

# DNS and DNSSEC

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This tutorial will provide system administrators an understanding of the DNS protocol, including advanced topics such as DNSSEC (DNS Security). It will provide practical information about configuring DNS services using examples from the popular ISC BIND DNS software platform.

Topics include: the DNS protocol and how it works, DNS master zone file format, a look at a variety of server configurations and recommendations, DNSSEC (DNS Security Extensions) and how to deploy it, many examples of DNS query and debugging using the "dig" tool, DNS and IPv6, and more.

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## Who am I?

- An I.T. Director at the University of Pennsylvania
- Have also been:
  - Programmer (C, Perl, Python, Lisp)
  - UNIX Systems Administrator
  - Network Engineer
- Education: B.S. and M.S. (Computer Science) from Penn
- Also teach a Lab course on Network Protocols at Penn's School of Engineering & Applied Science

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# Course Topics

1. DNS Tutorial
2. Configuring DNS in BIND
3. Live queries using 'dig'  
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4. DNSSEC Tutorial
5. Configuring DNSSEC in BIND
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7. DNSSEC deployment status

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# DNS Tutorial

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# DNS

- Domain Name System
- Original specifications in RFCs 1034 and 1035
- Distributed global database
- Indexed by “domain names” (together with a type and class)
- A domain name is a sequence of labels, eg.
  - [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).
- Domain Names are case insensitive, but case preserving
- Transport protocol: UDP and TCP port 53

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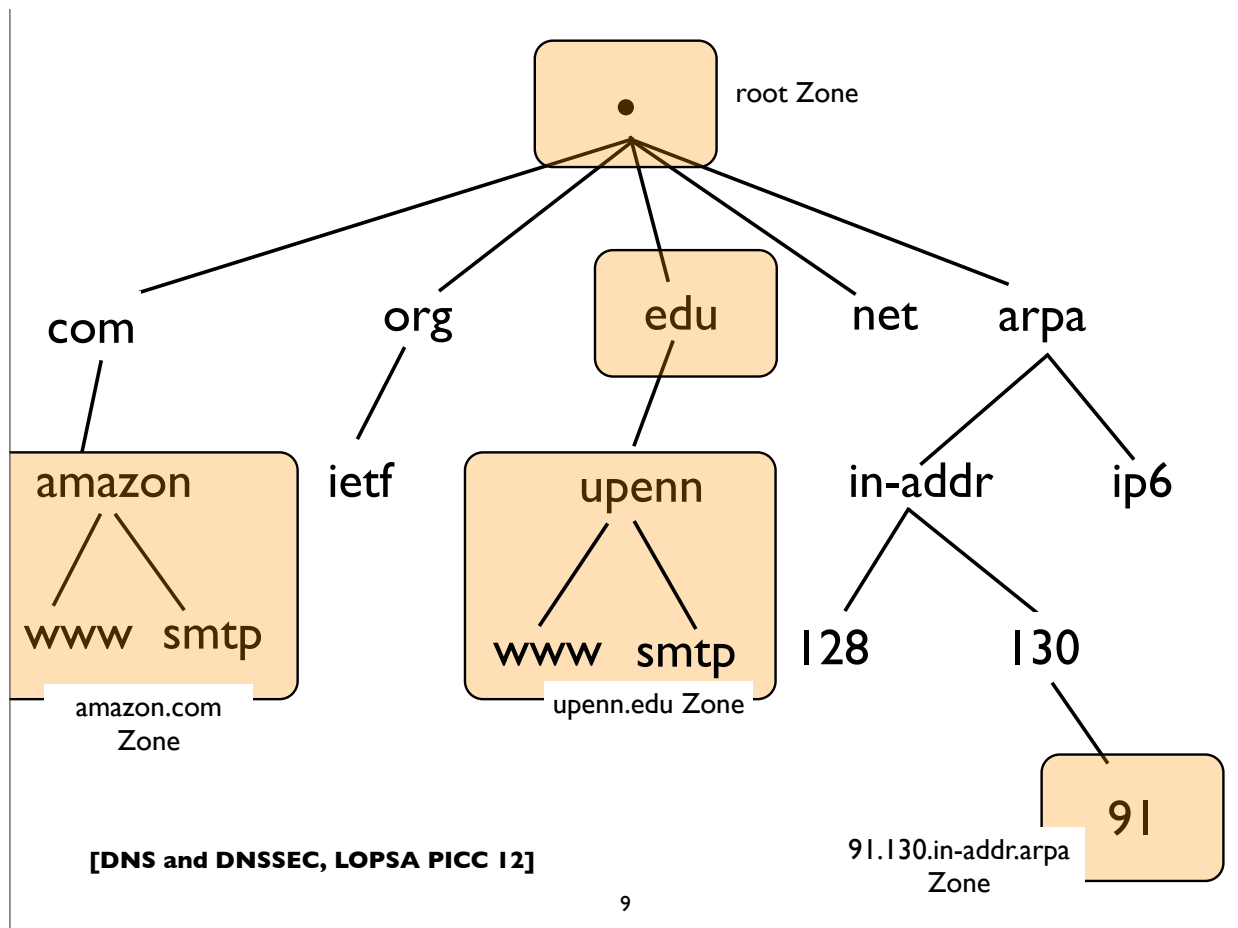
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# DNS

- (See diagram on next slide)
- DNS can be represented as a tree of labels
- Sibling nodes must have unique labels
- Domain name at a particular label can be formed by the sequence of labels traversed by walking up the tree from that label to the root
- Zone - autonomously managed subtree
- Delegations: boundaries between zones

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## Root and TLDs

- Root of the DNS (“empty label”)
- Next level of names are called Top Level Domains (TLDs)
- Until recently 3 primary classes of TLDs
  - GTLD: Generic Top Level Domains (.com, .net, .edu, .org etc)
  - CCTLD: Country Code TLD (2 letter codes for each country, eg. .us, .fr, .jp, .de, ...)
  - Infrastructure: eg. .arpa etc (uses: reverse DNS e164, etc)
- IDN cctld (Internationalized domain name ccTLD)
- The new gTLDs - the wild west? (newgtlds.icann.org)

# DNS main components

- Server Side:
  - Authoritative Servers
  - Resolvers (Recursive Resolvers)
- Client Side:
  - Stub resolvers (usually on DNS client machines)

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## Authoritative Server

- A server that directly serves data for a particular zone
- Said to be “authoritative” for that zone
- These servers are the ones specified in NS records

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# Resolver

- Aka “Recursive Resolver”, “Cache” etc
- Used by endsystems (stub resolvers) to query (“resolve”) arbitrary domain names
- Receives “recursive” queries from these endsystems
- Resolvers query authoritative servers, following DNS delegations until they obtain the answer they need (this process is called “iterative” resolution)
- Resolvers “cache” (remember) query results for the specified “TTL” (also some negative results are cached)

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# Stub Resolver

- The DNS client software component that resides on most endsystems
- Commonly implemented by the Operating System as a set of library routines
- Has a configured set of addresses of the Recursive Resolvers that should be used to lookup (“resolve”) domain names
  - usually by manual configuration, or dynamically learned via DHCP

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# Stub resolver configuration

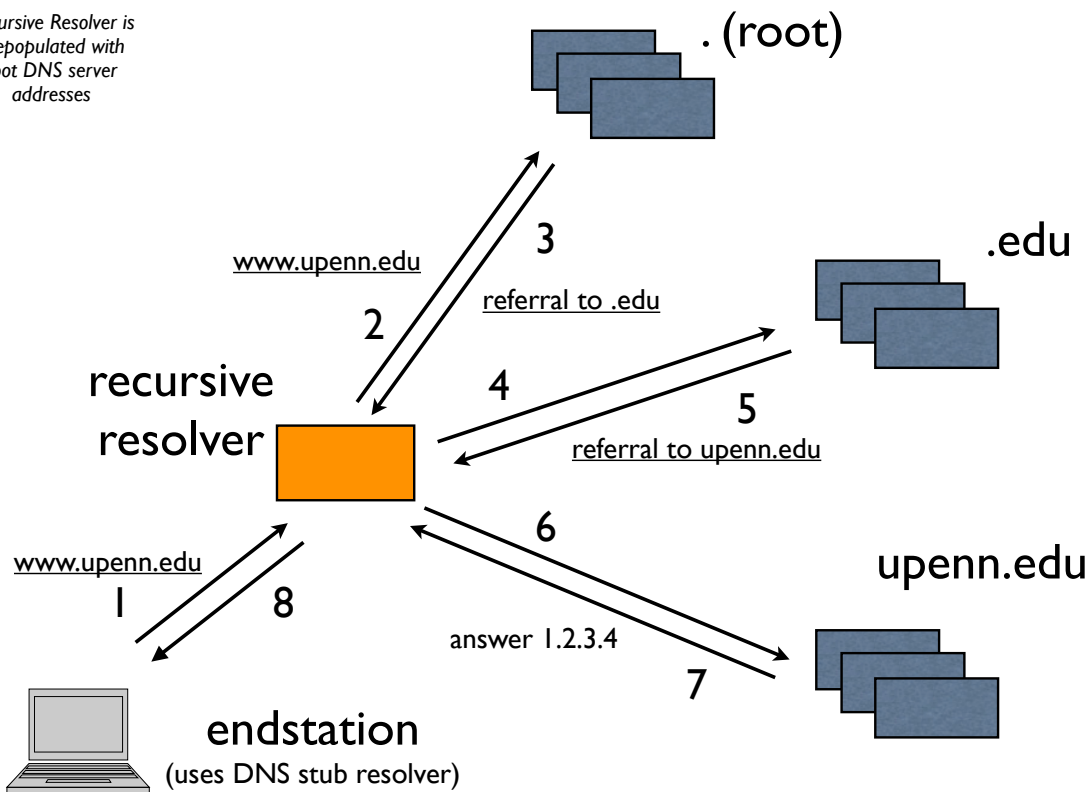
```
$ cat /etc/resolv.conf
```

```
search          finance.example.com example.com
;;
nameserver      10.12.3.1
nameserver      10.254.23.71
nameserver      10.15.18.9
;;
options timeout:1 attempts:2 rotate
```

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Recursive Resolver is  
prepopulated with  
root DNS server  
addresses



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# Parts of a DNS query

- Each DNS query needs a query name, type, and class
- **qname**: a domain name, eg. www.upenn.edu
- **qtype**: A, AAAA, MX, CNAME, PTR, SRV, TXT, NS, SOA, ...
- **qclass**: IN, CH, HS (only “IN” is commonly used)
- Various flags: QR, RD, EDNS Opt, DO etc

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# Life of a typical DNS query

- Type “www.amazon.com” into browser
- Browser calls a name lookup function (eg. `getaddrinfo()`)
- DNS may not be the only name lookup service in use. The lookup function might consult a nameservice switch table to figure out what order of services to consult (eg. `/etc/nsswitch.conf` -- flat file, LDAP, NIS, DNS etc)
- If/when DNS is used, then call DNS specific calls in stub resolver
  - `res_ninit()`, `res_nquery()`, `res_nsearch()`

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# Life of a typical DNS query

- Stub resolver formulates and makes DNS query:
  - qname www.amazon.com, qtype=A, qclass=IN
  - Note: IPv6 enabled resolvers might try AAAA, then A
- Sends query to DNS servers (resolvers) specified in stub resolver configuration (eg. /etc/resolv.conf) in the order specified until it gets a successful response, failure, or times out
- If a “search” domain list is configured, on lookup failure, the stub retries queries with domain suffixes from this list appended to the original query

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# Life of a typical DNS query

- DNS resolvers will get the answer:
  - from their authoritative zones if they have any relevant ones
  - from their cache if the answer is already there
  - by iterative queries of the DNS tree, as necessary, eg.
    - root servers, amazon.com servers, ...

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# Resource Records (RR)

- The fundamental unit of data in the DNS database
- A grouping of a {domain name, type, class}, a TTL (time-to-live), and the associated “resource data”
- Has a defined text “presentation format”

```
www.example.com.      86400 IN   A   10.253.12.7
```

```
      name, or      ttl   class type   rdata  
      owner name
```

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# Resource Record Sets

- A set of RRs with the same name, class, and type
- The rdata (resource data) associated with each RR in the set must be distinct
- The TTL of all RRs in the set also must match
- RR sets are treated atomically when returning responses

```
www.ucla.edu.      300   IN   A   169.232.33.224  
www.ucla.edu.      300   IN   A   169.232.55.224  
www.ucla.edu.      300   IN   A   169.232.56.224
```

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# Resource Record types

| Type  | Description  |
|-------|--|
| SOA   | marks <b>S</b> tart <b>O</b> f a zone of <b>A</b> uthority |
| NS    | NameServer record  |
| A     | IPv4 Address record  |
| AAAA  | IPv6 Address record  |
| CNAME | Canonical name (ie. an alias)                              |
| MX    | Mail Exchanger record                                      |
| SRV   | Service Location record                                    |
| PTR   | Pointer (most commonly for reverse DNS)                    |
| TXT   | Text record (free form text with no semantics)             |
| NAPTR | Naming Authority Pointer Record                            |

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for full list, see  
[www.iana.org/assignments/dns-parameters](http://www.iana.org/assignments/dns-parameters)

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# Other special RRtypes

| Type | Description                                    |
|------|--|
| TSIG | Transaction Signature (RFC 2845)               |
| TKEY | Transaction Key (RFC 2930) - estab secret keys |
| AXFR | Zone Transfer                                  |
| IXFR | Incremental Zone Transfer (RFC 1995)           |
| OPT  | Opt pseudo RR (RFC 2671 - EDNS0)               |
|      |  |
|      |  |
|      |  |
|      |  |
|      |  |

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# SOA record

- Defines the start of a new zone; and important parameters for the zone
- Always appears at the apex of the zone
- Serial number should be incremented on zone content updates

```
google.com.      86400 IN SOA ns1.google.com. (
                    dns-admin.google.com.
                    2012042000 ; serial number
                    7200      ; refresh (2 hours)
                    1800      ; retry (30 minutes)
                    1209600   ; expire (2 weeks)
                    300       ; minimum (5 minutes)
                    )
```

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# NS record

- Name Server record: owner is the zone name
- Delegates a DNS subtree from parent (ie. create new zone)
- Lists the authoritative servers for the zone
- Appears in both parent and child zones
- rdata contains hostname of the DNS server

```
upenn.edu.      86400 IN NS noc3.dccs.upenn.edu.
upenn.edu.      86400 IN NS noc2.dccs.upenn.edu.
upenn.edu.      86400 IN NS dns2.udel.edu.
upenn.edu.      86400 IN NS dns1.udel.edu.
upenn.edu.      86400 IN NS sns-pb.isc.org.
```

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# A record

- IPv4 Address Record
- rdata contains an IPv4 address

```
www.example.com. 86400 IN A 192.0.43.10
```

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# AAAA record

- IPv6 Address Record
- rdata contains an IPv6 address
- Note: there was another record called A6, which didn't catch on, and which has now been declared historic (RFC 6563)

```
www.example.com. 86400 IN AAAA 2001:500:88:200::10
```

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# CNAME record

- An “alias”, ie. maps one name to another (regardless of type)
- Put another way, “this is another name for this name”
- rdata contains the mapped domain name (“canonical name”)
- CNAME records have special rules

```
www.example.com. 86400 IN CNAME worf.example.com.
```

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# CNAME special rules

[from RFC 1034, Section 3.6.2]

**>>> CNAME and no other data rule:**

A CNAME RR identifies its owner name as an alias, and specifies the corresponding canonical name in the RDATA section of the RR. **If a CNAME RR is present at a node, no other data should be present; this ensures that the data for a canonical name and its aliases cannot be different.** This rule also insures that a cached CNAME can be used without checking with an authoritative server for other RR types.

[Note: there is now an exception to this because of DNSSEC metadata records, which are allowed to appear with CNAMEs]

**>>> CNAME special action processing:**

CNAME RRs cause special action in DNS software. **When a name server fails to find a desired RR in the resource set associated with the domain name, it checks to see if the resource set consists of a CNAME record with a matching class. If so, the name server includes the CNAME record in the response and restarts the query at the domain name specified in the data field of the CNAME record.** The one exception to this rule is that queries which match the CNAME type are not restarted.

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# CNAME special rules

Illustration of special action processing of CNAMEs:

```
$ dig www.sas.upenn.edu A
```

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:
```

```
;www.sas.upenn.edu.      IN A
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
www.sas.upenn.edu.      300  IN  CNAME  virgo.sas.upenn.edu.
```

```
virgo.sas.upenn.edu.    900  IN  A      128.91.55.21
```

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## PTR record

- Pointer record
- The most common use is to map IP addresses back to domain names (reverse DNS mappings)
- IPv4 uses in-addr.arpa, and IPv6 uses ip6.arpa subtrees

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# IPv4 PTR records

- Uses “**in-addr.arpa**” subtree
- The LHS of the PTR record (“owner name”) is constructed by the following method:
  - Reverse all octets in the IPv4 address
  - Make each octet a DNS label
  - Append “in-addr.arpa.” to the domain name

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# IPv4 PTR example

```
host1.example.com.   IN   A   192.0.2.17
192.0.2.17           (orig IPv4 address)
17.2.0.192          (reverse octets)
17.2.0.192.in-addr.arpa. (append in-addr.arpa.)
```

Resulting PTR record:

```
17.2.0.192.in-addr.arpa. IN PTR host1.example.com.
```

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# IPv6 addresses

- 128-bits (four times as large)
- 8 fields of 16 bits each (4 hex digits) separated by colons (:)
- [Hex digits are: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, a, b, c, d, e, f]
- $2^{128}$  possible addresses (an incomprehensibly large number)

2001:0db8:3902:00c2:0000:0000:0000:fe04

( $2^{128} = 340,282,366,920,938,463,463,374,607,431,768,211,456$ )

[DNS and DNSSEC, LOPSA PICC 12]

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# IPv6 addresses

- Zero suppression & compression for more compact format
  - Suppress (omit) leading zeros in each field
  - Replace consecutive fields of all zeros with a double colon (::) - only one sequence of zero fields can be compressed this way

2001:0db8:3902:00c2:0000:0000:0000:fe04



2001:db8:3902:c2::fe04

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# IPv6 PTR records

- Uses “**ip6.arpa**” subtree
- The LHS of the PTR record (“owner name”) is constructed by the following method:
  - Expand all the zeros in the IPv6 address
  - Reverse all the hex digits
  - Make each hex digit a DNS label
  - Append “ip6.arpa.” to the domain name (note: the older “ip6.int” was formally deprecated in 2005, RFC 4159)

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# IPv6 PTR example

```
host1.example.com. IN AAAA 2001:db8:3902:7b2::fe04
2001:db8:3902:7b2::fe04           (orig IPv6 address)
2001:0db8:3902:07b2:0000:0000:0000:fe04   (expand zeros)
20010db8390207b2000000000000fe04       (delete colons)
40ef0000000000002b7020938bd01002       (reverse digits)
4.0.e.f.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.2.b.7.0.2.0.9.3.8.b.d.
0.1.0.0.2                               (make DNS labels)
4.0.e.f.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.2.b.7.0.2.0.9.3.8.b.d.
0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa.                     (append ip6.arpa.)
4.0.e.f.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.2.b.7.0.2.0.9.3.8.b.d.
0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa. IN PTR host1.example.com.
```

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# MX record

- Mail Exchanger: defines the host receiving mail
- rdata consists of a preference field and the hostname of the mail receiver
- Lower preference = higher priority

```
example.com.      86400 IN MX 10 mail1.example.com.  
example.com.      86400 IN MX 20 mail2.example.com.
```

preference                      mailserver name

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# SRV record

- Service Location record (RFC 2782)
- Allows designation of server(s) providing service for a particular application and transport at a domain name
- Owner name has special form: `_service._transport.<domain>`
- rdata contains priority, weight, port and server hostname
- Some applications using SRV records include: LDAP, Kerberos, XMPP, SIP, Windows AD, ...

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# SRV record

service name      transport                      priority    weight    port                      server name

↓                      ↓                                      ↓                      ↓                      ↓

```
_ldap._tcp.example.com 600 IN SRV 1 0 389 ldap1.example.com
_ldap._tcp.example.com 600 IN SRV 2 1 389 ldap2.example.com
_ldap._tcp.example.com 600 IN SRV 2 2 389 ldap3.example.com
_ldap._tcp.example.com 600 IN SRV 2 1 289 ldap4.example.com
```

- Priority defines the order in which to query servers (lower number = higher priority)
- Weight defines the proportion in which to send queries to servers at the same priority level (load distribution)

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# TXT record

- free form descriptive text strings, with no defined semantics
- Although some applications have defined standardized meanings (eg. DKIM)
- rdata: one or more character strings

```
blah.example.com. 300 IN TXT "Hello World" "Goodbye"
```

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# NAPTR record

- Naming Authority Pointer Record (RFC 3403 - DDDS)
- Very complex record, and induces additional complex processing on resolver (lookup and rewrite)
- Uses: URL resolver discovery service, E164, SIP, ...

```
*.freenum      IN      NAPTR  (100 10 "u" "E2U+sip"  
                "!^\\+*([^\\]*)*!sip:\\1@sip.magpi.org!" .)
```

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# Wildcards

- RRs with owner names starting with the label “\*” (asterisk)
- When the wildcard is *matched*, the DNS server returns a response with:
  - query name returned as owner name
  - rest of RR content taken from the wildcard record

```
mail.example.com.    300  IN  A    10.1.1.1  
www.example.com.    300  IN  A    10.1.1.2  
*.example.com.      300  IN  A    10.1.1.7
```

```
Here, query for blah.example.com returns:  
blah.example.com.    300  IN  A    10.1.1.7
```

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# ANY query type

- A pseudo record type used in DNS queries only
- Used to match any record type for the queried domain name
- Server will return all records of all types for that domain name that it possesses (note: caches may return incomplete data; to obtain all data for the name, you need to issue ANY query to authoritative servers)
- For debugging and troubleshooting purposes only; do not use in production code

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# Master Zone file format

- RFC 1035, Section 5 for details
- Entries in the master zone file are DNS resource records in their textual “presentation format”

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# Zone file example

Zone: example.com

```
@           3600 IN SOA master.example.com. hostmaster.example.com. (
                                1001514808 ; serial
                                10800      ; refresh (3 hours)
                                3600       ; retry (1 hour)
                                604800    ; expire (1 week)
                                3600      ; minimum (1 hour)
                                )
            86400 IN NS      ns1.example.com.
            86400 IN NS      ns2.example.com.
            86400 IN MX      10 mail1.example.com.
            86400 IN MX      20 mail2.example.com.
ns1         86400 IN A       10.1.1.1
ns2         86400 IN A       10.1.1.2
www         900   IN A       10.1.2.2
mail1      3600  IN A       10.3.3.3
mail2      3600  IN A       10.3.3.4
```

[TCOM 504, Spring 2012]

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# Master Zone file format

@ Denotes current origin; defaulting to zone name  
Appended to any domain name not ending in a period.  
( ) Parens used to group data that crosses a line boundary  
; Starts a comment  
\$ORIGIN Resets the origin for subsequent relative names

RRs beginning with whitespace implicitly inherit last owner name.  
TTL and Class fields are optional (default to last explicitly stated)

## Extensions usable in BIND master files:

\$TTL Define TTL parameter for subsequent records  
\$GENERATE Programmatically generate records, eg.  
eg. \$GENERATE 10-90 client-\$ A 10.4.4.\$  
\$GENERATE 0-62 blah-#{0,3,x} A 192.168.154.#{+64,0,d}

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# Size restrictions

- Label: 63 octets max
- Domain Name: 255 octets max
- TTL: positive signed 32-bit integer
- Entire DNS message: 512 bytes (UDP) - plain DNS
- Messages larger than 512 bytes requires:
  - Use of TCP (often truncated UDP response followed by TCP retry)
  - EDNS0 - a DNS extension mechanism allowing negotiation of larger UDP message buffers

[DNS and DNSSEC, LOPSA PICC 12]

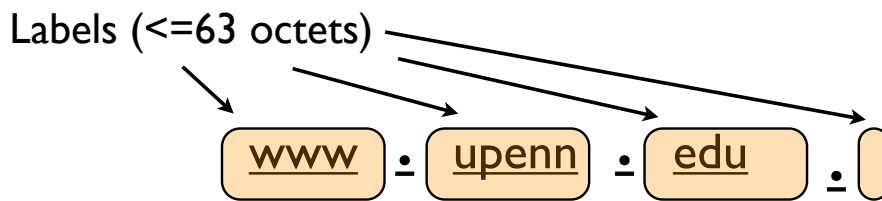
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# Textual vs wire format

- The human readable “textual representation” or “presentation format” of a domain name is different from the the domain name as it actually appears in DNS protocol messages (“on the wire” or “wire format”)
- Text format: labels written in ASCII delimited by periods
- Wire format: label bytes one after the other, always ending with the empty label. each label is composed of a label length followed by the label bytes

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Domain Name (<= 255 octets)



Wire format of this domain name:

(hex) 03777777057570656e6e0365647500

4 Component labels:

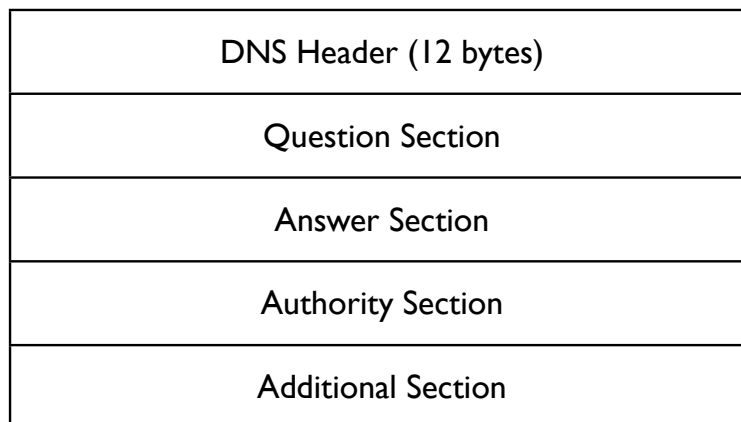
|       |       |    |    |          |
|-------|-------|----|----|----------|
| www   | 0x 03 | 77 | 77 | 77       |
| upenn | 0x 05 | 75 | 70 | 65 6e 6e |
| edu   | 0x 03 | 65 | 64 | 75       |
| .     | 0x 00 |    |    |          |

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label length in 1st octet (lower 6-bits)

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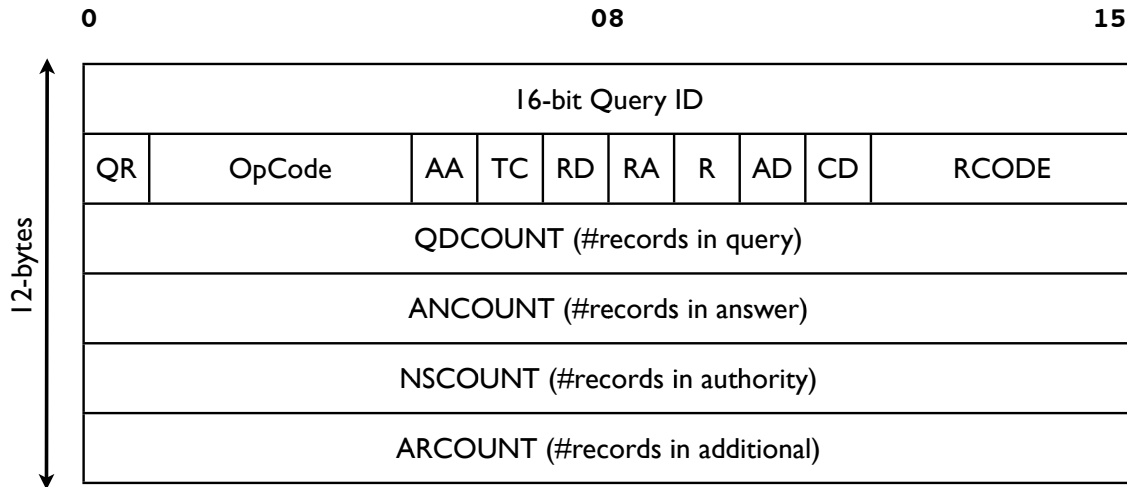
# DNS Packet Format



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# DNS Header



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# DNS Header

**QR:** set to 1 in DNS response messages

**OpCode:**

- 0 Standard Query
- 1 Inverse Query (deprecated)
- 2 Status request (undefined and unused?)
- 4 Notify
- 5 Update
- 3,6-15 Undefined

- AA** = Authoritative answer (ie. not from cache)
- TC** = message was truncated (exceeded 512 byte UDP limit)
- RD** = Recursion desired
- RA** = Recursion available
- R** = Reserved/Unused
- AD** = Authenticated Data (DNSSEC)
- CD** = Checking Disabled (DNSSEC)

[DNS and DNSSEC, LOPSA PICC 12]

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# DNS Response Codes

## Common Response codes:

|   |          |                                  |
|---|----------|----------------------------------|
| 0 | NOERROR  | No Error                         |
| 1 | FORMERR  | Format Error                     |
| 2 | SERVFAIL | Server Failure                   |
| 3 | NXDOMAIN | Not existent domain name         |
| 4 | NOTIMPL  | Function not implemented         |
| 5 | REFUSED  | Query Refused, usually by policy |

## Used by DNS Dynamic Update (RFC 2136):

|       |            |                                   |
|-------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 6     | YXDomain   | Name Exists when it should not    |
| 7     | YXRRSet    | RR Set Exists when it should not  |
| 8     | NXRRSet    | RR Set that should exist does not |
| 9     | NotAuth    | Server not authoritative for zone |
| 10    | NotZone    | Name not contained in zone        |
| 11-15 | Unassigned |                                   |

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# Extended RCodes

Extended RCODES do not appear in the DNS header (since there isn't enough space there). They instead appear in the OPT pseudo RR, which has a special format designed to accommodate them.

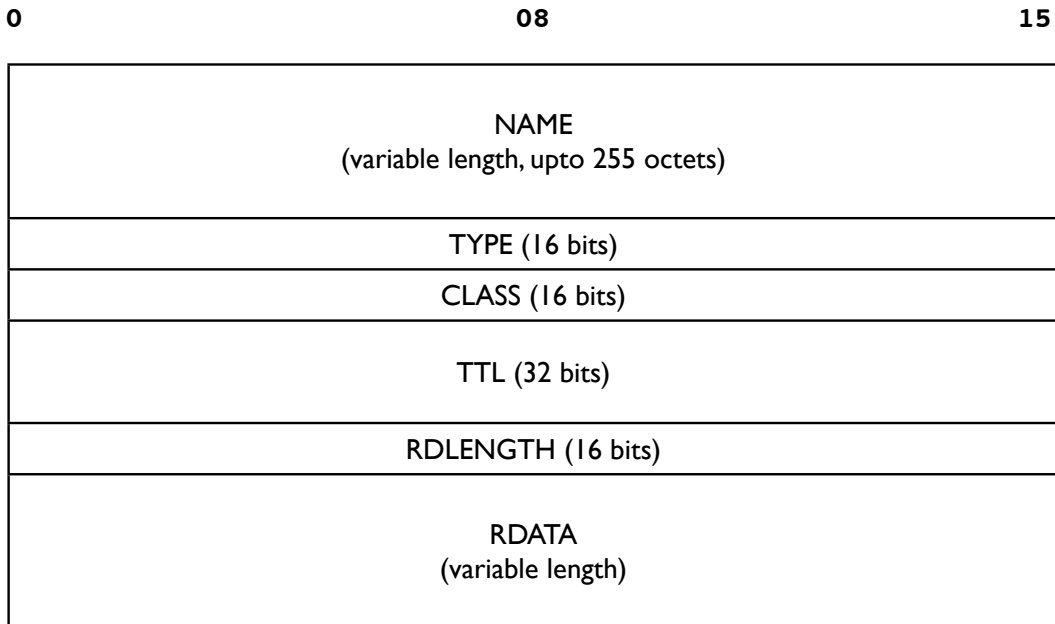
## Extended RCodes used by EDNS0, TSIG, TKEY, etc:

|    |          |                              |
|----|----------|------------------------------|
| 16 | BADVERS  | Bad OPT version              |
| 16 | BADSIG   | TSIG Signature Failure       |
| 17 | BADKEY   | Key not recognized           |
| 18 | BADTIME  | Signature out of time window |
| 19 | BADMODE  | Bad TKEY Mode                |
| 20 | BADNAME  | Duplicate Key Name           |
| 21 | BADALG   | Algorithm not supported      |
| 22 | BADTRUNK | Bad Truncation               |

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# DNS RR common format



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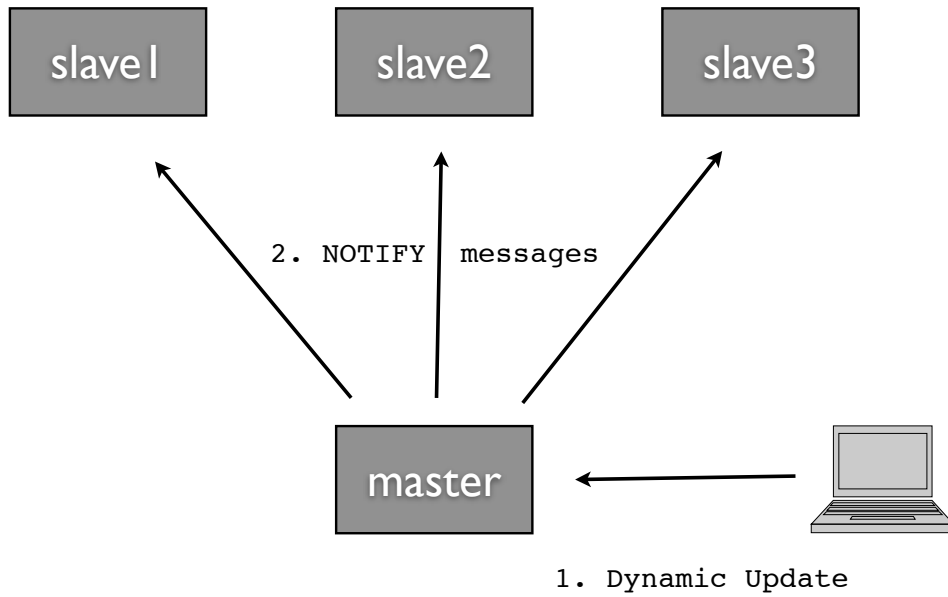
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## Zone Data Synchronization

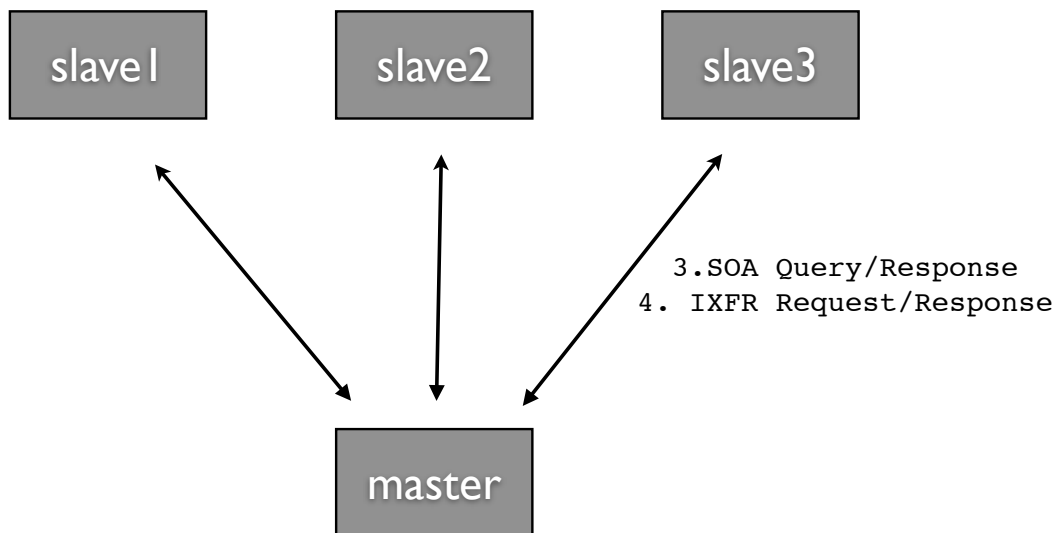
- Authoritative server operators can synchronize zone data on their servers in a number of ways
- However, DNS provides a way to do this using the DNS protocol itself: **Zone Transfers**, and it's widely used
- Full zone transfers: **AXFR**: slaves send period transfer requests to masters (SOA refresh interval)
- Incremental zone transfers: **IXFR**, usually in combination with the NOTIFY mechanism (see RFC 1995 and 1996)
  - Commonly used in conjunction with Dynamic Update
- A good idea to authenticate zone transfers with TSIG

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# Zone Delegation

- Decentralized administration of DNS subtrees
- Delegations cause new zones to be created, that are (typically) served by different servers, run by different people
- Boundaries between zones (sometimes called zone cuts)
- An NS record set is needed in both the parent and child zones; these indicate the delegation, and the set of new nameservers involved in serving the child zone
- “Glue records” may be needed in the parent zone in order to find the addresses of the servers

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# Zone Delegation

## Example of delegation of google.com in .com zone:

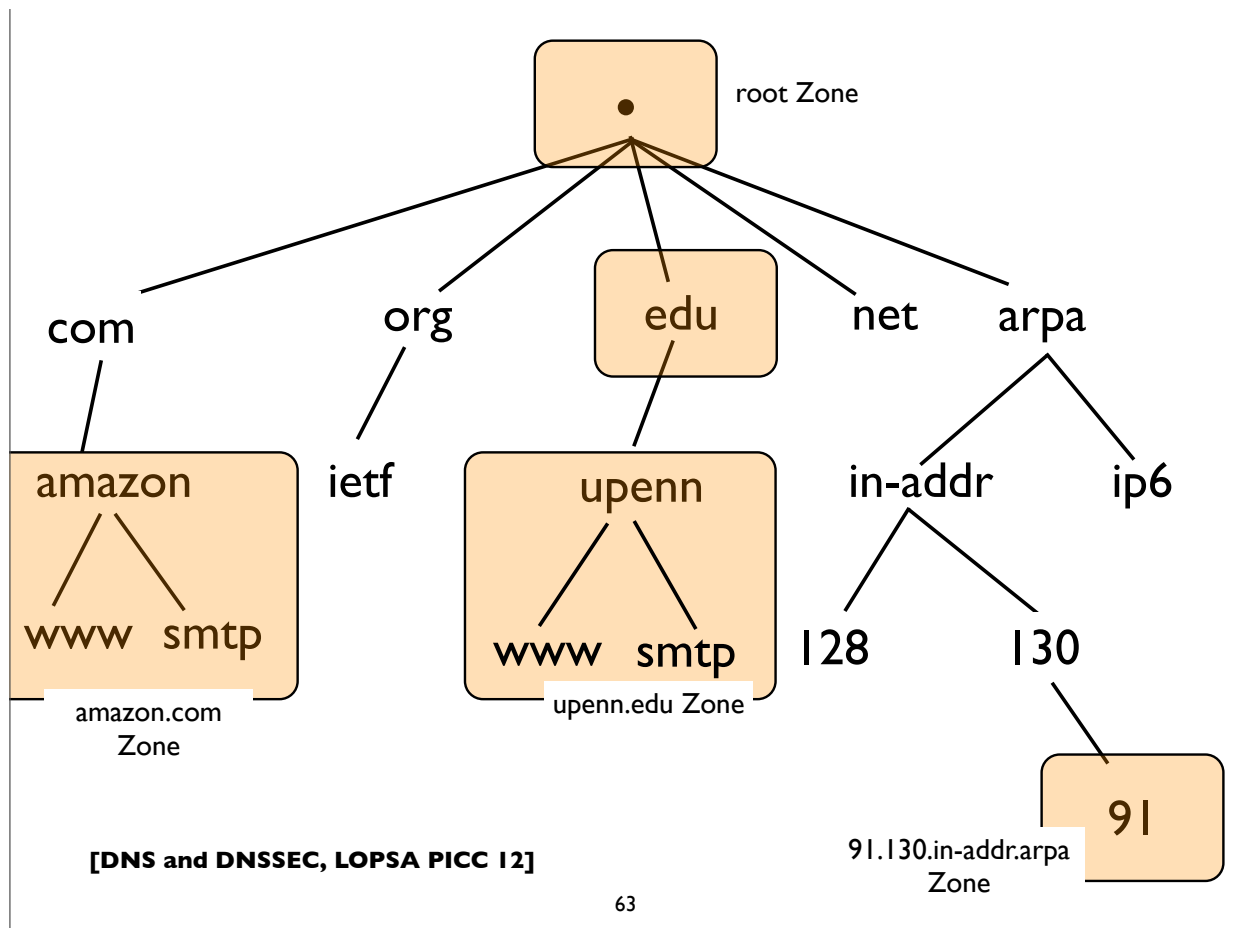
```
;; NS Record Set for google
google.com.      172800 IN NS  ns2.google.com.
google.com.      172800 IN NS  ns1.google.com.
google.com.      172800 IN NS  ns3.google.com.
google.com.      172800 IN NS  ns4.google.com.
```

```
;; Glue records for google nameservers
ns2.google.com.  172800 IN A   216.239.34.10
ns1.google.com.  172800 IN A   216.239.32.10
ns3.google.com.  172800 IN A   216.239.36.10
ns4.google.com.  172800 IN A   216.239.38.10
```

The glue records in the .COM zone are needed because the google DNS servers are inside the child google.com zone, otherwise they couldn't be found.

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# Configuring BIND



# Simple zone file

## Zone: example.com

```
$TTL 6h
@ IN SOA master.example.com. hostmaster.example.com. (
    1001      ; Serial
    10800    ; Refresh (3h)
    3600     ; Retry (1h)
    604800   ; Expire (1w)
    3600 )   ; Min/ncache (1h)
;
      IN NS  ns1.example.com.
      IN NS  ns2.example.com.
      IN MX  10 mail.example.com.
;
ns1      IN A   192.168.1.1
ns2      IN A   192.168.2.2
www      IN A   192.168.4.4
mail     IN A   192.168.5.1
smtp     IN CNAME mail.example.com.
```

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# Recursive Resolver

```
# named.conf Recursive resolver example

acl trusted {
    192.0.2.0/24;           # my clients IPv4 address block
    2001:db8:f470::/48;   # my clients IPv6 address block
}

options {
    max-cache-size 1024M;
    listen-on-v6 { any; };
    allow-query-cache {
        trusted;
    };
    allow-recursion {
        trusted;
    };
};

zone "." {
    type hint;
    file "named.root";
};
```

who's allowed to use the recursive resolver.  
note: some people run open servers

root nameserver addresses. latest version at  
[www.internic.net/domain/named.root](http://www.internic.net/domain/named.root)

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# Authoritative Server

The master (primary master) authoritative server should define an access control list to limit the servers (usually only its slave servers) which can perform zone transfers of the DNS database. Note however, that this is a policy decision. Some folks allow anyone to transfer the contents of their zone.

```
# List of authorized secondary/slave servers
acl transferlist {
    192.0.2.2/32;
    192.0.2.3/32;
    2001:db8:f470:1234:2/128;
    2001:db8:f470:1234:3/128;
}

options {
    [...]
    allow-transfer {
        transferlist;
    };
    [...]
};
```

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# Authoritative Server

Authoritative Servers, need **zone definitions** for the zones they are serving. They should also disable recursion if not also providing recursive resolver service to endusers.

```
options {
    [ ... various options ...];
    recursion no;
};

zone "example.com" {
    type master;
    file "zone.example.com";
};

zone "example.com" {
    type slave;
    file "zone.example.com";
    masters { 10.2.2.2; };
};
```

← if authoritative only

← on master server

← on slave server

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# Reverse zones

```
# Reverse zone for 10.74.213.0/24
zone "213.74.10.in-addr.arpa" {
    type master;
    file "zone.213.74.10.in-addr.arpa";
};
```

(Delegation on non-octet boundaries is a bit trickier. Need zones per address or the trick described in RFC 2317)

```
# Reverse zone for 2001:db8:c472::/48
zone "2.7.4.c.8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa" {
    type master;
    file "zone.2.7.4.c.8.b.d.0.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa";
};
```

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# zone xfr with TSIG

## Authenticating Zone Transfers with TSIG:

On primary master server:

Generate TSIG key with (example):

```
$ dnssec-keygen -a HMAC-MD5 -b 128 -n HOST slavel.example.com.
```

File: zonetransfer.key:

```
key "slavel.example.com." {
    algorithm "hmac-md5";
    secret "xjlsjdlfdhfhdfldfljdfsljdljsdlfjdlkf=";
};
```

File: named.conf:

```
include "/usr/local/bind/zonetransfer.key"
```

```
options {
    [...]
    allow-transfer { key slavel.example.com.; };
    [...]
};
```

secret key taken from K\*  
files produced by dnssec-keygen

can also be used within  
individual zone stanzas

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# zone xfr with TSIG

## Authenticating Zone Transfers with TSIG (continued):

On secondary (slave) server (use same key as configured on master):

```
File: named.conf:
include "/usr/local/bind/zonetransfer.key"

zone "example.com" {
    type slave;
    masters { 10.12.7.26 key slavel.example.com.; };
    [...]
};
```

It is also possible to sign and authenticate all transactions with a master server (not just AXFR/IXFR) with a "server" statement:

```
server 10.12.7.26 {
    keys { slavel.example.com.; };
};
```

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# rndc

rndc: Name Server Control Utility

```
reload
reload zone [class [view]]
refresh zone [class [view]]
retransfer zone [class [view]]
freeze
freeze zone [class [view]]
thaw
thaw zone [class [view]]
sync [-clean]
sync [-clean] zone [class [view]]
notify zone [class [view]]
reconfig
stats
dumpdb [-all|-cache|-zones] [view ...]
stop
halt
flush
flush [view]
flushname name [view]
flushtree name [view]
status
```

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# More examples

[Placeholder: Show fuller examples online]

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## Additional details

- The BIND ARM (Administrator's Reference Manual)
- <http://www.isc.org/software/bind/documentation>
- For latest BIND version (9.9):
  - <http://ftp.isc.org/isc/bind9/cur/9.9/doc/arm/Bv9ARM.html>
- Essential reading for the BIND DNS operator

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# Live DNS queries with dig

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In this section, we'll look at some live DNS queries with the “**dig**” tool, widely available on most UNIX/Linux platforms.

## Common invocations:

```
dig <qname>  
dig <qname> <qtype>  
dig @server <qname> <qtype>  
dig -x <ipaddress>  
dig +trace <qname> <qtype>
```

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# DNSSEC Tutorial

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## DNSSEC at a glance

- “DNS Security Extensions”
- A system to verify the authenticity of DNS “data” using public key signatures
  - Specs: RFC 4033, 4034, 4035, 5155 (and more)
- Helps detect DNS spoofing, misdirection, cache poisoning ..
- Recall the “Kaminsky attack”
- Additional benefits:
  - Ability to store and use cryptographic keying material in the DNS, eg. SSHFP, IPSECKEY, CERT, DKIM, TLSA, etc ..

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# DNSSEC at a glance

- Each zone has a public and private key pair
- The zone owner uses the private key to sign the zone data, producing digital signatures for each resource record set
- Public key is used by others (DNS resolvers) to validate the signatures (proof of authenticity)
- Public key is published in the zone itself so that resolvers can find it
- Zone public keys are organized in a chain of trust following the normal DNS delegation path

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## DNSSEC Records

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| DNSKEY     | Contains zone public key   |
| RRSIG      | Contains DNSSEC signature  |
| NSEC       | Points to next name in zone<br>(used for authenticated denial of existence)    |
| DS         | Delegation Signer<br>(certifies public key for subordinate zone)               |
| NSEC3      | Enhanced version of NSEC<br>(provides zone enumeration protection and opt-out) |
| NSEC3PARAM | NSEC3 parameters   |

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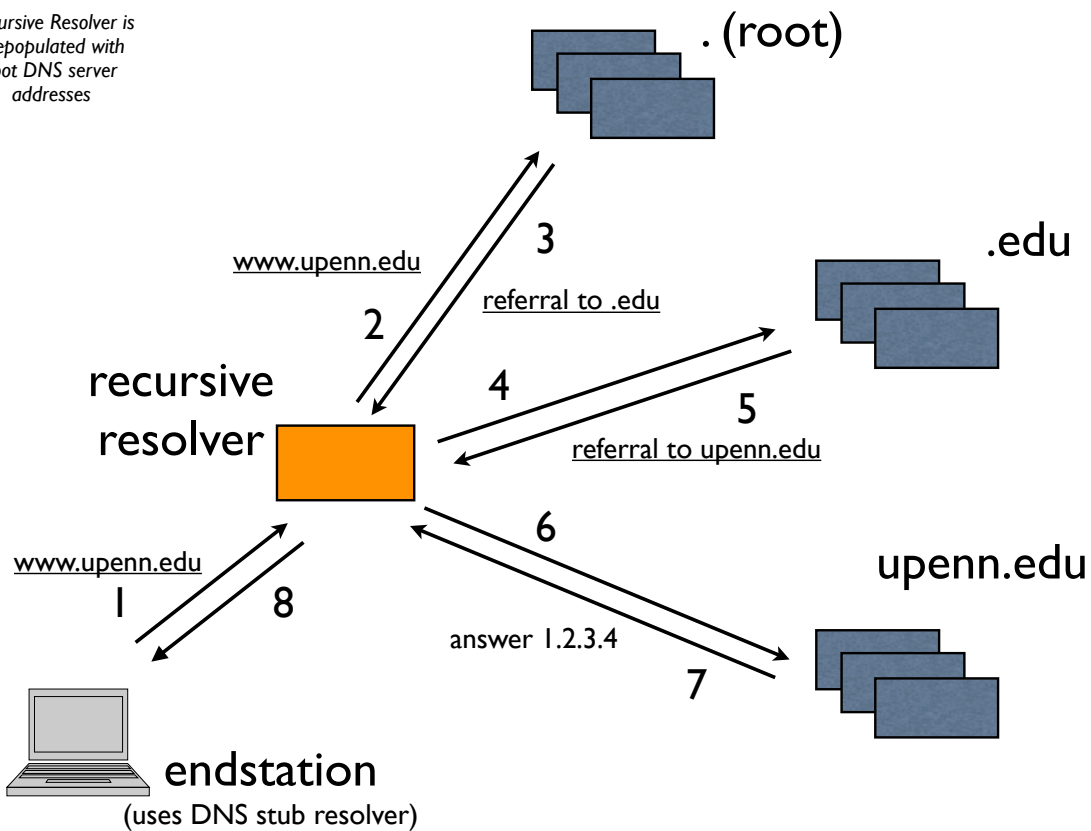
# Signed zone additions

- One or more DNSKEY at the zone apex
- One or more NSEC for every DNS name
- One or more RRSIG for every RR set
- One or more DS records for every secure delegation
  
- Exceptions: non-authoritative data like delegation NS records and glue have no signatures (RRSIG)

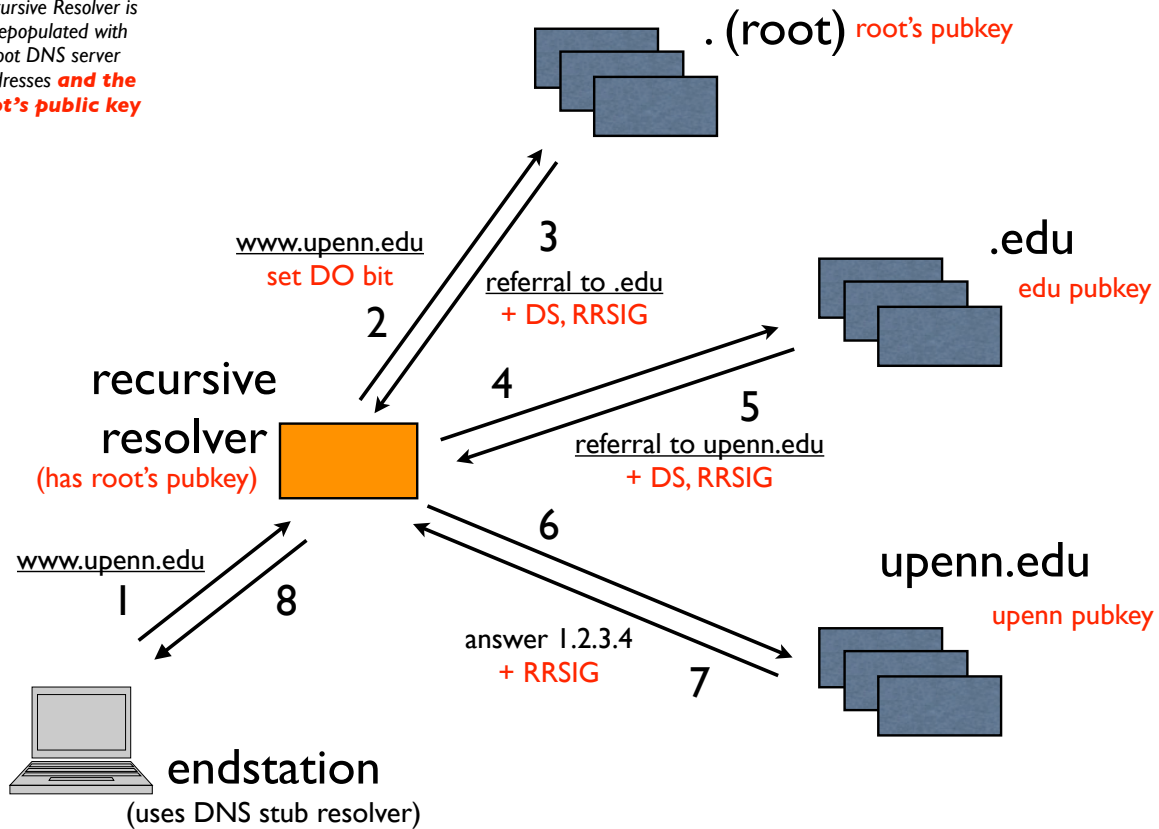
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Recursive Resolver is  
prepopulated with  
root DNS server  
addresses



Recursive Resolver is prepopulated with root DNS server addresses **and the root's public key**



## Multiple DNSKEYs

- Typically, a 2-level hierarchy of DNSKEYs is employed
- KSK: Key Signing Key
  - Signs other keys (can be larger, ie. stronger, and kept offline; used as the trust anchor and certified by the parent zone in the DS)
- ZSK: Zone Signing Key
  - Signs all data in the zone (can be lower strength and impose less computational overhead; can be changed without co-ordination with parent zone)

# Protection of signing keys

- Keep offline? Problems with dynamic signing
- Keep only KSK offline? But need to bring them online for key rollovers (even only ZSK rollovers)
- If keeping online, lock down housing server rigorously, as you might do a critical authentication server, like a KDC
- Physically secured machine room & racks
- Tamper resistant HSM (Hardware Security Module)

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```
$ dig jabber.upenn.edu AAAA

;; -->HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 337

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;jabber.upenn.edu.          IN      AAAA

;; ANSWER SECTION:
jabber.upenn.edu.          86400  IN      AAAA    2001:468:1802:101::805b:2ac

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
upenn.edu.                  86400  IN      NS      dns2.udel.edu.
upenn.edu.                  86400  IN      NS      noc2.dccs.upenn.edu.
upenn.edu.                  86400  IN      NS      noc3.dccs.upenn.edu.
upenn.edu.                  86400  IN      NS      dns1.udel.edu.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
noc2.dccs.upenn.edu.        86400  IN      A       128.91.254.1
noc2.dccs.upenn.edu.        86400  IN      AAAA    2001:468:1802:102::805b:fe01
noc3.dccs.upenn.edu.        86400  IN      A       128.91.251.158
dns1.udel.edu.              86400  IN      A       128.175.13.16
dns2.udel.edu.              86400  IN      A       128.175.13.17
```

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**\$ dig jabber.upenn.edu AAAA +dnssec** Authenticated Data

```
;; ->HEADER<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 690  
;; flags: qr aa rd ad; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 5, ADDITIONAL: 7
```

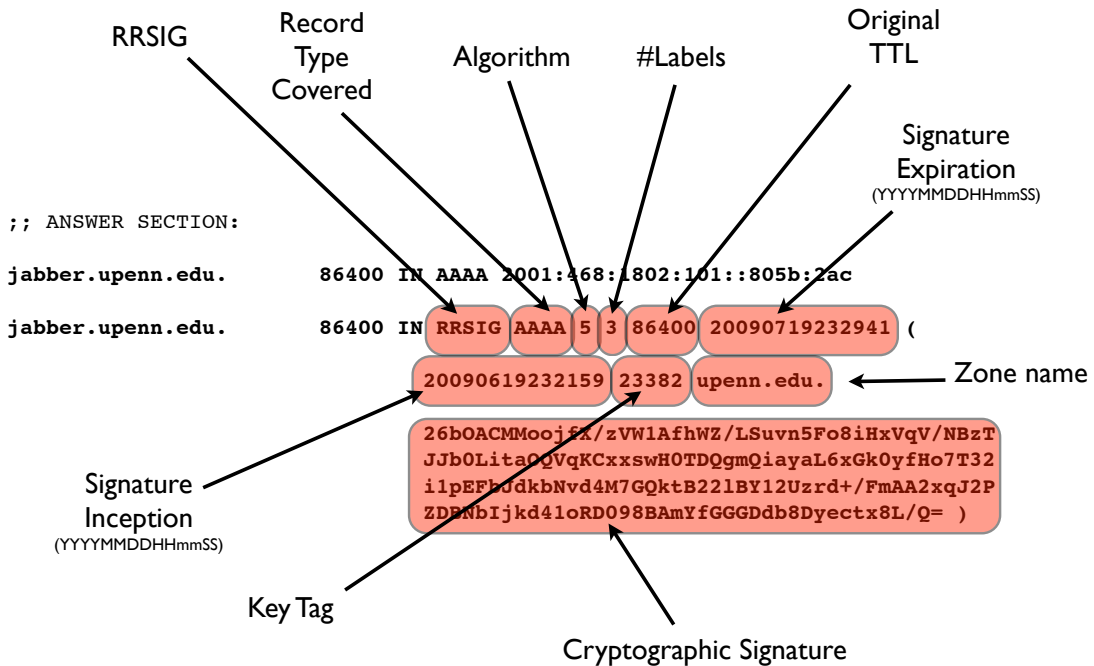
```
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:  
; EDNS: version: 0, flags: do; udp: 4096  
;; QUESTION SECTION:  
;jabber.upenn.edu.      IN AAAA
```

Answer & Signature

DNSSEC Ok

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:  
jabber.upenn.edu.      86400 IN AAAA 2001:468:1802:101::805b:2ac  
jabber.upenn.edu.      86400 IN RRSIG AAAA 5 3 86400 20090719232941 (  
20090619232159 23382 upenn.edu.  
26bOACMMoojfx/zVW1AfhWZ/LSuVn5Fo8iHxVqV/NBzT  
JJb0LitaOQVqKCxxswH0TDQgmQiaYaL6xGk0yfHo7T32  
i1pEFbJdkbNvd4M7GQktB221BY12Uzrd+/FmAA2xqJ2P  
ZDBNbIjdk41oRD098BAmYfGGGDb8Dyectx8L/Q= )
```

```
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:  
upenn.edu.             86400 IN NS dns1.udel.edu.  
upenn.edu.             86400 IN NS noc3.dccs.upenn.edu.  
upenn.edu.             86400 IN NS dns2.udel.edu.  
upenn.edu.             86400 IN NS noc2.dccs.upenn.edu.  
upenn.edu.             86400 IN RRSIG NS 5 2 86400 20090719232217 (  
20090619223616 23382 upenn.edu.  
WWpT4uD9p5zORM+207pRZ46+Qo3cHj9tnjxH62Xt9QBR  
yu9V7+3ihlIMlHCd9kjsddskT8GJ+5hEzykB8fPIjsli  
bqG6hCnCcGdTsGzmPoGdlz95H7Nf2yfrlGLAcSCix6I  
EJb8Aj4+OW9Zq1dmeZrnJDXSzm8joQg5+I1kzR4= )
```



```

$ dig upenn.edu DNSKEY

;; ANSWER SECTION:
upenn.edu.          7200 IN  DNSKEY 256 3 5 (
AwEAAcDt107stSjvoBA/YVPr+2gvB3v33tXr7ROZ/Jqm
WtNLraxQPzqXM1AhwjtdEqwCAnk01V7+Fw7K94sh6jpI
5bFofS7MGtd0VvNyq52bgRnusgbm1ME2Lx9+o3fy9ppv
7C6bahGrV3aiq9wNVPj/ccJn5AnZCOsi3grVs:j6izCYH
) ; key id = 46752
upenn.edu.          7200 IN  DNSKEY 256 3 5 (
AwEAAfAHsS33kJEImVk09yFJY5hXumAo+JVVJMjPjUaj
l/rh0fFkdiks2oatVvxHHHqKN9Kg3DoKQss/CzCza4zn
KlqYGvSl7RefKR3QLyPBGQN2aOUWxshDgOWLmOtqNpmP
+6Drfn8LJVTOjuwmU801aQcda/AoOGVPE3zP16G/F+qp
) ; key id = 43248
upenn.edu.          7200 IN  DNSKEY 257 3 5 (
AwEAAek95gyBF2nurdIE2Q63VVcMlazOlQEnz0N4Ce89
SB4Juw2eEBerLmEanuGJbrs0oGx3SKCMyhOYL9q1ZrmC
NCf6PnACwv88NtrYOjHAOmOLLAvKAQv8MTBbEwTWBbw5
K8jUwzcaGyDjo3U+Hai+ow8Tiev0By+hrcT4DegsbEB8
MEQIgeEUO/Kw9wbJLEdpvVXtuV2l78G75FUwmrA8jzEka
M7bKg/HSTIMupbwfs4IHYgbG/PkqOZYL3uxm9gncVjhb
4YYd4OG6koVoWteWTS8JdYq4gr9b9AEjhwAzbe7bd7pX
+qD70CCbh0jSOvhPvhRpCHIYZAJIweAWs711HHM=
) ; key id = 29242

```

Diagram annotations:

- Arrows point to the numbers 256, 3, and 5 in the first three DNSKEY records, labeled "flags", "proto", and "algorithm" respectively.
- An arrow points to the long base64-encoded string in the third DNSKEY record, labeled "encoded public key".

## Negative answers

- “Authenticated Denial of Existence”
- NSEC or NSEC3 records (and their signatures)
- Chain together DNS records in a zone; can think of them and their signatures as spanning the gaps between names in the zone
- Canonical ordering of names in signed zones needed (RFC 4034, Section 6.1)
- Needed because of the pre-computed signature model of DNSSEC (computational concerns & signing key security)

# NSEC3 differences

- NSEC3 instead of NSEC records
- Owner name is a cryptographic hash of the name (flattened) rather than the actual name - provides zone enumeration defense
- Some names may not have an NSEC3 (the “opt-out” feature)
- Additional apex record: NSEC3PARAM
- Increased CPU usage implications
- See RFC 5155 (Hashed Authenticated Denial of Existence) for details

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# NSEC record

- “Next Secure” record
- Describes interval between consecutive names in a zone
- Type-bitmap defines RRtypes available at owner
- Side Effect: allows enumeration of zone contents

a.example.com. 300 IN NSEC d.example.com. A MX RRSIG NSEC

The diagram shows an NSEC record: `a.example.com. 300 IN NSEC d.example.com. A MX RRSIG NSEC`. Three arrows point from labels below to parts of the record: one from 'Owner Name' to 'a.example.com.', one from 'Next Owner Name' to 'd.example.com.', and one from 'Type Bitmap (List of Types defined at Owner Name)' to the red box containing 'A MX RRSIG NSEC'.

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## An authenticated negative answer

```
$ dig +dnssec +multi bozo.upenn.edu

;; -->HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NXDOMAIN, id: 7708

;; ;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
upenn.edu.      3600 IN   SOA  assailants.net.isc.upenn.edu. hostmaster.upenn.edu. (
                1002349189 ; serial
                10800    ; refresh (3 hours)
                3600    ; retry (1 hour)
                604800  ; expire (1 week)
                3600    ; minimum (1 hour)
                )
upenn.edu.      3600 IN   RRSIG SOA 5 2 3600 (
                20120527220138 20120427210138 50475 upenn.edu.
                rLYYgn11J0hOVItgX616TJQ5aqG7Se5zoacp+k5neiIC
                rAKXKWDY5uVRCaJzci4kmYnHNksR0Z+Dtn2HJBB51gaG
                JksqIp3PqvKZcX75UfpeR4TjMYfmawhykESnR29jfm7w
                k9onXJkYkVDVaimGFakG1AmuWQlvHBLQFSjnwVQ= )
upenn.edu.      3600 IN   NSEC _kerberos.upenn.edu. NS SOA MX RRSIG NSEC DNSKEY TYPE65534
upenn.edu.      3600 IN   RRSIG NSEC 5 2 3600 (
                20120508051318 20120408042226 50475 upenn.edu.
                ZzTYjeHECy5xLo+wrXq1VwmtNI3Wz7cpNLBdg+3xM9ph
                H9jOndAViCKwsDa4uLBYBcKss9qbbYjVtMp5w0lmVpwm
                cwYheAyEN+w2VPBhLZ9qjfib8Q6Lfi3r3lC8EDJciL0
                1LSQwP2gyFx7V6VG08z11W6fuB6A/6/3/55xwW0= )
cagrid.bmif.upenn.edu. 3600 IN   NSEC BRYNMAWR-GW.upenn.edu. CNAME RRSIG NSEC
cagrid.bmif.upenn.edu. 3600 IN   RRSIG NSEC 5 4 3600 (
                20120507190845 20120407181400 50475 upenn.edu.
                yn4Au0Q4EViYu0LonWLWviTUn6kLYfyMMERajl2Jdaob
                CYLfwNWMrXYPh6IZu03dYSkIRg7WEoyEGckk5J5Gudok
                ikdFEeuBjV4cdUCMp67lvUjCGVclFWnKhb5ni/FmieH
                q7yFeztBt/IsKxtbcFSX0Isjt5mtNqt5is+UNPy= )
```

\*.upenn.edu would have been between upenn.edu and \_kerberos.upenn.edu

bozo.upenn.edu would have been between cagrid.bmif.upenn.edu & brynmawr-gw.upenn.edu

## An authenticated negative answer

NOERROR (nodata) responses can be authenticated with one signed NSEC record, which just reports all available RRTYPES at that name

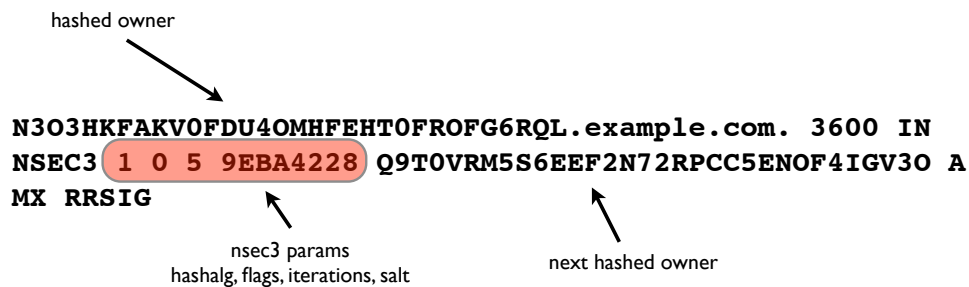
```
$ dig +dnssec +multi upenn.edu

;; -->HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 44529

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
upenn.edu.      3600 IN   SOA  assailants.net.isc.upenn.edu. hostmaster.upenn.edu. (
                1002349284 ; serial
                10800    ; refresh (3 hours)
                3600    ; retry (1 hour)
                604800  ; expire (1 week)
                3600    ; minimum (1 hour)
                )
upenn.edu.      3600 IN   RRSIG SOA 5 2 3600 (
                20120528003143 20120427233143 50475 upenn.edu.
                lK7/1MnNo2ox+cAJAMbX+it0tEpJiQJ+DorWcYvPUTek
                rr5efJ/yUSxK7bZ+LHqibj4vSVT3EDnlu7Di7RlyxCAB
                LfRUhbNb29ToCQB/HDWjyjtWKjY8rWehWUeXqcJ0PCPl
                6J8FH3g41llxjcOLGom0opalOqtLxPEjqwtlm8BY= )
upenn.edu.      3600 IN   NSEC _kerberos.upenn.edu. NS SOA MX RRSIG NSEC DNSKEY TYPE65534
upenn.edu.      3600 IN   RRSIG NSEC 5 2 3600 (
                20120508051318 20120408042226 50475 upenn.edu.
                ZzTYjeHECy5xLo+wrXq1VwmtNI3Wz7cpNLBdg+3xM9ph
                H9jOndAViCKwsDa4uLBYBcKss9qbbYjVtMp5w0lmVpwm
                cwYheAyEN+w2VPBhLZ9qjfib8Q6Lfi3r3lC8EDJciL0
                1LSQwP2gyFx7V6VG08z11W6fuB6A/6/3/55xwW0= )
```

# NSEC3 record

- New version of NSEC that provides defense against zone enumeration (see RFC 5155 for details)
- Hashed owner names, and optional “opt-out” feature
- rdata: nsec3 parameters (hash alg, flags, iterations), hashed next owner name, type bitmap



[DNS and DNSSEC, LOPSA PICC 12]

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# NSEC3PARAM record

- NSEC3PARAM record at zone apex also holds the parameters
- Hash algorithm, Flags, #Iterations, Salt
- This is used by secondary nameservers slaving the zone

```
lsu.edu. 0 IN NSEC3PARAM 1 0 10 6F772A6B
```

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## **An authenticated negative answer (NSEC3)**

placeholder

## **Secure Delegations**

- Indicated by DS (Delegation Signer) record
- Appears in the delegating (ie. parent) zone
- Contains a hash of the public key of the child zone's
- Validating resolvers use the presence of the DS record *and* its corresponding signature (RRSIG) to securely authenticate the delegation

DS contains hash of the public key of delegated domain. 2 DS records are shown here because 2 different hashing algorithms were used

```
magpi.net. 3587 IN
magpi.net. 3587 IN
magpi.net. 3587 IN
```

```
DS 15462 5 2 (
9EFD691150378921179A5408F04E6EA93CBA2488B221
96493142E47D1AD24C3A )
DS 15462 5 1 (
C020FB9E09EE30568F250E2086D52E62F2B4FA17 )
RRSIG DS 5 5 3600 20090812170009 (
20090713170009 64263 dlv.isc.org.
M+09bX9XP79yfDhWDUNuDEg9KOEHV2eV33/dEYnutVpD
iZYGqJ6BWLhWZYB8Y8megYozfa5UJv/AVcdIZ51JCPI4
k/jlRDj60kRaWRlFCBgqOR2WPL+F20vhg3wS57bIjmRW
To0r/HpXemnJVdXLbrzWD5WdpYGFy1UVX+15N4o= )
```

Signature of DS record set

## DNSSEC Lookaside Validation (DLV)

- A mechanism to securely locate DNSSEC trust anchors “off path”
- Intended as an early deployment aid until top-down deployment of DNSSEC is completed
- DLV Registry operated by Internet Systems Consortium:
  - <https://www.isc.org/solutions/dlv>
- If you can't find a DS record for example.com, look for a DLV record for example.com.<dlv-domain>

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## General advice

- Use the latest possible version of BIND (current is v9.9)
- Many more features that make DNSSEC configuration much much easier, and almost automated ...

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# Validating Resolver

In `named.conf` (this will use BIND's built-in keys for the root and the ISC DLV registry, and will automatically rollover keys as they are detected:

```
options {
    [...]
    dnssec-enable yes;
    dnssec-validation auto;
    dnssec-lookaside auto;
    [...]
};
```

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# Validating Resolver

Manually configured keys (if needed):

```
# manually configured static key
trusted-keys {
    . 257 3 8 "AwE...jlsdjfld=";
};

# managed keys (with automated rollover)
managed-keys {
    "." initial-key 257 3 8 "Awlsdjflkdjfl";
};
```

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# Signing zones

Generating Keys:

```
dnssec-keygen <zone>
dnssec-keygen -f KSK <zone>
dnssec-keygen -3 <zone>           # NSEC3 zone
```

Creates K<zone>+mmm+nnnn.key and K<zone>+mmm+nnnn.private files

Signing Zone:

```
dnssec-signzone -o zone -S <zonefile>

-S: smart signing
```

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# Authoritative Server

```
options {
    [...]
    dnssec-enable yes;
    [...]
};
```

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# Dynamic Update + DNSSEC

The easiest way, in my opinion.

- \* Configure dynamic zones (ie. zones updated only with the Dynamic Update protocol, eg. with the nsupdate program)
- \* Make DNSSEC keys available to named
- \* When dynamic updates are made, named will automatically sign the records and generate or re-generate related DNSSEC metadata
  
- \* Latest BIND versions include special options to make this really easy.

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Live example of signing a zone with DNSSEC  
(Time permitting!)

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# Signing a zone

Steps for reference. We'll do this live (hopefully)

```
# Create zone for "example.com" and configure named
[...]

# Generate KSK and ZSK (in this example RSASHA256 2048/1024bit)
dnssec-keygen -a RSASHA256 -b 2048 -n ZONE -f KSK example.com
dnssec-keygen -a RSASHA256 -b 1024 -n ZONE example.com

# Sign zone (will generate "zonefile.signed")
dnssec-signzone -o example.com -S zonefile

# Reconfigure named.conf to serve "zonefile.signed"
[...]
```

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# Signing a zone (dynamic)

```
# Generate KSK and ZSK as before, but don't use dnssec-signzone
[...]

# Setup named.conf with the "auto-dnssec" option for the zone
zone "example.com" {
    type master;
    update-policy local;           # allow-update for expl key
    auto-dnssec allow;           # also see "maintain"
    file "zones/example.com/zonefile";
    key-directory "zones/example.com";
};

# Tell named to sign the zone
rndc sign example.com

# From now, use dynamic update (eg. via nsupdate) to update
# zone contents.
```

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# Signing a zone (dynamic)

```
# Example of using dynamic update to add an ldap.example.com
# A RR to the zone .. This will cause name to automatically
# compute and add RRSIGs and NSEC/NSEC3s as needed.

$ nsupdate -l
ttl 86400
zone example.com.
update add ldap.example.com. A 10.4.4.4
send
^D
$
```

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## Other methods

Newest versions of BIND have some other ways that might make it easier to deploy DNSSEC in some environments where it's not easy to modify the master server ...

### \* **Inline Signing** (BIND 9.9)

This feature greatly simplifies the deployment of DNSSEC by allowing completely automatic, fully transparent signing of zones. Using the new 'inline-signing' option in a master server allows named to switch on DNSSEC in a zone without modifying the original zone file in any way. Using it in a slave server allows a zone to be signed even if it's served from a master database that doesn't support DNSSEC.

Some example configurations may be found at

<https://kb.isc.org/article/AA-00626/0/Inline-Signing-in-ISC-BIND-9.9.0-Examples.html>

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# Key Rollover

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# Key Rollover

- Conventional wisdom is that DNSSEC keys should be changed (“rolled over”) at regular intervals. However, not everyone agrees, including some noted security experts
- If you choose strong enough keys, there is no cryptographic reason to routinely roll them
- There are good operational reasons to change keys *after specific events*, eg. turnover of a staff member who had access to the private keys, or a system compromise of the server
- Some argue routine key rollover instills practice & confidence that you’ll be able to do it properly when you really need to. However, do we do this for other applications (Kerberos, PKI/CAs, SSL)?

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# Key Rollover

- RFC 4641: DNSSEC Operational Practices
  - Covers general practices, procedures, recommendations
  - Update: <http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-dnsop-rfc4641bis-11>
- Most commonly used:
  - KSK rollover: double signature policy
  - ZSK rollover: pre-publish policy

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## KSK: Double signature

- Generate new KSK; publish (public part) in zone
- Sign DNSKEY RRset with both keys
- Publish additional DS record in parent for new key
- Wait until DS is propagated and TTL of the old DS record
- Remove the old KSK and re-sign DNSKEY RRset with only new key

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# ZSK: Pre-publish

- Generate new ZSK, and publish the DNSKEY in the zone, but do not yet sign zone data with it
- Wait zone propagation time + TTL of the DNSKEY RRset
- Use new ZSK for signing zone records instead of old ZSK, but leave the old ZSK published in the zone
- Wait zone propagation time + largest TTL of all records in the zone
- Remove old key & re-sign DNSKEY RRset

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## Other DNSSEC caveats

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# General DNSSEC Caveats

- Zone size increases significantly when signed
- Memory and CPU usage increase
- DNSSEC answers are larger
- Server side & query side impacts
- Interference by firewalls, proxies, and other middlebox, eg. botching EDNS0, large packets, DNSSEC meta data etc
- Fallback to TCP increases
- Many modern resolvers already ask for DNSSEC by default (ie. set the DNSSEC-OK bit in their queries)

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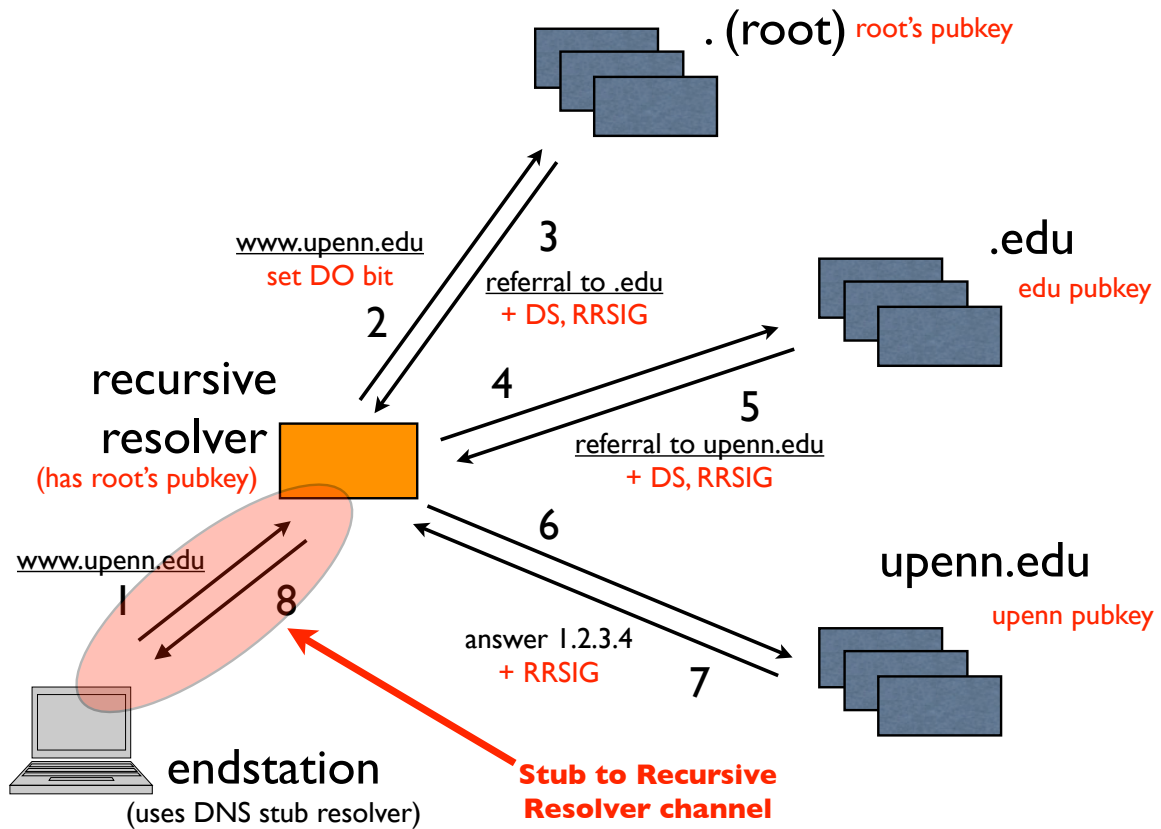
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# Securing the last hop

- How do we protect the stub resolver?
- Employ a channel security mechanism between stub and the upstream recursive resolver:
  - TSIG, SIG(0), IPSEC, etc
- Have the stub validate DNSSEC responses? Set CD bit and authenticate signatures directly?
- Give up, and run a full service DNS Resolver on clients?

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## Channel Security

- For stub channel security, simple symmetric key TSIG won't work
- Can't distribute same TSIG key to many clients, because that allows any of them to forge answers to all others
- Need per client keys and thus a key management infrastructure
- GSS-TSIG has a chicken-egg problem, because DNS is often used to locate Kerberos servers
- SIG(0) may be better - distribute single public key to clients
- Microsoft supposedly has an implementation of IPsec (GSS authenticated) to protect client to recursive resolver path
- DNSCurve?

# Application use of DNSSEC

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# Application use of DNSSEC

- One of the more exciting prospects for DNSSEC
- DNSSEC allows applications to securely obtain (authenticate) cryptographic keying material stored in the DNS
- A variety of existing and proposed record types have been designed to store crypto material:
  - SSHFP, IPSECKEY, CERT
  - DKIM \_domainkey TXT record (p=... public key data)
  - TLSA (upcoming, see IETF DANE working group)

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# Application use of DNSSEC

- Securely obtaining other assertions from the DNS
  - DKIM/ADSP
  - Route Origination Authorizations (controversial - see RPKI, the standardized mechanism to do this, which will allow BGP path validation also)

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## SSHFP record

- SSH Host Key Fingerprint (RFC 4255)
- Allows you to validate SSH host keys using DNS (securely using DNSSEC)

grodd.magpi.net. 86400 IN SSHFP (1 1  
F60AE0994C0B02545D444F7996088E9EA7359CBA)

algorithm number      fingerprint type (1= SHA-1)

fingerprint

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# IPSECKEY record

- RFC 4025: method for storing IPSEC keying material in DNS
- rdata format: precedence, gateway-type, algorithm, gateway address, public key (base64 encoded)

```
38.2.0.192.in-addr.arpa. 7200 IN IPSECKEY ( 10 1 2
192.0.2.38
AQNRU3mG7TVTO2BkR47usntb102uFJtugbo6BSGvgqt4AQ== )
```

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## Public CA model problems

- Applications need to trust a large number of global certificate authorities, and this trust appears to be unfounded
- No namespace constraints! **Any** of them can issue certificates for **any** entity on the Internet, whether you have a business relationship with them or not
- Least common denominator security: our collective security is equivalent to weakest one
- Furthermore, many of them issue subordinate CA certificates to their customers, again with no naming constraints
- Most are incapable of issuing certs with any but the most basic capabilities (eg. alternate name forms or other extensions)

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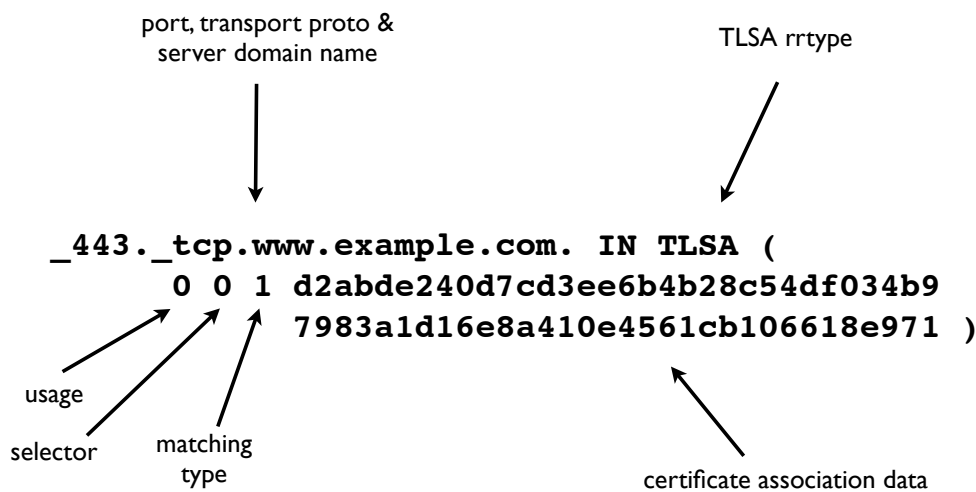
# DANE/TLSA record

- The DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities (DANE) Protocol for Transport Layer Security (TLS)
  - draft-ietf-dane-protocol-20 (almost published as RFC)
  - RR type code already assigned
- Use DNSSEC for better & more secure ways to authenticate SSL/TLS certificates:
  - by specifying authorized public CAs, allowable end entity certs, authorizing new non-public CAs, or even directly authenticating certs without involving CAs!

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# TLSA record example



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# TLSA rdata parameters

Usage field:

- 0 CA Constraint
- 1 Service Certificate Constraint
- 2 Trust Anchor Assertion
- 3 Domain Issued Certificate

Selector field:

- 0 Match full certificate
- 1 Match only SubjectPublicKeyInfo

Matching type field:

- 0 Exact match on selected content
- 1 SHA-256 hash of selected content
- 2 SHA-512 hash of selected content

Certificate Association Data: raw cert data in hex

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# TLSA record example

Usage type 1: Service certificate constraint; match an end-entity certificate

```
_443._tcp.www.example.com. IN TLSA (  
  1 1 2 92003ba34942dc74152e2f2c408d29ec  
    a5a520e7f2e06bb944f4dca346baf63c  
    1b177615d466f6c4b71c216a50292bd5  
    8c9ebdd2f74e38fe51ffd48c43326cbc )
```

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# TLSA record example

Usage type 3: Full certificate association (No CA required)

```
_443._tcp.www.example.com. IN TLSA (  
  3 0 0 30820307308201efa003020102020... )
```

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## DNSSEC Deployment Status

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# Deployment status

- DNSSEC Root signed (July 2010)
- Many TLDs signed (94 of 313 as of Apr 2012, and others planning):
  - GTLD: edu gov com net org biz info arpa
  - ccTLD: ac ag at bg bg br bz ch cl co cr cz de dk eu fi fr gi gl gr hn in io jp kr la lc li lk lu me mm mn my na nc nl nu nz pl pm pr re sc se sh si su sx tf th tm tw ug uk us wf yt (58 at last count, plus some IDNcctlds)
  - See [http://stats.research.icann.org/dns/tld\\_report/](http://stats.research.icann.org/dns/tld_report/)
- Reverse trees: in-addr.arpa ip6.arpa
- Note: not all TLD registrars support DNSSEC yet (ie. ability to install a DS record in the TLD)

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# SecSpider

- DNSSEC zone monitoring project
- <http://secspider.cs.ucla.edu/>
- Over 37,000 signed zones as of mid April 2012
- Crawling and user submissions
- Distributed polling
- Also a DLV registry

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# DNSSEC Tools

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## Some useful tools

- Checking correct operation/deployment:
  - DNSviz: <http://dnsviz.net/>
  - <http://dnssec-debugger.verisignlabs.com/>
  - <http://dnscheck.iis.se/>
- 3rd party tools that some folks use to deploy/manage DNSSEC with BIND (mostly everything can be done in BIND itself these days):
  - OpenDNSSEC
  - zkt

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