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### Whois-Policy

It is internationally usual for registries to make domain data (so-called Whois-data) available to the public. One reason is to get information about the person who is responsible for the content and offerings of a website, as not all websites contain the imprint prescribed by the law. On the other hand, it is possible to contact the domain holder directly in case of a legal infringement (e.g. regarding content, spam, domain grabbing etc.).

### Publication regulated in the nic.at General Terms and Conditions

With the registration of a domain the holder expressly accepts the publication of his data (see point 1.5. of the <u>General Terms and</u> <u>Conditions</u>). This also applies if the domain was registered by a different person on behalf of the customer.

#### Appointment of a trustee in order to prevent publication

The display of the phone or fax number as well as the e-mail address can be hidden in the public database - this requires a modification of the person data. If the entire data should be hidden, the domain holder needs to appoint a trustee (e.g. notary, lawyer, ISP) by transferring the domain to him. We recommend to define the trustee's rights regarding the domain by concluding a (written) contract, as the trustee is specified as the official domain holder who is fully authorised to dispose of the domain.

## Whois-queries are subject to copyright

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