

# A bird's-eye view on DNSSEC

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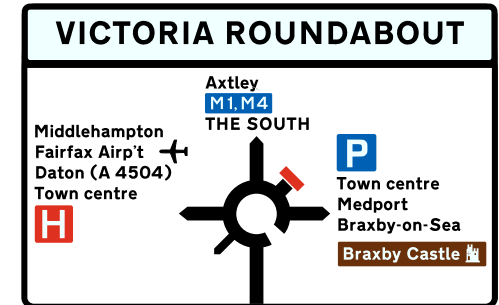
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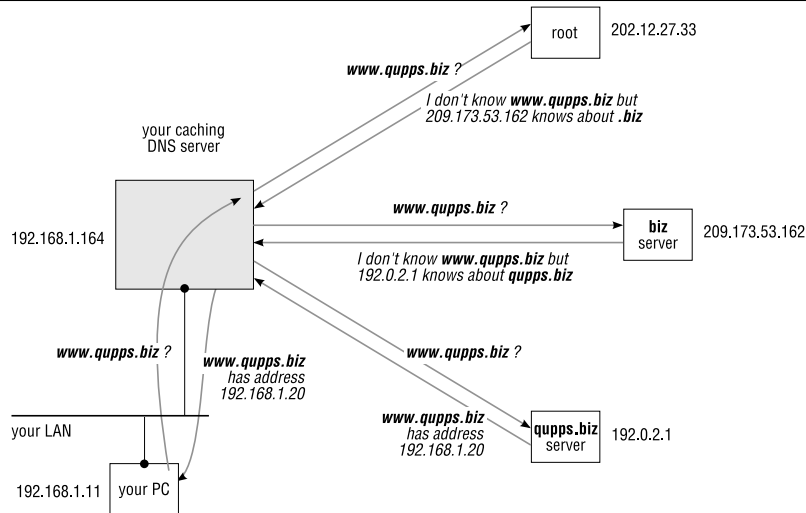


# DNS is easy

- Ask a question, get a reply.
- Ask a question, get a referral:
  - Susie: what's Caroline's number? Ask Thomas.
  - Thomas: Caroline's number? Ask Diana.
  - Diana: Caroline's number: 0123456789

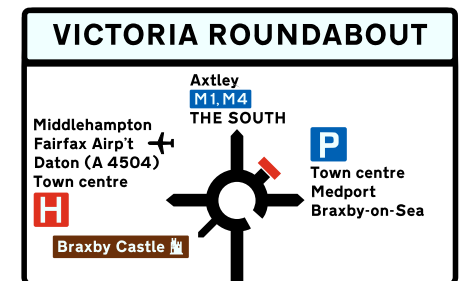


# Resolution



# The problem

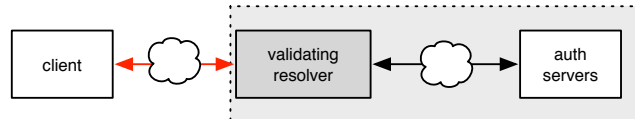
- DNS is insecure: one packet for query, one packet for response; easily spoofed
- Is this really Amazon?
  - <https://amazon.de>
- DNS Spoofing & cache poisoning
  - DNS server accepts and uses data from a host which shouldn't have been allowed to provide reply



## The solution

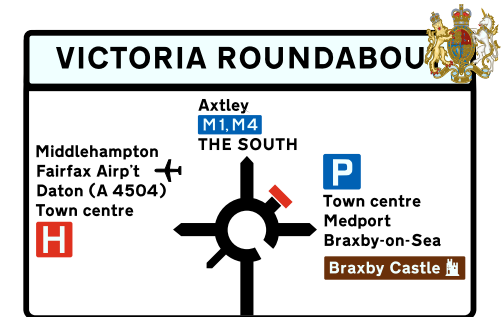
### □ DNSSEC

- Eliminates known cache-poisoning attacks & cache-manipulation
- Public key cryptography and digital signatures
  - provide data origin authentication
  - provide data integrity
- Doesn't encrypt data -- that would be stupid
- But: not end-to-end. (From validating cache to auth. server only.)
  - Install validating cache "close" to you



## DNSSEC is (rather) easy

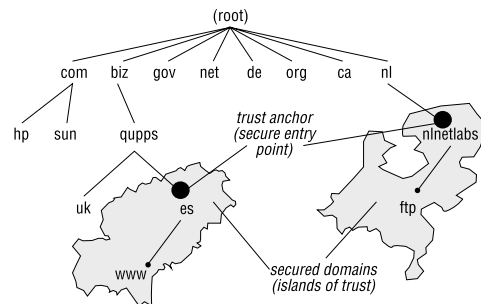
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## How does DNSSEC work?

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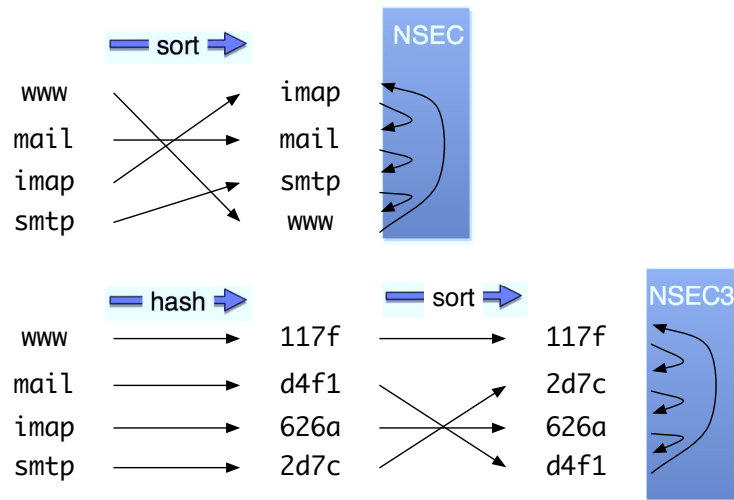
- Uses asymmetric public key encryption
- At least one key, usually at least two (ZSK, KSK)
- Adds keys, signatures and other data to zone
  - Zone increases in size
- New DNS resource records
- Islands of trust



## New DNS records

- DNSKEY
  - Public key
  - Key algorithm and data
- DS
  - Signature of the delegated zone
  - Contains key tag and hash
  - Located in parent zone
- RRSIG
  - Signature of an RRset
  - Valid for a particular time only (inception, expiry)
- NSEC/NSEC3
  - Prove non-existence (NXDOMAIN)

## NSEC vs NSEC3



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### □ NSEC

#### ○ Does ldap.aa.net exist?

▸ Nothing between "imap" and "mail"

```
$ dig +dnssec ldap.aa.net
```

```
imap.aa.net. 7200 IN NSEC mail.aa.net. A RRSIG NSEC
```

### □ NSEC3

#### ○ Same question

▸ Hash H("ldap") is "de16"

▸ There is nothing between "626a" and "d4f1"

```
$ dig +dnssec ldap.aa.net
```

```
626A.aa.net. 7200 IN NSEC3 1 0 10 5AD4B3 D4F1 A RRSIG
```

## Signing and validation

### □ Signing

- Create keys and add to zone
- Sign zone
- Enable DNSSEC and load signed zones
- Submit DS-RR to parent zone
- Alternatively: use DLV

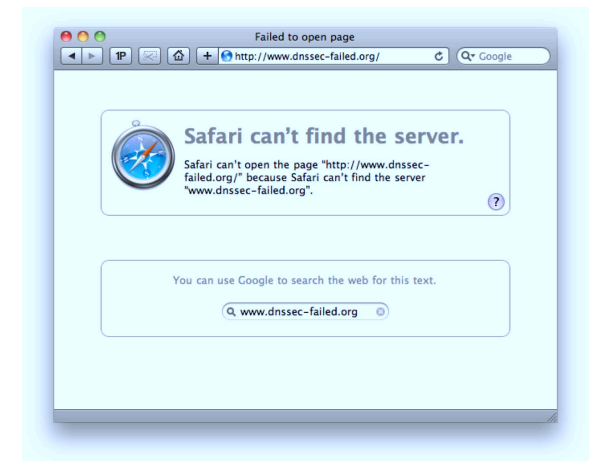
### □ Validation

- Configure trust anchor
- Enable DNSSEC

### □ Key rollovers

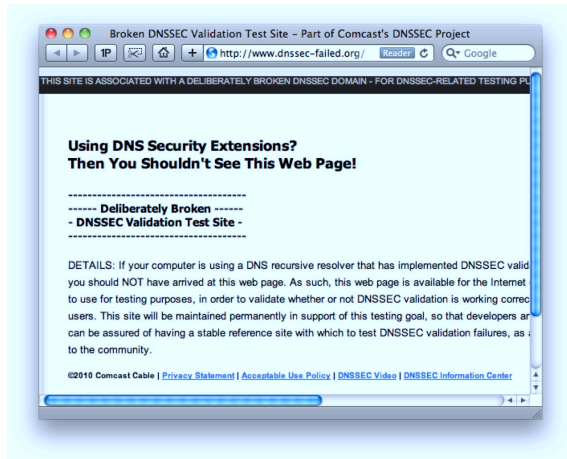
## Problem: At work

### □ At \$WORK resolution doesn't work; validating resolver



## No problem: At home

- At home it works; ISP doesn't (yet) do DNSSEC



## Proof

- Does it exist or doesn't it?

- Validating query

```
$ dig +dnssec www.dnssec-failed.org
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: SERVFAIL
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0
```

- Checking Disabled

```
$ dig +cd +dnssec www.dnssec-failed.org
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR
;; flags: qr rd ra cd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.dnssec-failed.org. 5620 IN A 68.87.64.48
```

## Proof (2)

```
$ dig +cd +dnssec +multiline www.dnssec-failed.org
```

```
;; flags: qr rd ra cd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.dnssec-failed.org. 3202 IN A 68.87.64.48
www.dnssec-failed.org. 4751 IN RRSIG A 5 3 7200
20090201000000 (
20090101000000 48621 dnssec-failed.org.
gM8IbzE3N4xx4DQog+W2UvY+BwnLIJoJFmuQUdUb7FAM
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UHv9NWWY10nXjCp2rTdcSpXc7xt3CSMW7pFNFg0= )
```

## Firefox

- Firefox add-on: DNSSEC Validator

> <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/64247/>



- Check: DNSSEC or not?

- <http://dnssec-or-not.org/>
- <http://dnssectest.sidn.nl/>

## Applications for DNSSEC

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- Interesting new uses for DNS now that it's secure
  - DNS-based Authentication of Named Entities (dane)  
<https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/dane/charter/>
  - SSL certificate validation and DNSSEC (also: Phreeload)  
<http://mens.de/:/bo>
  - SSHFP  
<http://mens.de/:/bt>

## DNSSEC Servers

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- Authoritative
  - NSD
  - BIND
  - PowerDNS 3.0
- Recursors
  - Unbound
  - BIND

## Signing tools

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- BIND Utilities  
`dnssec-keygen, dnssec-signzone, dnssec-dsfromkey, ...`
- BIND automatic  
`auto-dnssec maintain;`
- ZKT (Zone Key Tool)
  - "wrapper" commands + config
  - Key-management
- OpenDNSSEC
  - black box, HSM, Signer, Auditor
- PowerDNS

## Implementation: Decisions, decisions

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- Key policies
  - How many? How large? Which algorithm?
  - How long should signatures be valid?
  - HSM?
- Tools
  - Which tools?
- Test implementation
- Procedures
  - Key rollovers
  - Emergency rollover
  - DLV?
  - Monitoring
- Validation on recursive caches?
  - BIND, Unbound

Thank you

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Questions?

Whoami

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;; ANSWER SECTION:
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1.1.0.3.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa. 3575 IN NAPTR 3 10 "u" "E2U+http" "!^.*$!http:mens.de!" .  
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