# What is a registry? A registrar? A registrant?

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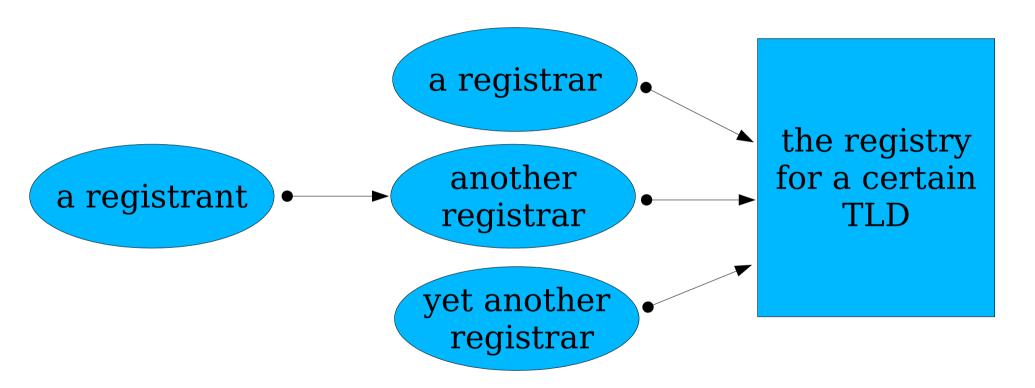


#### registry / registrar / registrant Registry-Registrar-Registrant model

3 entities involved in Internet domain name registration within this model:

- · **Registrant**: <u>final client</u>, the one who wishes to register the domain name.
- **Registry**: <u>authoritative repository</u>, responsible for all functional information required to resolve names registered in its TLDs.
- **Registrar**: interface between registry and registrant, may provide extra services to the latter one.

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While there can be several registrars that provide domain registration and related services for a same given TLD, there's necessairly only <u>ONE</u> authoritative repository responsible for this TLD.

## registry / registrar / registrant Thin x Thick Registry Thin Registry

- → stores only domain and name server information
- → contact information is stored separately at each registrar, which must operate its own WHOIS server.
- → NSI Registry-Registrar Protocol (RRP) RFC 2832

### e.g.: Verisign Registry (.COM/.NET) PIR Registry (.ORG)

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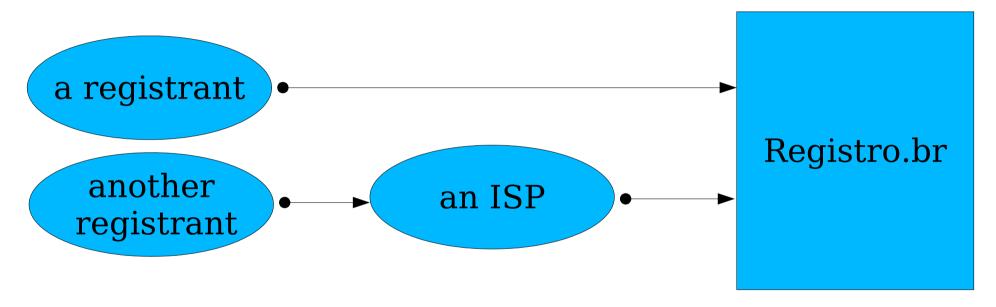
#### **Thick Registry**

- → stores <u>all of the information</u> associated with registered entities, not only technical but also social.
- → Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP) RFC 3730.
- e.g.: Afilias Registry (.INFO)

### registry / registrar / registrant .BR model

- → Registro.br is the authoritative repository for .BR domains.
- → Every company which is legally established in Brazil can register .BR domain names directly at the Registro.br's website.
- → There are no registrars but ISPs can act as so.

### registry / registrar / registrant .BR model



- While these ISPs are not exactly registrars, they can provide their clients facilities for .BR domain names registration.
- For Registro.br the ISP will be the owner of the domain.

### registry / registrar / registrant Online Resources

Registro.br

http://registro.br

Afilias Global Registry Service

http://www.afilias.info

VeriSign

http://www.verisign.com

RFC **2832** – NSI Registry Registrar Protocol (RRP) Version 1.1.0

RFC **3730** – Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP)

#### Questions??

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