# DNSSEC 2010



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# DNSSEC 2010





## **DNSSEC 2010**

- Unfortunately, to be able to talk about "DNSSEC 2010", we need to understand "DNS 1983" first.
- To further that understanding, here's a brief overview...



# DNS 1983 Overview



- Globally distributed, loosely coherent, scalable, reliable, dynamic database
- Comprised of three components
  - "Name Space"
  - Servers making that space available
  - Resolvers (clients) which query the servers about the namespace



# So, What is DNS?

• When asked for the address of www.isc.org, the distributed database known as DNS provides the answer:

www.isc.org → 204.152.184.88

 The database also contains the inverse "mapping"



- DNS can contain additional information as well:
  - Addresses (ipv4, ipv6, geographic)
  - Security key information
  - Mail exchange information
  - Text records
  - Entertaining host information



• DNS also provides negative results:

#### mmm.isc.org → NXDOMAIN

#### No such object in the database



- NOTE:
  - No such object in the database is different from
  - No data of requested type for that object

www.isc.org hinfo > null, NOERROR



# **Globally Distributed**

- Data is maintained locally but retrievable globally
  - No single point of failure
- DNS lookups (queries) can come from any device
- Remote DNS data is locally cacheable to improve performance



# **Loosly Coherent**

- Database is always internally consistent
  - Every component (zone) has a serial number
  - Serial numbers are incremented on data change
- Changes to the master database are replicated to slave servers
- Cached data expires according to timeouts set by administrators



## Scalable

• No limit to the size of the database

• No limit to the number of queries

 Queries are automatically distributed between master, slave and cache servers



# Reliable

- Data is replicated
  - Masters transfer data to slaves
- Clients can query master or slave servers
- DNS uses UDP or TCP
   DNS protocol deals with UDP retransmission, sequencing, etc.



# Dynamic

• Database can be updated dynamically

Add/delete/modify any record

 Modification of master triggers replication

- Only master can be dynamically updated



# Name Space



#### **Name Space**

- Hierarchical name space
- Names chosen based on
  - Location
  - Unit
  - Object

#### Name Space

• Fully qualified domain name (FQDN)

www.isc.org.

- DNS provides mapping from the FQDN into "resource records"
- Names are used as database keys



## **Domain Names**

- A domain name consists of one or more labels or words
  - Labels are separated by "."
    Labels have at most 63 characters
- A FQDN has at most 255 characters, including dots



#### **Resource Records**

• The DNS maps those names into data called Resource Records (RRs)

#### www.isc.org. A → 204.152.184.88

This name has this address



# Name Servers



#### **Name Servers**

- Name Servers answer DNS queries
- Server Types
  - Authoritative
    - master (primary)
    - slave (secondary)
  - (Caching) recursive servers
  - Mixed function



# Resolvers



#### Resolvers

- Resolvers send queries to the DNS system on behalf of applications
- Normally implemented in system libraries (libc):

gethostbyname([...]); and gethostbyaddr([...]);



#### Resolvers

- Resolver DNS Client
- Applications ask questions of resolver



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Cached answer returned with no need for external queries Assuming we are within the TTL of the record!



# Things to note

- At no point is any validation done as to the legitimacy of the data that is being offered by the upstream server.
- That is the role of DNSSEC
- Welcome to 2010...



# DNSSEC Introduction



### Introduction

- Contemplate for a moment the amount of trust that we put into the DNS infrastructure
- If DNS were to suddenly become unreliable or untrustworthy, what would the result be?



## Introduction



## Introduction

- Threat model
  - There are bad guys
  - What can be done from a DNS perspective?
  - What should we NOT do?


- DNSSEC Design Goals
  - Interoperability with existing infrastructure
  - Allow gradual phase-in
    No "flag days"



- With millions of recursive, caching servers on the Internet...
  - Each one needs to be able to be able to look up data from millions of zones
  - There is no way to distribute secret keys
    - Existing technology (TSIG) did not scale well



• Central concept:

#### DNS data is augmented by a signature

 Validating resolver can use the signature to verify that the data is authentic



- DNSSEC is based on public key (asymmetrical) cryptography
  - Private key is used to sign DNS data
  - Public key is published via DNS so that validators can retrieve it
  - The public key is then used to validate the signatures, and there-by, the DNS data



- DNSSEC provides cryptographic proof that the data received in response to a query is un-modified
- It does not deal with validating dynamic updates, nor with master to slave data transfers



- Clients using validating resolvers get guaranteed "good" data
   For some value of "guaranteed"
- Data that does not validate provides a "SERVFAIL" response from the upstream resolver



- DNSSEC enabled authoritative servers provide digital signatures across RRsets in addition to "standard" DNS data
- DNSSEC validating resolvers provide authenticated responses with proven integrity



- Applications can be written to be DNSSEC aware
- But most won't be, and legacy applications will be around for a long, long time

- Three paths to application DNS security:
  - 1. DNSSEC unaware application queries as normal and validating recursive server performs validation and shields application from bad data
  - 2. DNSSEC aware application queries for data with DNSSEC OK (DO) bit set and does validation of responses
  - 3. DNSSEC aware application trusts validating server, thus trusting status indicated by validator



- There are four possible "answers":
  - 1. Secure Data validates and a linkage can be traced back to a trust-anchor
  - (good, but) Insecure A zone key and RR signature is present and allows a name server to validate the data, but there is no secure link to a trust-anchor
  - Bogus A trusted anchor and RR signatures exist, but the data fails to validate
  - Indeterminate There is no zone key for the given zone, we can't prove anything



- Unfortunately, at this time, there is not a validating stub-resolver available
- The "last hop" is difficult
- Discussion is currently going on regarding the need for standardization



### **Trust Validation**

- With this knowledge, we are able to prove that data hasn't changed between the authoritative server and the validator, but how do we know we can trust it?
- Since the root (".") is now signed, that's easy, right?...



### **Trust Validation**

- DNSSEC is based on chains of trust
- At the top of each chain is a "trustanchor"
  - One (signed) root, one trust-anchor
  - While the root is signed, it's (still) not so easy
  - Trust anchors must be gathered and added to DNS configuration



- Once a "trust anchor" is in inserted, how does it actually create trust that leads down the DNS tree?
- BIND trust anchors consist of the public portion of the key used to sign the key that signs data in a given zone



- The public portion of the Zone Signing Key is used to validate data within the given zone.
- The public portion of the Key Signing Key is used to validate the Zone Signing Key.



- Delegation of signed zones include a new Resource Record type
  - Delegation Signer DS
  - Hash of the public portion of the child's Key Signing Key



- If the DS record in the parent is signed using the parent's key, we know that the DS record is valid.
- If the hash of the child's Key Signing Key record matches the DS record then we know that the Key Signing Key is valid.



- If the Key Signing Key is known to be valid, its signature of the Zone Signing Key proves that the Zone Signing Key is valid.
- If the Zone Signing Key is known to be valid, it can be used to validate other RRs in the zone.



• A living example:

#### www.isc.org

The following slides created using Sandia National Laboratories "DNSViz"

http://dnsviz.net/



# **Trusting isc.org**

- .org contains:
  - -KSK 21366
  - -ZSK 05919
    - Signed w/21366
  - isc.org DS records
    signed w/ 05919



# **Trusting isc.org**

- isc.org contains:
  - KSK 12892Hashed into DS
  - ZSK 18516Signed w/ 12892

SOA, AAAA, A
Signed w/ 18516



# **DNSSEC – Trusting isc.org**

- With a trust anchor for .org: we can trust anything below it that is signed
  - And that has DS records in place



# Deploying DNSSEC



# **Deploying DNSSEC**

- One-time activities:
  - Clarify authoritative server directory structure and zone file naming
  - Enable DNSSEC on authoritative servers
  - Enable DNSSEC on recursive servers



# **Deploying DNSSEC**

- DNSSEC enable each zone
  - Generate ZSK and KSK
  - Include keys into zonefile
  - Sign the zone
  - Point named.conf at the signed zonefile
  - Notify named of the configuration changes



# **Deploying DNSSEC**

- Provide parent zone with DS records
- In the case of a DNSSEC unaware parent, provide DLV registry with DLV records



# All of those steps... in detail!



### **Prepare directory structure**

- Tools are available that make zone maintenance easy but they work best with a standardized directory structure
- Put all files for a zone into a single directory



### Enable authoritative servers

```
options {
   dnssec-enable yes;
};
```

 Requires BIND to have been built on a system with OpenSSL libraries available



### Enable recursive servers

```
options {
   dnssec-enable yes;
   dnssec-validation yes;
};
```

 Validation is done on the recursive, not authoritative servers.



# **Bigger Responses.**

With the additional data required for DNSSEC, responses are going to be larger than 512 bytes which is the traditional size of a packet.

% dig +short +dnssec www.isc.org AAAA @sfba.sns-pb.isc.org

2001:4f8:0:2::d

AAAA 5 3 600 20100409074748 20100310074748 2658 isc.org. TUYn3MwAqApLmZ8BTl5b1gaXvhmLxWf0KdTl3nz3+aESfLLAOyL1jaUW HauUnshOmeYCRGIZ080VT5EerSW+B422ItLdqPyKP1IA2RvsoSyykQKa MwHqD9LXFSsMUCgt7Hwr7nBrshtMkeUnUVDuEZ9VAxGf4IgNn/ZJoaKr RBU=

[...] ;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 1245



# **Bigger Responses (cont.)**

EDNS (**E**xtension Mechanisms for **DNS**) was developed by the IETF to allow larger sized UDP packets (from 512-4k) to carry this additional information, and EDNS0 (RFC 2671) was designated for DNSSEC.

Without this, resolvers would fall back to using TCP which would cause resource issues on the authoritative servers.

How can you test?



# **Testing for EDNS0 Support**

You can check to see if you are behind such a firewall/device by using the DNS-OARC reply-size tester @ https://www.dns-oarc.net/oarc/services/replysizetest

% dig +short rs.dns-oarc.net txt
rst.x3827.rs.dns-oarc.net.
rst.x3837.x3827.rs.dns-oarc.net.
rst.x3843.x3837.x3827.rs.dns-oarc.net.
"202.144.128.214 DNS reply size limit is at least 3843"
"Tested at 2010-07-21 01:02:57 UTC"
"202.144.128.214 sent EDNS buffer size 4096"



# **Testing for EDNS0 Support**

Here is a test result from a resolver that doesn't have EDNS support:

% dig +short rs.dns-oarc.net txt
rst.x476.rs.dns-oarc.net.
rst.x485.x476.rs.dns-oarc.net.
rst.x490.x485.x476.rs.dns-oarc.net.
"210.130.137.21 DNS reply size limit is at least 490"
"210.130.137.21 lacks EDNS, defaults to 512"
"Tested at 2010-03-14 00:44:45 UTC"



# Securing a Zone

• For each zone, two keys are created

1) Zone Signing Key – used to sign the resource records within the zone

 Key Signing Key – used to sign the Zone signing key and to create the "Secure Entry Point" for the zone



#### dnssec-keygen

- Used to generate keys
  - Symmetric and asymmetric
    - Transaction Signatures (TSIG) uses symmetric
    - DNSSEC uses asymmetric
### dnssec-keygen

- If this were 2009, dnssec-keygen would need to be told:
  - Algorithm to use
  - The size of the key (bits)





### dnssec-keygen

 Since this is 2010 (BIND 9.7), we have good defaults:

dnssec-keygen zonename

- Default algorithm: RSASHA1
- Default ZSK length: 1024 bits
  - Previously had to specify algorithm, # bits, etc.



## **Create the Keys**

Creating the ZSK

dnssec-keygen zonename

• Creates 2 files

Kzonename+<alg>+<id>.key

Kzonename+<alg>+<id>.private
.key is public portion of the key
.private is private portion of the key



## **Create the Keys**

• Creating the KSK:

dnssec-keygen -f KSK zonename

- Defaults:
  - Uses the RSASHA1 algorithm
  - 2048 bits in length
  - Has the Secure Entry Point (KSK) bit set



## Sign the Zone

• Adding the RRSIG, NSEC and associated records to the zone:

dnssec-signzone -S zonefile

• This assumes that your *zonefile* is named after the zone that it contains..



## Sign the Zone

dnssec-signzone -S zonefile

- Output file is zonefile.signed
  - Sorted in alphabetical order
  - ZSK and KSK automatically included
  - RRSIG and NSEC RRs created
  - Much larger than before
  - Serial Number NOT MODIFIED!



## Signed Zone

- The signed zone file differs from its input in a number of ways:
  - The file is sorted in alphabetical order by host name
  - Authoritative records are signed
    - NS for delegations are not
    - Glue records are not



## Signed Zone

Records added to signed zone:

- RRSIG
  - RRset signature
- -NSEC / NSEC3
  - Next SECure record
  - Hashed Authenticated Denial of Existence



## Signed Zone – RRSIG

dnslab.org. 1800 IN SOA nsl.dnslab.org. aclegg.isc.org. ( 2009020201 1800 600 1209600 300 )

1800 RRSIG	SOA 5 2 1800 20090212111244 ( 20090202111244 49416 dnslab.org. ClLlbtWb8EHSu71m6ADqY/F87P59kbzMzgCa aD6zOKattCUiqK1ZL5BM/6n5Cn3KZdBWUSX3 Y6cWfbgB5+96Qw== )
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- RRSIG RR Set Signature
  - Type Covered
  - Algorithm
  - Original Label Length
  - Covered Resource Record Original TTL



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		Y6cWfbgB5+96Qw== )

- RRSIG RR Set Signature
  - Expiration and Inception Dates
  - Key Tag
  - Signer's Name
  - Signature Data (Base 64)



dnslab.org. 1800 IN SOA nsl.dnslab.org. aclegg.isc.org. ( 2009020201 1800 600 1209600 300 )

300 NSEC	authoritative.dnslab.org. (								
	Al	JS	SOA	TXT	AAAA	RRSIG	NSEC	DNSKEY	)

- NSEC Next Secure Record
  - Next Secured Label
  - Types Included in this Label
- Allows enumeration of zone by walking



- If you don't like random people doing zone transfers from you, then you probably don't like NSEC
- After DNSSEC was completed as a standard, operators took notice and refused to deploy for this reason alone
- NSEC3 was provided as a means to provide hashed proof of non-existance



- While NSEC3 does not allow enumeration of the zone, it does introduce performance penalties
- No-longer is a quick lookup able to determine the proof of non-existance
- Calculations are required on both the authoritative server and the validator to provide the correct NSEC3 record



• To sign creating NSEC3 records, you MUST use a key generated with an algorithm supported by NSEC3.

dnssec-keygen -3

• Defaults to NSEC3RSASHA1



# dnssec-signzone [..] -3 salt -H number zonefile [ZSKfile]

- NSEC3 provides hashed proof of nonexistance
  - "salt" is a hex string prepended to the labels being signed to defend from dictionary attacks



# dnssec-signzone [..] -3 salt -H number zonefile

- "number" is the number of permutations run to create the hashed label
  - Default is 10
  - Was (9.5 and prior) 100



localhost.newzone.dnslab.org. 1800 IN A 127.0.0.1

TR5QI9BF3LB451UBIDAKC1G2IVSAO.newzone.dnslab.org. 300 IN NSEC3 1 (
 0 100 8D5A24 HRFFSCG978JPEBE4VAG2QA8RABN6PIDI A RRSIG )

- NSEC3 Hashed Authenticated Denial of Existence
  - Label is hash of the owner name
  - Hash Algorithm
  - Flags
  - Iterations



localhost.newzone.dnslab.org. 1800 IN A 127.0.0.1

TR5QI9BF3LB451UBIDAKC1G2IVSAO.newzone.dnslab.org. 300 IN NSEC3 1 (
 0 100 8D5A24 HRFFSCG978JPEBE4VAG2QA8RABN6PIDI A RRSIG )

- NSEC3 Hashed Authenticated Denial of Existence
  - Salt
  - Next Hashed Owner Name
  - Types Included in this Label



## **Un-Signed Zone Example**

\$TTL 30m				
Q	IN	SOA	nsl.dnslab.org. aclegg.isc.org.	(
	200902	20205 30	m 10m 2w 5m )	
	IN	NS	nsl.dnslab.org.	
	IN	А	192.153.154.2	
localhost	IN	А	127.0.0.1	

- SOA, NS and 2 A records
- 193 characters



## Signed Zone Example

; File written on Mon Feb 2 22:23:49 2009

; dnssec\_signzone version 9.6.0-P1

sub.dnslab.org. 1800 IN SOA nsl.dnslab.org. ( aclegg.isc.org. 2009020205 1800 600 1209600 300)

1800 NS nsl.dnslab.org.

1800 RRSIG NS 7 3 1800 20090204211752 (

20090202212349 22232 sub.dnslab.org. uPFFtGu43ELb5srB5WifvdyxaVdazX8mfuf1 6HJtQtU2AD/sAw+wF/UjbqjaP0GVcBVofJpT By7lskOb0+R2SA== )

1800 A 192.153.154.2

 $1800\ {\rm RRSIG}$  A 7 3 1800 20090204210101 (

[...]

- SOA, NS and 2 A records..
- NSEC: 9 additional RRs
- NSEC3: 11 additional RRs
- 2950 Characters



### Update named.conf

#### Replace

```
zone "zonename" {
  file "dir/zonefile";
};
```

#### With

```
zone "zonename" {
  file "dir/zonefile.signed";
};
```



## Start serving signed zone

• Tell named to re-read the configuration

rndc reconfig rndc flush

 You are now serving DNSSEC signed zones



## Notify parent of DNSSEC

- Your parent zone must now insert a "DS" RR to create a chain-of-trust
- Procedures will differ between organizations, but this must be done securely
  - will require use of dsset- and/or keyset- files



### **DNSSEC unaware parent**

- Not all TLDs support DNSSEC
- Provide your DNSKEY to those that you wish to have validate your zone
   This must be done securely, not just with "dig"





- To validate other zones, you must insert "trust anchors" for each zone apex below which you wish to validate
- The ultimate trust anchor would be a signed DNS root (".") with fully populated TLDs



- Now that the DNS root (".") is signed, there will only be one required trust anchor
- Even so, it is still possible and probably necessary to have additional trust anchors



- As of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the DNS root (".") is now signed
- You can find the root trust anchor @ https://www.iana.org/dnssec/
- Trust anchors must be obtained by trusted means
- NOTE: DNS is not one of those means



#### dig udp53.org DNSKEY

udp53.org. 14400 IN DNSKEY 256 3 5 BE[...]/V1 udp53.org. 14400 IN DNSKEY 257 3 5 BE[...]1ylot7

 Doing the "dig" provides something that can be verified via other means (web, phone, printed media, etc.)



• named.conf will need to contain:

```
trusted-keys {
   "udp53.org." 257 3 5 "BE[...]1ylot7";
   "isc.org." 257 3 5 "BEAAAAO[...]ZCqoif";
};
```

 An entry for EVERY zone apex below which you wish to validate



# Periodic Maintenance Issues



## **Periodic Zone Maintenance**

- Signatures have lifespans
  - "Born-on" date 1 hour prior to running dnssec-signzone
  - Expiration date 30 days after running dnssec-signzone

 Expired signatures lead to zones that will not validate!



## **Periodic Zone Maintenance**

- Any time you modify a zone or at least every 30 days (minus TTL) you must re-run dnssec-signzone
- If you don't
  1) Zone data will be stale
  2) Zone data will be GONE



## **Periodic Key Maintenance**

- Keys need to be rotated
   No "expiration date"
- The longer a key is in public view, the more likely it is to be compromised
- Compromise (theft) of a key may lead to the need to "roll" a key over



## **ZSK Rollover**

- ZSK Rollover (pre-publish key)
  - 1. Generate second ZSK
  - 2. Publish both (public) keys, but use only the old one for signing
  - 3. Wait at least propagation time (slave -> master) + TTL of the DNSKEY RR
  - Use new key for zone signing; leave old one published
  - 5. Wait at least propagation time + maximum TTL of the old zone
  - 6. Remove old key



## **KSK rollover**

- KSK Rollover (double signature)
  - 1. Generate new KSK
  - 2. Use both keys for key signing
  - 3. Send new keyset or dsset to the parent
  - 4. Wait until the DS is propagated + TTL of the old DS RR
  - 5. Remove the old key


# **Periodic Key Maintenance**

- There is not "one answer" as to how often you should roll your keys.
- Some have documented:
   KSK should be rolled once a year
   ZSK should be rolled every 3 months



# Domain Lookaside Validation



### **Trust Anchors**

- Individual trust anchors do not scale well
- To help solve this problem, ISC created the DLV "Domain Lookaside Validation" RR and registry concept



### DLV

- When validating, a resolver looks in the parent zone for a DS record for the zone being validated
- If it does not exist, a query for a DLV record in the DLV registry zone is made
- If successful, the DLV RR is used as the DS for the given zone



# **DLV Example**

- clegg.com is signed
- The owner of clegg.com has registered with ISC's DLV Registry
- A DNSSEC query is made for the A RR for the label www.clegg.com
- No DS record is found in .com for the clegg.com zone



## **DLV Example**

- A non-DLV enabled recursor with no explicit trust-anchor will not be able to do validation at this point
- A DLV enabled recursor will look for clegg.com.dlv.isc.org. DLV RR
- That DLV RR will then be used as the DS for the clegg.com. zone



# **Enabling DLV**

- Use of DLV to validate is done on the recursive server
  - A trust anchor must be created for the DLV registry
  - -dnssec-lookaside must be linked to the DLV trust anchor



# **Enabling DLV**

• named.conf:

```
trusted-keys {
   dlv.isc.org. 257 3 5 "BEA[...]uDB";
};
options {
   dnssec-lookaside "."
   trust-anchor dlv.isc.org.;
```



# **Registering with DLV**

- Contact the DLV registrar for instructions on how to prove ownership of zone and validity of records to be inserted into their registry.
- Insertion of your DLV RR into the DLV registry must be done in a trusted manner.



#### **ISC's DLV registry**

#### http://dlv.isc.org





# **In Conclusion**

- DNSSEC is real and in production
- You can sign your zone now and publish in ISC DLV until your parent is signed.
- Use BIND 9.7.1-P2 or later for any validating recursive servers.

Any questions?

