



Whols Help

Whols allows you to communicate with a Whols server which provides directory services to Internet users. If a hostname is specified without a username, Whols generates the file for the given Whols server. This can be very large and may take a long time to download.

The menu options in Whols include:

StartWhols

Click this option to display the [Whols dialog](#).

AbortWhols

Click this option when you are doing a Whols query and want to cancel it. This option only displays when you are connecting to a Whols server.

Edit

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Help

Click this option to display on-line Help.

Exit

Click this option to exit Whols.



Whols Dialog

Whols Server

Enter the hostname for a known Whols server. This field will be disabled if Use Default Whols Server is checked (see below).

Username

Enter the name to be searched for in the Whols directory. If **?** is entered, the Whols server will return a detailed list of possible commands which may be used in place of the username in this field. To obtain more detailed information on one particular user from a list of many, enter **!handle** in the Username field, where **handle** is the handle of the user.

To enter a individual name, first enter the last name, then a comma, then the first name. The Whols server returns all matching names: For example, entering Doe, John could return:

Doe, John (JD123) 4567	root@ACOMPANY.COM	(414)123- 4567
Doe, John (JD456) (414)456-7891	vccli@BCOMPANY.COM	

The value in parentheses (JD123) is called a handle. From this handle, you can search for an individual from a group by entering HA followed by the handle. For example, entering HA JD123 for the username could return address information.

To enter a domain name, enter the name with identifiers separated by periods. For example, entering frontiertech.com returns information about Frontier Technologies Corporation.

Use Default Whols Server

When this box is checked, a Whols server need not be entered in the Whols Server field. The Whols information request will be routed to the default Whols server (rs.internic.net) which will be displayed in gray text in the Whols Server field. To specify a Whols server other than the default, simply remove the check from this field and enter the Whols server hostname in the Whols Server field.



Edit Menu

Copy

Copies selected text to the clipboard.

Select Entire Screen

Selects all text in the active screen (i.e., the 24 lines visible when the application is maximized).

Select Entire Buffer

Selects all text in the active screen and scrollback buffer.

Clear Screen

Clears all text in the active screen (i.e., the 24 lines visible when the application is maximized).

Clear Buffer

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