Managing your 'historical' IPv4 addresses

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Overview

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Background

- Pre-RIR delegations
 - Resources distributed by InterNIC, AUNIC ...
- No formal agreement between registry and organizations
- No policies
- Limited registration





Challenges

- Registration data quality
 - Inaccurate, outdated registration
 - Lack of registration
 - Difficult to establish custodianship
- In the past unprotected
 - 'Stealing' past unprotected records
 - Unauthorized usage of address space
 - Hijacking by spammers and hackers





prop-018: Protecting historical records

- All historical resources protected by APNIC-HM maintainer
- Historical custodians had to sign up as Non-Members (AUD 200 'Historical Resource Maintenance')
- Access to basic Registration Services
 - MyAPNIC
 - Whois/IRR
 - in-addr.arpa
- No RPKI Service



EC resolutions

- From 1 May 2021, RPKI access to be made available for all historical resources held under APNIC accounts
- Historical resource holders in AP region need to become Members or Non-Members by 1 January 2023 to continue to receive registry services. Failing this:
 - Historical resource registration will no longer be published in the APNIC Whois Database
 - Resources will be placed into reserved status



Benefits of Membership

- Share costs of running the registry
 - in-addr.arpa
 - Whois database
- Routing security
 - Access to RPKI
 - Cost carried by APNIC Members
- APNIC Academy
- Technical Assistance Platform







Next steps

- APNIC will try to contact custodians of historical IPv4 address space
 - Number of prefixes: 3,771
 - Number of custodians: 3,569
 - Total size of address space: 7.2M
- Contact your friendly APNIC Helpdesk!
 - https://help.apnic.net/s/contactsupport









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