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jwhois – client for the whois service

SYNOPSIS

jwhois [*OPTIONS*]... [*QUERY*]

DESCRIPTION

jwhois searches Whois servers for the object on the command line.

The host to query is taken from a global configuration file, a configuration file specified on the command line, or selected directly on the command line.

OPTIONS

- version**
display version, authors and licensing information.
- help** display a short help text.
- c FILE --config=FILE**
uses FILE as a configuration file instead of the default.
- h HOST --host=HOST**
overrides any hosts in the configuration file and queries HOST directly.
- p PORT --port=PORT**
specifies a port number to use when querying a HOST.
- f --force-lookup**
forces a query to be made to a host even if a current object is available from the cache.
- v --verbose**
outputs verbose debugging information while running (use this before sending a bugreport to ensure that it's indeed a bug and not a misconfiguration). You can increase the verbosity by giving several verbose commands to jwhois, such as -vv.
- n --no-redirect**
disable features that redirect queries from one server to another.
- s --no-whoisservers**
disable the built-in support for whois-servers.net.
- a --raw**
send query verbatim to receiving hosts instead of rewriting them according to the configuration.
- i --display-redirections**
display every step in a redirection (default is to display only the last answer).
- d --disable-cache**
completely disable both reading and writing to cache.
- r --rwhois**
force the query to use the rwhois protocol instead of HTTP or whois.
- rwhois-display=DISPLAY**
asks receiving rwhois servers to display the results in the DISPLAY display instead of the default dump display.
- rwhois-limit=LIMIT**
asks receiving rwhois servers to limit their responses to LIMIT matches.

RIPE EXTENSIONS

To use the options specified in *RIPE Document 157*, you need to change the format of the query slightly. If you were to search for all entries in the RIPE database which lists the *admin-c*, *tech-c* or *zone-c* as *CO19-RIPE*, you could use the following command syntax:

jwhois -h whois.ripe.net -- -i admin-c,tech-c,zone-c CO19-RIPE

-- is used to separate the RIPE options from the jwhois options.

SEE ALSO

whois(1)