

# Unbound

a caching, validating DNSSEC resolver

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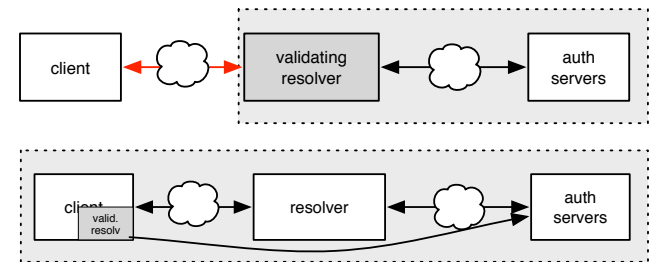
```
$ dig 1.1.0.3.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa naptr
```



# Do you trust your name server?

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- DNS clients typically trust the name servers they use
- But they need not be trustworthy
  - Rogue DHCP server hands out resolv.conf pointing to pirates
  - Attackers can take over networks (think WiFi in hotels)
  - Viruses/trojans can alter local configuration
- In all cases:
  - We loose control over DNS replies
- Install a validating DNS resolver "close" to applications



# Unbound as a DNS cache (SEC-less)

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- Unbound is a secure, caching-only, portable DNS server
- Maintained by NLNetlabs under BSD license
- Designed with DNSSEC and IPv6 from the ground up
- Trusts nothing
- Good security
- Many "distros" have packages
  - I recommend newest version
  - <http://unbound.net/>
- Lightweight, fast, and easy to configure
- No split-personalities
- (And I was first to write about Unbound :-)

# Configuration

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- One file (but we'll add more later on)

```
$ cat /etc/unbound/unbound.conf
server:
    access-control: 127.0.0.1/8 allow
    verbosity: 1
```
- Launch unbound (and watch your syslog)

```
# unbound
```
- Query it

```
$ dig +short @127.0.0.1 ukuug.jpemens.org txt
"Leeds"
```
- That's it!

## Configure unbound-control

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```
unbound-control-setup
  ▸ Generates certificates
```

### Enable in unbound.conf

```
remote-control:
  control-enable: yes
```

### Restart unbound and test

```
$ unbound-control status
version: 1.4.8
verbosity: 1
threads: 1
modules: 2 [ validator iterator ]
uptime: 252 seconds
unbound (pid 9331) is running...
```

## Your workstation

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### Ensure unbound is running

### Configure your workstation to use it!

```
$ cat /etc/resolv.conf
nameserver 127.0.0.1
```

### DHCP on Linux

```
$ cat dhclient.conf
...
prepend domain-name-servers 127.0.0.1;
```

### Mac?

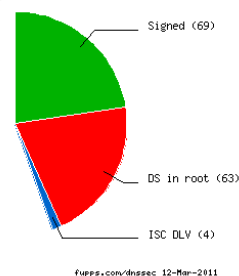
```
scutil
```

## The Chain of Trust

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- The root zone's DNSKEY record is well known
- Establish a chain of trust from the root to any signed zone
- Each link validates the next
- Parent's DS record validates child zone's DNSKEY
- A child's DS record in parent is signed by private key of parent

DNSSEC in the 306 TLDs



### Chain of trust

- root zone signed in July 2010
- validation starts at trust "anchor"

## Enable DNSSEC validation

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### Needs root DNSSEC trust anchor

### unbound-anchor utility retrieves root zone's DNSSEC key securely

```
$ unbound-anchor -a /etc/unbound/root.key
```

### Configure trust anchor in unbound.conf

```
auto-trust-anchor-file: "/etc/unbound/root.key"
```

### Ensure unbound-anchor in start-up scripts

### Reload

```
$ unbound-control reload
```

### Did that work?

```
$ dig +dnssec @127.0.0.1 ukuug.jpemens.org txt
```

## dig

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- ❑ dig +dnssec and watch for AD flag indicating successful validation

```
$ dig +dnssec @127.0.0.1 ukuug.jpemens.org txt
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 4
;; flags: qr rd ra ad; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, [...]
```

- ❑ Invalid or bogus DNSSEC data will not be returned

```
$ dig +dnssec @127.0.0.1 www.dnssec-failed.org
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: SERVFAIL, id: 3
```

## dig (cont'd)

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- ❑ CD flag indicates application wants to validate itself

```
$ dig +cd +dnssec @127.0.0.1 www.dnssec-failed.org
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 5
;; flags: qr rd ra cd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY:

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.dnssec-failed.org. 7200 IN A 68.87.64.48
```

## Unbound logging

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- ❑ Enable more logging in Unbound

```
val-log-level: 2
```

```
▸ [9331:0] info: validation failure <www.dnssec-failed.org. A IN>: signature expired from
68.87.72.244 for key dnssec-failed.org. while building chain of trust
```

- ❑ Is that true?

```
$ dig +multiline +cd +dnssec @127.0.0.1 \
www.dnssec-failed.org rrsig
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.dnssec-failed.org. 7019 IN RRSIG \
A 5 3 7200 20090201000000 (
20090101000000 48621 dnssec-failed.org.
gM8IbzeE3N4xx4DQog+W2UvY+BwnLIJoJFmuQUdÜb7FAM
wtD3k673q+005FDCW8xf88b+9QtvslrpNyI5ZLUq4v9k
Xdya9Je002ByYjfrgjYqk4Qu37lfPe+iGv19aSSMyGeu
UHv9NWWY10nXjCp2rTdCSpXc7xt3CSMW7pFNFg0= )
```

## Configure DLV

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- ❑ DNS Look-aside Validation
- ❑ We need the DLV DNSKEY record

```
$ dig +dnssec @127.0.0.1 dlv.isc.org dnskey
;; flags: qr rd ra ad; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 4, ...
;; ANSWER SECTION:
dlv.isc.org. 7200 IN DNSKEY 257 3 5 BEAAAAPHMu/5...
dlv.isc.org. 7200 IN DNSKEY 256 3 5 BEAAAAO1YGw5...
dlv.isc.org. 7200 IN RRSIG DNSKEY 5 3 7200 20110...
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```

- ❑ Copy the SEP DNSKEY (KSK) into a file dlv.key

```
| grep -P 'DNSKEY\s+257'
```

- ❑ Add it to Unbound

```
dlv-anchor-file: "dlv.key"
```

## DLV (cont'd)

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- Unbound will then
  - Check for "manual" trust anchors in the configuration
  - Get trust from delegation tree (DS in parent)
  - Try to look up trust in DLV zone
- DNSSEC validation via parent (i.e. root) has priority over DLV

## Browser tests

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- DNSSEC Validator for Firefox
  - <http://www.dnssec-validator.cz/>
- DNSSEC or not?
  - <http://dnssec-or-not.net>
  - <http://dnssectest.sidn.nl/>

## DNSSEC testbed (or your own)

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- Set up your own trust anchors in a file "my.keys", which contains DS or DNSKEY records

```
p0000.aa IN DS 47534 8 1 74526d3f57...
p0000.aa IN DS 47534 8 2 82512fb4ad...
de. 86400 IN DNSKEY 257 3 8 AwEAAZ1FqQED8QBrk3Jk4q96lg
example.com IN DS 47534 8 3 296fc89ee0...
```
- Configure keys into Unbound

```
trust-anchor-file: "/etc/unbound/my.keys"
```
- Alternatively use trust-anchor configuration statements
- Configure the zone

```
stub-zone:
  name: "de"
  stub-addr: 81.91.161.228 # auth-fra.dnssec.denic.de
  stub-addr: 87.223.175.25 # auth-ams.dnssec.denic.de
```

## Serve local data

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- Unbound can serve "local" data to its clients
- For example, a static "zone":

```
local-zone: "ukuug." static
local-data: "beamer.ukuug. IN A 192.168.1.12"
local-data: 'paul.ukuug. TXT "Hi Paul!'"
local-data-ptr: "192.168.1.12 beamer.ukuug"
```
- Will it work?

```
$ dig +short @127.0.0.1 paul.ukuug txt
"Hi Paul!"
```
- No DNSSEC
- But local data can be added on-the-fly with unbound-control

## More local data

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- Override a single name (all others resolved normally)

```
local-data: "foo.jpemens.org A 127.0.0.1"
```

- Redirect a whole domain to an IP

```
local-zone: "example.aa" redirect
local-data: "example.aa A 127.0.0.9"
```

## Forwarding

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- Unbound on workstation behind corporate DNS?

```
forward-zone:
  name: "."
  forward-addr: 192.168.1.20
```

- Upstream server must be DNSSEC-enabled

- Unbound is by default
- For BIND you need to configure dnssec-enable

## Advanced topics

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- There's an optional Python module built into Unbound

- Full control over DNS queries sent out by Unbound
- Full Control over DNS replies returned to Unbound clients
- Prototyping

- Gather Unbound statistics

[http://unbound.net/documentation/howto\\_statistics.html](http://unbound.net/documentation/howto_statistics.html)

- Wrap a resolver into your own application with libunbound

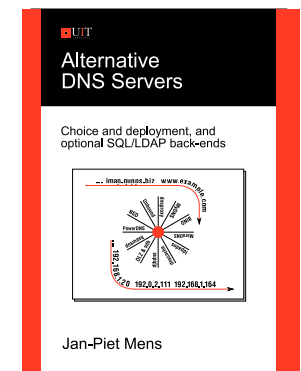
<http://unbound.net/documentation/libunbound.html>

## Further reading

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- Alternative DNS Servers, UIT, 2009, Jan-Piet Mens

<http://mens.de/://altdns>



Thank you

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Questions?

Whoami

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```
$ dig 1.1.0.3.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa naptr
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
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!" .  
1.1.0.3.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa. 3575 IN NAPTR 3 20 "u" "E2U+http" "!^.*!http:blog.fupps.com!" .  
1.1.0.3.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa. 3575 IN NAPTR 4 10 "u" "E2U+mailto" "!^.*!mailto:jp@mens.de!" .  
1.1.0.3.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa. 3575 IN NAPTR 1 10 "u" "E2U+sip" "!^.*!sip:5552064@siggate.de!" .  
1.1.0.3.3.0.8.1.7.1.9.4.e164.arpa. 3575 IN NAPTR 2 10 "u" "E2U+tel" "!^.*!tel:+491718033011!" .
```