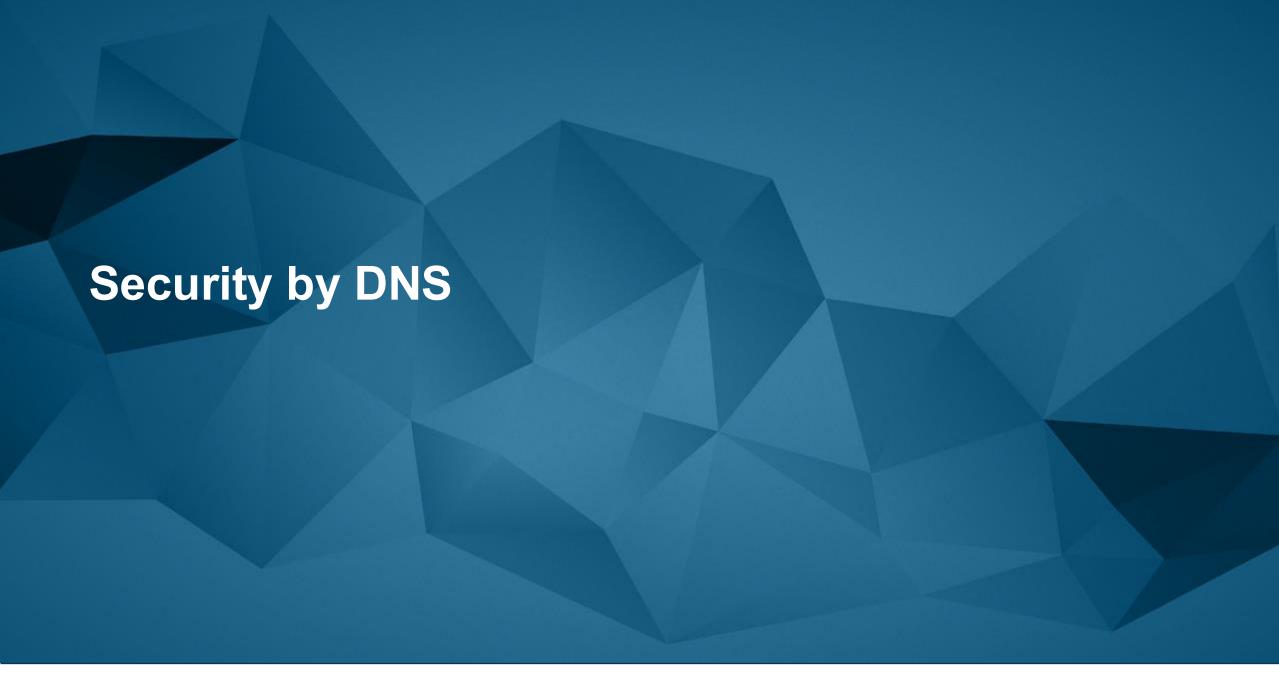
Automated DNSSEC

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DNS as Trust Anchor



EMAIL



SPAM



SPF DKIM DMARC



DANE



TLS



50% of all TLS certificates are issued by Let's Encrypt

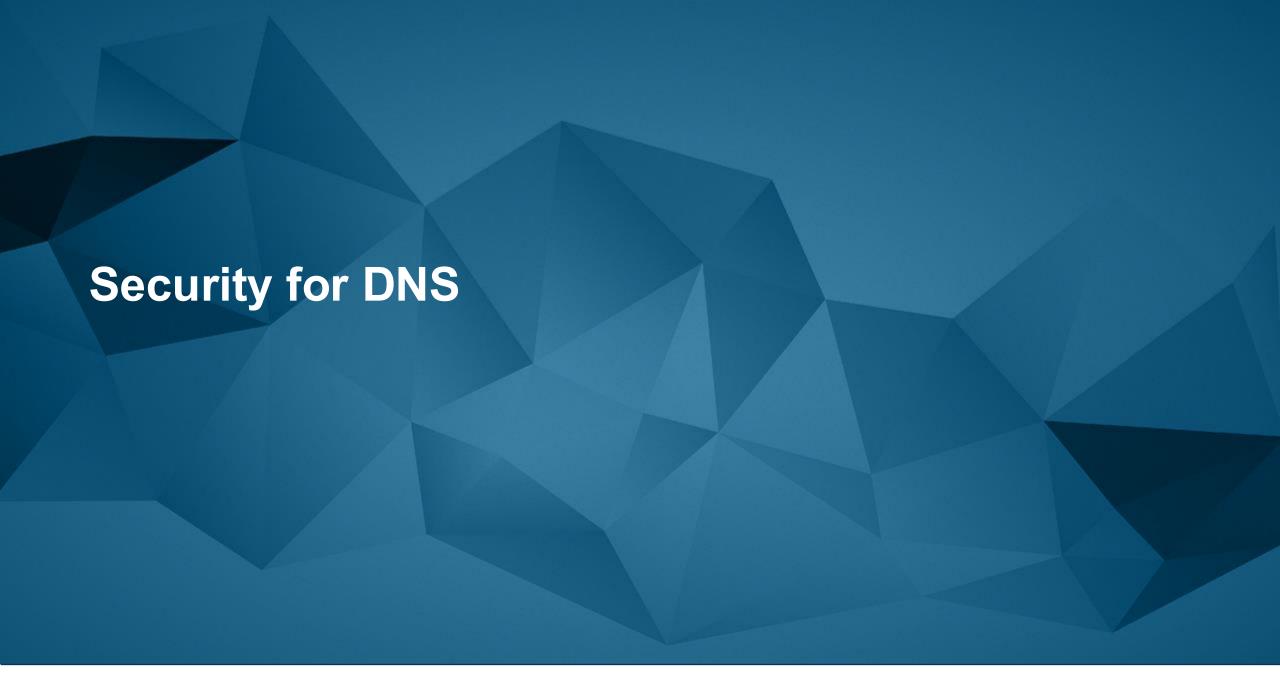


How are they verfied?



DNS

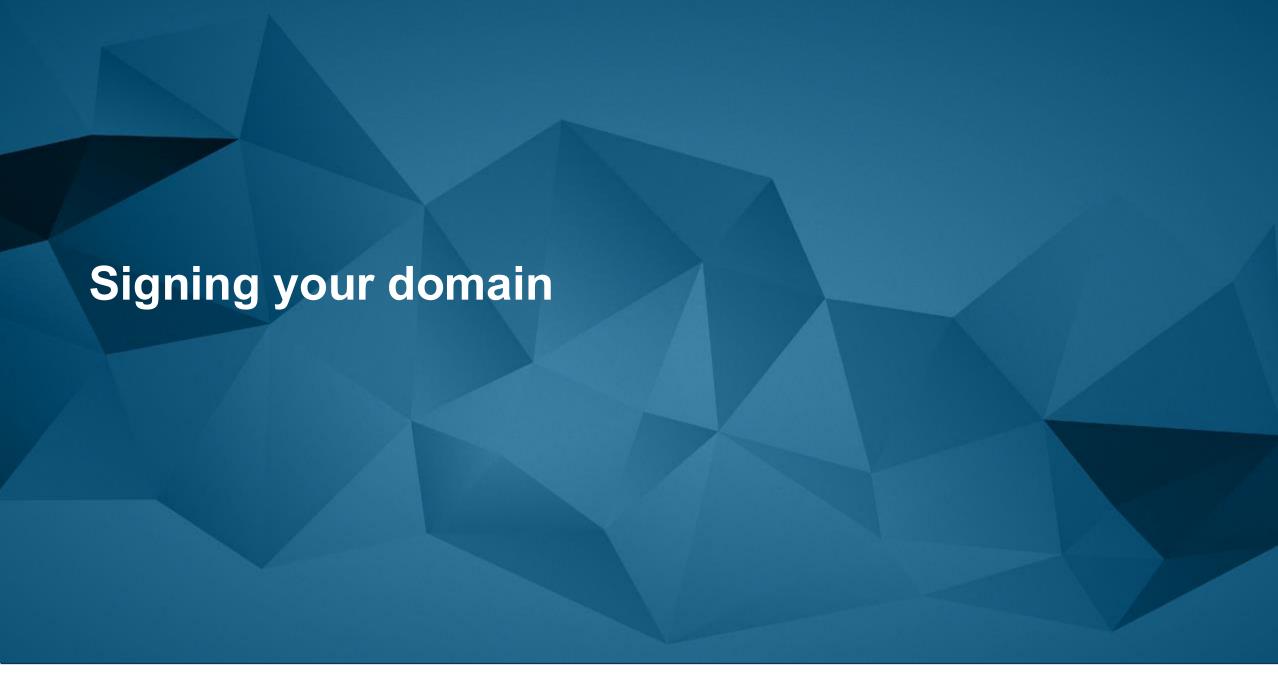






DNSSEC







Signing

example.com. 300 IN A 127.0.0.1

example.com. 300 IN A 127.0.1.1

example.com. 300 IN A 127.1.1.1

example.com. 300 IN RRSIG A 13 2 300

20221103191825 20221020174825 12345

gtdS0mpgFKzZAYw4FfBOHkhVHrS3cLZFU...==



DNSSEC Problems

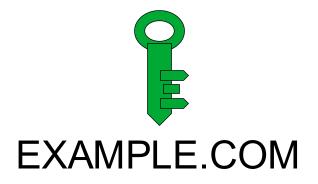
Needs constant refresh of data (signatures)
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Chain of Trust









DS Records

example.com.

300 IN **DS** 31406 13

F78CF3344F72137235098ECBBD08947...



DNSSEC Problems

- Needs constant refresh of data (signatures)
 SOLVED with modern name server software
- Needs to sync with parent on key introduction/roll-over SOLVED but not widely implemented (yet)



RFC 8078 - Managing DS Records from the Parent via CDS/CDNSKEY

- A child zones publishes CDS / CDNSKEY records
- CDS has exactly the same format as DS RR
- CDNSKEY has exactly same format as DNSKEY RR
- The parent zone (or other parties who can change the zone) scan actively for CDS / CDNSKEY (at the child apex)
- The parent zone gets updated with a new DS RRset



RFC 9615 - Automatic DNSSEC Bootstrapping Using Authenticated Signals from the Zone's Operator

- CDS and/or CDNSKEY record(s) are published in the zone of the name server
- E.g. example.com has two name servers ns1.example.net, ns2.example.net
- Publish

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_dsboot.example.com._signal.ns1.example.net. CDS ... _dsboot.example.com._signal.ns2.example.net. CDS ...
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RFC 7477 - Child-to-Parent Synchronization in DNS

- A child zones publishes CSYNC records
- The parent zone or other parties who can change the zone scan actively for CSYNC (at the child apex)
- The parent zone gets updated with a new RRset

Updating policy

RFC 8078 gives several different ways of doing this Most common so for "Accept after Delay"

DS in parent: NO

several vantage points
use TCP/IP
same results over several
3 days

DS in parent: YES

several vantage points correctly signed

Make sure domain stays resolvable with new DS record(s)



Knot DNS Configuration

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remote
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- id: quad9 address: 9.9.9.9

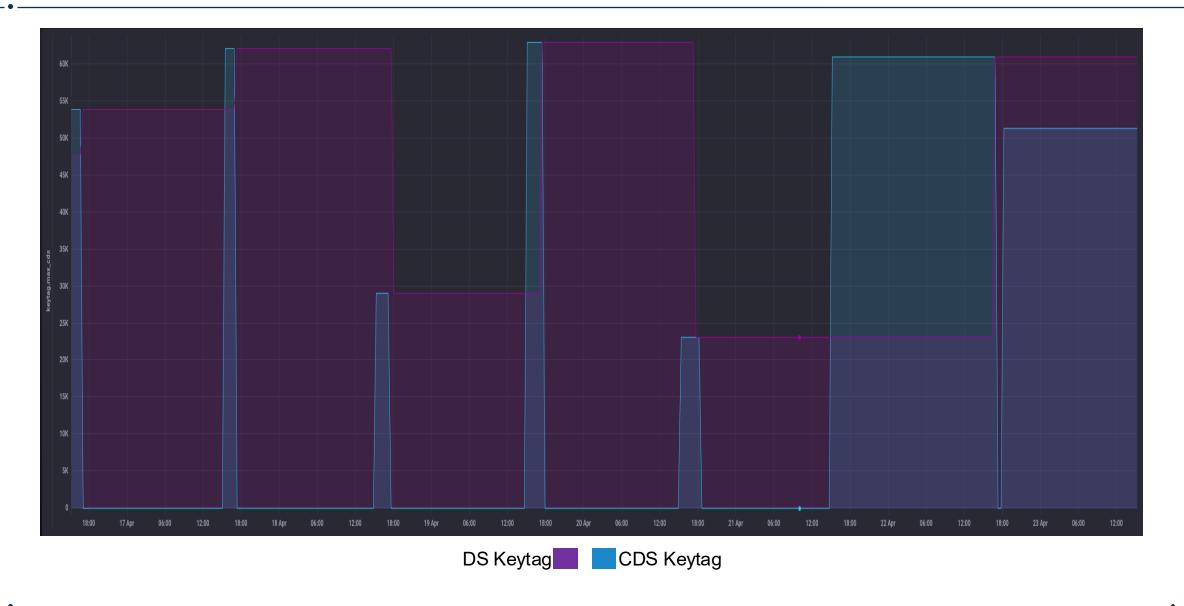
submission:

- id: quad9
 check-interval: 30m
 parent: quad9

policy:

- id: insane zsk-lifetime: 4h ksk-lifetime: 24h ksk-submission: quad9 algorithm: ecdsap256sha256 propagation-delay: 1m dnskey-ttl: 3m zone-max-ttl: 5m cds-cdnskey-publish: rollover rrsig-lifetime: 1h rrsig-refresh: 5m rrsig-pre-refresh: 1m reproducible-signing: on nsec3: off cds-digest-type: sha256 dnskey-management: full delete-delay: 30s





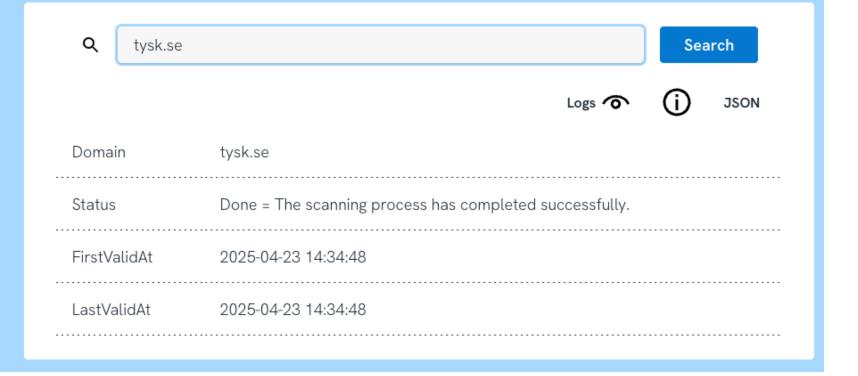


Trouble Shooting

Query domain

Search for a domain name ending with either ".se" or ".nu" in the input field and hit search to see the status. Any dates presented are in UTC.

If any error occurred during the scanning process you can retrieve more information about the error by testing the domain name in our testing tool Zonemaster .





Who can run a scanner?

- ccTLDs operate under their own rules
 These rules decide if the registry can update domains and deploy dnssec automation
- gTLDs are under contract with ICANN gTLDs can not update domain information registrars can deploy dnssec automation



DRAFT - Generalized DNS Notifications

https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-dnsop-generalized-notify/

- Parent publishes a DSYNC record
- DSYNC record specifies where to send a notify
- Child sends notify to initiate scan

Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC)

SAC126 DNSSEC Delegation Signer (DS) Record Automation

https://itp.cdn.icann.org/en/files/security-and-stability-advisory-committee-ssac-reports/sac-126-16-08-2024-en.pdf



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RFC 8590 - Change Poll Extension for the Extensible Provisioning Protocol (EPP)

https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc8590.html

- Allows registries to notify registrars of any changes the registry might has made to an object in it's database.

Additional Resources

List of implementations

By Ondřej Caletka (Ripe NCC)

https://github.com/oskar456/cds-updates

DNSSEC Deployment map

(formerly ISOC now at George Mason University)

https://maps.dnssec.gmu.edu/





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