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### The End of the Road: ICANN, WHOIS, and Regulation

There's a well-documented crisis facing the domain name system: very few who rely on domain name registration data from the Whois database to perform vital functions can do so any longer, which is escalating consumer harm and abuse on the internet worldwide. And the problems, thanks to ICANN's overly restrictive policy post-GDPR and a failing policy process, are piling up. The practical solution here is that ICANN Org now must step forward with meaningful Whois requirements (embodied in contracts and enforced by ICANN Compliance) that includes a workable data access model — and soon — or the rest of the world might do ICANN's job for it and move legislative and regulatory solutions. [Click here to read the full article on \*CircleID\*.](#)

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