RIPE Database White Pages

Introduction

During the Database Working Group session at RIPE 56, it was agreed that the "White Pages" facility for industry-related people would be implemented shortly after the RIPE Meeting. The purpose of this feature is two-fold:

- It allows for easy reference to persons with a significant presence in the industry.
- It avoids the deletion of person objects for these people if they are not referenced by any operational data (for example address space administrative contact).

It was also agreed at RIPE 56 that a group of moderators made up of the Working Group Chairs, Co-Chairs and other persons nominated by the Chairs would be able to authenticate the addition of any appropriate person to the White Pages.

How do I get listed in the White Pages?

Send an e-mail to <whitepages@ripe.net>. In the e-mail include the signed update to your **person** object:

- Your **person** object must be maintained
- Your **person** object must include a "notify:" attribute to ensure you will be informed when it is added to the White Pages
- You must add this attribute to your **person** object:

    org: ORG-PAGE1-RIPE

- Sign the update with your PGP key

The e-mail will be sent to the moderators' mailing list. As this is a public list you must use PGP signing and not use passwords.

A high level of anti-spam filtering will be applied to these e-mails, so please ensure your e-mail contains nothing but a plain text signed update message.

How do I list the members of the White Pages?

All members of the White Pages can be listed with this query:

whois -ri org ORG-PAGE1-RIPE

Note that this query is returning personal data. Every object returned will count towards your daily quota for personal data sets queried.

How do I add a person to the White Pages?

This section is for the benefit of the moderators.

- Ensure that your **mntner** object is listed in the **organisation** object ORG-PAGE1-RIPE
- Take the signed message from the e-mail received on the moderators list
- If the **person** object is not maintained or does not have a "notify:" attribute, please reply to the user and ask them to fix it. These attributes must already exist in the **person** object and should not be added as part of the update to add to the White Pages.
- Add your authentication to this message for the **organisation** object ORG-PAGE1-RIPE reference:
    - If you use PGP, sign the whole of the signed update message with your PGP key. Keep it as plain text and don't allow the two signatures to be in separate mime parts.
    - If you use an MD5 password, add the password to the signed message outside the scope of the signed message (that is outside of the signed content and signature).
    - Be careful that your e-mail client, editor and signing software do not corrupt the original signed message.
- Submit this update with both authentications to <auto-dbm@ripe.net>
- You will receive an acknowledgement of the update
- The full moderator list will receive a notification of the addition of the reference to the **organisation** object ORG-PAGE1-RIPE
- The user will receive a notification of the update to their **person** object

How do I become a moderator for the White Pages?

All Working Group Chairs and Co-Chairs are the default moderators, however additional moderators may be approved by one of the Chairs:

- Provide one of the Working Group Chairs with your **mntner** object and e-mail address for receiving White Pages requests
- Subscribe yourself to the moderators' mailing list. Then you will receive any requests for addition to the White Pages.
- The Chairs will modify the organisation object ORG-PAGE1-RIPE
    - Add your NIC handle as an "admin-c:" in the list of moderators
    - Add your **mntner** object as "mnt-ref:" and "mnt-by:"