Extension Registry for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol
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Abstract

   The Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP) includes features to add
   functionality by extending the protocol. It does not, however,
   describe how those extensions are managed. This document describes a
   procedure for the registration and management of extensions to EPP
   and it specifies a format for an IANA registry to record those
   extensions.

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1. 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 RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

1.1. Acronyms and Abbreviations

      EPP: Extensible Provisioning Protocol
      IANA: Internet Assigned Numbers Authority
      IPR: Intellectual Property Rights

2. Introduction

   Domain name registries implement a variety of operational and
   business models. The differences in these models made it impossible
   to develop a "one size fits all" provisioning protocol, so the
   Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP, [RFC5730]) was designed to
   focus on a minimal set of common functionality with built-in
   extension capabilities that allow new features to be specified on an
   "as needed" basis. Guidelines for extending EPP are documented in
   Informational RFC 3735 [RFC3735].

RFCs 5730 and 5735 do not describe how extension development can be managed and coordinated. This has led to a situation in which server operators can develop different extensions to address similar needs, such as the provisioning of Value Added Tax (VAT) information. Clients then need to support multiple extensions that serve similar purposes, and interoperability suffers.

An IANA registry can be used to help manage and coordinate the development of protocol extensions. This document describes an IANA registry that can be used to coordinate the development of EPP extensions.

3. Extension Specification and Registration Procedure

This section describes the format of an IANA registry and the procedures used to populate and manage registry entries.

3.1. Extension Specification

The "Specification Required" policy described in RFC 5226 [RFC5226] MUST be followed. Extension specifications MUST be written and available in the English language. Non-English specifications are OPTIONAL. Note that Section 2.1 of RFC 3735 [RFC3735] provides specific guidelines for documenting EPP extensions.

Note that the "Specification Required" policy implies review by a Designated Expert. Section 3 of RFC 5226 describes the role of Designated Experts and the function they perform.

3.1.1. Designated Expert Evaluation Criteria

A high-level description of the role of the Designated Expert is described in Section 3.2 RFC 5226. Specific guidelines for the appointment of Designated Experts and evaluation of EPP extension are provided here.

The IESG should appoint a small pool of individuals (perhaps 3 - 5) to serve as designated experts as described in Section 3.2 of RFC 5226. The pool should have a single administrative chair who is appointed by the IESG. The designated experts should use the existing eppext mailing list (eppext@ietf.org) for public discussion of registration requests. This implies that the mailing list should remain open after the work of the EPPEXT working group has concluded.

Extensions should be evaluated for architectural soundness using the guidelines described in RFC 3735 [RFC3735]. The results of the evaluation should be shared via email with the registrant and the eppext mailing list. Issues discovered during the evaluation can be

corrected by the registrant and those corrections can be submitted to
the designated experts until the designated experts explicitly decide
to accept or reject the registration request. The designated experts
must make an explicit decision and that decision must be shared via
email with the registrant and the eppext mailing list.

Designated experts should be permissive in their evaluation of
requests to register extensions that have been implemented and
deployed by at least one registry/registrar pair. This implies that
it may indeed be possible to register multiple extensions that
provide the same functionality. Requests to register extensions that
have not been deployed should be evaluated with a goal of reducing
functional duplication. A request to register a new, undeployed
extension that duplicates the functionality of an existing, deployed
extension should be rejected with guidance provided to the requestor
to consider the existing, deployed extension.

3.2. Registration Procedure

The registry contains information describing each registered
extension. Registry entries are created and managed by sending forms
to IANA that describe the extension and the operation to be performed
on the registry entry.

3.2.1. Required Information

Name of Extension: A case-insensitive text string that contains the
name of the extension specification.

Specification Location: A URL [RFC3986] that describes the location
of the specification.

Registrant Name and Email Address: The case-insensitive name and
email address of the person that is responsible for managing the
registry entry.

TLDs: A case-insensitive text string description of the top-level
domain (or domains) for which the extension has been specified.
"Any" or "ANY" MUST be used if the extension is not associated with a
specific top-level domain. Multiple TLDs SHOULD be specified as a
list of domain names separated by commas, e.g. ".com, .net".

IPR Disclosure: Either "None", "NONE", or a URL that describes the
location of an IPR disclosure document. Depending on the type of
specification the IPR disclosure MAY be filed with the IETF in
accordance with RFCs 3979 [RFC3979] as updated by RFC 4879 [RFC4879].
Non-IETF IPR disclosures MUST clearly identify the claimed
intellectual property rights and terms of use. "None" or "NONE"

indicates that the extension is freely available for use with no
claimed intellectual property rights.

Notes: Either "None", "NONE", or other text that describes optional
notes to be included with the registered extension.

3.2.2. Registration Form

The required information MUST be formatted consistently using the
following form:

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-----BEGIN FORM-----
Name of Extension:
<text string> (quotes are OPTIONAL)

Specification Location:
<URL>

Registrant Name and Email Address:
<registrant name>, <email address>

TLDs:
"Any"|"ANY"|<one or more TLD text strings separated by commas>

IPR Disclosure:
"None"|"NONE"|<URL>

Notes:
"None"|"NONE"|<optional text>
-----END FORM-----
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Example form with RFC specification:

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-----BEGIN FORM-----
Name of Extension:
"An Extension RFC for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP)"

Specification Location:
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http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfcXXXX

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Registrant Name and Email Address:
John Doe, jdoe@example.com

TLDs:
Any

IPR Disclosure:
None

Notes:
None
-----END FORM-----
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Example form with non-RFC specification:

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-----BEGIN FORM-----
Name of Extension:
"An Example Extension for the .example Top-Level Domain"

Specification Location:
http://www.example.com/html/example-epp-ext.txt

Registrant Name and Email Address:
John Doe, jdoe@example.com

TLDs:
.example

IPR Disclosure:
http://www.example.com/ipr/example-epp-ext-ipr.html

Notes:
None
-----END FORM-----
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3.2.3. Registration Processing

   Each registration form sent to IANA MUST contain a single record for
   incorporation into the registry. The form will be sent via email to
   <iana@iana.org> by the extension registrant. It MUST have a subject
   line indicating whether the enclosed form represents an insertion of
   a new record (indicated by the word "INSERT" in the subject line) or
   a replacement of an existing record (indicated by the word "MODIFY"
   in the subject line). At no time can a record be deleted from the
   registry.

4. IANA Considerations

   IANA is requested to create a new protocol registry to manage EPP
   extensions. The information to be registered and the procedures to
   be followed in populating the registry are described in Section 3.

   Name of registry: Extensions for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol

   Required information: See Section 3.2.1.

   Review process: "Specification Required" as described in RFC 5226
   [RFC5226].

   Size, format, and syntax of registry entries: See Section 3.2.1.

   Initial assignments and reservations:

      -----BEGIN FORM-----
      Name of Extension:
      "Domain Registry Grace Period Mapping for the
      Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP)"

      Specification Location:
      http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3915

      Registrant Name and Email Address:
      Scott Hollenbeck, shollenbeck@verisign.com

      TLDs:
      Any

      IPR Disclosure:
      None

      Notes:
      None
      -----END FORM-----

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-----BEGIN FORM-----
Name of Extension:
"E.164 Number Mapping for the
Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP)"

Specification Location:
http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4114

Registrant Name and Email Address:
Scott Hollenbeck, shollenbeck@verisign.com

TLDs:
Any

IPR Disclosure:
None

Notes:
None
-----END FORM-----

-----BEGIN FORM-----
Name of Extension:
"ENUM Validation Information Mapping for the
Extensible Provisioning Protocol"

Specification Location:
http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5076

Registrant Name and Email Address:
Bernie Hoeneisen, bernhard.hoeneisen@switch.ch,
bernie@ietf.hoeneisen.ch

TLDs:
Any

IPR Disclosure:
None

Notes:
None
-----END FORM-----
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-----BEGIN FORM-----
Name of Extension:
"Domain Name System (DNS) Security Extensions Mapping for the
Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP)"

Specification Location:
http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5910

Registrant Name and Email Address:
James Gould, jgould@verisign.com

TLDs:
Any

IPR Disclosure:
None

Notes:
None
-----END FORM-----
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In addition, the form used to populate and manage the registry is to be added to the table of Protocol Registration Forms maintained by IANA.

5. Security Considerations

Using email to deliver forms to IANA carries a risk of registry entries being created or updated by an attacker who is able to spoof the email address of a legitimate extension registrant. This risk can be mitigated by replying to received messages with a request to confirm the requested action. The reply will be delivered to the specified registrant, who can validate or refute the request.

6. Acknowledgements

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Appendix A. Change Log

   Initial -00: First working group version.
   -01: Added initial registry entries to Section 4.
   -02: Spelling corrections. Added Section 3.1.1. Added "Notes"
      field to the registration template.
   -03: Added reference to Section 2.1 of RFC 3735 in Section 3.1.

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