A bird’s-eye view on DNSSEC

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$ dig 1.1.0.3.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.el164.arpa naptr

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

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

How does DNSSEC work?

- DNSSEC
  - 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

DNSSEC is (rather) easy

- Ask question, get reply and signature
- Ask question, get referral and signature
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  - Thomas: Caroline’s number? Ask Diana.
  - Diana: Caroline's number: 0123456789

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

NSEC
- Does ldap.aa.net exist?
  - Nothing between "imap" and "mail"
  - $ dig +dnssec ldap.aa.net
    ldap.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+8wnL1JojEmuQUdUb7FAm
wtD3k673q+905DCW8xf88b+9qtvs1rpNyi5LUpq4v9k
Xda9Je0OzByJftrgjYgk4qu371fPe+iGv19aSSMyGeu
Uhv9NWWY10nXjCp2rTdcSpXc7xt3CSMN7pFNFg0=)

Firefox

- Firefox add-on: DNSSEC Validator

- Check: DNSSEC or not?
  - http://dnssec-or-not.org/
  - http://dnssectest.sidn.nl/
Applications for DNSSEC

- 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

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

Signing tools

- 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

- 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
Whoami

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;; ANSWER SECTION:
1.1.0.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa. 3575 IN NAPTR 3 10 "u" "E2U+http" "!\."$\http:nens.de!" .
1.1.0.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa. 3575 IN NAPTR 3 20 "u" "E2U+http" "!\."$\http:blog.ffpp.com!" .
1.1.0.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa. 3575 IN NAPTR 4 10 "u" "E2U+mailto" "!\."$\mailto:jpmens.de!" .
1.1.0.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa. 3575 IN NAPTR 2 10 "u" "E2U+tel" "!\."$\tel:+491718033011!" .

Questions?