

# REST & Relax:

The future of Whois and Templates at ARIN

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#### Two RESTful Web Services at ARIN

#### Whois RESTful Web Service

– Announced November 2009

- Going to production status July 2010

#### New Registration RESTful Web Service

 A RESTful web service for the registration, modification, and maintenance of resources.

Backwards compatibility for templates.



#### **RIPE NCC Goes RESTful**

- "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery"
  - RIPE NCC announced their Whois RESTful Web Service last month.

– http://labs.ripe.net/content/ripe-database-api





## **ARIN Whois-RWS Status**

- Almost ready for production.
  - Putting it through load testing to help deal with our recent Whois traffic increases.
  - Incorporating feedback
    - More query options
    - Better documentation
    - Formalized schemas in Relax NG

 Programmers are busy adding support for POC Validation as we speak.



## Changes to Port 43 Proxy

- As part of Whois-RWS.
  - The changes go to production with Whois-RWS.
- New CIDR Queries
- Better help and error messages.
- New '/' name attribute flag

 for use when "IDN-helpful" Whois clients misinterpret the '.' attribute flag.

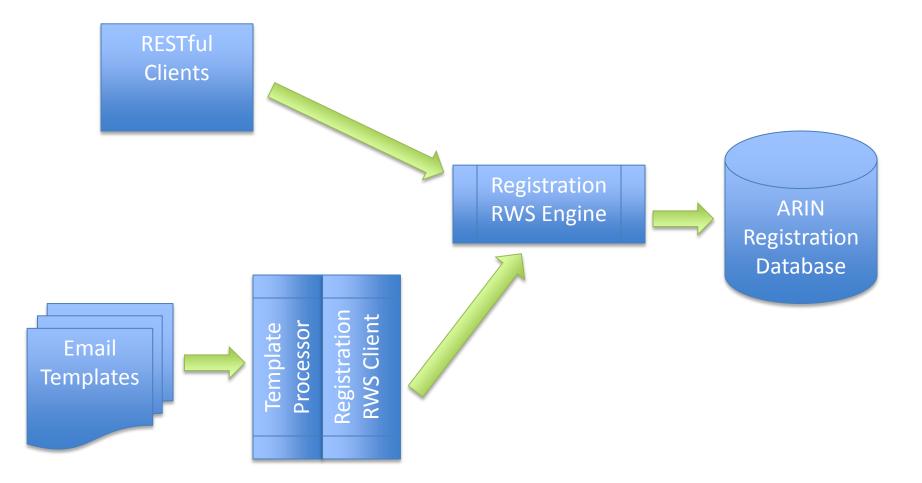


#### **ARIN Registration RWS**

- A RESTful Web Service that will allow you to create, read, update, and delete resources in ARIN's registration database.
- Why?
  - Massive changes to our data model requires
    us to rewrite our core registration software.
  - Good time to make it modern.
  - Builds on the work from ARIN Online and Whois-RWS.



#### **Registration RWS Architecture**





## Will Require API Key

- As seen in RESTful services throughout the industry
  - provides authentication -> authorization.
- API Keys will be managed via ARIN Online.

– Create as many as you want.

- They are not public information.

- Not published in Whois.



#### Template Compatibility

- Templates will use the same authentication -> authorization model.
- Use of API Key in Templates
  - Line 00. of template.
  - -In the Subject.
  - In the From address.
  - Explicitly associated with an email address
    (requires no template modification).



### **Open Source RESTful Client**

- As a natural part of the development to process templates in this new system, we must develop a RESTful client.
- This can be made available as an Open Source project.



#### A Draft RESTful API

- A draft of the ARIN Registration RESTful API is now available:
  - https://www.arin.net/resources/restfulinterfaces.html





# **Questions?**