



Thoughts on Certification



History

“No e-voting. No informal poll of what services are needed. RIPE NCC just keeps rolling along.”

- Want to be transparent
- Explicit decisions needed
- <http://www.ripe.net/info/ncc/roles-responsibilities.html>



Certification of Numbering Resources

- APNIC heading effort, presentation RIPE 51
- During 2006, ongoing effort to implement prototype tools
 - RIPE NCC contribution ~ 1 FTE
- See Geoff's presentation on project progress and further plans... (Wednesday Plenary, 1100)

Next Step

- Ensure Context Match across RIRs
- ...
- But wait!
- What are we doing?

Next Step: Let's take a Step Back!

- Why are we doing this?
- Assumptions
 - Resource Certification is preparing the way for Secure Routing
 - Resource Certification is good for RIPE DB “Data Quality”
- Are these valid?
- (Un)Intentional Consequences?



Paving the way for Routing Security

- Really?
- ... or DNSsec Redux?
 - Resources spent
 - Activity successfully concluded
 - Deployment AWOL
- Will YOU deploy secure routing?
 - What will convince you?
 - What will hold you back?
- Are we running too fast?



Certification Good for Data Quality

- Why?
 - Will we be checking every allocation?
 - Will we be asserting holder identity?
 - Or will we rather certify what is already in our files?
- Certification is itself is not a Fine Tooth Comb
- “Combing Results” can be documented by a variety of means
- Certificates are just one possibility
- Cost/Benefit ratio attractive enough for this purpose?

Unintended Consequences

- If numbers were certified..
- Are we about to enable a marketplace?
 - “Numbers do not have monetary value!”
 - ... or do they?
- Would that be Good? Or Bad?
 - Approaching the end of lifetime of IPv4
 - Would the role of RIRs change?
 - How?

Strawman Proposal

- Continue prototype development
- Trial deployment in RIPE region in 2007
- Planning for two additional FTE for integration in business processes and systems
- Install Evaluation Task Force
 - Scope:
 - Follow developments
 - Participate in Trial
 - Advise on impact
 - Formulate report as input for RIPE 55

Task Force Report

- Does this approach meet the objectives?
- What are the implications of this form of certification of resources?
- Impact assessment
 - Service infrastructure, operational procedures
 - Utility of the authentication model
 - Policy considerations
- Recommendations for production deployment

Decision Time

- Decide @ RIPE 55 about operational use
 - Agree administrative details
 - Discuss policy changes
 - Changes & amendments to Service Contracts

Questions & Answers

- Task Force Volunteers, please?
 - 3 – 5 operators
 - RIR staff
 - Full admin & writing support from RIPE NCC
- Task Force will be presented at RIPE NCC Services WG on Thursday