

# EIP 1820: Pseudo-introspection Registry Contract

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Table 1: Data sheet for Pseudo-introspection Registry Contract

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| Title         | Pseudo-introspection Registry Contract                                                                                  |
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| Category      | ERC                                                                                                                     |
| Requires      | <a href="#">165</a> , <a href="#">214</a>                                                                               |
| Replaces      | <a href="#">ERC 820</a>                                                                                                 |

## Simple Summary

*This standard defines a universal registry smart contract where any address (contract or regular account) can register which interface it supports and which smart contract is responsible for its implementation.*

*This standard keeps backward compatibility with [ERC165](#).*

## Abstract

*This standard defines a registry where smart contracts and regular accounts can publish which functionality they implement—either directly or through a proxy contract.*

*Anyone can query this registry to ask if a specific address implements a given interface and which smart contract handles its implementation.*

*This registry MAY be deployed on any chain and shares the same address on all chains.*

*Interfaces with zeroes (0) as the last 28 bytes are considered [ERC165](#) interfaces, and this registry SHALL forward the call to the contract to see if it implements the interface.*

*This contract also acts as an [ERC165](#) cache to reduce gas consumption.*

## Motivation

*There have been different approaches to define pseudo-introspection in Ethereum. The first is ERC165 which has the limitation that it cannot be used by regular accounts. The second attempt is [ERC672](#) which uses reverse Ethereum Name Service (ENS)<sup>1)</sup>. Using reverse ENS has two issues. First, it is unnecessarily complicated, and second, ENS is still a centralized contract controlled by a multisig. This multisig theoretically would be able to modify the system.*

*This standard is much simpler than ERC672, and it is fully decentralized.*

*This standard also provides a unique address for all chains. Thus solving the problem of resolving the correct registry address for different chains.*

<sup>1)</sup>

Ethereum Name Service, <https://ens.domains/>

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