

The Current State of RDAP

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RDAP: A Primer



- Registry Data Access Protocol
 - ARIN & RIPE NCC independently developed separate, incompatible RESTful services for Whois
 - Many people want a fix to the technical problems of Whois
 - No internationalization
 - No clear method for finding authoritative services
 - No authentication
 - No security
 - Many, many different output formats
 - The IETF decides to address the problem
 - Produces RFCs in March 2015

RDAP Basics



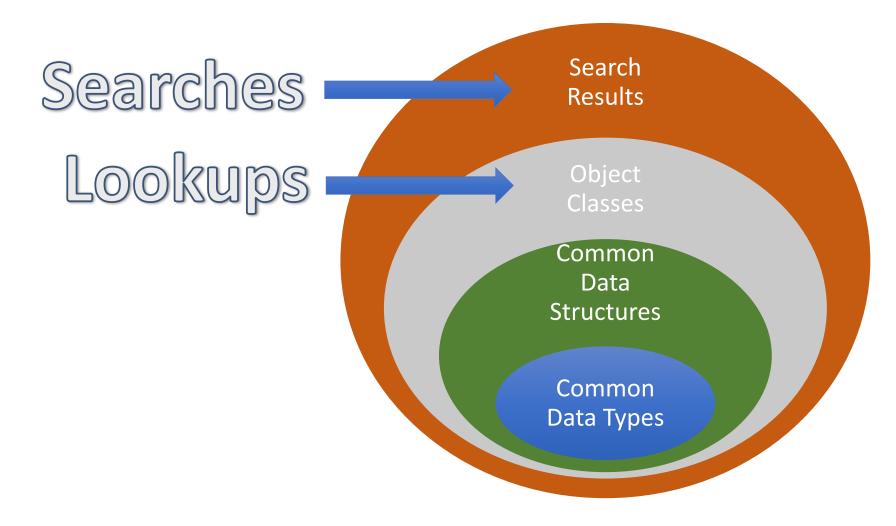
- REST JSON over HTTPS
 - HTTPS for security and authentication
 - JSON for structure and I18N

 Supports both Domain Name Registries and IP Address Registries

RDAP RIR-centric operations are a superset of DNR queries and data are modeled such that operations, for the most part.







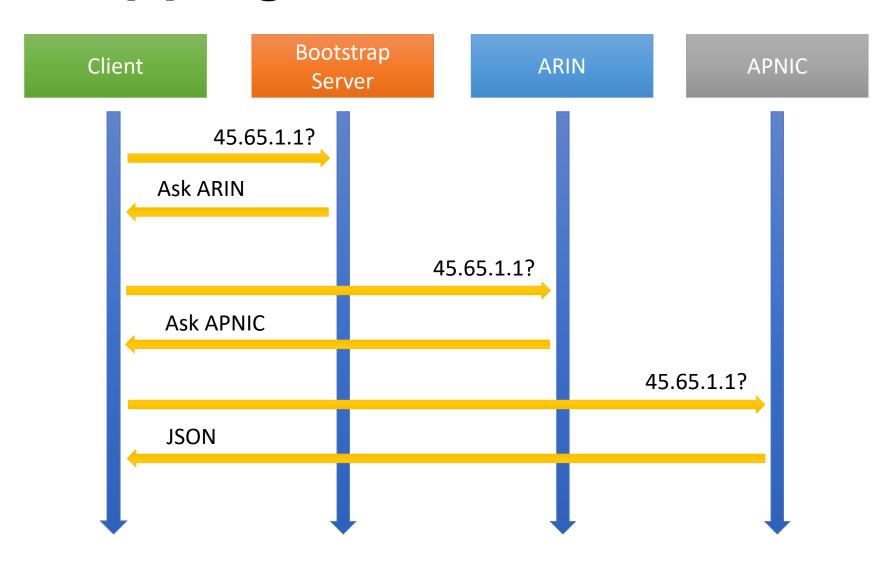
Bootstrapping



- Or... how to find the right server for a query
- IANA will periodically publish bootstrap JSON files
 - http://data.iana.org/rdap/asn.json
 - http://data.iana.org/rdap/ipv4.json
 - http://data.iana.org/rdap/ipv6.json
 - http://data.iana.org/rdap/dns.json
- Client will periodically go fetch them

Bootstrapping for IP Addresses





It's been 3 years! Where are we?





RIR Deployments



- Now deployed by all 5 RIRs.
- Plus bootstrap servers
 - Takes the IANA bootstrap files and issues HTTP redirects when queried
 - Clients no longer need to worry about bootstrapping
 - ARIN developed, deployed, and open sourced
 - LACNIC improved upon it, and deployed
- LACNIC has two-tiered authentication
 - Rate limits unless you use an API KEY

DNR Deployments



- VeriSign
 - com and net
- ccTLDs
 - .ar
 - .cr
 - .CZ
 - .br

Tooling



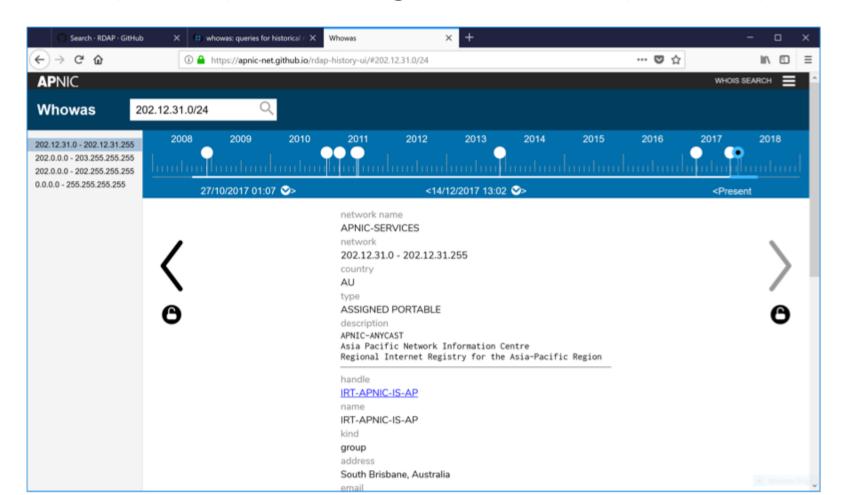
- ARIN, LACNIC, and APNIC have developed conformance test suites
- NicInfo the BEST command line client as reviewed by Mark Kosters
 - gem install nicinfo
- > 30 GitHub projects related to RDAP
- Visual AS tool from APNIC

APNIC has an incredible blog series on RDAP

APNIC's RDAP "WhoWas"



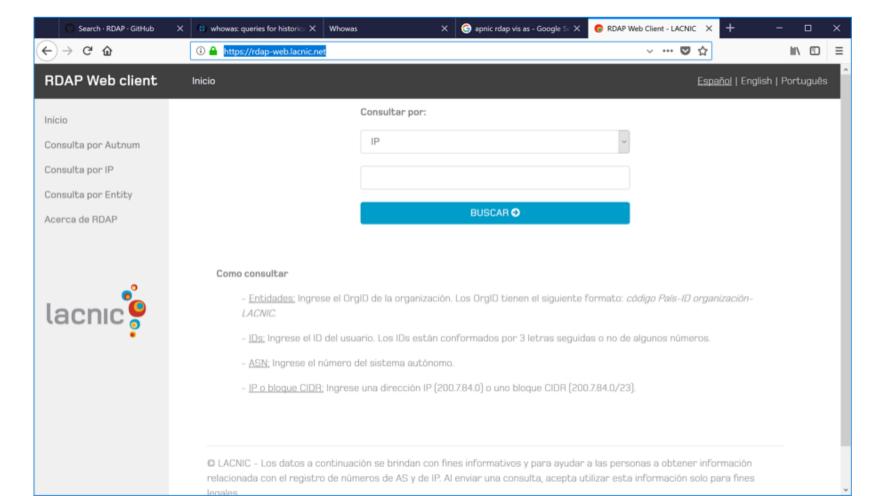
https://apnic-net.github.io/rdap-history-ui/







https://rdap-web.lacnic.net/



The Future



- ARIN planning search networks by Origin AS
- IETF federated authentication using Oauth
- Gaps between the RIR implementations
 - "Death to Whois" Matt Griswold presentation at NANOG *
 - Comments on ARIN and RIPE mailing lists
 - Issues discovered by staff
 - Working with the other RIRs to address problems, fix implementations, and improve the standard
- Bulk RDAP
 - Wouldn't it be great if all 5 RIRs had the same bulk data format?

^{*} https://pc.nanog.org/static/published/meetings/NANOG72/1601/20180220_Griswold_Death_To_Whois_v1.pdf

Questions? Comments?



