

Intellectual Property Constituency

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What do we use the WHOIS for?

Microsoft Internet Explorer window showing the website **NOKIA GAMES.info**. The address bar displays `http://www.nokiagames.info`.

The website features a banner image of several shirtless men in swimwear holding mobile phones. To the right of the banner, the text reads:

Terms and Conditions
Nokia 7650 Phone:
Integrated digital camera
MMS
GPRS
Joystick navigation
Color display

Apply Here:

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Home Number:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	Mobile Number:	<input type="text"/>
Delivery Address (If different):	<input type="text"/>	e-mail:	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>		

Bank Details:

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Account Number:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	Sort code:	<input type="text"/>

(all fields are required) I have read the Terms and Conditions

Internet

What do we use WHOIS for?

- Fraudulent email
- Websites offering counterfeit or pirated goods
- Websites posting trade secrets
- Cybersquatters

What do we use?

- Registrant name – need for context, negotiation and legal action
- Address – need for service of process
- Email – need for quick communication
- Phone no. – again for quick communication
- Fax no – less used, but sometimes useful
- Providing it is accurate it is useful

What else would be nice?

- Reverse look up – can be important for UDRP cases (pattern of conduct)
- Historical data – assist when things go wrong
- Field for security interests/pledges – to reflect that some domain names are valuable assets.

What accurate and accessible WHOIS means

- Registrars and registries are kept out of the fight – particularly where UDRP/LDRP available
- Problems can be addressed quickly.
- Action can be taken against the appropriate party when necessary.