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Abstract

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1. Introduction

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1.1. Conventions Used in This Document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 [RFC2119].

XML is case sensitive. Unless stated otherwise, XML specifications and examples provided in this document MUST be interpreted in the character case presented in order to develop a conforming implementation.

In examples, "C:" represents lines sent by a protocol client and "S:" represents lines returned by a protocol server. Indentation and white space in examples are provided only to illustrate element relationships and are not a REQUIRED feature of this protocol.

"regLock" is used as an abbreviation for "urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp:regLock-1.0". The XML namespace prefix "reglock" is used, but implementations MUST NOT depend on it and instead employ a proper namespace-aware XML parser and serializer to interpret and output the XML documents.

2. Object Protection

This extension provides additional protection to objects managed by a sponsoring client on behalf of a registrant. This is achieved by requiring additional authorization for transform commands.

Solutions can be broadly categorized as in-band or out-of-band authorizations. Where in-band authorizations would provide authorization through EPP. Whereas out-of-band solutions provide authorization by some other means.
2.1. In-band Authorization

In-band authorization uses the authorization possibilities provided by EPP Standards [RFC5730], [RFC5731], [RFC5732] and [RFC5733].

2.2. Out-of-band Authorization

Out-of-band Authorization is not covered in this document. By definition out of band authorization will not use EPP and therefore is not subject of consideration here.

2.3. Command Execution Restrictions

Once an object has Registry Lock enabled all transform commands except <renew> MUST only be executed if proper authorization is provided the object is unlocked out-of-band

Otherwise the command MUST be rejected with EPP result code 2201 "Authorization error" [RFC5730] section 3.

Additionally the following EPP flags [RFC5731], [RFC5731], [RFC5731] must be set.

serverDeleteProhibited
serverTransferProhibited
serverUpdateProhibited

If the object is unlocked the flags SHOULD be cleared and the server should answer to an <info> request with the according information. However, if the object is only temporarily unlocked, the flags SHOULD be cleared, but in an <info> response the server should still indicate that the object is under registry lock.

OPEN QUESTION: If a domain is under registry lock, can a subordinate host be updated?

3. Object Attributes

3.1. Locking Status

Locking Status information indicates if the additional protection of Registry Lock is enabled for an object.

Boolean values MUST be represented in the XML Schema format described in Part 2 of the W3C XML Schema recommendation [W3C.REC-xmlschema-2-20010502].
4. EPP Command Mapping

A detailed description of the EPP syntax and semantics can be found in the EPP core protocol specification [RFC5730].

4.1. EPP Query Commands

4.1.1. EPP <check> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <check> command or <check> response described in the EPP mappings [RFC5731], [RFC5732] or [RFC5733].

4.1.2. EPP <info> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <info> command described in the EPP domain mapping [RFC5731], host mapping [RFC5732] or contact mapping [RFC5733] However, additional elements are defined for the <info> response.

When an <info> command has been processed successfully, the EPP <resData> element MUST contain child elements as described in the EPP object mappings.

In addition, the EPP <extension> element SHOULD contain a child <regLock:infData> element that identifies the extension namespace the epp client has indicated support for the extension in the <login> command.

The <regLock:infData> element contains the following child elements:

- Exactly one <locked> element that indicates if Registry Lock is enabled for the object.
- An OPTIONAL <unlockedUntil> element if the object currently can be changed by the sponsoring client. The field indicates the time stamp when further changes will be impossible.

Example <domain:info> Response
S: <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S: <epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0"
S:     xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
S:  <response>
S:    <result code="1000">
S:      <msg>Command completed successfully</msg>
S:    </result>
S:    <resData>
S:      <domain:infData
S:      ...
S:      </domain:infData>
S:    </resData>
S:    <extension>
S:        <regLock:locked>1</regLock:locked>
S:        <regLock:unlockedUntil>20000101T000000+0000</regLock:unlockedUntil>
S:      </regLock:infData>
S:    </extension>
S:    <trID>
S:      <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:      <svTRID>54322-XYZ</svTRID>
S:    </trID>
S:  </response>
S: </epp>

Example <host:info> Response
S: <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
S: <epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0">
S:  <response>
S:    <result code="1000">
S:      <msg>Command completed successfully</msg>
S:    </result>
S:    <resData>
S:      <host:infData xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0">
S:        ...
S:      </host:infData>
S:    </resData>
S:    <extension>
S:        <regLock:locked>1</regLock:locked>
S:        <regLock:unlockedUntil>20000101T000000+0000</regLock:unlockedUntil>
S:      </regLock:infData>
S:    </extension>
S:    <trID>
S:      <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
S:      <svTRID>54322-XYZ</svTRID>
S:    </trID>
S:  </response>
S:</epp>

Example <contact:info> Response
This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <transfer> command or <transfer> response described in the EPP domain mapping [RFC5731], [RFC5732] or [RFC5733].

4.2. EPP Transform Commands

4.2.1. EPP <create> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <create> response described in the EPP mappings [RFC5731], [RFC5732] or [RFC5733].

If the object is locked, the EPP <create> command MUST be rejected with EPP response code 2201 "Authorization error" [RFC5730] section 3. See Section 2.3

Example <domain:create> command
Example <host:create> command

C: <domain:create xmlns:domain="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:domain-1.0">
C:  <domain:name>example.com</domain:name>
C:  <domain:period unit="y">2</domain:period>
C:  <domain:hostObj>ns1.example.net</domain:hostObj>
C:  <domain:hostObj>ns2.example.net</domain:hostObj>
C:  <domain:registrant>jd1234</domain:registrant>
C:  <domain:contact type="admin">sh8013</domain:contact>
C:  <domain:contact type="tech">sh8013</domain:contact>
C:  <domain:authInfo>
C:    <domain:pw>2fooBAR</domain:pw>
C:  </domain:authInfo>
C: </domain:create>
C: <extension>
C:   <regLock:unlock>outofband</regLock:unlock>
C:  </regLock:lock>
C: </extension>
C: <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
C: </command>
C:</epp>
Example <contact:create> command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <delete> command or <delete> response described in the EPP mappings [RFC5731], [RFC5732] or [RFC5733].
The EPP <delete> command MUST be rejected with EPP response code 2201 "Authorization error" [RFC5730] section 3. See Section 2.3

4.2.3. EPP <renew> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <renew> command or <renew> response described in the EPP mappings [RFC5731], [RFC5732] or [RFC5733].

Execution of the EPP <renew> command is not restricted by this extension.

4.2.4. EPP <transfer> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <transfer> command or <transfer> response described in the EPP mappings [RFC5731], [RFC5732] or [RFC5733].

The EPP <transfer> command MUST be rejected with EPP response code 2201 "Authorization error" [RFC5730] section 3. See Section 2.3

4.2.5. EPP <update> Command

This extension does not add any elements to the EPP <update> response described in the EPP mappings [RFC5731], [RFC5732] or [RFC5733].

If the object is locked, the EPP <update> command MUST be rejected with EPP response code 2201 "Authorization error" [RFC5730] section 3. See Section 2.3

Example <domain:update> Response
Example <host:update> Response

C:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
C:<epp xmlns="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:epp-1.0">
C:  <command>
C:    <update>
C:      <host:update xmlns:host="urn:ietf:params:xml:ns:host-1.0">
C:        <host:name>ns1.example.com</host:name>
C:      </host:update>
C:    </update>
C:    <extension>
C:        <regLock:unlock>outofband</locked>
C:      </regLock:lock>
C:    </extension>
C:    <clTRID>ABC-12345</clTRID>
C:  </command>
C:</epp>

Example <contact:update> Response
The formal syntax presented here is a complete schema representation of the object mapping suitable for automated validation of EPP XML instances. The BEGIN and END tags are not part of the schema; they are used to note the beginning and ending of the schema for URI registration purposes.

5.1. Registry Lock Extension Schema
6. IANA Considerations

6.1. XML Namespace

This document uses URNs to describe XML namespaces and XML schemas conforming to a registry mechanism described in [RFC3688]. The following URI assignment is requested of IANA:

Registration request for the registryLock namespace:

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6.2. EPP Extension Registry

The EPP extension described in this document should be registered by the IANA in the EPP Extension Registry described in [RFC7451]. The details of the registration are as follows:

Name of Extension: "Registry Lock Extension for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP)"

Document status: Standards Track

Reference: (insert reference to RFC version of this document)

Registrant Name and Email Address: IESG, <iesg@ietf.org>

TLDs: Any

IPR Disclosure: None

Status: Active

Notes: None

7. Implementation Status

Note to RFC Editor: Please remove this section and the reference to RFC 7942 [RFC7942] before publication.

TBD

8. Security Considerations

The security properties of EPP from [RFC5730] are preserved.

This extension introduces an additional security layer for changes of objects managed through EPP. The overall security of these measures depends on policies and procedures not covered in this document.
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10. Normative References


Appendix A. Change History

A.1. Change from 00 to 01

1. None yet :-)