The Poetry Object – Progress and Procedures

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A Secret-WG® Presentation

Introduction

- Background
- Integration with RIPE process
- Progress
- Plans for the future

Background

- RIPE database used to store objects useful to the management of the Internet
- IP addresses
- Route objects
- Person identifiers
- Poems

Poetry

- Poetry is a vital component of the Internet
- Provides intellectual stimulation to offset the drab wretchedness of the engineer's life
- Poems may be stored in the RIPE database

Poem Object

```
poem:          [single] [mandatory]
text:          [multiple] [optional]
form:          [single] [manadatory]
admin-c:       [single] [mandatory]
author:        [single] [mandatory]
remarks:       [multiple] [optional]
mnt-by:        [multiple] [mandatory]
changed:       [multiple] [mandatory]
source:        [single] [mandatory]
```

Poem Object

```
poem:           POEM-RIPE25-4
text:           There once was a group with potential
text:           It's growth has been deemed exponential
text:           The database working
text:           and no more bugs lurking
text:           It's problems are purely financial
form:           FORM-LIMERICK
admin-c:        LIM1-RIPE
author:         JS268-RIPE
remarks:        This object is translated from LIMERICK type
    to POEM type.
mnt-by:         LIM-MNT
changed:        limerick-wg@ripe.net 19960925
changed:        ripe-dbm@ripe.net 20050503
source:         RIPE
```

Poetic-form Object

```
poetic-form:     [single] [mandatory]
descr:           [multiple] [mandatory]
admin-c:         [single] [mandatory]
desc:            [multiple] [optional]
mnt-by:          [multiple] [mandatory]
changed:         [multiple] [mandatory]
source:          [single] [mandatory]
```

Poetic-form Object

```
poetic-form:      FORM-LIMERICK
descr:            The object consists of a verse
descr:            in a format approaching the terse
descr:            The rhymes, very strict
descr:            Must be carefully picked
descr:            and it's funny and often perverse
admin-c:          LIM1-RIPE
mnt-by:           RIPE-DBM-MNT
changed:          ripe-dbm@ripe.net 20060913
source:           RIPE
```

Procedural Issues

- Anyone can create a *poem* object
- Only the RIPE NCC can create *poetic-form* objects
- Fundamental dichotomy
  - Only RIPE NCC can create them
  - But RIPE NCC is without culture

Solution

- Appoint (or self-appoint) a Secret Cabal to police the creation of *poetic-form* objects
- Sub-group of the Secret-WG
  - Mailing list (secret)
  - Operated by the Bert Secretariat

Process

- Poetic forms are proposed (anonymously)
- Posted to mailing list
- Discussion takes place secretly (off list)
- Bert Secretariat issues edict to RIPE-NCC
- Object is created

Open and Transparent?

- How is this reconciled with the "open and transparent policy development process"

- Speaking through Bert, the Secret-WG chairman said
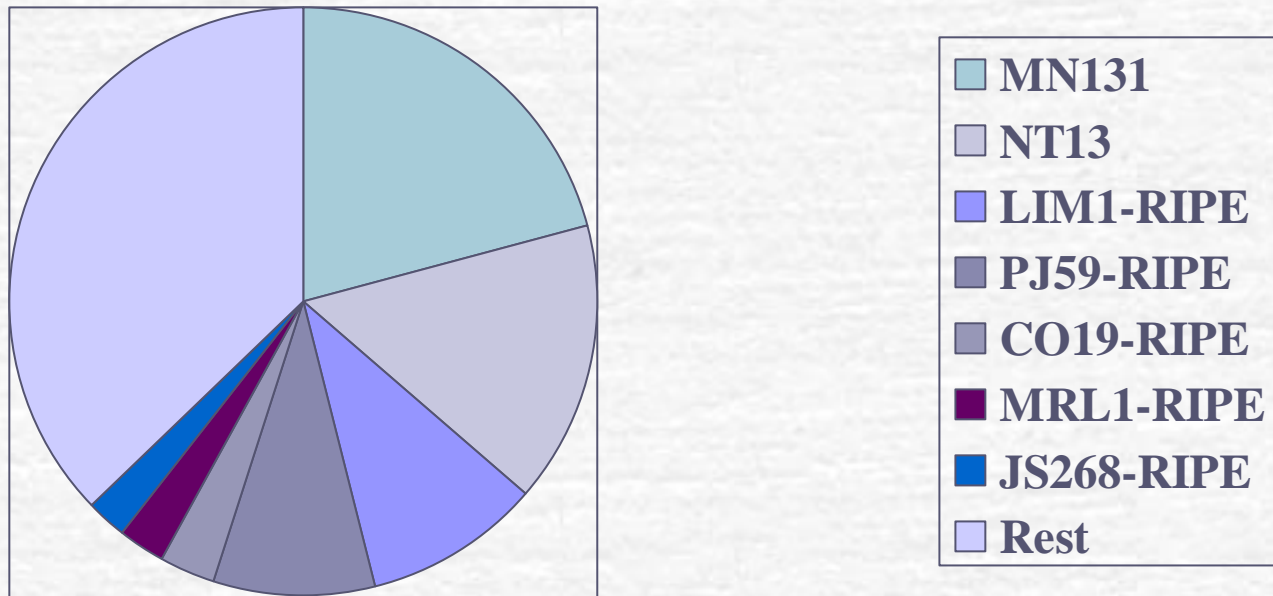
- "Who cares? We know where they live"

Progress

- Four poetic-form objects have been defined and the RIPE NCC (in fear of their lives) have installed them
  - LIMERICK (backward compatibility)
  - HAIKU (internationalisation effort)
  - PROSE (sop to those who can't write poetry)
  - SONNET-ENGLISH (for flashy b*stards)

Statistics (1)
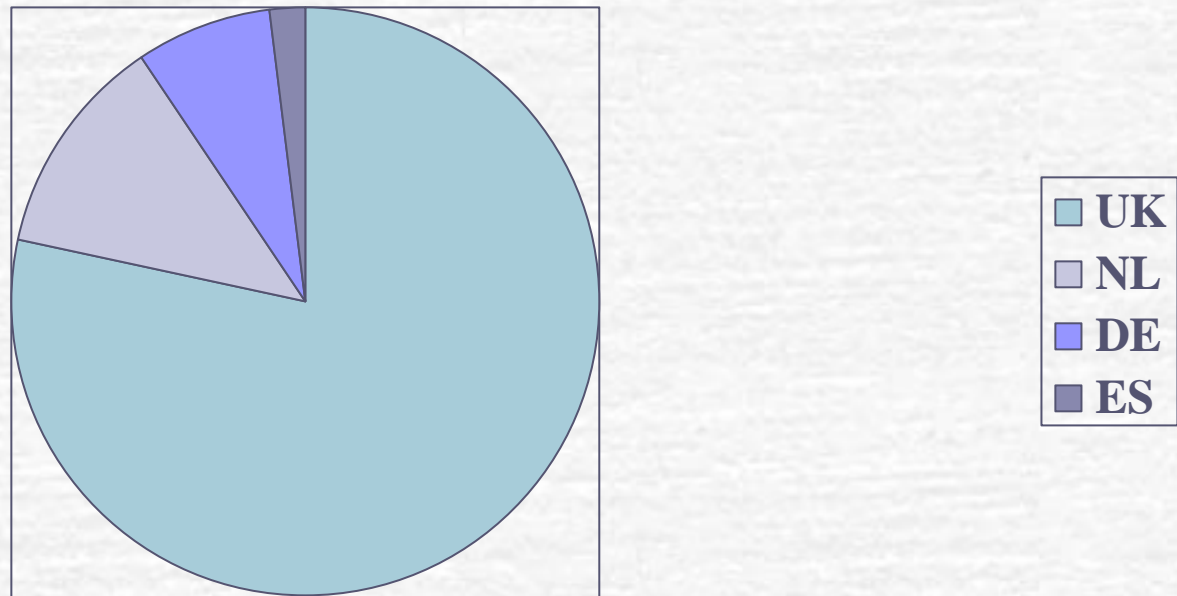
- 167 poem objects
- 64 authors
- 4 poetic-form objects
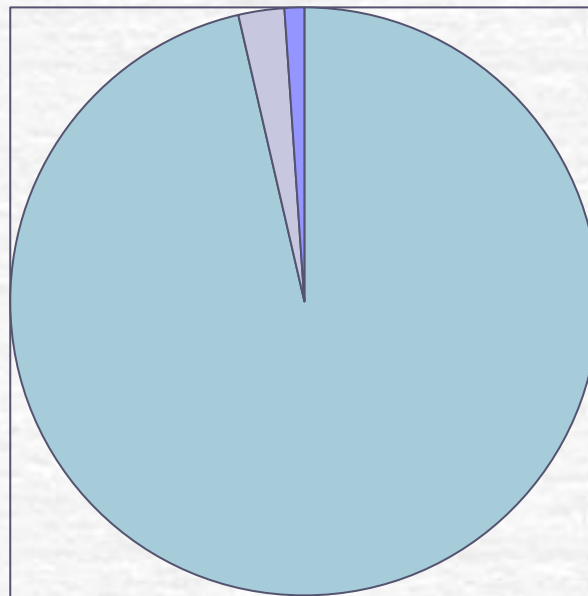
Statistics (2)

Authors

Legend:
- MN131
- NT13
- LIM1-RIPE
- PJ59-RIPE
- CO19-RIPE
- MRL1-RIPE
- JS268-RIPE
- Rest

Statistics (3)

Native Language of Prolific Authors

Legend:
- UK
- NL
- DE
- ES

Statistics (4)

Poetic Forms

- Limerick
- Sonnet-English
- Haiku

Future Projects

- Poetry Early Registration Project (PERP)
- RIPE NCC outreach
- Database Stress Testing

Early Registration Project

- Problems with early poems
- Many duplicates
- Ownership of many LIM-RIPE poems in doubt
- Database cleanup urgently required

RIPE NCC Outreach

- Very little recent poetry submitted by RIPE NCC
- Indication of lack of culture
- Suggest a new management position: Director In Charge of Kultur

Database Stress Testing

- Poetic-form: SAGA-ICELANDIC
- Tests
  - Object size
  - Latency
- Working group required

Thank You