

# DNSSEC

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## How DNS Works

- Primary job: converting hostnames to IPs
- Client sends request to local DNS server
- "What is the IP for www.greenfly.org?"
- DNS server starts recursive query
- To play at home: dig +trace www.greenfly.org.

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## Tracing a Recursive Query

1. **ns1.someisp.com** to **root**: *www.greenfly.org?*
2. **root** to **ns1.someisp.com**: *I don't know, ask a org nameserver. Here are their addresses...*
3. **ns1.someisp.com** to **org**: *www.greenfly.org?*
4. **org** to **ns1.someisp.com**: *No clue, but ns1.greenfly.org and ns2.greenfly.org know about it. Here are their addresses...*
5. **ns1.someisp.com** to **ns2.greenfly.org**: *www.greenfly.org?*
6. **ns2.greenfly.org** to **ns1.someisp.com**: *64.142.56.172*
7. **ns1.someisp.com** to **OS**: *64.142.56.172*
8. **OS** to **browser**: *64.142.56.172*

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## DNS Security Issues

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- DNS queries and responses are not encrypted
- Domain names sometimes look alike (google.com vs google.com)
- Companies can't always register their name on all TLDs (artemis.com)
- Many DNS servers (open resolvers) will perform recursive queries for anyone who asks
- Open resolvers heavily used in modern DNS amplification DDOS attacks
- DNS subject to MitM attacks
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## DNSSEC Addresses

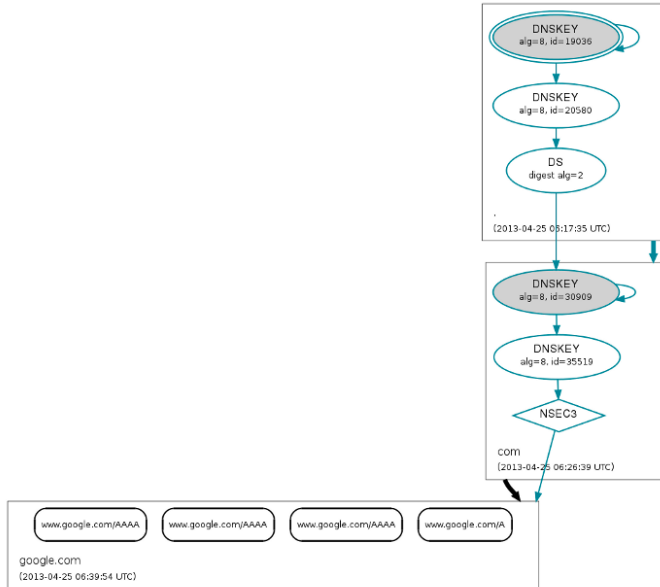
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## How DNSSEC Works

- Some similarities with CA system
- Uses public-key cryptography to sign every DNS record for a zone
- DNS servers generate key pair, sign records with private key
- Root DNS servers have key pair, DNSSEC-enabled
- DNSSEC-enabled TLDs get key signatures signed, published by root DNS
- DNSSEC-enabled zones get key signatures signed, published by TLD
- DNSSEC-capable resolvers anchor trust in root DNS keys
- When DNSSEC records resolve, chain of trust is followed
- If record tampered with, signature won't match
- If record doesn't exist, absence is also signed.

## Trust graph for www.google.com



## DNSSEC Terminology

- RR - Resource Record: smallest unit of data in a zone (A, NS...)
- RRSET - Complete Set of Resource Records (all NS records or A records for a name)
- KSK - Key-Signing Key. Signs DNSKEY records in a zone
- ZSK - Zone-Signing Key. Signs all of the other records in a zone
- SEP - Secure Entry Point. Flag set in key to denote it as a KSK
- Separate KSK, ZSK not required, but best practice
- Allows larger KSK, easier rotation of ZSKs.

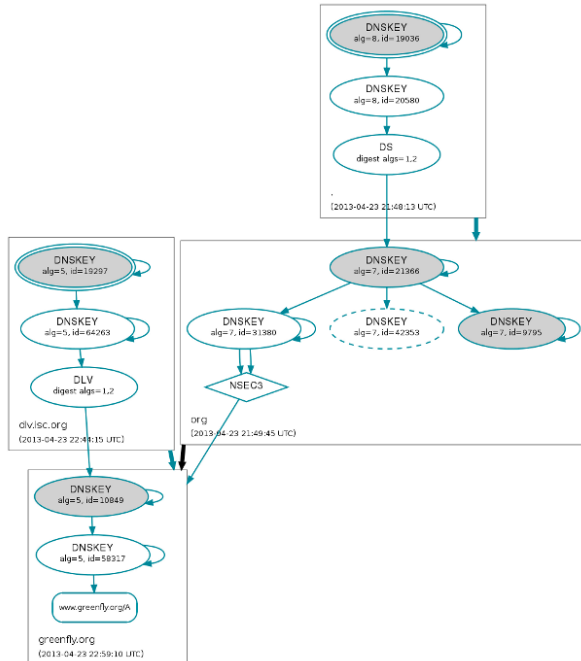
## New DNSSEC Record Types:

- DNSKEY - A public key for the zone, either KSK or ZSK
- RRSIG - Resource Record Signature, contains a signature for an RRSET
- NSEC - Next Secure, used in "negative answers" to prove whether a name exists or not
- NSEC3 - Next Secure (version 3). Like NSEC, protects against "zone walking"
- DS - Delegation Signer. Contains KSK signature and submitted to zone parent as part of chain of trust
- DLV - DNSSEC Look-aside Validation. Much like DS records, used when DS records not supported.

## DNSSEC Look-aside Validation

- Work-around solution until DNSSEC is fully adopted by TLDs
- Or if a registrar doesn't support DNSSEC
- Changes trust anchor from root to a third-party, like `dlv.isc.org`
- Requires DNS resolvers to add/trust third-party keys.

## Trust graph for www.greenfly.org



## Implementing DNSSEC

- Create KSK and ZSK

```
$ dnssec-keygen -a RSASHA1 -b 2048 -n ZONE -f KSK greenfly.org
$ dnssec-keygen -a RSASHA1 -b 1024 -n ZONE greenfly.org
```

- Include references to keys in zone file (db.greenfly.org):

```
$INCLUDE Kgreenfly.org.+005+10849.key ; KSK
$INCLUDE Kgreenfly.org.+005+58317.key ; ZSK
```

- Sign the zone using KSK and ZSK:

```
dnssec-signzone -o greenfly.org -k Kgreenfly.org.+005+10849 \
db.greenfly.org Kgreenfly.org.+005+58317.key
```

- Or if using DLV:

```
dnssec-signzone -l dlv.isc.org -o greenfly.org -k Kgreenfly.org.+005+10849 \
db.greenfly.org Kgreenfly.org.+005+58317.key
```

## Implementing DNSSEC Continued

- Configure BIND to use signed zone:

```
zone "greenfly.org" {
    type master;
    file "/etc/bind/db.greenfly.org.signed";
    allow-transfer { slaves; };
};
```

- Enable DNSSEC in BIND masters and slaves:

```
options {
    dnssec-enable yes;
    dnssec-validation yes;
};
```

- To validate DLV zones, add additional BIND option and trusted key:

```
options { dnssec-lookaside . trust-anchor dlv.isc.org.; };
trusted-keys {
    dlv.isc.org. 257 3 5 "BEAAAAAPHMu/SonzrEE7z1egmhg/WP00+juoZrW3euWEn4MxDCE1+1Ly2 brhQv5rN32RktMzX6Mj70jdzeND4XknW58dnJNPCxn8+jAG12FZLI
};
```

## Sample DNSSEC Query Result

```

$ dig +dnssec www.greenfly.org

;<<> DiG 9.8.1-P1 <<> +dnssec www.greenfly.org
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;;->HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 13093
;; Flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 5

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags: do: udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.greenfly.org.          IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.greenfly.org.  900    IN     A      64.142.56.172
www.greenfly.org.  900    IN     RRSIG  A 5 3 900 20130523213855 20130423213855 58317 greenfly.org. cZ5IG2j3FNB0UfU4M+LbpCJlVw+3yos1n15W0pc4x41wVQ0eh1G /uFFj6Z9YRyXskL/c17n1AETqsJ00/wzck5KFMkoJ3z0M5119c/8KPGF 7LznEuedAVM2MerPVU+PKGF1P1FefJwJLbgfHyYqepb0D8v3beg0lp YmM=

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
greenfly.org.      900    IN     NS     ns2.greenfly.org.
greenfly.org.      900    IN     NS     ns1.greenfly.org.
greenfly.org.      900    IN     RRSIG  NS 5 2 900 20130523213855 20130423213855 58317 greenfly.org. d/7E3iCxzs/q8501/x7m/yMqpb15u0H7tVw/j7U/qyC709YzJ100p3J u08vveo09c2f-yjwHusdM0WgdM8MAV0GR5K/azoY4ozxR8vt8Z5pf3a BqN1HzR02f680rx0Nqy65np5GnLQBoE90Fv0Fe/NS127LBT1xCv4 3UQ=

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns1.greenfly.org.  900    IN     A      64.142.56.172
ns2.greenfly.org.  900    IN     A      75.101.46.232
ns1.greenfly.org.  900    IN     RRSIG  A 5 3 900 20130523213855 20130423213855 58317 greenfly.org. VDeJ5iFEYBmkjRmCvmdXFHneG3Fhw1SncSAL7B8F0tQkRoi18t0uq3 K8Tdt4q8/t1JYucpw0pJ3R3f+rnc014L7H0VA/1LHajJdg+Wh2M8L Rp01qVkeB1Z7g+K7LY2XRUDG5zbeFUKrV1qtakbTQz29o30J6ZqL0Pv 0nQ=
ns2.greenfly.org.  900    IN     RRSIG  A 5 3 900 20130523213855 20130423213855 58317 greenfly.org. dUu/0bocbsms1+zu6w0EXLM0yr4Qeod3E74Arn0ub4WV1B83Cv0F 5PG2QK3agg0v8z3+9m0AA1toFcuI0n8BarvDQ2f1bERHfFc5Quekv5R Ucs5D7wF9Y0TUT11Q+cBLk1x2XMG726y12P4mhLxw0D1h1HshQp02 uT7=

;; Query time: 196 msec
;; SERVER: 64.142.56.172#53(64.142.56.172)
;; WHEN: Fri Apr 26 16:13:22 2013
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 817

```

## Current DNSSEC Adoption

- DNSSEC Deployed at root zone on July 15, 2010
- 463 Total TLDs in root zone
- 271 TLDs are signed
- 265 TLDs have trust anchors published as DS records in the root zone
- 4 TLDs (.ee, .kg, .th, .ua) also have trust anchors published in the ISC DLV Repository
- (Data from [ICANN TLD DNSSEC report](#) accurate as of 2014-02-22.)

## DANE

- DANE (DNS-based Authentication of Named Entities) proposed on top of DNSSEC
- Defined in [RFC 6698](#)
- DANE authenticates TLS w/o CAs using DNSSEC-signed keys
- Shifts trust from CAs to root DNS, TLDs, and DNS admin
- Supported in Chrome since 2011
- Supported in Firefox with add-on.

## Questions?

### Additional Resources

- [Collection of DNSSEC information: http://dnssec.net/](#)
- [ISC's DLV Documentation: https://dlv.isc.org](#)
- [RFC4033: DNS Security Introduction and Requirements: https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4033](#)
- [RFC4034: DNSSEC Resource Records: https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4034](#)
- [RFC4035: Protocol modifications for DNSSEC: https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4035](#)
- [RFC4641: DNSSEC Operational Practices: https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4641](#)
- [DNSSEC HOWTO: http://www.nlnetlabs.nl/publications/dnssec\\_howto/](#)
- [ICANN TLD DNSSEC Report: http://stats.research.icann.org/dns/tld\\_report/](#)
- [DNS Visualizer: http://dnsviz.net](#)
- <http://greenfly.org/talks/security/dnssec.html>