <host:cd>
S:          <host:name avail="0">ns2.example2.com</host:name>
S:        </host:cd>
S:        <host:reason>In use</host:reason>
```

```

S:      </host:cd>
S:      <host:cd>
S:      <host:name avail="1">ns3.example3.com</host:name>
S:      </host:cd>
S:      </host:chkData>
S:      </resData>
S:      <trID>
S:      <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:      <svTRID>54322-XYZ</svTRID>
S:      </trID>
S:    </response>
S:  </epp>

```

An EPP error response **MUST** be returned if a `<check>` command can not be processed for any reason.

### 3.1.2. EPP `<info>` Command

The EPP `<info>` command is used to retrieve information associated with a host object. In addition to the standard EPP command elements, the `<info>` command **MUST** contain a `<host:info>` element that identifies the host namespace and the location of the host schema. The `<host:info>` element contains the following child elements:

- A `<host:name>` element that contains the fully qualified name of the host object for which information is requested.

Example `<info>` command:

```

C: <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
C: <epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
C:   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
C:   xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
C:     epp-1.0.xsd">
C:   <command>
C:     <info>
C:       <host:info
C:         xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
C:         xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
C:           host-1.0.xsd">
C:         <host:name>ns1.example.com</host:name>
C:       </host:info>
C:     </info>
C:     <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
C:   </command>
C: </epp>

```



When an <info> command has been processed successfully, the EPP <resData> element MUST contain a child <host:infData> element that identifies the host namespace and the location of the host schema. The <host:infData> element contains the following child elements:

- A <host:name> element that contains the fully qualified name of the host object.
- A <host:roid> element that contains the Repository Object Identifier assigned to the host object when the object was created.
- One or more <host:status> elements that describe the status of the host object.
- Zero or more <host:addr> elements that contain the IP addresses associated with the host object.
- A <host:clID> element that contains the identifier of the sponsoring client.
- A <host:crID> element that contains the identifier of the client that created the host object.
- A <host:crDate> element that contains the date and time of host object creation.
- A <host:upID> element that contains the identifier of the client that last updated the host object. This element MUST NOT be present if the host object has never been modified.
- A <host:upDate> element that contains the date and time of the most recent host object modification. This element MUST NOT be present if the host object has never been modified.
- A <host:trDate> element that contains the date and time of the most recent successful host object transfer. This element MUST NOT be provided if the host object has never been transferred. Note that host objects MUST NOT be transferred directly; host objects MUST be transferred implicitly when the host object's superordinate domain object is transferred. Host objects that are subject to transfer when transferring a domain object are listed in the response to an EPP <info> command performed on the domain object.

Example <info> response:

```

S:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
S:  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
S:  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
S:    epp-1.0.xsd">
S:  <response>
S:    <result code="1000">
S:      <msg>Command completed successfully</msg>
S:    </result>
S:    <resData>
S:      <host:infData
S:        xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
S:        xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
S:          host-1.0.xsd">
S:        <host:name>ns1.example.com</host:name>
S:        <host:roid>NS1_EXAMPLE1-REP</host:roid>
S:        <host:status s="linked"/>
S:        <host:status s="clientUpdateProhibited"/>
S:        <host:addr ip="v4">192.0.2.2</host:addr>
S:        <host:addr ip="v4">192.0.2.29</host:addr>
S:        <host:addr ip="v6">1080:0:0:0:8:800:200C:417A</host:addr>
S:        <host:clID>ClientY</host:clID>
S:        <host:crID>ClientX</host:crID>
S:        <host:crDate>1999-04-03T22:00:00.0Z</host:crDate>
S:        <host:upID>ClientX</host:upID>
S:        <host:upDate>1999-12-03T09:00:00.0Z</host:upDate>
S:        <host:trDate>2000-04-08T09:00:00.0Z</host:trDate>
S:      </host:infData>
S:    </resData>
S:    <trID>
S:      <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:      <svTRID>54322-XYZ</svTRID>
S:    </trID>
S:  </response>
S:</epp>

```

An EPP error response **MUST** be returned if an <info> command can not be processed for any reason.

### 3.1.3. EPP <transfer> Query Command

Transfer semantics do not directly apply to host objects, so there is no mapping defined for the EPP <transfer> query command.

### 3.2. EPP Transform Commands

EPP provides three commands to transform host objects: <create> to create an instance of a host object, <delete> to delete an instance of a host object, and <update> to change information associated with a host object. This document does not define host object mappings for the EPP <renew> and <transfer> commands.

Transform commands are typically processed and completed in real time. Server operators MAY receive and process transform commands, but defer completing the requested action if human or third-party review is required before the requested action can be completed. In such situations the server MUST return a 1001 response code to the client to note that the command has been received and processed, but the requested action is pending. The server MUST also manage the status of the object that is the subject of the command to reflect the initiation and completion of the requested action. Once the action has been completed, all clients involved in the transaction MUST be notified using a service message that the action has been completed and that the status of the object has changed.

#### 3.2.1. EPP <create> Command

The EPP <create> command provides a transform operation that allows a client to create a host object. In addition to the standard EPP command elements, the <create> command MUST contain a <host:create> element that identifies the host namespace and the location of the host schema. The <host:create> element contains the following child elements:

- A <host:name> element that contains the fully qualified name of the host object to be created.
- Zero or more <host:addr> elements that contain the IP addresses to be associated with the host. Each element MAY contain an "ip" attribute to identify the IP address format. Attribute value "v4" is used to note IPv4 address format. Attribute value "v6" is used to note IPv6 address format. If the "ip" attribute is not specified, "v4" is the default attribute value.

Hosts can be provisioned for use as name servers in the Domain Name System (DNS), described in [RFC1034] and [RFC1035]. Hosts provisioned as name servers might be subject to server operator policies that require or prohibit specification of IP addresses depending on the name of the host and the name space in which the server will be used as a name server. When provisioned for use as a name server, IP addresses are REQUIRED only as needed to produce DNS glue records. For example, if the server is authoritative for the

"com" name space and the name of the server is "ns1.example.net", the server is not required to produce DNS glue records for the name server and IP addresses for the server are not required by the DNS.

If the host name exists in a name space for which the server is authoritative, then the superordinate domain of the host MUST be known to the server before the host object can be created.

Example <create> command:

```
C:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
C:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
C:  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
C:  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
C:    epp-1.0.xsd">
C:  <command>
C:    <create>
C:      <host:create
C:        xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
C:        xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
C:          host-1.0.xsd">
C:          <host:name>ns1.example.com</host:name>
C:          <host:addr ip="v4">192.0.2.2</host:addr>
C:          <host:addr ip="v4">192.0.2.29</host:addr>
C:          <host:addr ip="v6">1080:0:0:0:8:800:200C:417A</host:addr>
C:        </host:create>
C:      </create>
C:    <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
C:  </command>
C:</epp>
```

When a <create> command has been processed successfully, the EPP <resData> element MUST contain a child <host:creData> element that identifies the host namespace and the location of the host schema. The <host:creData> element contains the following child elements:

- A <host:name> element that contains the fully qualified name of the host object.
- A <host:crDate> element that contains the date and time of host object creation.

Example <create> response:

```
S:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
S:  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
S:  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
```

```

S:      epp-1.0.xsd">
S:    <response>
S:      <result code="1000">
S:        <msg>Command completed successfully</msg>
S:      </result>
S:      <resData>
S:        <host:creData
S:          xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
S:          xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
S:            host-1.0.xsd">
S:            <host:name>ns1.example.com</host:name>
S:            <host:crDate>1999-04-03T22:00:00.0Z</host:crDate>
S:          </host:creData>
S:        </resData>
S:        <trID>
S:          <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:          <svTRID>54322-XYZ</svTRID>
S:        </trID>
S:      </response>
S:    </epp>

```

An EPP error response **MUST** be returned if a <create> command can not be processed for any reason.

### 3.2.2. EPP <delete> Command

The EPP <delete> command provides a transform operation that allows a client to delete a host object. In addition to the standard EPP command elements, the <delete> command **MUST** contain a <host:delete> element that identifies the host namespace and the location of the host schema. The <host:delete> element contains the following child elements:

- A <host:name> element that contains the fully qualified name of the host object to be deleted.

A host name object **MUST NOT** be deleted if the host object is associated with any other object. For example, if the host object is associated with a domain object, the host object **MUST NOT** be deleted until the existing association has been broken.

Example <delete> command:

```

C:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
C:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
C:  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
C:  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
C:    epp-1.0.xsd">

```

```
C: <command>
C:   <delete>
C:     <host:delete
C:       xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
C:       xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
C:         host-1.0.xsd">
C:         <host:name>ns1.example.com</host:name>
C:       </host:delete>
C:     </delete>
C:   <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
C: </command>
C:</epp>
```

When a <delete> command has been processed successfully, a server MUST respond with an EPP response with no <resData> element.

Example <delete> response:

```
S:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
S:  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
S:  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
S:    epp-1.0.xsd">
S:  <response>
S:    <result code="1000">
S:      <msg>Command completed successfully</msg>
S:    </result>
S:    <trID>
S:      <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:      <svTRID>54321-XYZ</svTRID>
S:    </trID>
S:  </response>
S:</epp>
```

An EPP error response MUST be returned if a <delete> command can not be processed for any reason.

### 3.2.3. EPP <renew> Command

Renewal semantics do not apply to host objects, so there is no mapping defined for the EPP <renew> command.

### 3.2.4. EPP <transfer> Command

Transfer semantics do not directly apply to host objects, so there is no mapping defined for the EPP <transfer> command. Host objects are subordinate to an existing superordinate domain object, and as such they are subject to transfer when a domain object is transferred.

### 3.2.5. EPP <update> Command

The EPP <update> command provides a transform operation that allows a client to modify the attributes of a host object. In addition to the standard EPP command elements, the <update> command **MUST** contain a <host:update> element that identifies the host namespace and the location of the host schema. The <host:update> element contains the following child elements:

- A <host:name> element that contains the fully qualified name of the host object to be updated.
- An **OPTIONAL** <host:add> element that contains attribute values to be added to the object.
- An **OPTIONAL** <host:rem> element that contains attribute values to be removed from the object.
- An **OPTIONAL** <host:chg> element that contains object attribute values to be changed.

At least one <host:add>, <host:rem>, or <host:chg> element **MUST** be provided. The <host:add> and <host:rem> elements contain the following child elements:

- One or more <host:addr> elements that contain IP addresses to be associated with or removed from the host object. IP address restrictions described in the <create> command mapping apply here as well.
- One or more <host:status> elements that contain status values to be associated with or removed from the object. When specifying a value to be removed, only the attribute value is significant; element text is not required to match a value for removal.

A <host:chg> element contains the following child elements:

- A <host:name> element that contains a new fully qualified host name by which the host object will be known.

Host name changes **MAY** require the addition or removal of IP addresses to be accepted by the server. IP address association **MAY** be subject to server policies for provisioning hosts as name servers.

Host name changes can have an impact on associated objects that refer to the host object. A host name change **SHOULD NOT** require additional updates of associated objects to preserve existing associations, with one exception: changing an external host object that has

associations with objects that are sponsored by a different client. Attempts to update such hosts directly MUST fail with EPP error code 2305. The change can be provisioned by creating a new external host with a new name and needed new attributes and subsequently updating the other objects sponsored by the client.

Example <update> command:

```
C:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
C:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
C:  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
C:  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
C:    epp-1.0.xsd">
C:  <command>
C:    <update>
C:      <host:update
C:        xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
C:        xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
C:          host-1.0.xsd">
C:        <host:name>ns1.example.com</host:name>
C:        <host:add>
C:          <host:addr ip="v4">192.0.2.22</host:addr>
C:          <host:status s="clientUpdateProhibited"/>
C:        </host:add>
C:        <host:rem>
C:          <host:addr ip="v6">1080:0:0:0:8:800:200C:417A</host:addr>
C:        </host:rem>
C:        <host:chg>
C:          <host:name>ns2.example.com</host:name>
C:        </host:chg>
C:      </host:update>
C:    </update>
C:    <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
C:  </command>
C:</epp>
```

When an <update> command has been processed successfully, a server MUST respond with an EPP response with no <resData> element.

Example <update> response:

```
S:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
S:  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
S:  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
S:    epp-1.0.xsd">
S:  <response>
S:    <result code="1000">
```



```

S:      <msg>Command completed successfully</msg>
S:      </result>
S:      <trID>
S:      <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:      <svTRID>54321-XYZ</svTRID>
S:      </trID>
S:      </response>
S: </epp>

```

An EPP error response **MUST** be returned if an <update> command could not be processed for any reason.

### 3.2.6. Offline Review of Requested Actions

Commands are processed by a server in the order they are received from a client. Though an immediate response confirming receipt and processing of the command is produced by the server, a server operator **MAY** perform an offline review of requested transform commands before completing the requested action. In such situations the response from the server **MUST** clearly note that the transform command has been received and processed, but the requested action is pending. The status of the corresponding object **MUST** clearly reflect processing of the pending action. The server **MUST** notify the client when offline processing of the action has been completed.

Examples describing a <create> command that requires offline review are included here. Note the result code and message returned in response to the <create> command.

```

S: <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S: <epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
S:   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
S:   xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
S:     epp-1.0.xsd">
S:   <response>
S:     <result code="1001">
S:       <msg>Command completed successfully; action pending</msg>
S:     </result>
S:     <resData>
S:       <host:creData
S:         xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
S:         xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
S:           host-1.0.xsd">
S:         <host:name>ns1.example.com</host:name>
S:         <host:crDate>1999-04-03T22:00:00.0Z</host:crDate>
S:       </host:creData>
S:     </resData>
S:   </trID>

```

```

S:      <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:      <svTRID>54322-XYZ</svTRID>
S:      </trID>
S:    </response>
S:  </epp>

```

The status of the host object after returning this response **MUST** include "pendingCreate". The server operator reviews the request offline, and informs the client of the outcome of the review by queuing a service message for retrieval via the <poll> command.

The service message **MUST** contain text in the <response>, <msgQ>, <msg> element that describes the notification. In addition, the EPP <resData> element **MUST** contain a child <host:panData> element that identifies the host namespace and the location of the host schema. The <host:panData> element contains the following child elements:

- A <host:name> element that contains the fully qualified name of the host object. The <host:name> element contains a **REQUIRED** "paResult" attribute. A positive boolean value indicates that the request has been approved and completed. A negative boolean value indicates that the request has been denied and the requested action has not been taken.
- A <host:paTRID> element that contains the client transaction identifier and server transaction identifier returned with the original response to process the command. The client transaction identifier is **OPTIONAL** and will only be returned if the client provided an identifier with the original <create> command.
- A <host:paDate> element that contains the date and time describing when review of the requested action was completed.

Example "review completed" service message:

```

S: <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S: <epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
S:   xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
S:   xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0
S:     epp-1.0.xsd">
S:   <response>
S:     <result code="1301">
S:       <msg>Command completed successfully; ack to dequeue</msg>
S:     </result>
S:     <msgQ count="5" id="12345">
S:       <qDate>1999-04-04T22:01:00.0Z</qDate>
S:       <msg>Pending action completed successfully.</msg>
S:     </msgQ>

```

```

S:    <resData>
S:      <host:panData
S:        xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
S:        xsi:schemaLocation="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0
S:        host-1.0.xsd">
S:          <host:name paResult="1">ns1.example.com</host:name>
S:          <host:paTRID>
S:            <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:            <svTRID>54322-XYZ</svTRID>
S:          </host:paTRID>
S:          <host:paDate>1999-04-04T22:00:00.0Z</host:paDate>
S:        </host:panData>
S:      </resData>
S:    <trID>
S:      <clTRID>BCD-23456</clTRID>
S:      <svTRID>65432-WXY</svTRID>
S:    </trID>
S:  </response>
S:</epp>

```

#### 4. Formal Syntax

An EPP object mapping is specified in XML Schema notation. The formal syntax presented here is a complete schema representation of the object mapping suitable for automated validation of EPP XML instances. The BEGIN and END tags are not part of the schema; they are used to note the beginning and ending of the schema for URI registration purposes.

BEGIN

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

```

<schema targetNamespace="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
  xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0"
  xmlns:epp="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
  xmlns:eppcom="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:eppcom-1.0"
  xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  elementFormDefault="qualified">

```

```
<!--
```

Import common element types.

```
-->
```

```

  <import namespace="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:eppcom-1.0"
    schemaLocation="eppcom-1.0.xsd"/>
  <import namespace="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
    schemaLocation="epp-1.0.xsd"/>

```

```
<annotation>
```

```
<documentation>
  Extensible Provisioning Protocol v1.0
  host provisioning schema.
</documentation>
</annotation>

<!--
Child elements found in EPP commands.
-->
  <element name="check" type="host:mNameType"/>
  <element name="create" type="host:createType"/>
  <element name="delete" type="host:sNameType"/>
  <element name="info" type="host:sNameType"/>
  <element name="update" type="host:updateType"/>

<!--
Child elements of the <create> command.
-->
  <complexType name="createType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="name" type="eppcom:labelType"/>
      <element name="addr" type="host:addrType"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

  <complexType name="addrType">
    <simpleContent>
      <extension base="host:addrStringType">
        <attribute name="ip" type="host:ipType"
          default="v4"/>
      </extension>
    </simpleContent>
  </complexType>

  <simpleType name="addrStringType">
    <restriction base="token">
      <minLength value="3"/>
      <maxLength value="45"/>
    </restriction>
  </simpleType>

  <simpleType name="ipType">
    <restriction base="token">
      <enumeration value="v4"/>
      <enumeration value="v6"/>
    </restriction>
  </simpleType>
```

```
<!--
Child elements of the <delete> and <info> commands.
-->
  <complexType name="sNameType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="name" type="eppcom:labelType"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

<!--
Child element of commands that accept multiple names.
-->
  <complexType name="mNameType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="name" type="eppcom:labelType"
        maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

<!--
Child elements of the <update> command.
-->
  <complexType name="updateType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="name" type="eppcom:labelType"/>
      <element name="add" type="host:addRemType"
        minOccurs="0"/>
      <element name="rem" type="host:addRemType"
        minOccurs="0"/>
      <element name="chg" type="host:chgType"
        minOccurs="0"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

<!--
Data elements that can be added or removed.
-->
  <complexType name="addRemType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="addr" type="host:addrType"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="status" type="host:statusType"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="7"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

<!--
Data elements that can be changed.
-->
```

```
<complexType name="chgType">
  <sequence>
    <element name="name" type="eppcom:labelType"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<!--
Child response elements.
-->
  <element name="chkData" type="host:chkDataType"/>
  <element name="creData" type="host:creDataType"/>
  <element name="infData" type="host:infDataType"/>
  <element name="panData" type="host:panDataType"/>

<!--
<check> response elements.
-->
  <complexType name="chkDataType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="cd" type="host:checkType"
        maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

  <complexType name="checkType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="name" type="host:checkNameType"/>
      <element name="reason" type="eppcom:reasonType"
        minOccurs="0"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

  <complexType name="checkNameType">
    <simpleContent>
      <extension base="eppcom:labelType">
        <attribute name="avail" type="boolean"
          use="required"/>
      </extension>
    </simpleContent>
  </complexType>

<!--
<create> response elements.
-->
  <complexType name="creDataType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="name" type="eppcom:labelType"/>
      <element name="crDate" type="dateTime"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>
```

```

    </sequence>
  </complexType>

<!--
<info> response elements.
-->
  <complexType name="infDataType">
    <sequence>
      <element name="name" type="eppcom:labelType"/>
      <element name="roid" type="eppcom:roidType"/>
      <element name="status" type="host:statusType"
        maxOccurs="7"/>
      <element name="addr" type="host:addrType"
        minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
      <element name="clID" type="eppcom:clIDType"/>
      <element name="crID" type="eppcom:clIDType"/>
      <element name="crDate" type="dateTime"/>
      <element name="upID" type="eppcom:clIDType"
        minOccurs="0"/>
      <element name="upDate" type="dateTime"
        minOccurs="0"/>
      <element name="trDate" type="dateTime"
        minOccurs="0"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>

<!--
Status is a combination of attributes and an optional human-readable
message that may be expressed in languages other than English.
-->
  <complexType name="statusType">
    <simpleContent>
      <extension base="normalizedString">
        <attribute name="s" type="host:statusValueType"
          use="required"/>
        <attribute name="lang" type="language"
          default="en"/>
      </extension>
    </simpleContent>
  </complexType>

  <simpleType name="statusValueType">
    <restriction base="token">
      <enumeration value="clientDeleteProhibited"/>
      <enumeration value="clientUpdateProhibited"/>
      <enumeration value="linked"/>
      <enumeration value="ok"/>
      <enumeration value="pendingCreate"/>
    </restriction>
  </simpleType>

```

```

        <enumeration value="pendingDelete"/>
        <enumeration value="pendingTransfer"/>
        <enumeration value="pendingUpdate"/>
        <enumeration value="serverDeleteProhibited"/>
        <enumeration value="serverUpdateProhibited"/>
    </restriction>
</simpleType>

<!--
Pending action notification response elements.
-->
    <complexType name="panDataType">
        <sequence>
            <element name="name" type="host:paNameType"/>
            <element name="paTRID" type="epp:trIDType"/>
            <element name="paDate" type="dateTime"/>
        </sequence>
    </complexType>
    <complexType name="paNameType">
        <simpleContent>
            <extension base="eppcom:labelType">
                <attribute name="paResult" type="boolean"
                    use="required"/>
            </extension>
        </simpleContent>
    </complexType>

<!--
End of schema.
-->
</schema>
END

```

## 5. Internationalization Considerations

EPP is represented in XML, which provides native support for encoding information using the Unicode character set and its more compact representations including UTF-8. Conformant XML processors recognize both UTF-8 and UTF-16 [RFC2781]. Though XML includes provisions to identify and use other character encodings through use of an "encoding" attribute in an <?xml?> declaration, use of UTF-8 is RECOMMENDED in environments where parser encoding support incompatibility exists.

All date-time values presented via EPP MUST be expressed in Universal Coordinated Time using the Gregorian calendar. XML Schema allows use of time zone identifiers to indicate offsets from the zero meridian, but this option MUST NOT be used with EPP. The extended date-time



form using upper case "T" and "Z" characters defined in [RFC3339] MUST be used to represent date-time values as XML Schema does not support truncated date-time forms or lower case "T" and "Z" characters.

This document requires host name syntax as specified in [RFC952] as updated by [RFC1123]. At the time of this writing, RFC 3490 [RFC3490] describes a standard to use certain ASCII name labels to represent non-ASCII name labels. These conformance requirements might change as a result of progressing work in developing standards for internationalized host names.

## 6. IANA Considerations

This document uses URNs to describe XML namespaces and XML schemas conforming to a registry mechanism described in [RFC3688]. Two URI assignments have been registered by the IANA.

Registration request for the host namespace:

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0

Registrant Contact: See the "Author's Address" section of this document.

XML: None. Namespace URIs do not represent an XML specification.

Registration request for the host XML schema:

URI: urn:ietf:params:xml:schema:host-1.0

Registrant Contact: See the "Author's Address" section of this document.

XML: See the "Formal Syntax" section of this document.

## 7. Security Considerations

The object mapping described in this document does not provide any security services or introduce any additional considerations beyond those described by [RFC3730] and protocol layers used by EPP.

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