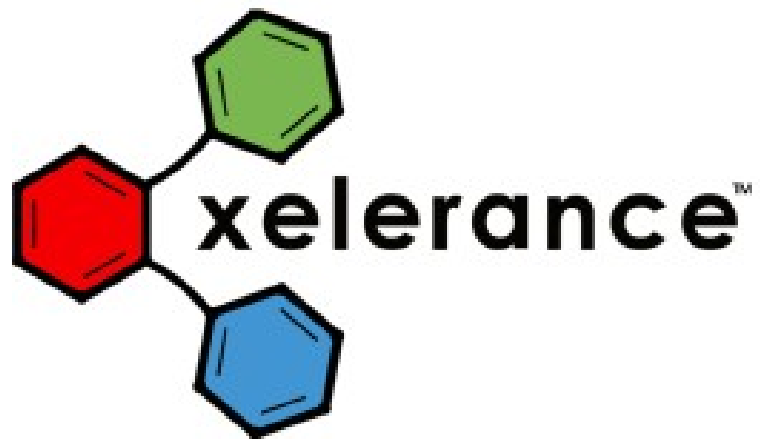


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DNSSEC: Theory and Worldwide Operational Experiences

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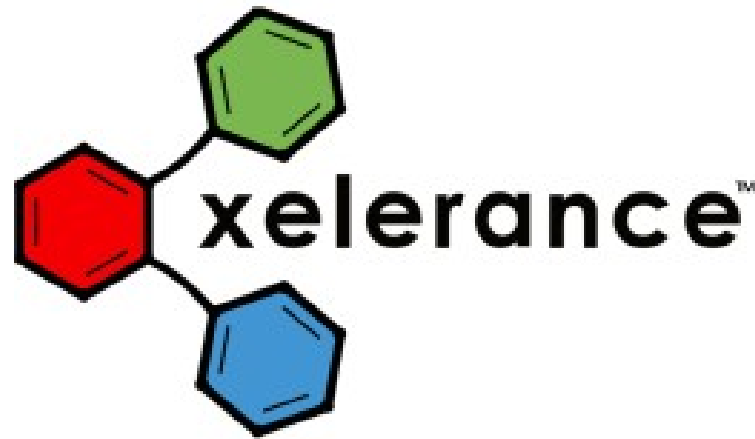
Who are we?

Xelerance Corporation is a company with a dedicated team of experienced software developers, network designers and consultants providing support, development and network design services for businesses from ISP's to Fortune 100 companies

Our initial flagship solution “Openswan” is found as the core of many IPsec based VPN products, ranging from enterprise rollouts to consumer electronics.



BIAS (Dis)claimer



Xelerence Corporation is heavily involved in the IETF and RIPE communities with the design, development and implementation of the DNSSEC standards, software, and hardware appliances.

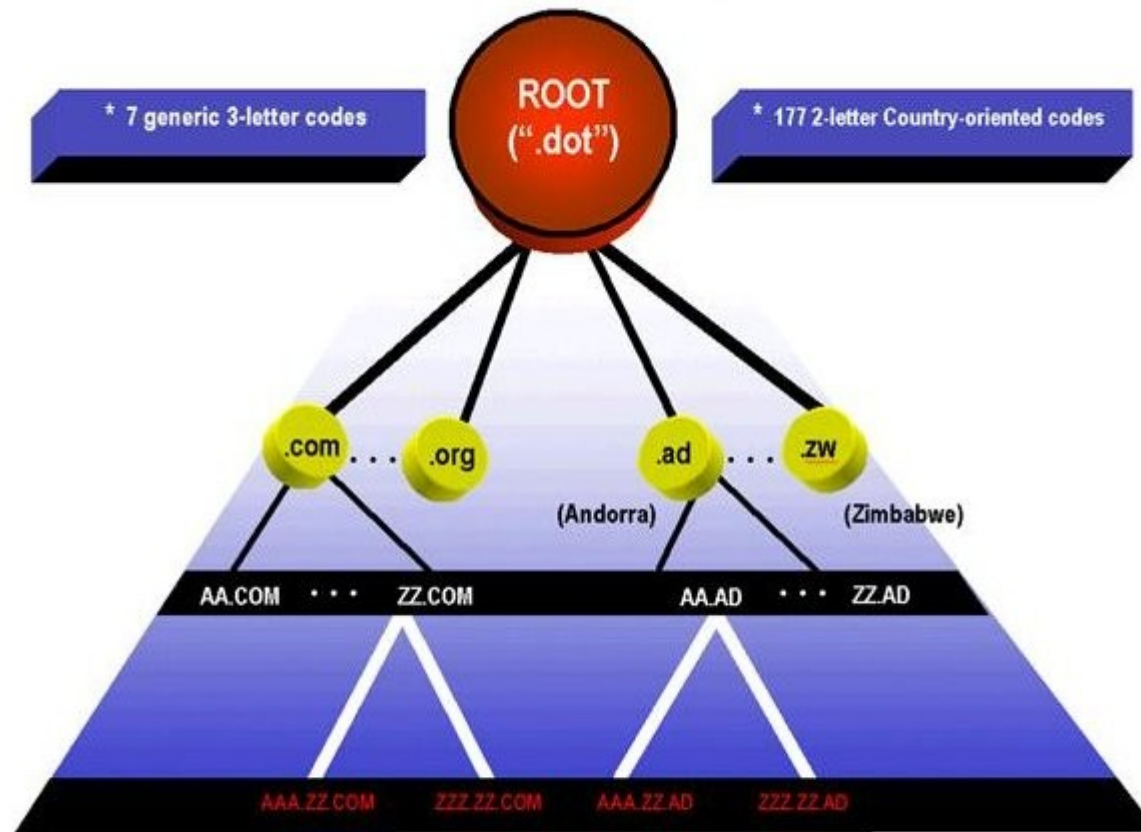
The Domain Name System (DNS)

The DNS translates domain names to IP addresses and back via a distributed method. It also lists Mail eXchange (MX) records et. al.

In recent years, people have put all kind of important information in the DNS, with the assumption that it is “safe” or even “private”, such as LDAP / Active Directory, SPF, NAPTR/SRV for **SIP**, **ENUM**, public keys, fingerprints..

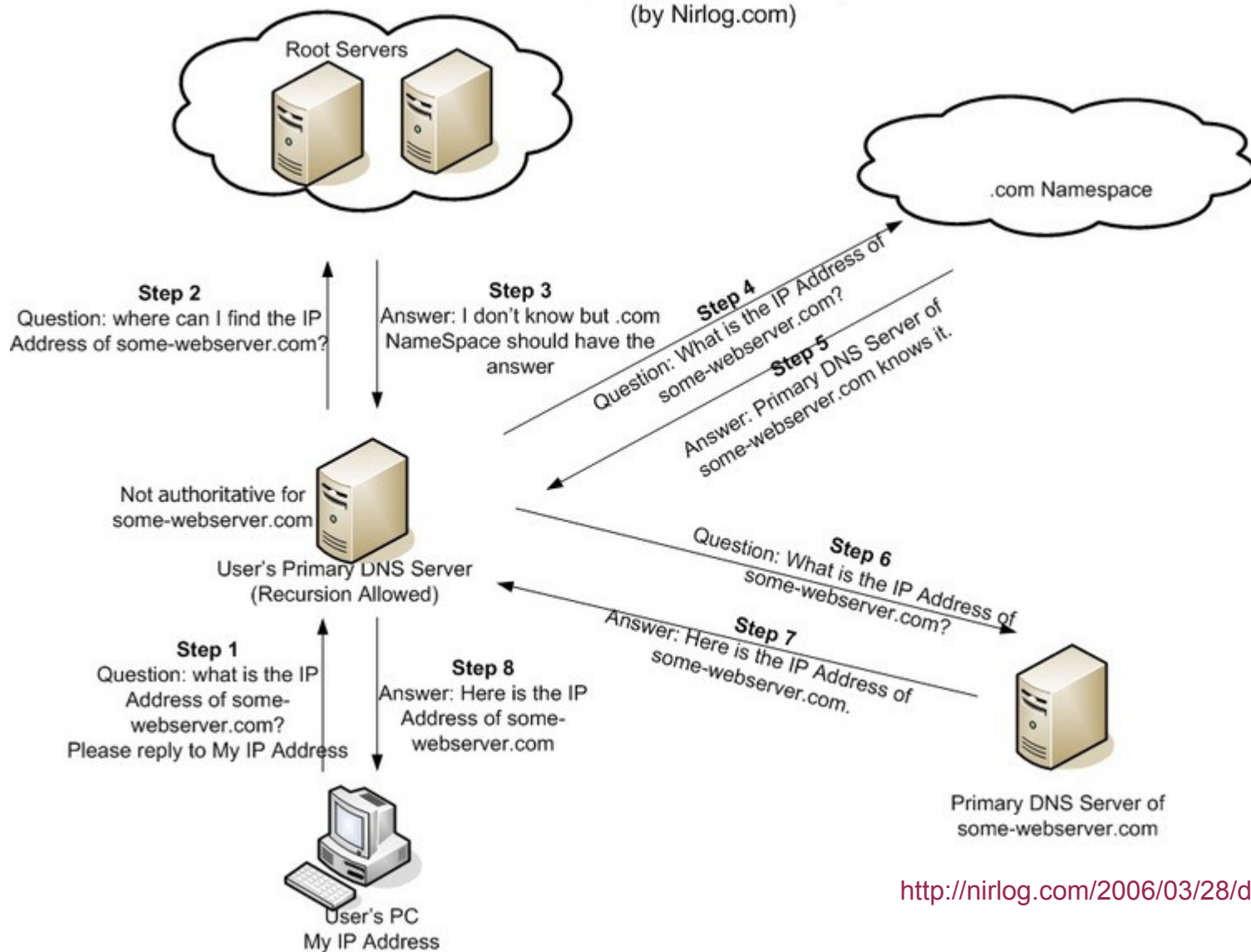
DNS is hierachical and distributed

What is DNS? An arbitrary, hierarchical naming convention, primarily based on geographical designations.



Basic Architecture of DNS

DNS Query (Recursive)
(by Nirlog.com)



<http://nirlog.com/2006/03/28/dns-amplification-attack/>

15 attacks on DNS

It takes a lot of queries to get an answer

[let me show you....]

Attack 1

Endpoint DNS spoofing

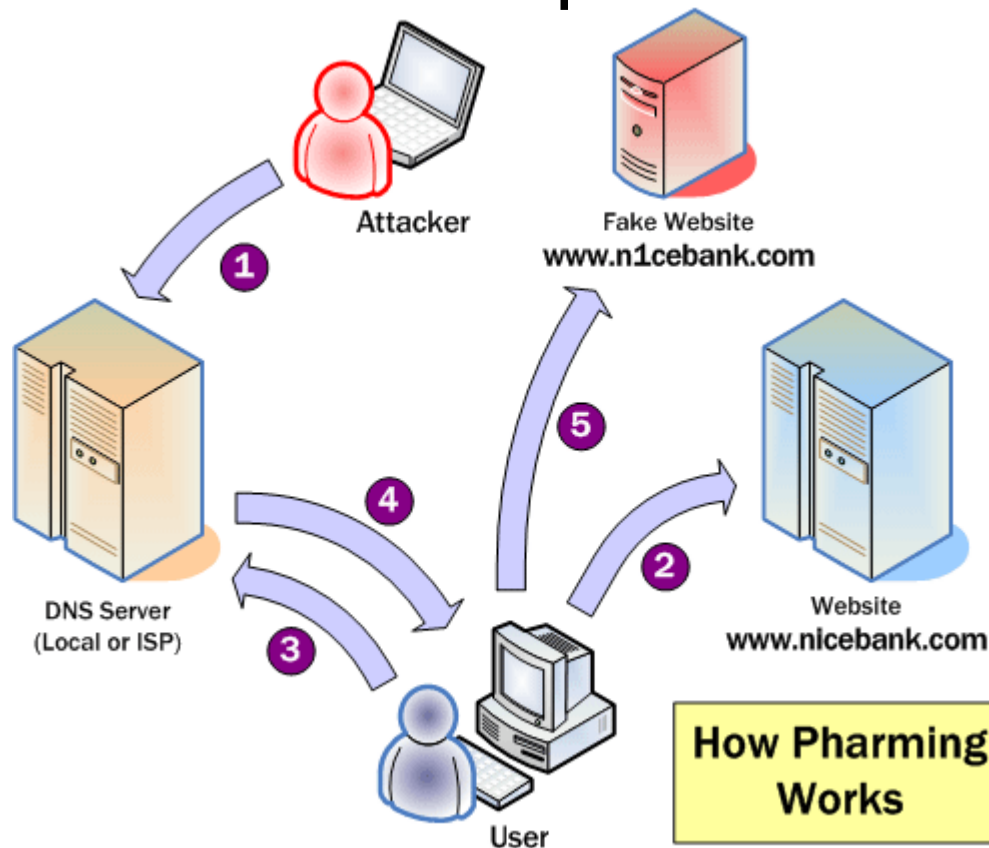


Attack 2

ISP cache poisoning, then spam

In 2006 Rogers and Bell Canada got their nameservers poisoned with TD Canada Trust and CIBC domains.

Localised attack by remote attacker



<http://palisade.plynt.com/issues/2006Mar/pharming/>

Attack 3

BIND vulnerability: Predict ID's

Attacker queries target DNS to obtain the random ID
Attacker predicts the next (not really random) ID used

Attacker asks for `www.spoofed.com`, triggering DNS server to go find the answer.

Attacker “answers” on behalve of `www.spoofed.com`'s nameserver. Required about 30 packets to get the right “random” ID.

DNS server now has a false answer cached, which it will hand out to other clients asking for `www.spoofed.com`

Attack 4

Sysadmin typo abuse

<http://www.julianhaight.com/msnhack.html>

Before September 6, 2007:

```
$ dig msn.com.tw @d.twnic.net.tw.
```

```
:: AUTHORITY SECTION:
```

msn.com.tw.	86400	IN	NS	dns1.cp.msft.net.
msn.com.tw.	86400	IN	NS	dns1.dc.msft.net.
msn.com.tw.	86400	IN	NS	dns1.tk.msft.net.
msn.com.tw.	86400	IN	NS	dns3.uk.msft.net.
msn.com.tw.	86400	IN	NS	dns.cpmsft.net.

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msn.com.tw.	86400	IN	NS	dns1.dc.msft.net.
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msn.com.tw.	86400	IN	NS	dns3.uk.msft.net.
msn.com.tw.	86400	IN	NS	dns.cpmsft.net.

Attack 5

NXDOMAIN “helpers”

OpenDNS service

(people have to configure this themselves)

goggle.com -> google.com

But what if goggle.com is a “real” domain?

But what if OpenDNS does not like domain X?

Attack 6

NXDOMAIN thieves [part 1]

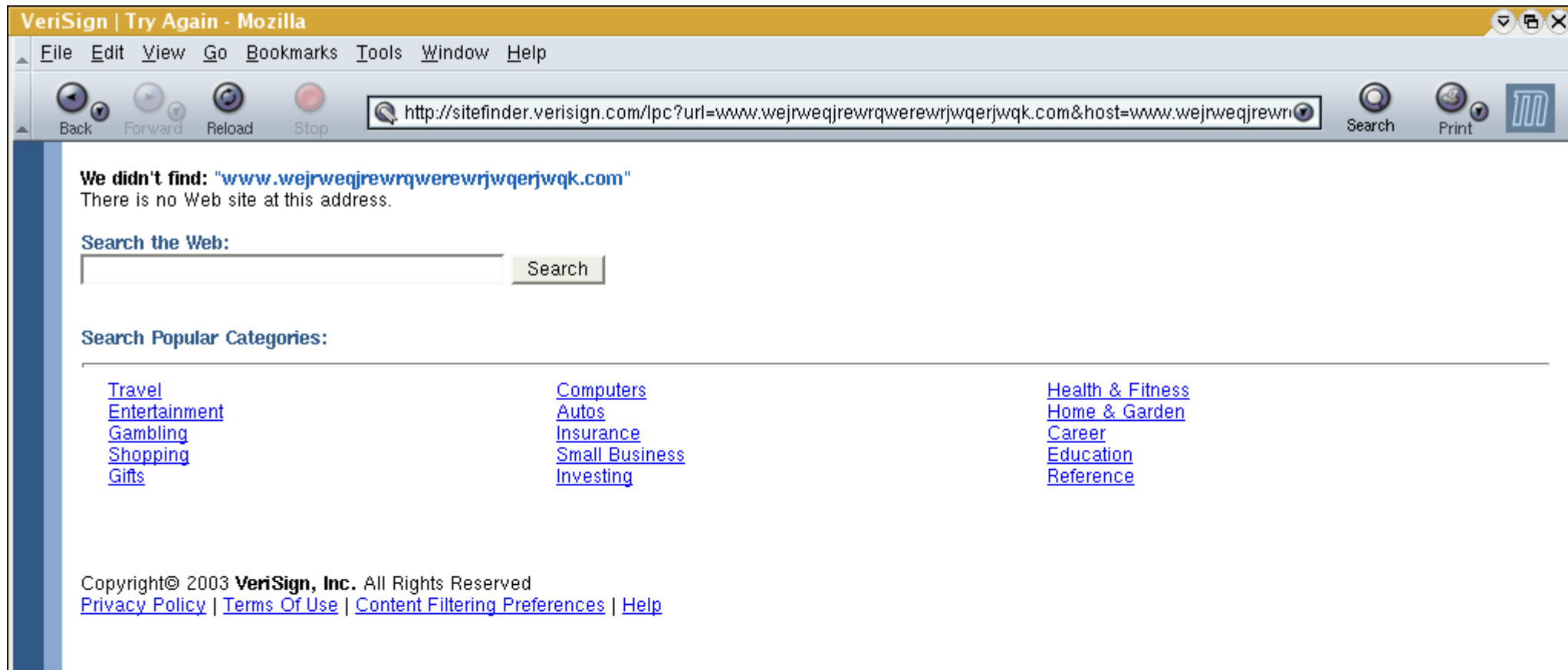
ISP's abusing nameservers assigned to users
via DHCP



Attack 7

NXDOMAIN thieves [part 3]

It's a bit worse when Verisign, the guardian for .com does it – and with a MX wildcard!



Attack 8

The government knows best:

An increase in government ordered DNS meddling

No YouTube in Thailand over insulted the king [mar 2007]

No Youtube in Turkey over insulting nation [sep 2007]

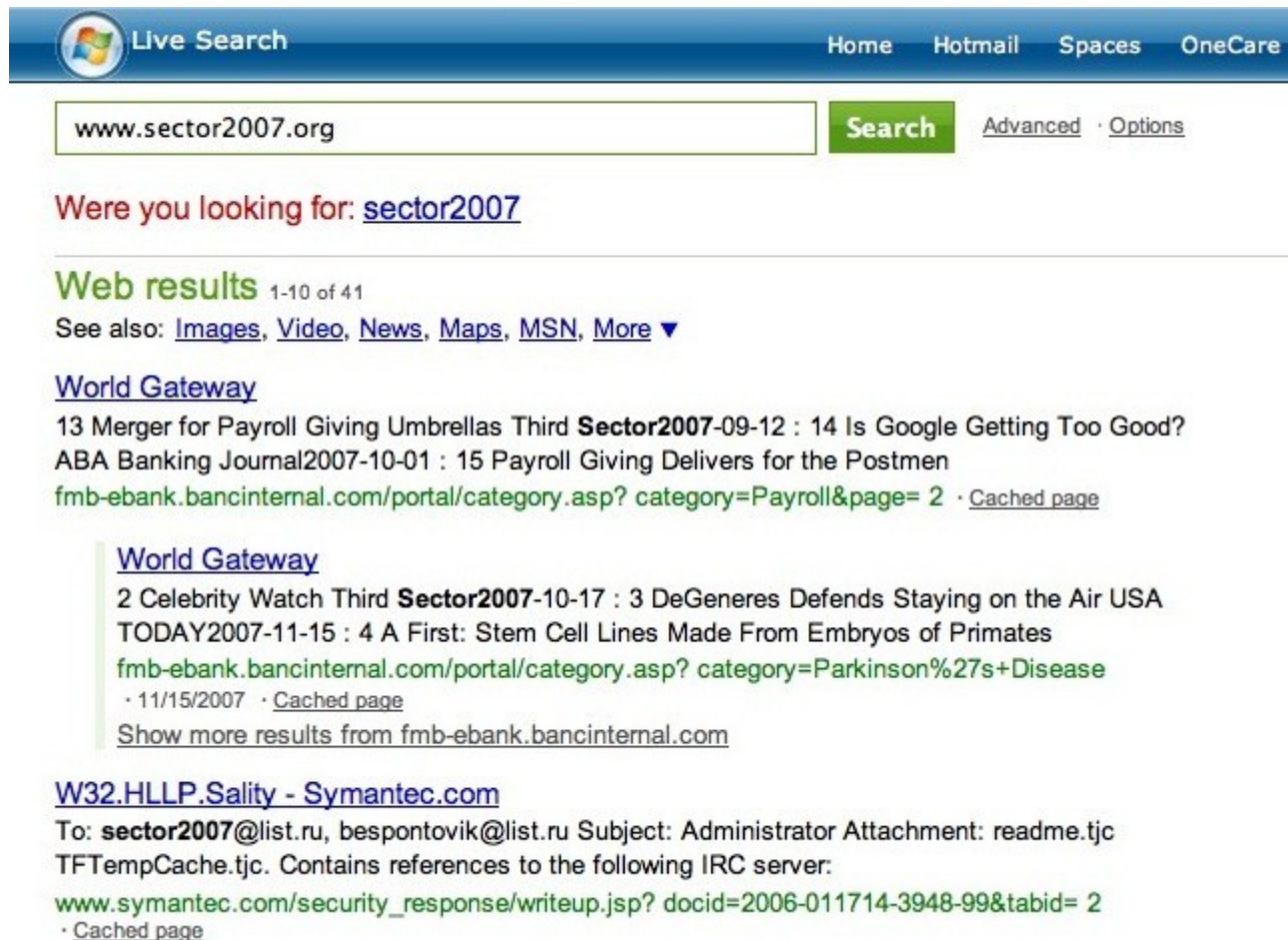
ISPs are forced to ban hate sites (eg France, Germany)

FBI et al redirecting traffic with a 'Moral and Ethics' page

Attack 9

The NXDOMAIN vendor thieves..

Everyone wants to h\$lp you



Live Search Home Hotmail Spaces OneCare

www.sector2007.org Search Advanced Options

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· [Cached page](#)

Attack 10

NXDOMAIN thieves [part 2]

Some TLD's want to to scam you....

A screenshot of a web browser window displaying a website. The browser's address bar shows 'http://www.sector2007toronto.ws/'. The website has a dark blue header with the text 'WEBSITE.WS - Your Internet Address For Life™'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links to 'Musicoverly ...e webRadio', 'shinkuro.com...ailing Lists', 'Lawful Access - CIPPIC', 'Gadget.Brandoo.com.hk', 'The Firmware...fic Section', and 'News (1100)'. The main content area has a green background. On the left, the text 'FINANCIAL FREEDOM' is written in large, bold, white letters. To the right, a woman in a black suit is smiling and holding a fan of US dollar bills. Above her, the text 'Would You Like To Learn How To?' is followed by three bullet points: 'Set Your Own Schedule', 'Work During Your Spare Time', and 'And Make Lots of Money'. Below this, a black box contains the text 'We Are Offering You a 7-Day FREE Trial To The Internet's Hottest New Business Opportunity!'. At the bottom, a paragraph of text reads: 'If you missed out on the DOT COM boom, now is your chance to cash in on the massive and growing global demand in our \$20 BILLION PER YEAR market. We'll show you how to create an income that will come to you for years and grow with each passing month.'

Attack 11

Nationwide DNS spoofing China

Some TLD's want to protect you....
(September 2002)

If there is “minghui” anywhere in the URL string, the DNS server will return the fake ip address 64.33.88.161

minghui.org is the website of Falun Gong

Attack 12

Resolver games: Wildcard record

***.com.boldlygoingnowhere.org**

Combined with malware setting your DNS search suffix to:

“com.boldlygoingnowhere.org”

Will change your query for **www.google.com** to

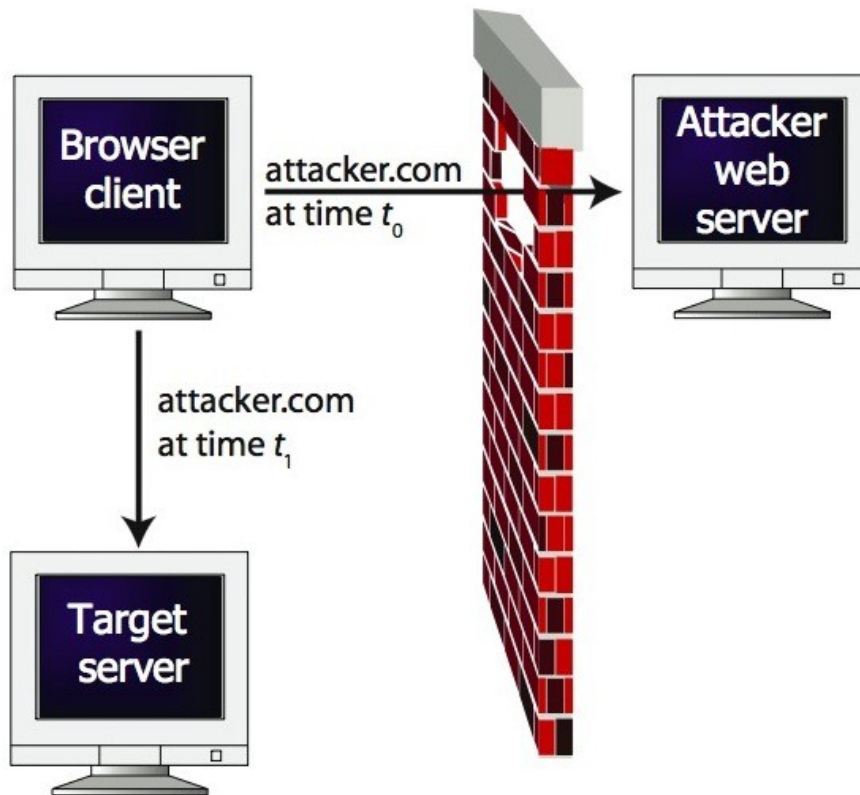
www.google.com.com.boldlygoingnowhere.org

(Microsoft not affected, they hardcode some *.microsoft.com in the resolver code)

Attack 13

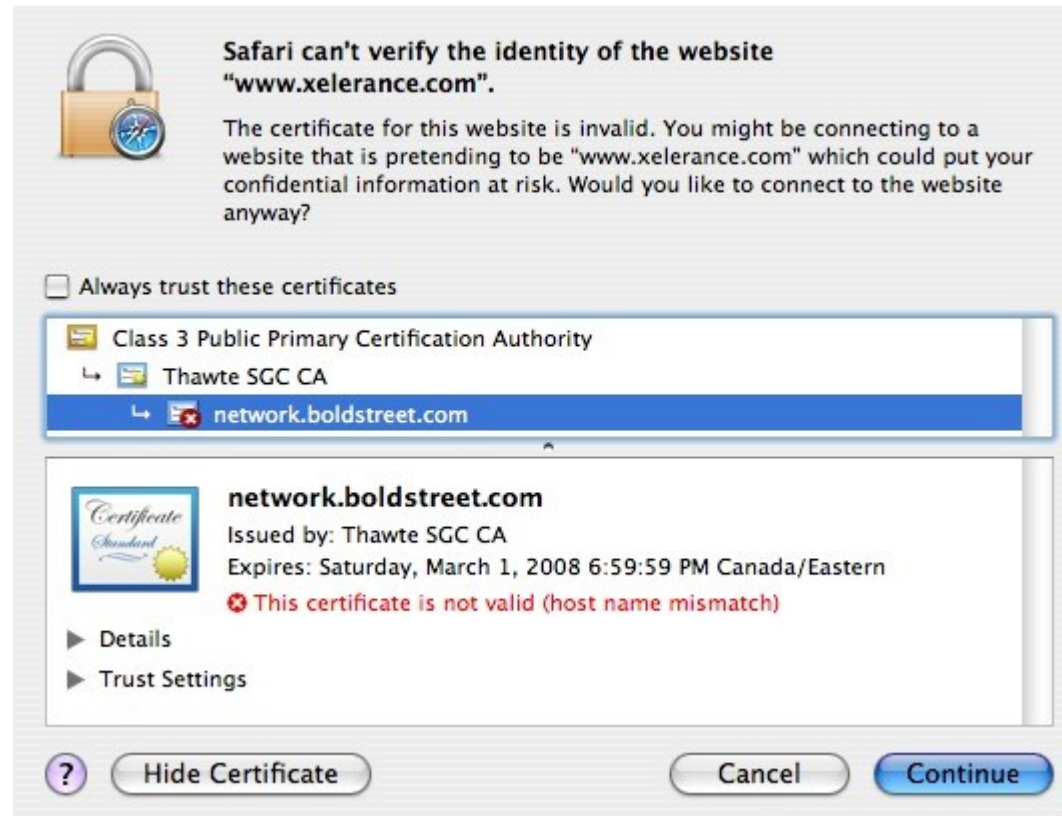
DNS rebinding

Demo site:
<http://www.jumperz.net>



Attack 14

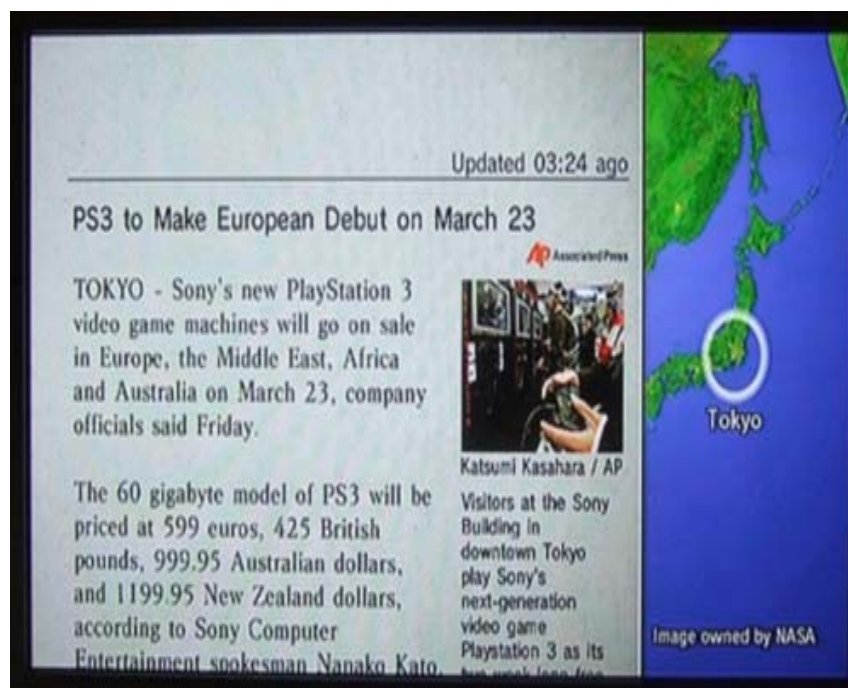
Captive Portals



Attack 15

Run your own (fake) AUTH server

I want to add my own RSS feeds to the Wii News menu.
So I hijacked their DNS to send it to through my own servers and see what I could run against it as exploit.



Everybody wants your DNS

Internet Service Providers

Wifi hotspots / captive portals

Applications

Websites (activeX, java, javascript, flash)

Operating Systems

cc:TLD's

oh, and hackers, spammers, phishers, pharmers

See also: “**DNS Threat Analyses**” by Santcroos, Kolkman

<http://nlnetlabs.nl/downloads/se-consult.pdf>

What is DNSSEC?

DNSSEC is a protocol that secures the DNS against spoofing and hijacking attacks

DNSSEC is a cryptographically protected DNS

DNSSEC builds a path of trust from a parent zone to a child zone to a grand child zone [...]

DNSSEC allows multiple “Secure Entry Points”

What is DNSSEC not

It's not about encrypting the DNS or privacy of DNS data

It's not about X.509, SSL certificates, or Central Authorities

It's not about making a secure storage point for others
(according to the designers of DNSSEC, not its users)

History of DNS(SEC)

(see <http://nlnetlabs.nl/dnssec/history.html>)

1983: Mockapetris invents DNS

1986: IETF RFC1034 and 1035

1988: Widespread use

1990 Steve Bellovin discovers flaws in DNS. Is kept secret

1995 Flaw is published, IETF starts to talk about DNSSEC

1997 RFC2065 – first attempt at DNSSEC

1999 RFC2535 – DNSSEC looks finished, but a lot of discussion on parent-child interaction/authority

2000 First DNSSEC TLD tested, .nl.nl shadow zone

2001 SECREG.nl experiment – though successful, .nl does not continue (<http://www.xtdnet.nl/paul/dnssec/>)

2001 NLnetlabs becomes a major developer with the NSD nameserver supporting DNSSEC and the LDNS DNSSEC library.

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2002/2003 RFC2535bis – the DS record introduced

2003 Dutch ISP xtdnet.nl enables DNSSEC on all customer domains

2005 RFC4033, 4034 and 4035 published – “DNSSEC”

2005 Sweden becomes first TLD to use DNSSEC

2006 RIPE enables DNSSEC for their in-addr.arpa.

2007 Deployment worldwide increased to 5 TLD's

2007 Zone walking is still discussed. The solution of the NSEC3 record is still being discussed.

2007 OPT-IN is still being discussed to reduce memory requirements in large zones files.

2007 The larger TLD's are still working on faster hardware and protocol tweaks to be able to sign their zones daily (or in some cases hourly)

DNSSEC requirement: EDNS0

A method for adding more flags and options to the DNS.

DNS packets we not larger then 512 bytes, but DNS packets with EDNS0 can be larger then 512 bytes

Defined in RFC2671 – published in 1999

Still a lot of firewalls and/or consumer products do not properly handle or relay EDNS0

This is a deployment concern for resolvers

client-resolver-auth server

Client – Resolver communication is assumed to be trusted. If not, you can:

- Run resolver on the client itself (recommended)

- Setup trusted connection to resolver (TSIG or VPN)

Client can ask “do DNSSEC for me” with the DO bit
Client can just ask for DNS and trust the AD bit

With ISP's using DNSSEC enabled nameservers, the biggest DNS spoofing/hijacking attacks would be thwarted. ISP's DNSSEC enabled nameservers don't help you when you are on an insecure wifi network.

DNSSEC components

DNSSEC signers: Generate cryptographic key pairs and signing zone files

AUTHORITATIVE Nameservers: Publishing DNSSEC zonefiles. Performs no crypto operations – just serves

Recursive Resolving Nameservers: Querying DNSSEC records and cryptographically verifying the records are genuine. May or may not use crypto

Application Interface: Enhance applications to give proper feedback to the user (not just ServFail or 'not found')

DNSSEC signers

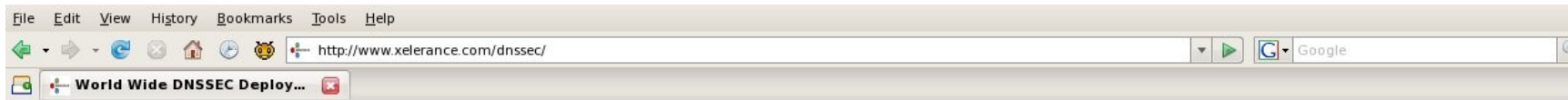
BIND, www.isc.org, Internet Software Consortium (using OpenSSL)

Donuts, dnssec-tools.org, SPARTA Inc (wrapper around BIND)

Maintkeydb, www.ripe.net/disi, RIPE (wrapper around BIND)

Crypto is hard – be careful to trust others

Current DNSSEC TLD deployment



World Wide DNSSEC Deployment



This map was created by Paul Wouters

DNSSEC survey by ccNSO Council

October 27 2007

65 ccTLD's responded

Have you implemented DNSSEC?

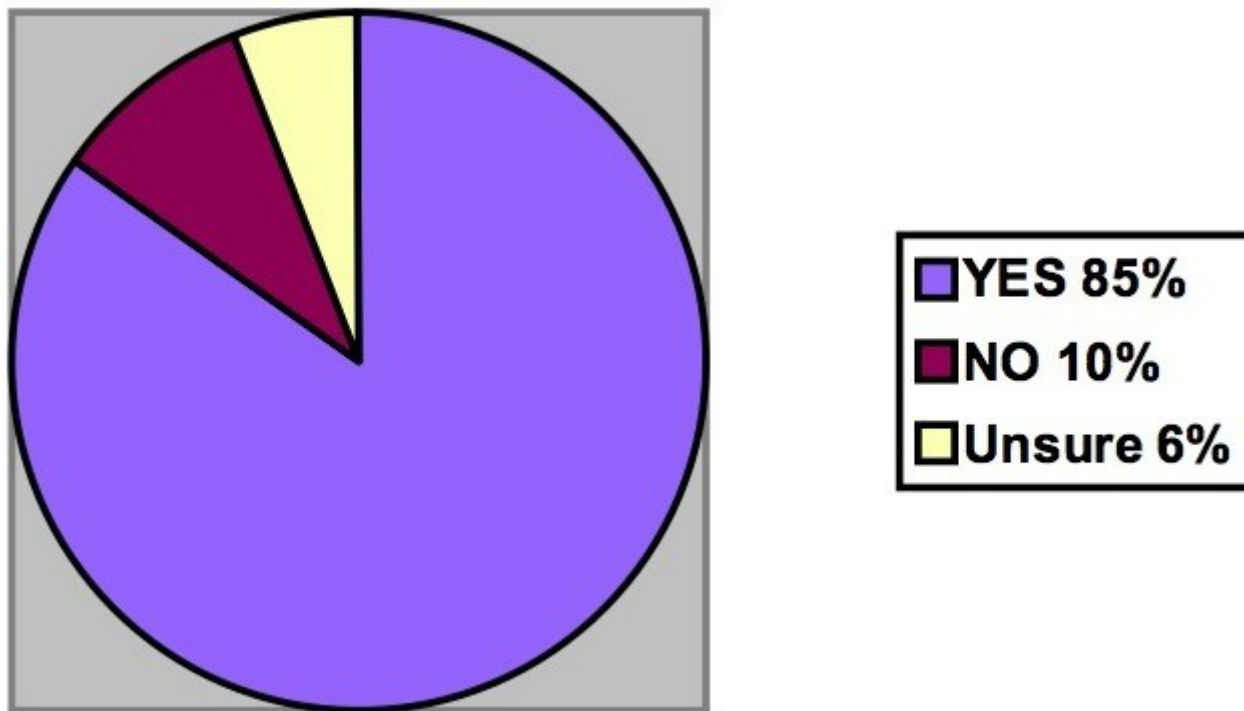


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If you have not implemented DNSSEC, are you planning to implement it?

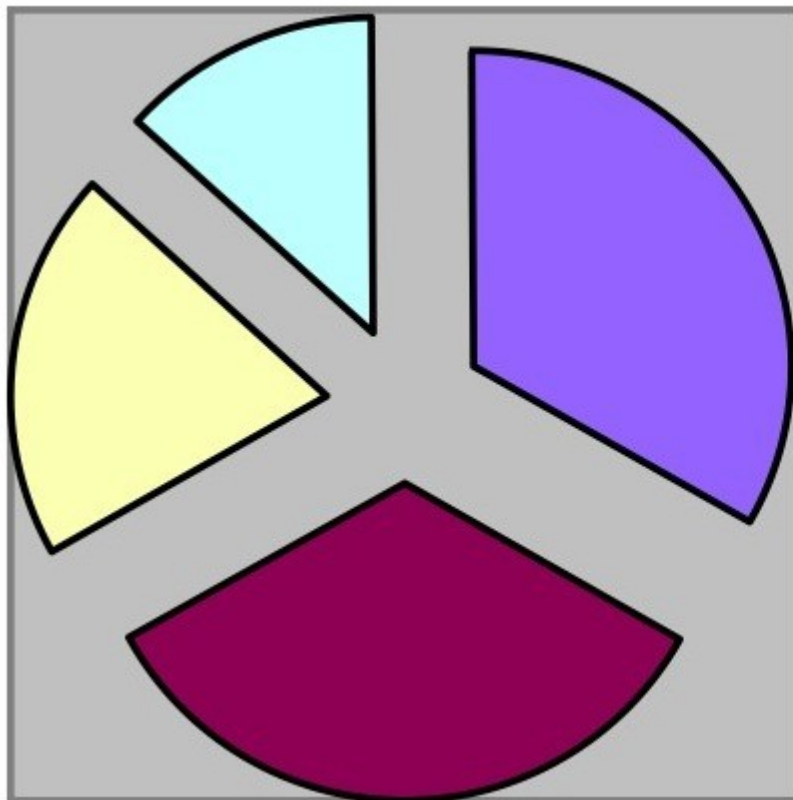


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If you have not implemented DNSSEC, What are the reasons for not implementing DNSSEC?



☐ **Lack of resources**

☐ **Waiting for DNSSEC to mature**

☐ **Other projects have higher priority**

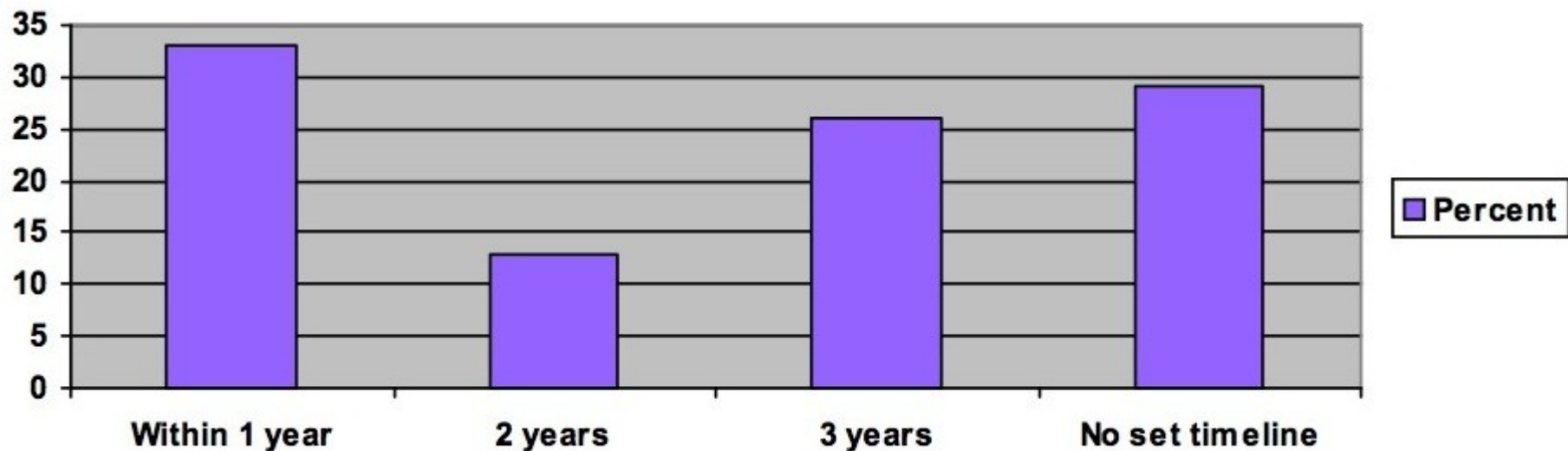
☐ **Root Zone not signed**

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If you have not implemented DNSSEC, When are you planning to implement DNSSEC?



Resolver Deployments

21 september 2007 – first large ISP deployment of DNSSEC enabled resolver in Sweden.

Instantly broke connectivity for many people. It was disabled the same day.

In the following weeks it became clear that many cheap consumer routers, do not handle the AD bit correctly, and dropped the DNS packets. Partial work around added to BIND.

Broken routers were found for D-LINK, Netgear, Gigabyte, and Zyxel.

Application support in a very premature state

Nameservers support DNSSEC

nsd – authoritative only, signing tools separate

bind – fully implemented (including DLV)

Various testing tools written

dnssec-tools.org – management tools, validation tools

www.ripe.net/disi/ – management tools

www.nlnetlans.nl/ldns/ - validation tools, firefox plugin

Various application modifications to support DNSSEC

Postfix, Sendmail, Openswan, Firefox patches by dnssec-tools.org

Stubs and beginnings of low level support

openSSH (SSH implementation)

Openswan (IPsec implementation)

GLIBC (posix implementation)

How does DNSSEC work?

New DNSSEC record types

DNSKEY record - Public key of keypair that signs DNS data in the zone. Usually two or three keys present due to the complexity of “Key Rollover”. These keys are called the Zone Signing Key and Key Signing Key.

RRSIG record - The actual digital signature over an RRset of DNS data - made by a DNSKEY's private key.

NSEC/NSEC3 record - Pointer to next DNS record. Used for “authenticated denial of existence” of a DNS query.

DS record - Delegated Signer. Hash of the key of a DNSSEC secured child zone. Used to build chains of trust. (similar to “glue” records, but authoritative/signed)

The DNSKEY record

xelerance.com. 3600 IN DNSKEY 256 3 5 (

AwEAAamc7W2EQdv34ZyUFapilEzOmcxZE
8YQvJ3o1L+QdWU0O7VspH5iNXE16bWrez
7tOHBPZfxsJYurF0GQMXQ+kVh0Ls0uPyhv
QkE+arcQhXG2scCDPIBmD0iuVx50+qBN9
0QnXmESoywVSPJmA11HAPrAC5ncM2o7y
CrOsQ7ej

) ; key id = 18603

The RRSIG record

www.xelerance.com. 3600 IN A 193.110.157.129

www.xelerance.com. 3600 IN RRSIG A 5 3 3600
20071214195937 (20071114195937 18603
xelerance.com.

SH/yeUTkoD1x6W1oHa Kn1O57ZUVsShY
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FxWFOd01co04WzFFhuluhCq5z0vHJXOX
oZjU=)

The DS record

```
xelerance.se. 43200 IN DS 14850 5 1 (
  B8D93CB3FF749812D5FECDD38967F525BF
  D53DFED )
```

This record (in the zone .se) is signed by the
“.se” DNSKEY. The value is the hash of the
DNSKEY of “xelerance.se”

How to sign non-existent answers?

How do you convey that “non-existent.example.com” does not exist:

Without making an infinite list of possible hostnames

Without requiring custom signed answers (too cpu intensive and requires private key on nameserver)

Supporting wild card records

Using some kind of DNS record that can be signed with an RRSIG

The NSEC record

rcmp.xelerance.com. 3600 IN NSEC
secure.xelerance.com. A RRSIG NSEC

We know that alphabetically, there is nothing between “rcmp.xelerance.com” and “secure.xelerance.com”.

So if we ask for “sabotage.xelerance.com”, we will get this (signed) NSEC record back

Example DNS zone

```
xelerance.com. 3600 IN SOA ns1.xelerance.net. hostmaster.xelerance.com. (
2007110603; Serial
18000 ; refresh
3600 ; retry
864000 ; expire
3600 ) ; minimum
3600 IN SSHFP 1 1 023b462a48078fede5328d9bd9e7f1896cef75a7
3600 IN SSHFP 2 1 176851637907bffd41d7e161a06d8f2ee14ef35d
3600 IN NAPTR 2 0 "s" "SIP+D2T" "" _sip._tcp.xelerance.com.
3600 IN NAPTR 2 0 "s" "SIP+D2U" "" _sip._udp.xelerance.com.
3600 IN TXT "v=spf1 ip4:193.110.157.0/24 ~all"
3600 IN MX 20 cdc.xelerance.com.
3600 IN NS ns0.xelerance.nl.
3600 IN NS ns1.xelerance.net.
3600 IN NS ns2.xelerance.net.
3600 IN A 193.110.157.130
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www.xelerance.com. 3600 IN A 193.110.157.129
```



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3600      IN SOA ns1.xelerance.net. hostmaster.xelerance.com. (
          2007111467 ; serial
          18000      ; refresh (5 hours)
          3600       ; retry (1 hour)
          864000     ; expire (1 week 3 days)
          3600       ; minimum (1 hour)
        )
3600      RRSIG SOA 5 2 3600 20071214195937 (
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          Kyp1/LqifG6ghskHsdGAyYZlys4t4Cv2qQfF
          [...] PEJ8X01i929E71DosSL/QlyWgoU= )
3600      TXT "Xelerance DNSX Secure Signer version 1.3.1"
3600      TXT "Copyright 2006-2007 Xelerance Corporation"
3600      TXT "v=spf1 ip4:193.110.157.0/24 ~all"
3600      RRSIG TXT 5 2 3600 20071214195937 (
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          [...] G568ltc0uLTNd63aaxToV1MZBic= )

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[...] WEeN77DL3rPQqrkKwTL/l98y9xg= )
3600 NSEC _sip._tcp.xelerance.com. A NS SOA MX TXT NAPTR SSHFP
RRSIG NSEC DNSKEY
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20071114195937 18603 xelerance.com.
[...] o04WzFFhuluhCq5z0vHJX0XoZjU= )
3600 NSEC xelerance.com. A RRSIG NSEC
3600 RRSIG NSEC 5 3 3600 20071214195937 (
20071114195937 18603 xelerance.com.
[...] CRYYfc6pBOUTwxCjckL/dm2Bhww= )
```

The NSEC3 record (draft, not an RFC yet)

Some TLD's (.de and .uk) did not like the fact that you can discover all data in the DNS by “walking the NSEC” record chain

Use sorted hashed names instead

The NSEC3 record

2t7b4g4vsa5smi47k61mv5bv1a22bojr.example.com.
NSEC3 1 1 12 aabbccdd (
2vptu5timamqttgl4luu9kg21e0aor3s A RRSIG)

If we want the A record for “www.example.com” and we get this NSEC3 record back, we calculate $\text{hash}(\text{record}, \text{salt}, \text{iterations})$ falls between “2t7b4g[...]” and “2vptu5[...]”.

If $\text{hash}(\text{“www.example.com”, “aabbccdd”, 12})$ is “2uaaa[...]” then we have a signed answer that an A record for “www.example.com” does not exist, without knowing any other hostname in the zone.

.com: All or Nothing?

Problem: We need DNSSEC deployment yesterday

No large TLD's, like .com, .org, .uk, .ge or .eu are going to enable DNSSEC tomorrow.

But we want to protect our entries within those zones now (eg xelerance.com)

How can migrate from DNS to DNSSEC ?

We need a list of DNSSEC domains

For each domain in an non-DNSSEC TLD, we keep a database with their DNSKEY

Resolvers need to check for DNSSEC on the TLD, and when in a non-DNSSEC TLD, query our database.

We require this database to be as reliable as the DNS itself.

We require this database to be as secure as DNSSEC

Hmm....database....distributed.....needs crypto.....

I know, let's use the DNS

DNSSEC Lookaside Verification

xelerance.com.dlv.isc.org. IN DLV 38254 5 1
77F7CAEAA4547DB69F6F563CE7A164558E8C1

See: <http://dlv.isc.org/>

Other issues not discussed here

Versign wants “opt-in”, meaning they want NSEC or NSEC3 records to skip unsigned data. This would allow them to only have limited signed data for signed domains, instead of having to sign the entire com/net zone from day 1.

Wildcard records. Those records match a lot (eg: *.many.example.com). Those are also covered properly by NSEC or NSEC3 records.

Hash agility for NSEC3. There is no method for switching hash functions, other than to first fall back to NSEC.

Signed data validity

To prevent replay attacks, cryptographically signed data must “expire” and new signed data must be created. Hence the start and end date in the RRSIG records.

DNS data has a “time to live” to allow DNS caching.

So updating signed data always needs to happen with some overlap in time of DNSKEY records

Key rollover

Cryptographic keys need to be replaced regularly
Cryptographic algorithms might have to be replaced
Cryptographic keys can get compromised or lost

We need a mechanism to migrate from old to new key

DNS data has a “time to live” to allow DNS caching. We need to keep the old key around for a little while even if we have purged all signatures of the old key

The DS record might be cached as well, and point to the old key (and we prefer not to require two DS records at the parent)

Required feature set for DNSSEC

DNSSEC operations

- Key Signing Keys and Zone Signing Keys management
- Zone signing and re-signing management
- Key rollover management (KSK and ZSK)
- Emergency key rollover support
- DNSSEC Lookaside Verification (DLV) support eg: dlv.isc.org

DNSSEC and DNS records management

- DS record management (fully automatic if we are parent and child)
- DS record support on external parent (point to proper TLD pages)
- System wide and per-domain DNSSEC settings for key types, key sizes, signature lifetime, re-sign interval

Key rollover method

Current DNSKEY (A) plus Future DNSKEY (B)
Parent publishes DS(A)

Old DNSKEY (A) plus Current DNSKEY (B)
Parent publishes DS(B)

Current DNSKEY (B) plus Future DNSKEY (C)
Parent publishes DS(B)

All wait times depend on TTL of RRSIG and DNSKEY's
All wait times depend on interaction with parent for DS

Decrease parent-child interaction

Publish one “Master DNSKEY”

- Strong key strength (2048 bit)

- Long lived key (one year validity)

- Send DS of master key to parent

- Yearly rollover as described on previous slide

Publish one “Zone DNSKEY”

- Reasonable key strength (1024bit)

- Short lived key (30 days)

- Zone key is signed by “Master DNSKEY”

- Key can be updated without updating DS record

Trust path is now:

DS(Master) -> Master -> Sig(Zone key) -> Sig (zone data)

The DNSSEC difference

DNS

DNSSEC

Fairly straightforward
simple concept
Setup once and forget about
it – easy to pickup
Forgiving for human errors

Integrated differently with
each organisation, usually
features webgui and db
Data never expires, delays
with nameservers not critical
Core standard everywhere

Conceptually hard for
average zone admin
Continuous effort required to
maintain signed zones
Human errors have dire
consequences.
Does not fit in currently
deployed DNS infrastructure
Data becomes stale, smooth
integration with nameserver
required
Non-uniform deployment

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- DLV support – standard configuration uses dlv.isc.org

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Desired features for DNSSEC

Automation support

All features except “DS upload to external parent” can be automated but the tools are not ready yet.

IETF with ISC is working on automating DS record trust

Nameserver integration

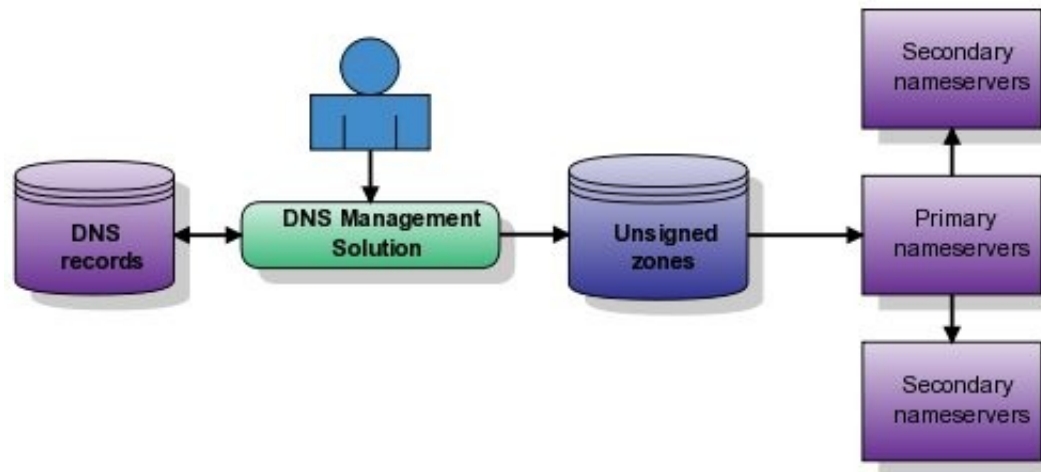
Due to timing sensitivities, a DNSSEC signer needs to be fully integrated into the nameserver for automated zone uploads.

Online mode or Offline mode (features vs security)

Active verification of DNSSEC records, zones and nameservers

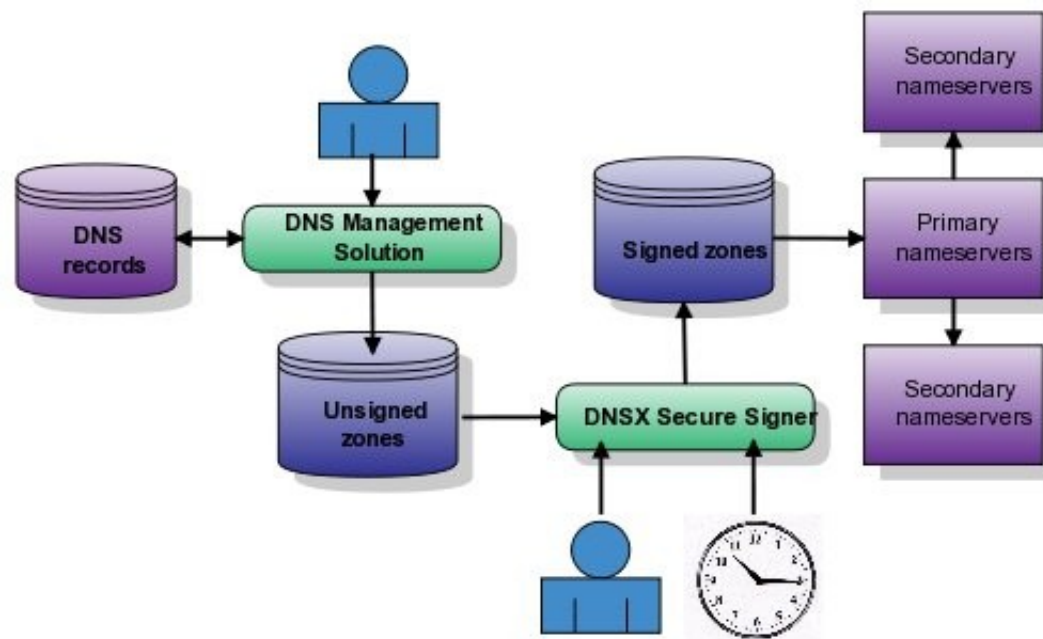
Notification of imminent or occurring issues

Typical DNS Deployment



dnssec solution should be a drop-in solution
dnssec solution should integrate with all existing DNS
management solutions without requiring infrastructure
changes
Provide one-step fallback scenario

DNSSEC integration example



Needs to push signed zones via SSH, SFTP, NFS or SMB

Needs to support custom (**ssh?**) reload command

/usr/sbin/rndc reload

/etc/init.d/nsd restart

touch /var/dns/queue/do-ns-restart

Resolving DNSSEC

Available software

ISC Bind 9 nameserver

- DNSSEC authoritative nameserver

- DNSSEC recursing nameserver

- DNSSEC signer

- DNSSEC DLV support

NSD nameserver

- DNSSEC authoritative nameserver

dnssec-tools.org

- DNSSEC signer management tool

- DNSSEC library

www.ripe.net/disi/

- DNSSEC signer management tool in perl

ldns

- Unix dnssec library in C.

Create signed zone mini-HOWTO

```
dnssec-keygen -r /dev/random -f KSK -a  
RSASHA1 -b 2048 -n ZONE example.com
```

```
dnssec-keygen -r /dev/random -a RSASHA1  
-b 1024 -n ZONE example.com
```

```
dnssec-signzone -l dlw.isc.org -r /dev/random  
-o example.com -k \  
Kexample.com.+005+aaaaaa example.com  
Kexample.com.+005+bbbbbb.key
```

Create Secure Resolver HOWTO 1

named.conf – options section

```
// On Redhat/Fedora Bind, they created a new option  
// edns yes;
```

```
dnssec-enable yes;  
dnssec-validation yes;  
dnssec-accept-expired no;
```

```
// For DNSSEC Lookaside Verification  
dnssec-lookaside . trust-anchor dlv.isc.org.;
```

Create Secure Resolver HOWTO 2

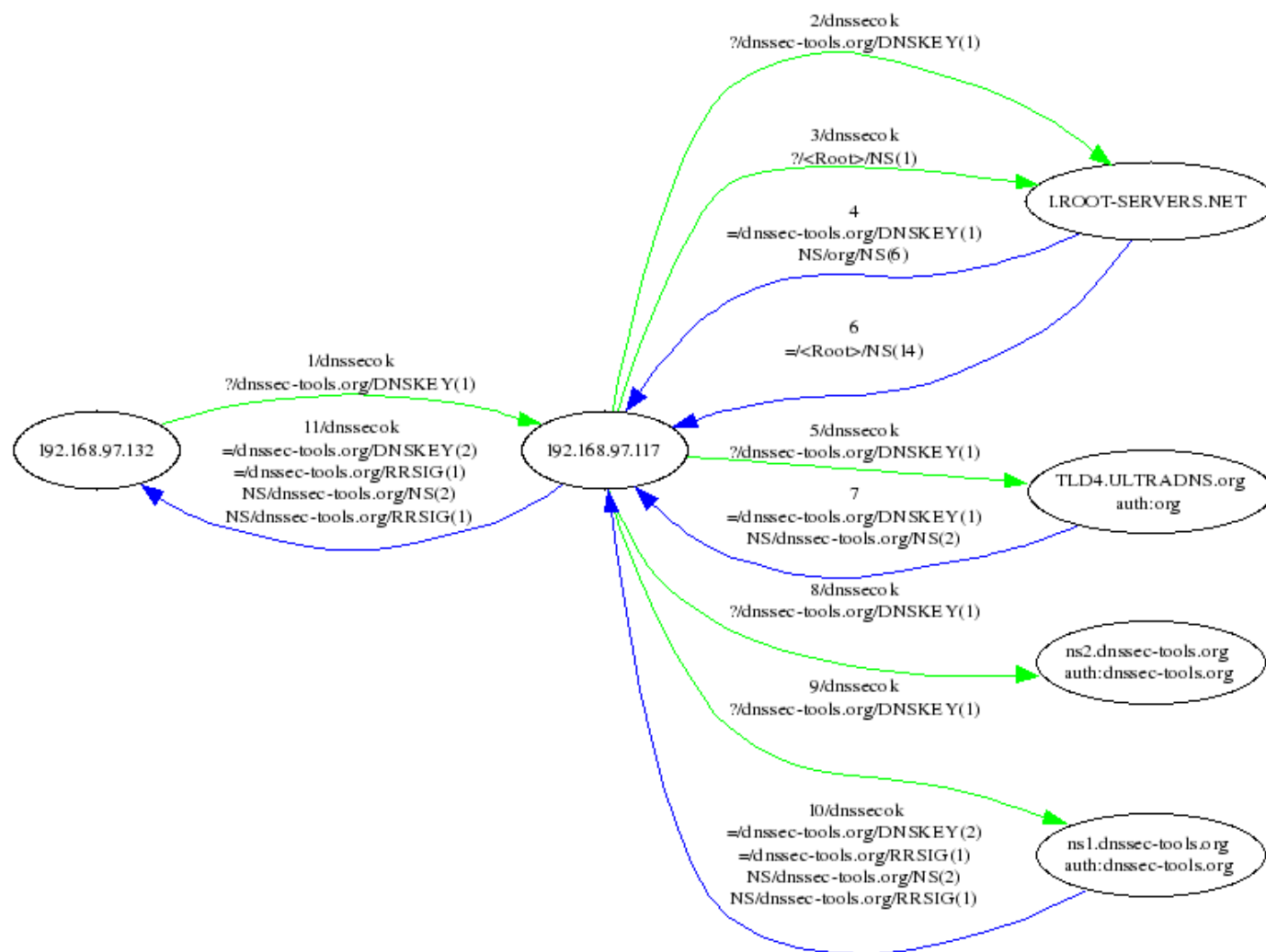
named.conf – Add your DNSKEY:

```
trusted-keys {  
  "xelerance.com." 257 3 5  
    "AwEAAcat1tpsyH hVU3EcezXG 5dUWDKgo  
    52u75gp0TXfE+gwPJ fr8PYAs+1ankqKIJ54d  
    GWwwzH10DplxkB3 AgovMdkgVnQiNp/LR7Z  
    gmA7nYWDqhRdY ZUL0WEhKaXF5qed9eJA  
    Jy4clyePTSx6Jd iGWQadbce9tKwWFDabhWg  
    cforImONxw71B21 Q9UMHIVmPZFXjX20yN4  
    xYc8dql51zFNU1 d2E7bUcZ14GsXN5DuyPub  
    WUJ4r7TNiUqYwvGP K+p8HK5Tqxa1W73dR  
    g6VZZ0aZxHOJnLfT Qu0ejDHvq5La5ZUfdb  
    4L43+cudsOfptC XX2FyWQME="; // key id = 38254  
};
```

Available DNSSEC aware applications

dnssec-tools.org added DNSSEC to a few very important applications !!

dnssec-tools.org: Visualisation tools





dnssec-tools.org

POSTFIX and Sendmail

Inbox for alice@venus.example.com - Mozilla Thunderbird

File Edit View Go Message Tools Help

Get Mail Write Address Book Reply Reply All Forward Delete Junk Print Stop

Folders View: All Subject Or Sender

Alice@venus.example.com
Inbox
Sent
Trash

Bob@mars.example.com
Inbox (1)
Sent
Trash

Eve@earth.example.com
Inbox
Sent
Trash

John@jupiter.example.net
Inbox
Drafts
Sent
Trash

Local Folders

Subject	Sender	Date
From Alice	Alice	12:09 PM
Returned mail: see transcript for details	Mail Delivery Subsystem	12:09 PM

Subject: Returned mail: see transcript for details
From: [Mail Delivery Subsystem <MAILER-DAEMON@venus.example.com>](mailto:MAILER-DAEMON@venus.example.com)
Date: 12:09 PM
To: alice@venus.example.com

The original message was received at Thu, 7 Jul 2005 12:09:08 -0400 from [192.168.4.1]

----- The following addresses had permanent fatal errors -----
eve@earth.example.com
(reason: 550 Host unknown)
john@jupiter.example.net
(reason: 550 Host unknown)

----- Transcript of session follows -----
451 4.0.0 Error: DNSSEC validation of MX record of earth.example.com failed.
: No such file or directory
451 4.0.0 Error: DNSSEC validation of MX record of jupiter.example.net failed.
: No such file or directory
550 5.1.2 eve@earth.example.com... Host unknown
550 5.1.2 john@jupiter.example.net... Host unknown

Reporting-MTA: dns; venus.example.com
Received-From-MTA: DNS; [192.168.4.1]
Arrival-Date: Thu, 7 Jul 2005 12:09:08 -0400

Final-Recipient: RFC822; eve@earth.example.com
Action: failed
Status: 5.1.2
Remote-MTA: DNS; earth.example.com



dnssec-tools.org

Thunderbird mail client

Inbox for bob@mars.example.com - Mozilla Thunderbird

File Edit View Go Message Tools Help

Get Mail Write Address Book Reply Reply All Forward Delete Junk Print Stop

Folders View: All Subject Or Sender

Subject	Sender	Date
From Alice	Alice	12:09 PM
From Eve	Eve	12:12 PM

Subject: From Eve
From: Eve <eve@earth.example.com>
Date: 12:12 PM
To: Alice, Bob, Eve

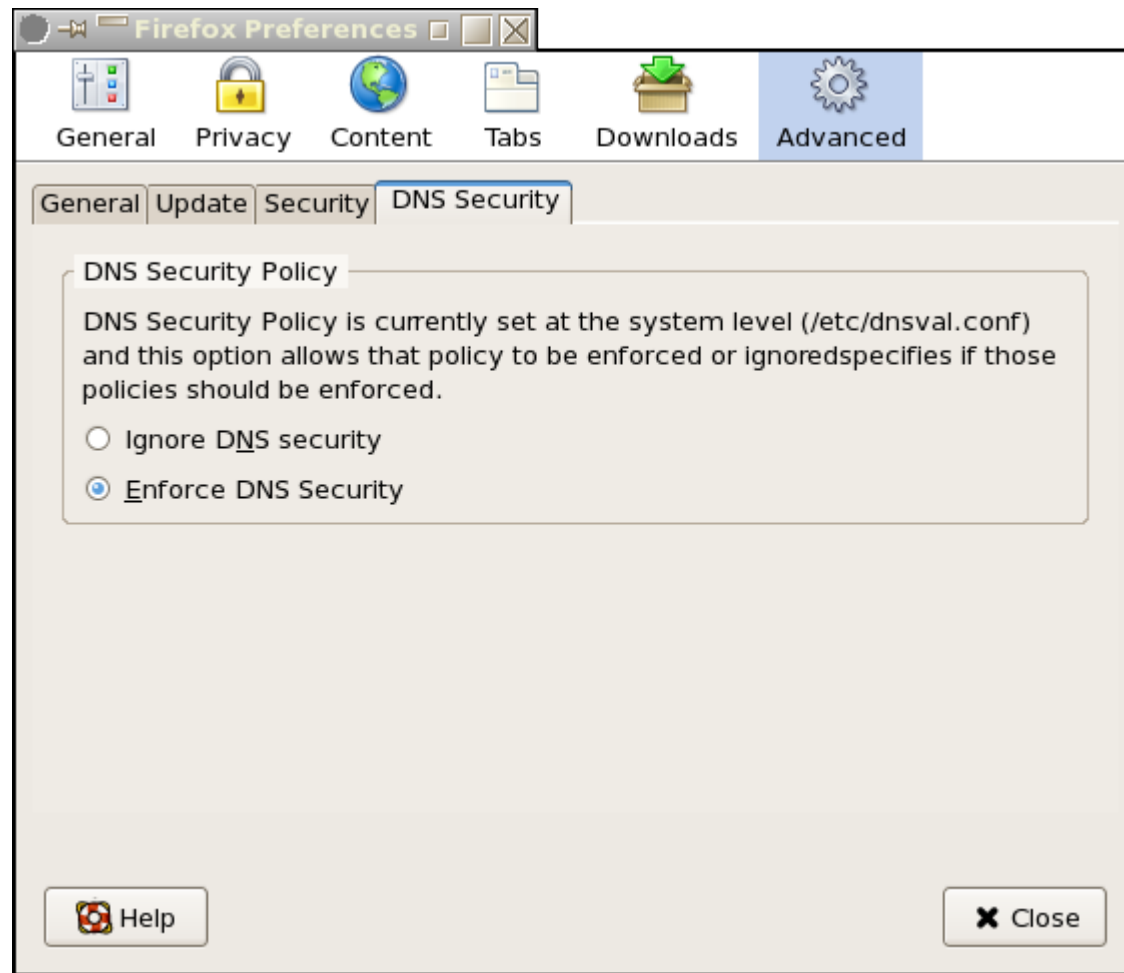
Received-SPF: pass (mechanism)
Receiver: mars.example.com
Client-IP: 192.168.3.1
HELO: earth.example.com
Envelope-From: eve@earth.example.com

X-DNSSEC: "fail (DNSSEC validation failed for the SPF (TXT) record of 'earth.example.com'.)"

Hello!

dnssec-tools.org

Firefox web browser



NLnetlabs Firefox plugin

[demo]

Conclusion

DNSSEC has been deployed and will gain widespread deployment by cc:TLD's in the next year

Walk, don't run, to deploying DNSSEC

Xelerance DNSX Secure Signer



Xelerance DNSX

Secure Signer Screenshot

Domain	State	Phase	Health	Associated NameServer
228.111.193.in-addr.arpa	sig-expired	-	[error]	ns.xtdnet.nl
xelerance.se	secure	-	[normal]	nssec.xelerance.com
hippiesfromhell.org	unsigned	-	[normal]	ns0.xelerance.com
amstel.bg	missing-ds	-	[warning]	ns0.xelerance.com
uitvaartplatform.biz	no-domain	-	[error]	nssec.xelerance.com
openswan.ca	signed	in-ksk-rollover	[normal]	ns0.xelerance.com
xelerance.ca	signed	need-zsk-rollover	[warning]	nssec.xelerance.com
xelerance.ru	broken-ds	-	[error]	nssec.xelerance.com
secretworkinggroup.net	ns-inconsistent	-	[warning]	-- Select a Name Server --
openswan.org	signed	-	[normal]	-- Select a Name Server --
amstel-bright.com	signed	-	[normal]	-- Select a Name Server --
amstelbright.com	sig-expired	-	[error]	-- Select a Name Server --
bierbijelkgerecht.com	secure-via-dlv	-	[normal]	-- Select a Name Server --
157.110.193.in-addr.arpa	secure	-	[normal]	-- Select a Name Server --
bieroptafel.com	sig-expired	-	[error]	-- Select a Name Server --
broemontseenduiske.com	sig-expired	-	[error]	-- Select a Name Server --