## **ACID Tool Explainer for Users**

# What is ACID Tool?

★ The <u>Abuse Contact Identifier (ACID) Tool</u> is a service offered by the Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) to help internet users who need to report online abuse determine where to send these reports.

★ ACID Tool provides publicly-available contact information for web hosting, email, and domain registration providers in response to domain-based lookups. Any internet user can use ACID Tool to look up service providers for any domain name

ACID Tool may be especially useful for:

Recipients of spam or other unsolicited emails

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Victims of online fraud schemes

Law enforcement officers investigating crimes

Rights holders and their representatives investigating infringing content

### How to use ACID Tool

- ★ Visit <u>AcidTool.com</u>
- ★ Enter the domain name you're concerned with in the "Domain name" search box
- ★ Scroll down for results: the hosting provider, email service provider, registrar, and registrant details are provided

#### Abuse Contact IDentifier (ACID)

he Registrar Stakeholder Group (RrSG) offers this tool free of charge to anyone trying to identify the appropriate party (e.g. hosting provider) t eport abuse to.

This tool, which relies on public data provided by third parties, is provided for informational purposes only, the RrSG makes no warranty regarding the accuracy of such data. The data retireved and displayed does not imply any obligation, duty, or liability on the part of the Registrar Stakeholder Group, including with regard to any use that may be made of such data.

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### What ACID Tool Does and Does Not Provide

ACID Tool does not provide a path to request the disclosure of domain registration data. For information regarding disclosure of domain registration data, requestors must contact the sponsoring registrar directly. <u>This PDF</u> provides the RrSG's Minimum Required Information for Whois Data Requests.

ACID Tool will provide information about a content delivery network (CDN) if one is used; you can contact the CDN provider for additional information.

