

# *Keys, Hollywood and History: The truth about ICANN, DNSSEC, and the Root Key*



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# What Hollywood Sees – part 1

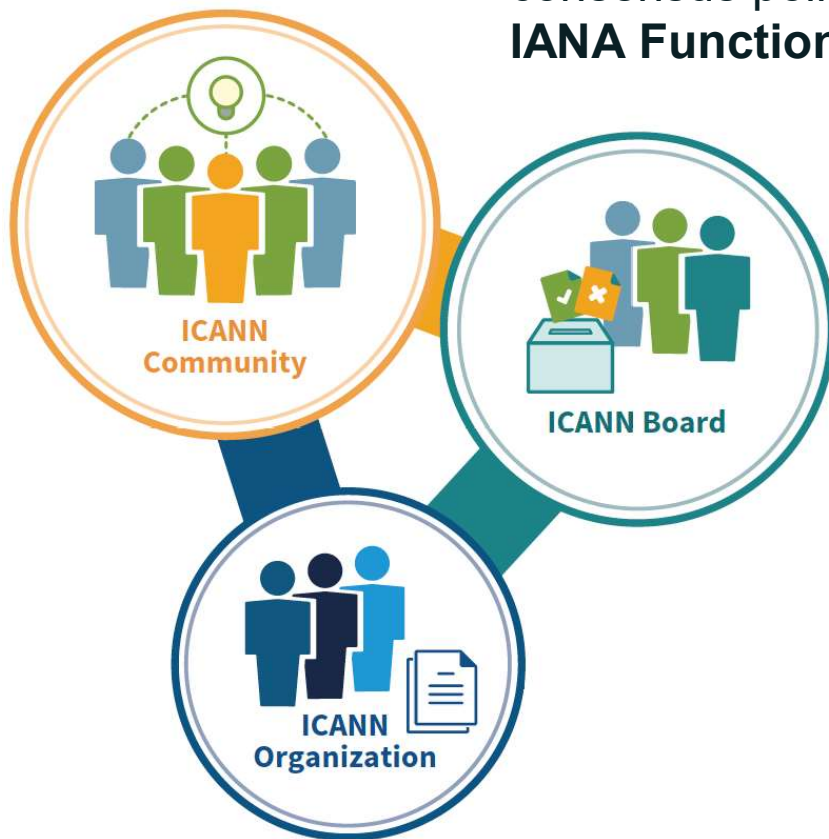
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# What is ICANN?

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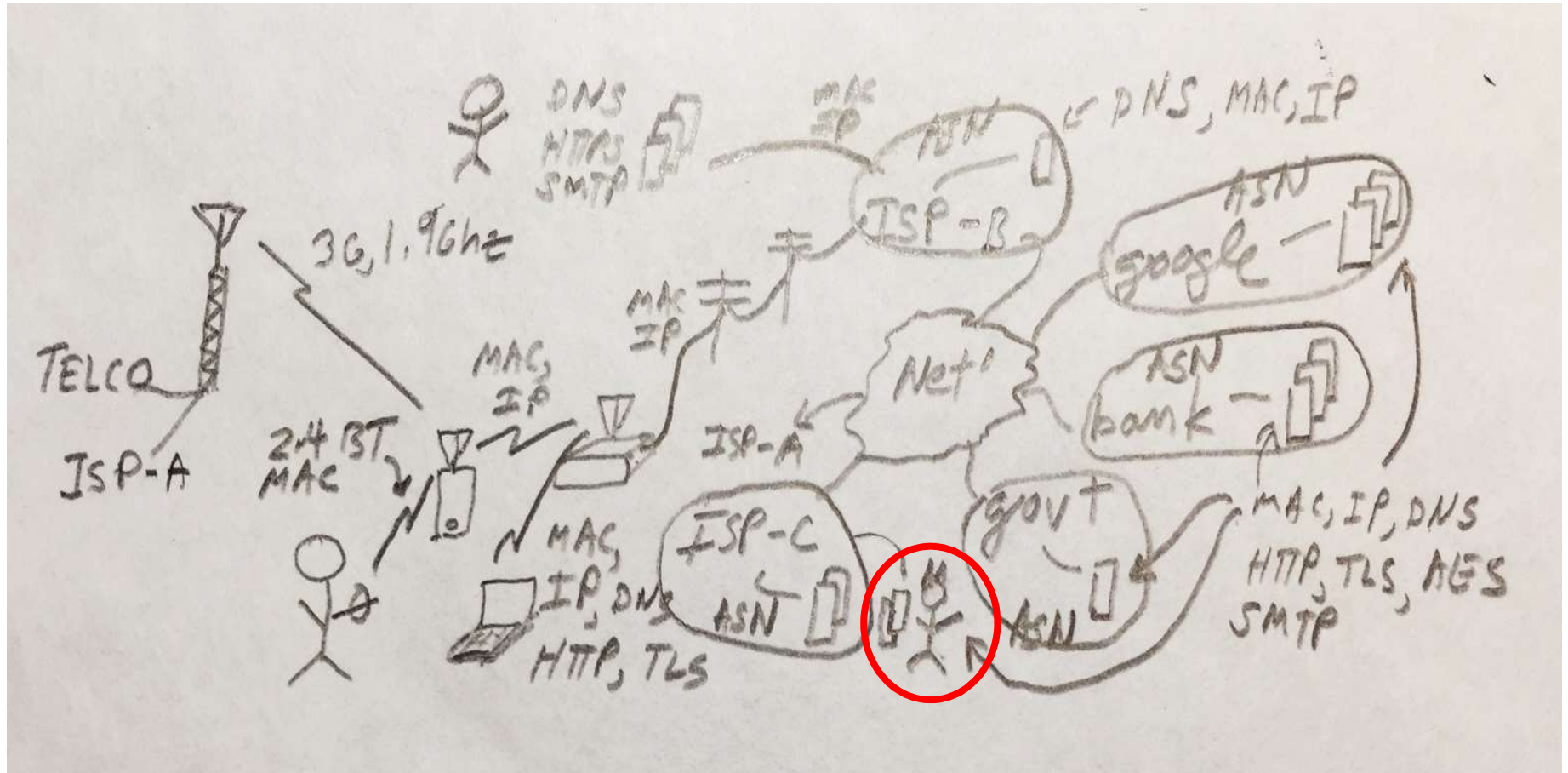
**Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)** coordinates the top-level of the Internet's system of unique identifiers via global, multistakeholder, bottom-up consensus policy process, which is implemented via the **IANA Functions**



Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (**IANA**) **Functions**

- Protocol Parameters
- Number Resources
- Domain Name

# We all start with a cocktail napkin

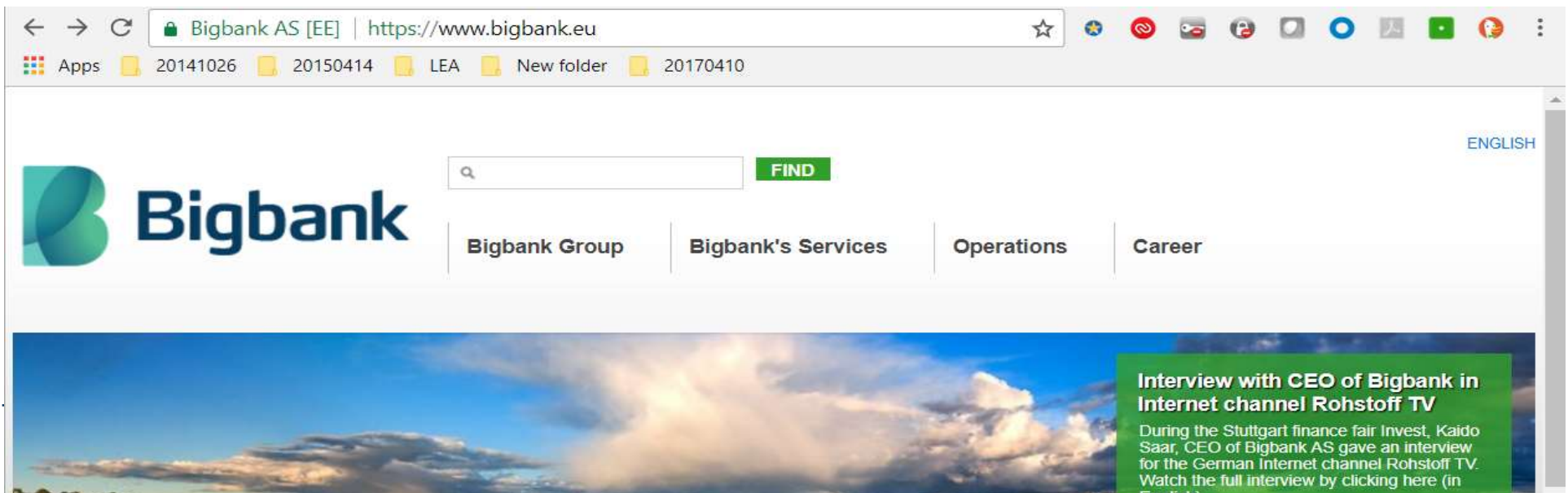




# Media was focused on looking up names to numbers

## The Domain Name System: DNS

- DNS converts names (www.bigbank.eu) to numbers (213.168.0.51)
- ..to identify services such as www and e-mail
- ..that identify and link customers to business and visa versa



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VoIP

# DNS is a part of all IT ecosystems (much more than one expects)

IoT

US-NSTIC effort



HealthCare.gov



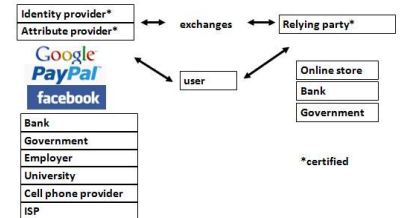
e-Passport symbol



COMODO  
Creating Trust Online®



OECS ID effort



Trust frameworks are not new



lamb@xtcn.com



mydomainname.co

# ..and used for all sorts of purposes

## Not all good

Domains registered by criminals for

- Counterfeit goods
- Data exfiltration
- Exploit attacks
- Illegal pharma
- Infrastructure (ecrime name resolution)
- Malware C&C
- Malware distribution, ransomware
- Phishing, Business Email Compromise
- Scams (419, reshipping, stranded traveler...)





## E.g, DNSChanger - ‘Biggest Cybercriminal Takedown in History’ – 4M machines, 100 countries



Nov 2011 <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2011/11/malware-click-fraud-kingpins-arrested-in-estonia/>  
End-2-end DNSSEC validation would have avoided the problems

# Man-in-the-middle attacks on DNS

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That darn press ;-)

# Other DNS hijacks\*

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- 25 Dec 2010 - Russian e-Payment Giant ChronoPay Hacked
- 18 Dec 2009 – Twitter – “Iranian cyber army”
- 13 Aug 2010 - Chinese gmail phishing attack
- 25 Dec 2010 Tunisia DNS Hijack
- 2009-2012 google.\*
  - April 28 2009 Google Puerto Rico sites redirected in DNS attack
  - May 9 2009 Morocco temporarily seize Google domain name
- 9 Sep 2011 - Diginotar certificate compromise for Iranian users
- SSL / TLS doesn't tell you if you've been sent to the correct site, it only tells you if the DNS matches the name in the certificate. Unfortunately, majority of Web site certificates rely on DNS to validate identity.
- DNS is relied on for unexpected things though insecure.



\*A Brief History of DNS Hijacking - Google

<http://costarica43.icann.org/meetings/sanjose2012/presentation-dns-hijackings-marquis-boire-12mar12-en.pdf>



## Oops - 2008@DEFCON (Dan Kaminsky + Press)

- Dan exploits flaw in the DNS @DEFCON
- CPU and bandwidth advances made legacy DNS vulnerable to MITM attacks
- Lots of press! Barriers to deployment of DNSSEC seem to disappear.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dan\\_Kaminsky](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dan_Kaminsky)

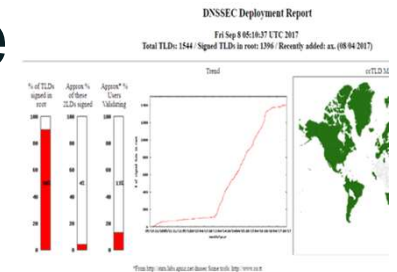
<https://blog.cloudflare.com/dnssec-an-introduction/>

# Secure the DNS?

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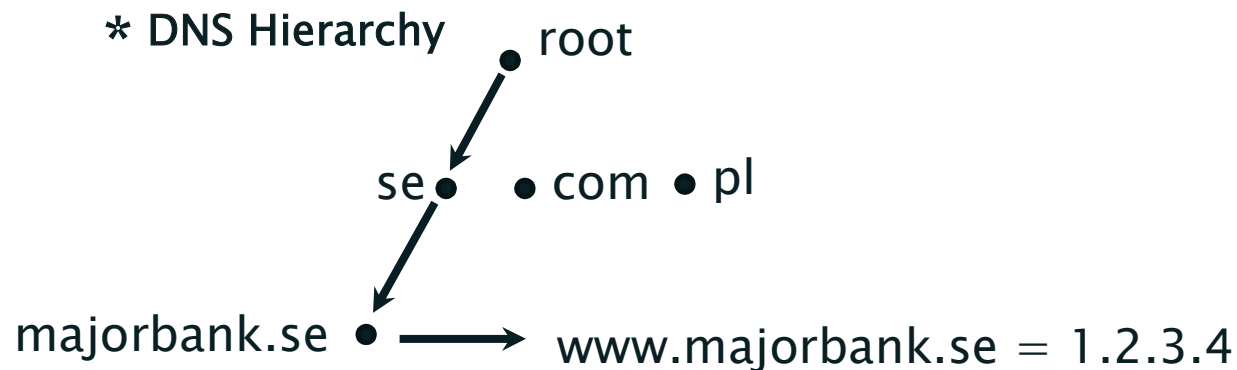
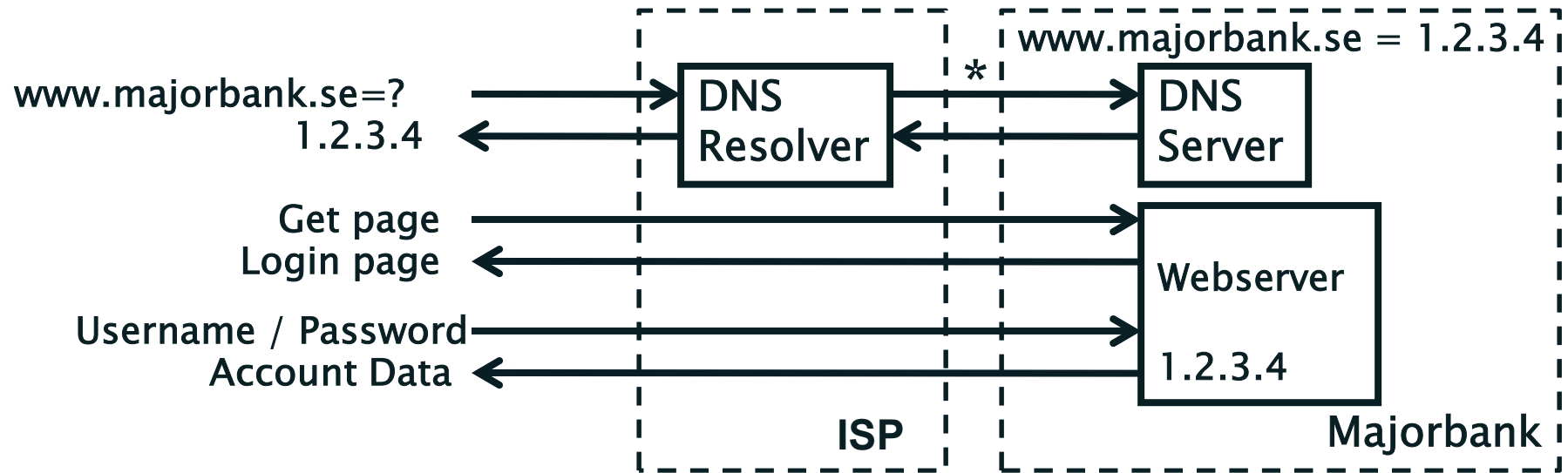
## DNS Security Extensions - DNSSEC

- A humble bottom-up effort by techies that is now on 90% of the Internet's core infrastructure.
- Encouraged by many governments
- Required by ICANN



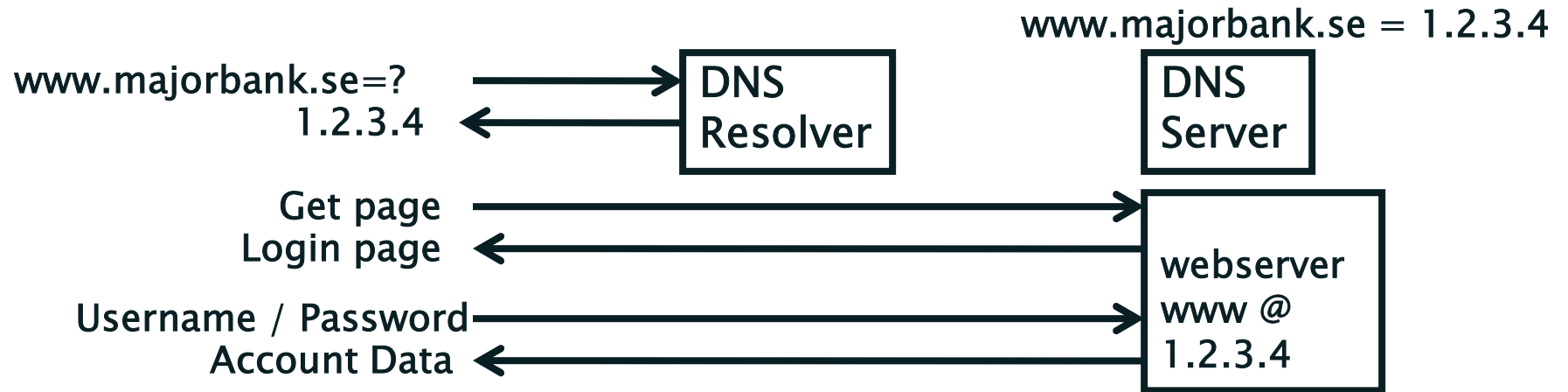
To make sure everyone gets what they asked for from the Internet's phonebook

# The Internet's Phone Book - Domain Name System (DNS)

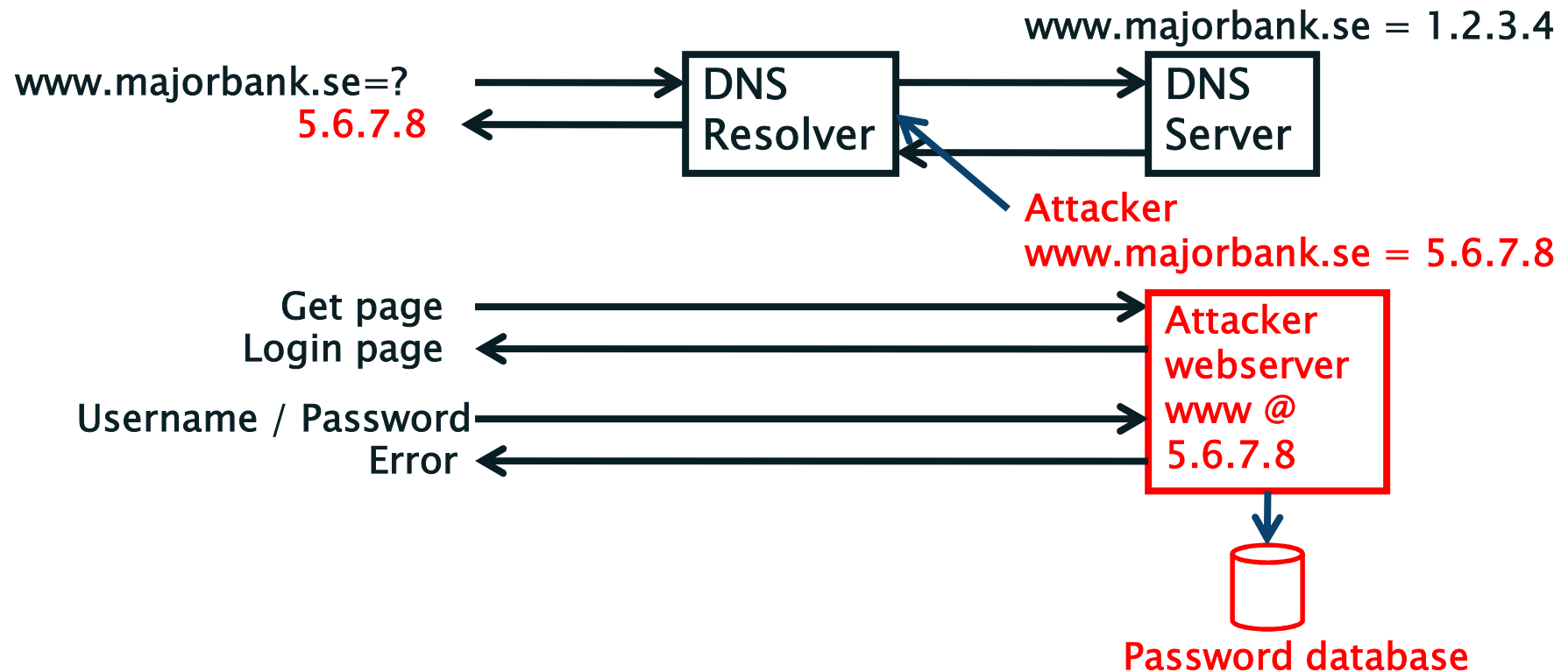


# Caching Responses for Efficiency

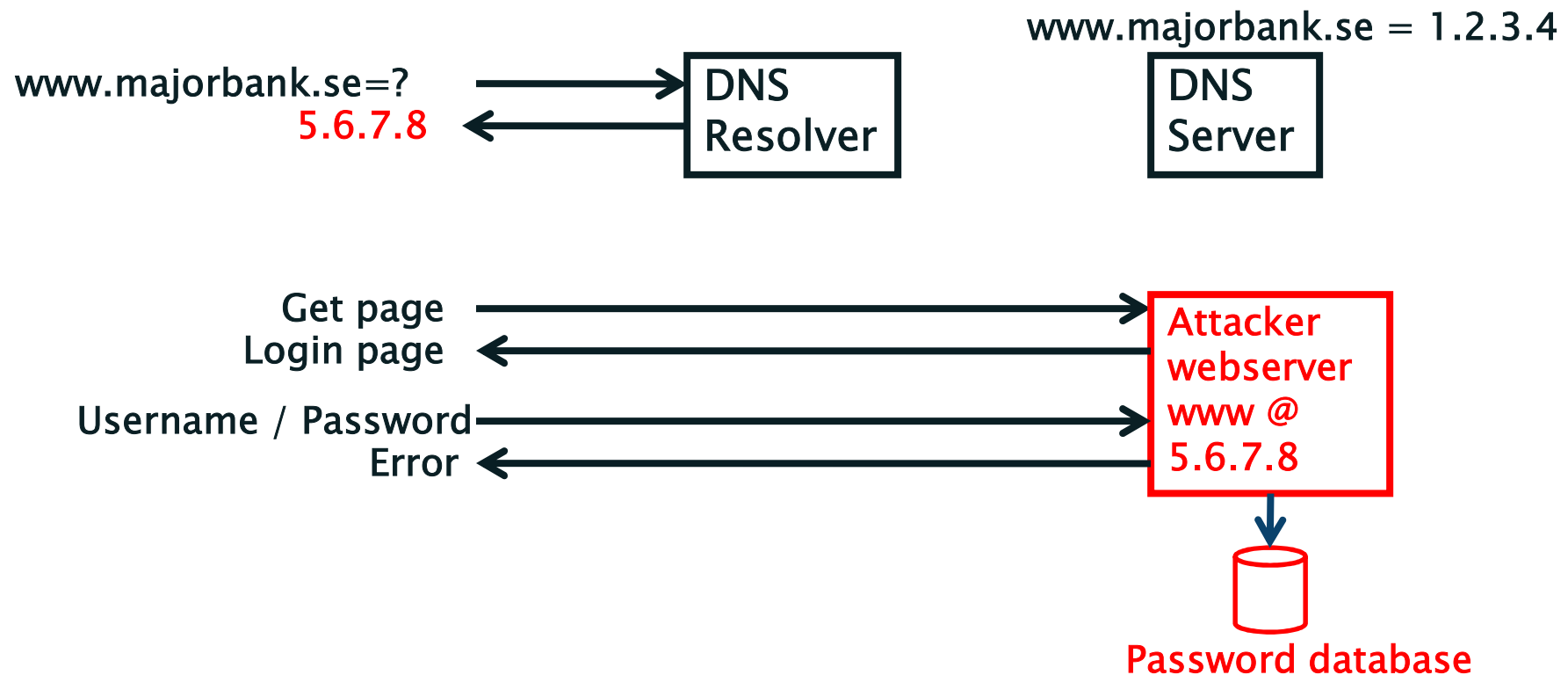
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# The Problem: DNS Cache Poisoning Attack



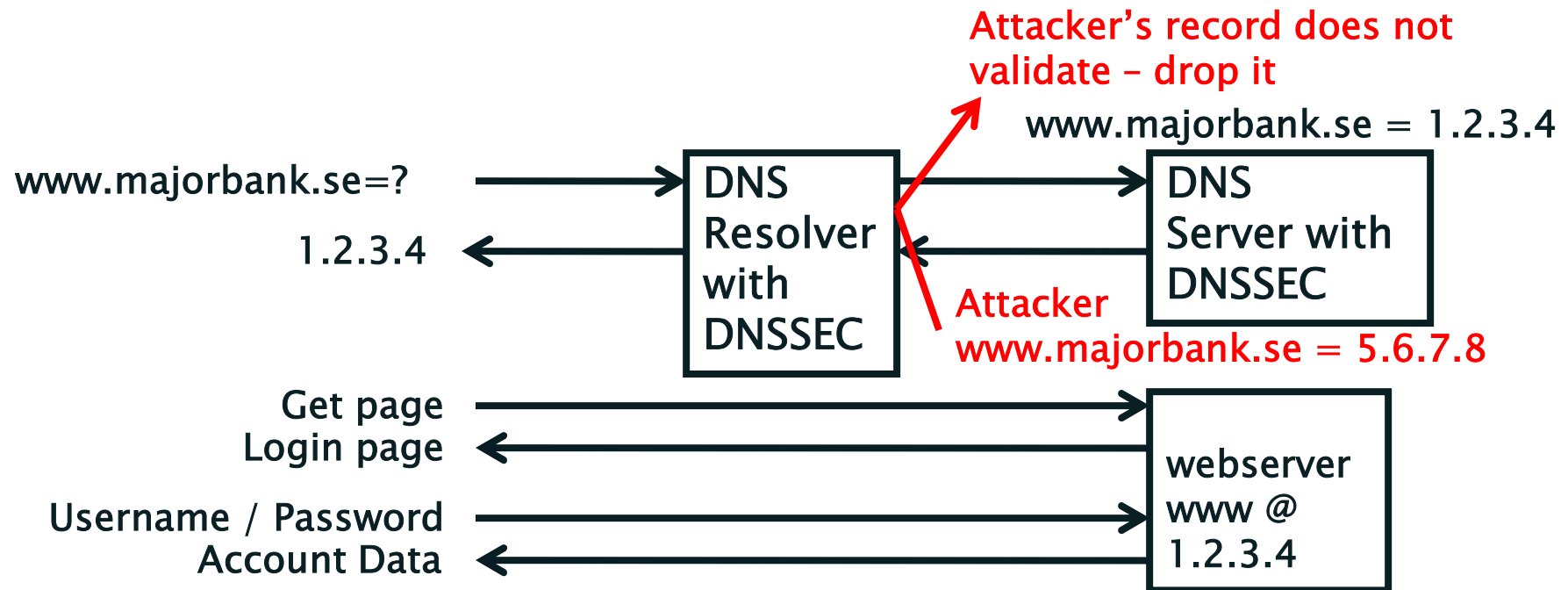
# Argghh! Now all ISP customers get sent to attacker.



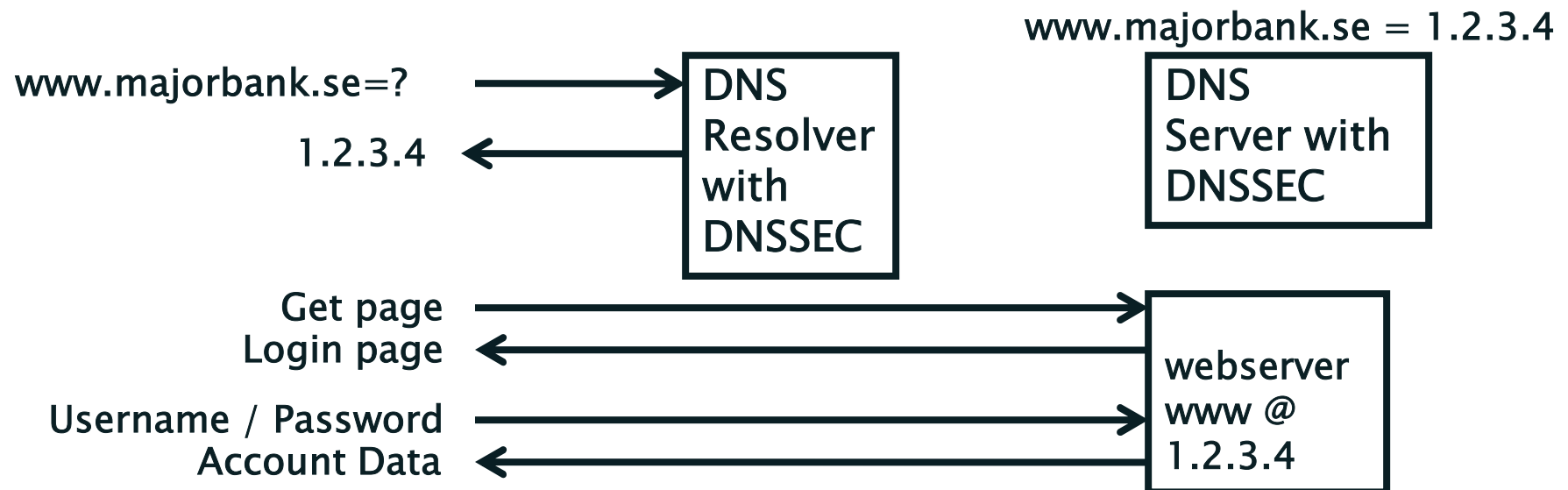


# Securing The Phone Book

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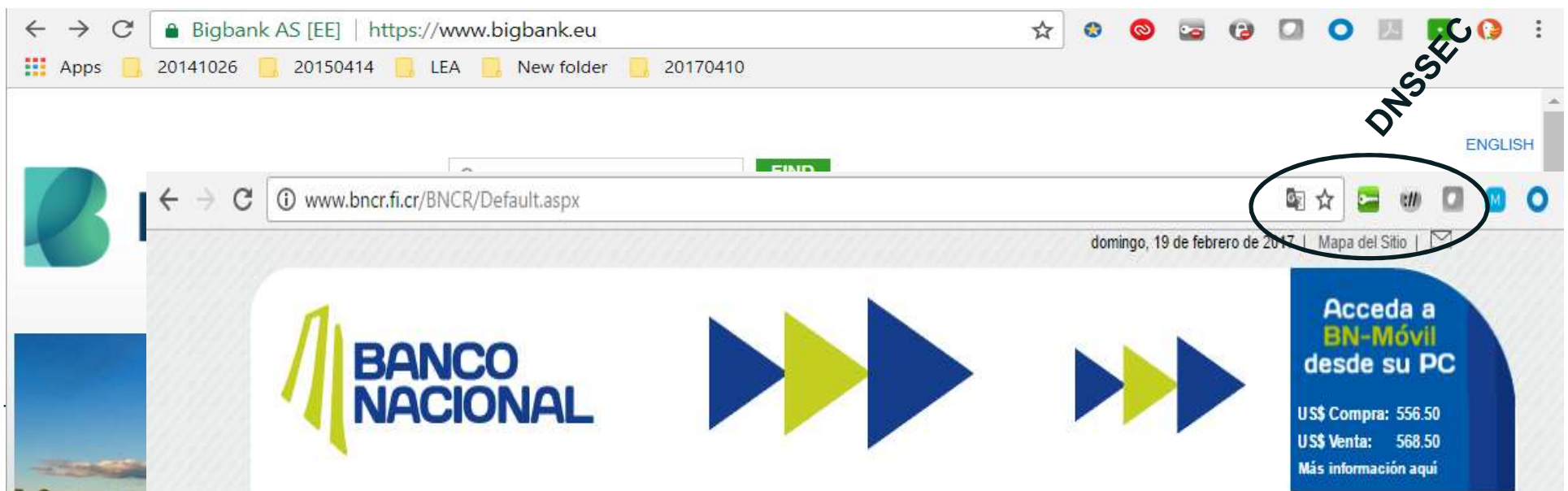


# Resolver only caches validated records



# Securing it

- DNS converts names (www.bncr.fi.cr) to numbers (201.220.29.26)
- Make sure we get the right numbers (DNSSEC)
- Verify the identity and encrypt data



# DNSSEC interest from governments

- Sweden, Brazil, Netherlands, Czech Republic and others encourage DNSSEC deployment to varying degrees
- Mar 2012 - AT&T, CenturyLink (Qwest), Comcast, Cox, Sprint, TimeWarner Cable, and Verizon have pledged to comply and abide by US FCC [1] recommendations that include DNSSEC.. “A report by Gartner found 3.6 million Americans getting redirected to bogus websites in a single year, costing them \$3.2 billion.” [2].
- 2008 US .gov mandate. 85% operational. [3]

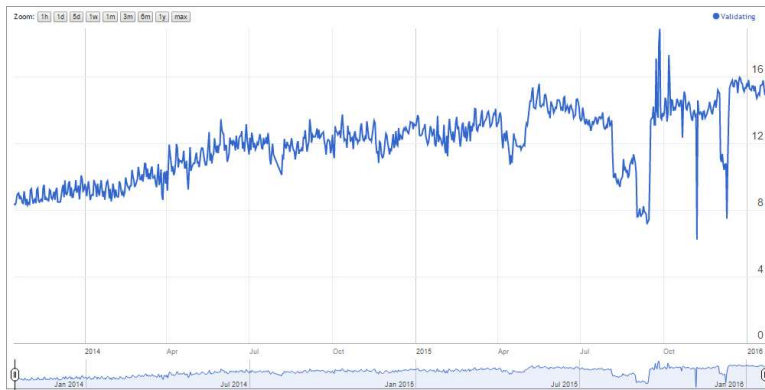
[1] FCC=Federal Communications Commission=US communications Ministry

[2] <http://securitywatch.pcmag.com/security/295722-isps-agree-to-fcc-rules-on-anti-botnet-dnssec-internet-routing>

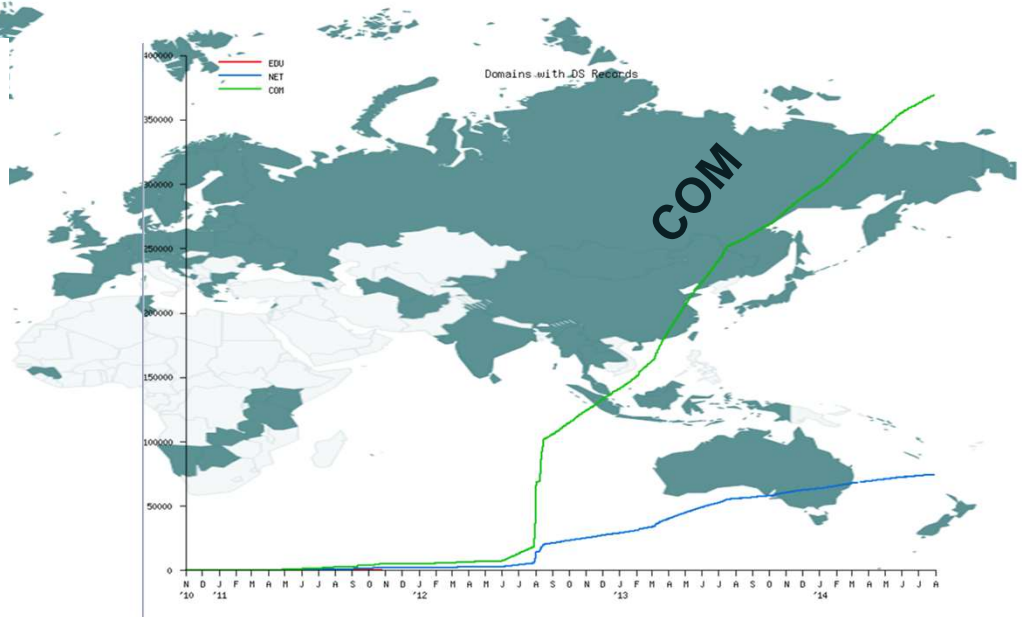
[3] <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/fy2008/m08-23.pdf>

<http://fedv6-deployment.antd.nist.gov/snap-all.html>

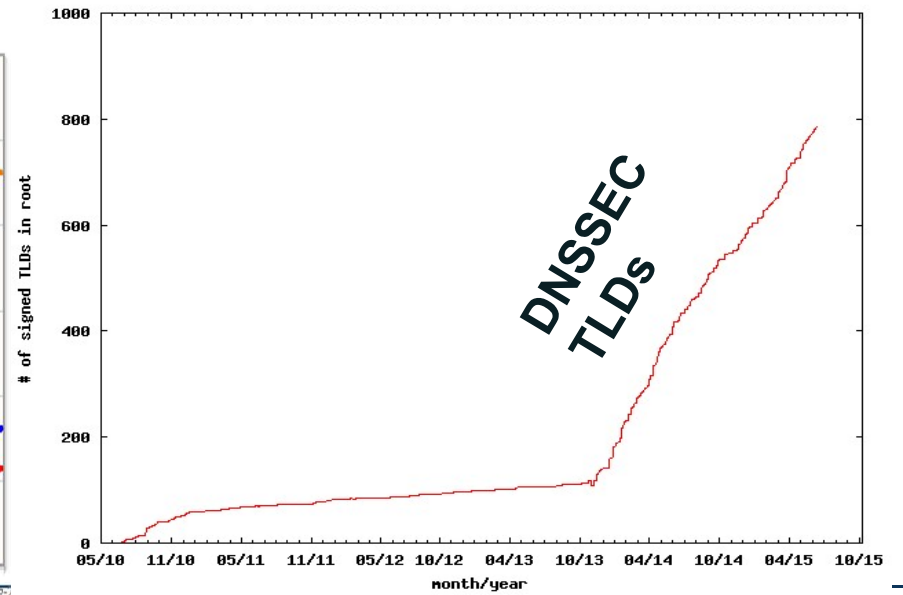
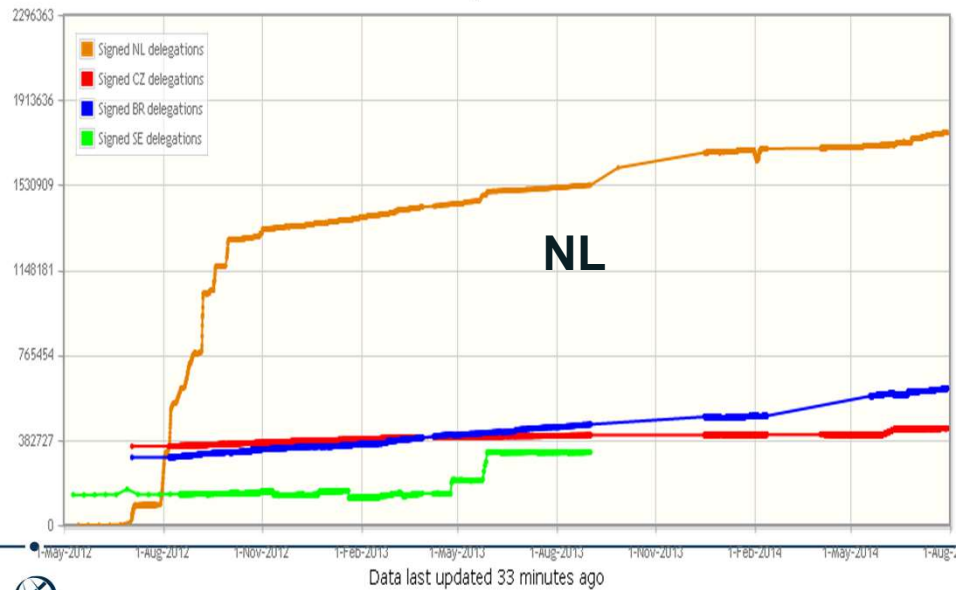
## Use of DNSSEC Validation for World (XA)



Thank you Geoff  
Huston



Total number of DNSSEC delegations in the .NL zone: 1766343







# DNSSEC - Where we are

- Deployed on 1395/1541 TLDs (8 Nov 2017 .it .ax .sa .vn .cn .jp .nz .la .mm .th .in .id .tw .au .sg .lk .se .de .ru .pφ .com .uk .nl .fr .us .my مليسيا .asia .tw 台灣, .kr 한국 .net, .org, .post, +ntlds, .ibm .berlin)
- Root signed\*\* and audited
- 90% of domain names could have DNSSEC
- Required in new gTLDs. Basic support by ICANN registrars
- Growing ISP support\* - ~15% end users “validate”.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party signing solutions\*\*\*
- Growing S/W H/W support: BIND, NSD, KNOT, Microsoft DNS, PowerDNS, InfoBlox, Nominum, Secure64...openssl, postfix, XMPP, mozilla: DANE support
- IETF standard on DNSSEC TLS certificates (RFC6698, RFC8162) and others
- Growing support from major players...(Apple iPhone/iPad, Google 8.8.8.8, hosting co Cloudflare DNSSEC by default, German email providers...)



Stats: <https://rick.eng.br/dnssecstat/>

\* COMCAST /w 20M and others; most ISPs in SE ,CZ.

\*\*Int'l bottom-up trust model /w 21 TCRs from: TT, BF, RU, CN, US, SE, NL, UG, BR, Benin, PT, NP, Mauritius, CZ, CA, JP, UK, NZ...

# But...

- But deployed on only ~3% of 2<sup>nd</sup> level domains. Many have plans. Few have taken the step (e.g., yandex.com, paypal.com\*, comcast.com).
- DNSChanger and other attacks highlight today's need. (e.g end-2-end DNSSEC validation would have avoided the problems)
- Innovative security solutions (e.g., DANE) highlight tomorrow's value.

\* <http://fedv6-deployment.anttd.nist.gov/cgi-bin/generate-com>

[http://www.thesecuritypractice.com/the\\_security\\_practice/2011/12/all-paypal-domains-are-now-using-dnssec.html](http://www.thesecuritypractice.com/the_security_practice/2011/12/all-paypal-domains-are-now-using-dnssec.html)

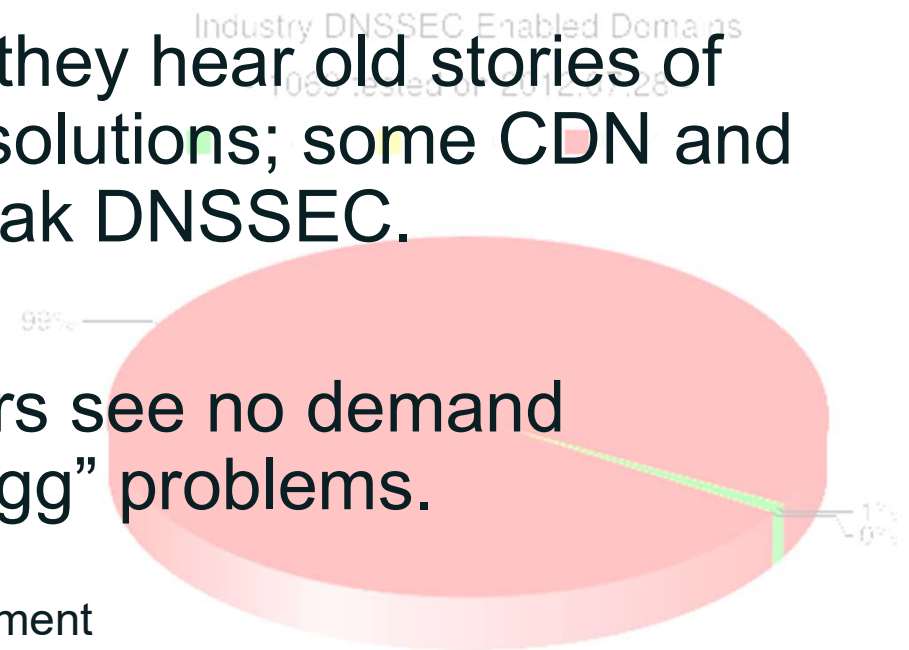
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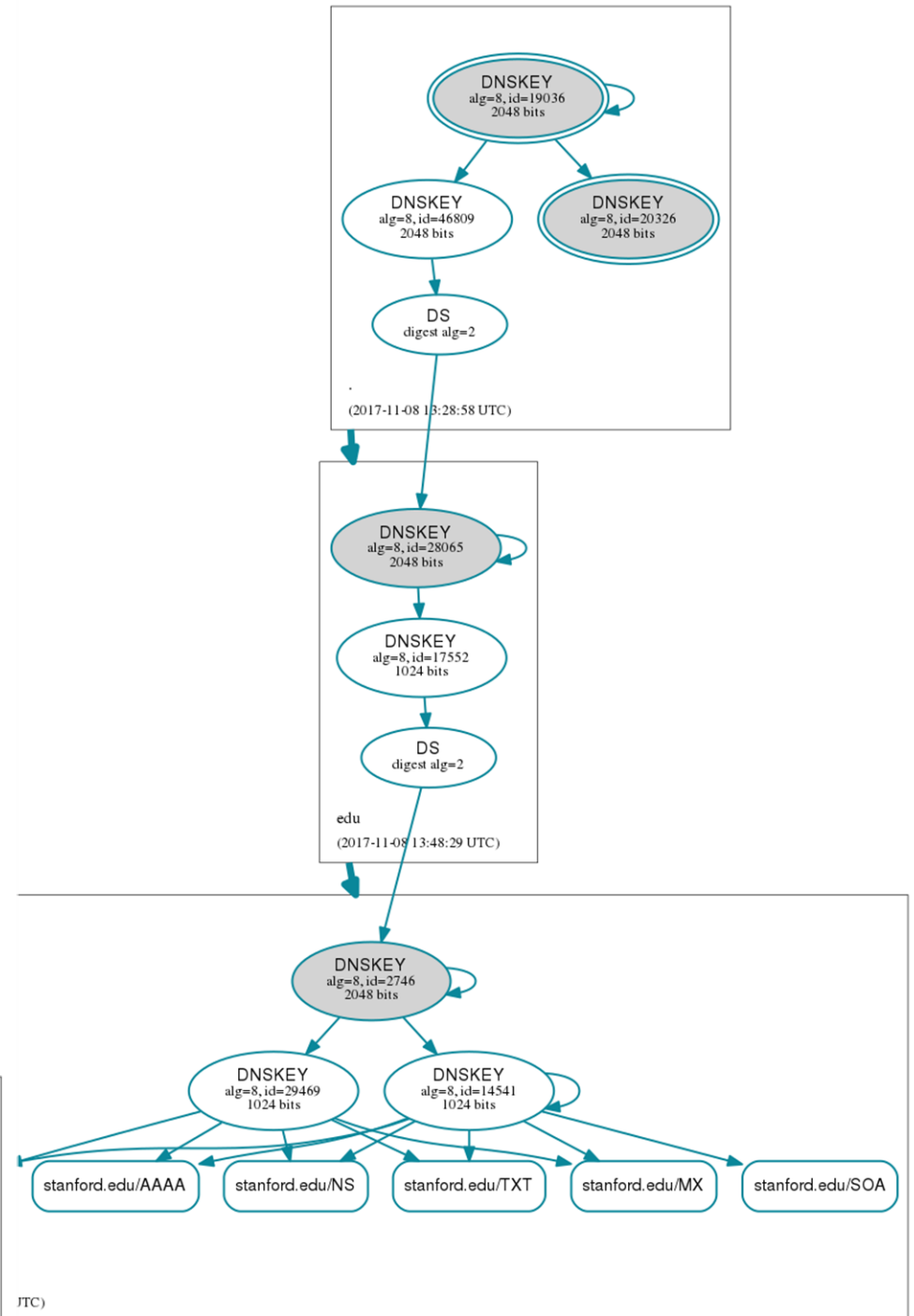
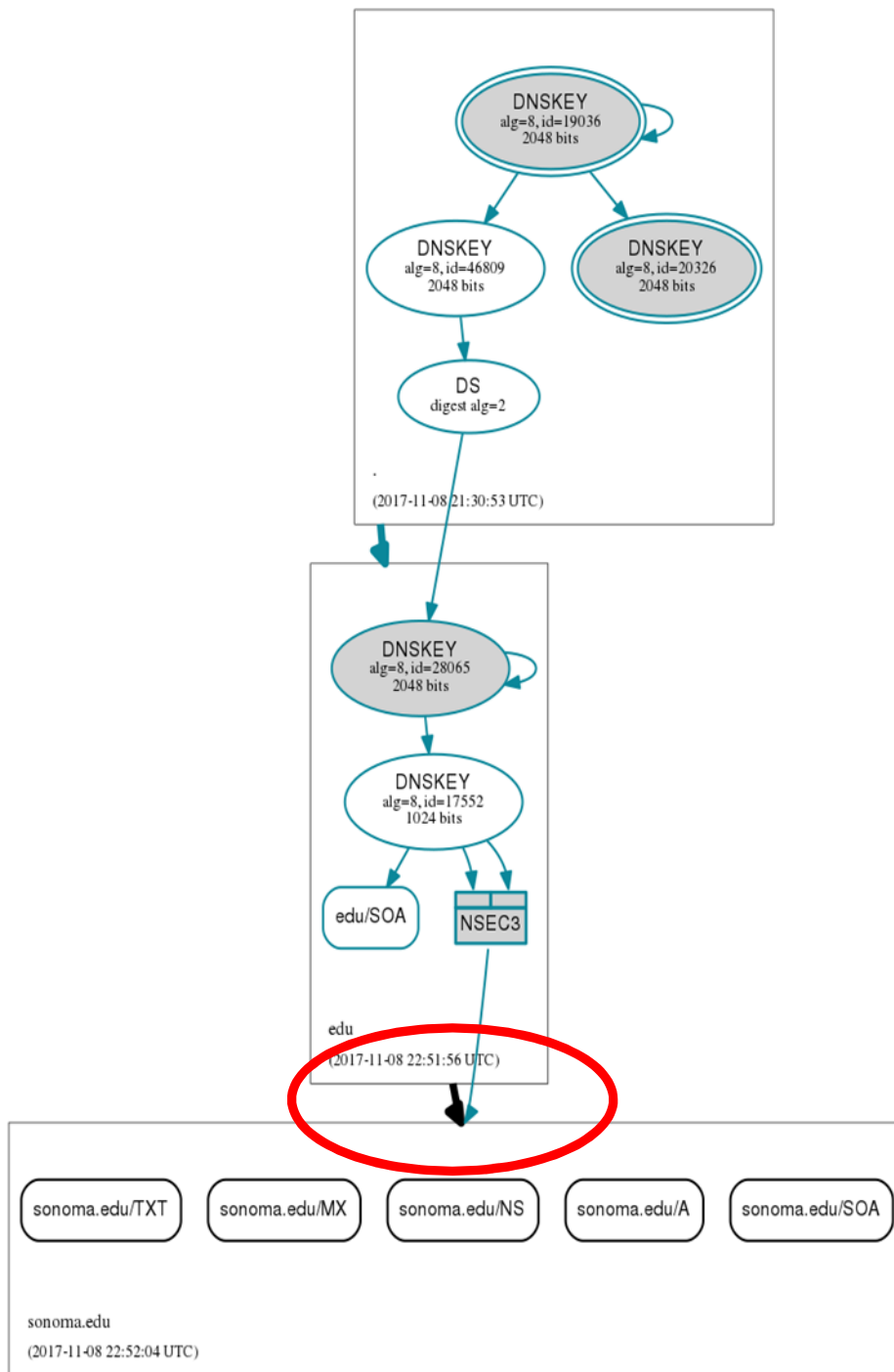
# DNSSEC: So what's the problem?

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- Not enough IT departments know about it or are too busy putting out other security fires.
- When they do look into it they hear old stories of FUD and lack of turnkey solutions; some CDN and resolver architectures break DNSSEC.
- Registrars\*/DNS providers see no demand leading to “chicken-and-egg” problems.

\*but required by new ICANN registrar agreement





# What you can do

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- ***For Companies:***
  - Sign your corporate domain names
  - Just turn on validation on corporate DNS resolvers
- ***For Users:***
  - Ask ISP to turn on validation on their DNS resolvers
- ***For All:***
  - Take advantage of ICANN, ISOC and other organizations offering DNSSEC education and training

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# **DNSSEC: A Global Platform for Innovation**

**or..**

**I\* \$mell opportunity !**

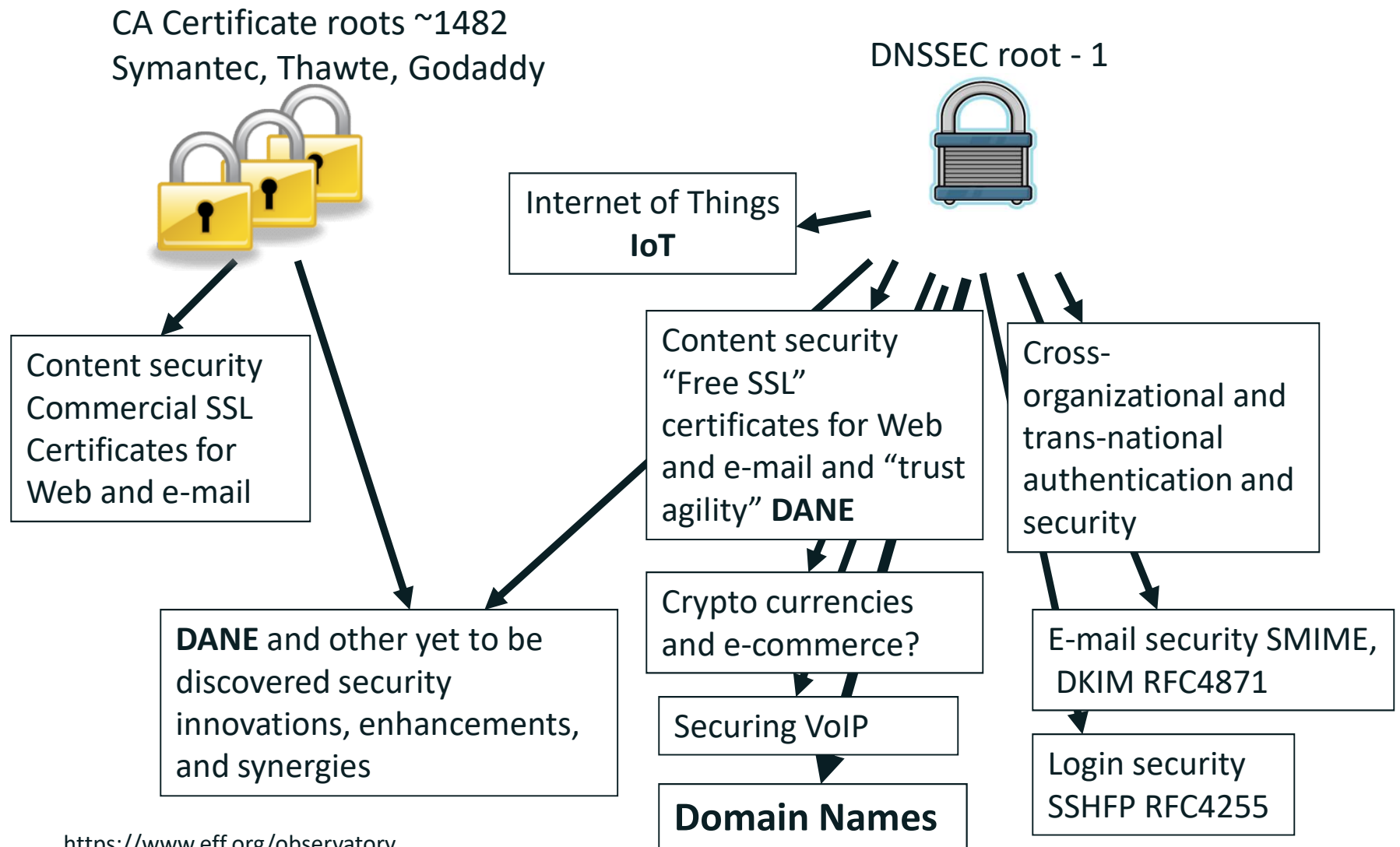


# Game changing Internet Core Infrastructure Upgrade

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- “More has happened here today than meets the eye. An infrastructure has been created for a hierarchical security system, which can be purposed and re-purposed in a number of different ways. ..” – Vint Cerf (June 2010)

# Another source of trust on the Internet



<https://www.eff.org/observatory>

<http://royal.pingdom.com/2011/01/12/internet-2010-in-numbers/>

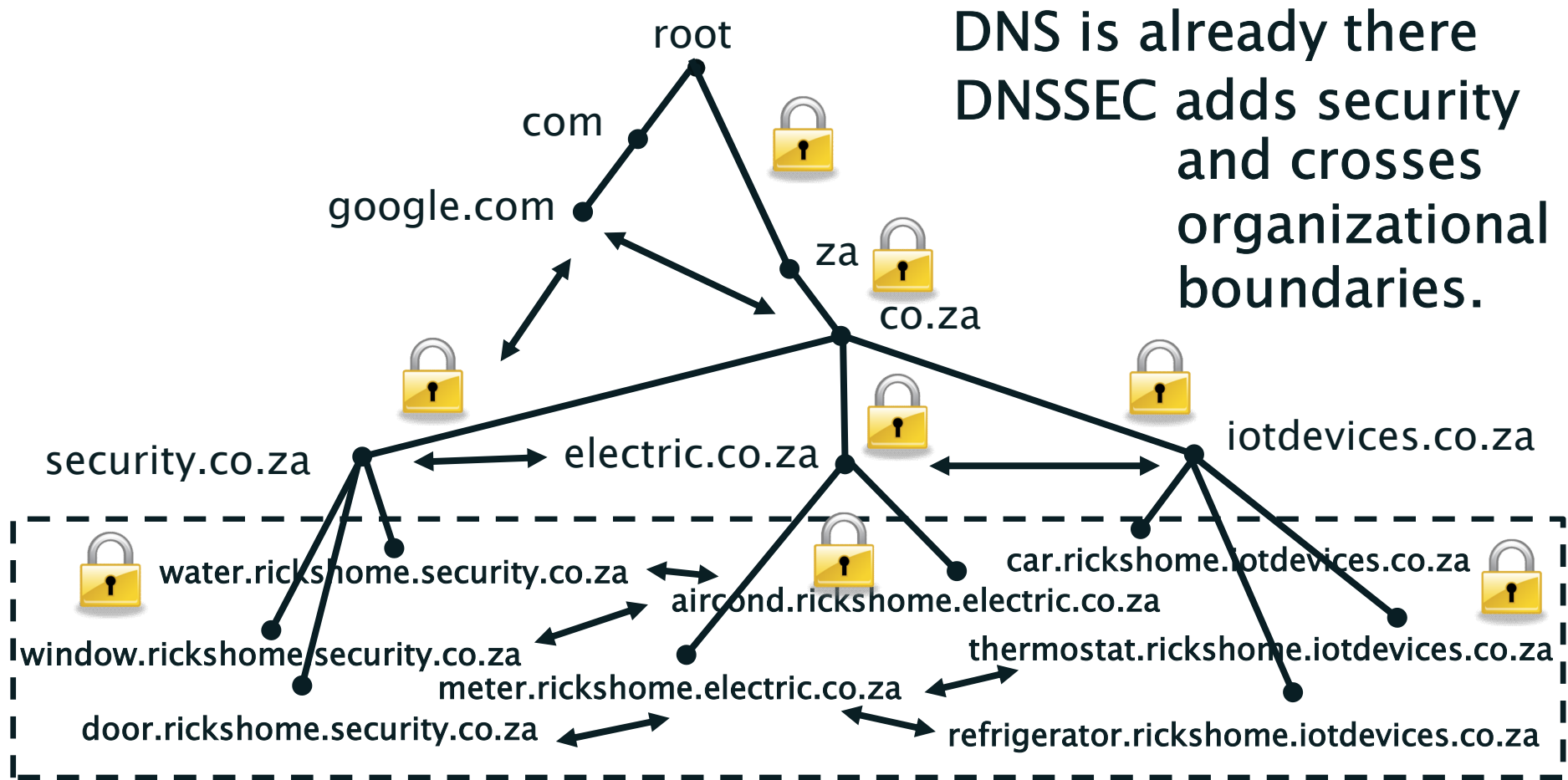
# Opportunity: New Security Solutions

- Improved Web SSL and certificates for all\*
- Secured e-mail (e.g., s/mime, pgp) for all\*
- Securing VoIP
- Cross organizational authentication+security
- Secured content delivery (e.g. configurations, updates, keys) – Internet of Things
- Securing the Smart Grid
- Increasing trust in e-commerce
- Securing cryptocurrencies and other new models
- ***A Global Built-in PKI***

A good ref <http://www.internetsociety.org/deploy360/dnssec/>

\*IETF standards complete and interest by govt procurement

# A thought: Scalable Security for IoT



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**DNSSEC: Internet infrastructure upgrade to help address today's needs and create tomorrow's opportunity.**

## What Hollywood Sees – part 2

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# ~~Team Ceremony~~ Key Ceremony

~~Tea Ceremony~~



Not like this Ceremony

# Key Ceremony

Root DNSSEC KSK Ceremony 27

## Act 1. Initiate Ceremony and Retrieve Equipments

### Participants Arrive and Sign into Key Ceremony Room

Step	Activity	Initials	Time
1.	CA confirms with SA that all audit cameras are recording and online streaming is live.	24	17:02
2.	CA confirms that all participants are signed into the Ceremony Room and performs a roll call using the list of participants on Page 2.	28	17:04

### Emergency Evacuation Procedures and Electronics Policy

Step	Activity	Initials	Time
3.	CA reviews emergency evacuation procedures with participants.	28	17:04
4.	CA explains the use of personal electronics devices during ceremony.	28	17:05
5.	CA briefly explains the purpose of the ceremony.	28	17:07

### Verify Time and Date

Step	Activity	Initials	Time
6.	IW1 enters UTC date (year/month/day) and time using a reasonably accurate clock visible to all in the Ceremony Room:  Date and time: <u>2014/10/27 17:07:39</u>  All entries into this script or any logs should follow this common source of time.	28	17:07

### Open Credential Safe #2

Step	Activity	Initials	Time
7.	CA and IW1 escorts SSC2, COs into the safe room together. CA brings a flashlight when entering the safe room.	28	17:09
8.	SSC2, while shielding combination from camera, opens Safe #2.	28	17:10
9.	SSC2 takes out the existing safe log and shows the most current page to the camera. IW1 provides a blank pre-printed safe log to the SSC2. SSC2 appends the new safe log then prints name, date, time, signature, and reason (i.e. "open safe") in the safe log. IW1 initials this entry. Note: If log entry is pre-printed, verify the entry, record time of completion and sign.	28	17:11



Photo by Kim Davies

# Key Signing Ceremony

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## Trusted Community Representatives

Enable the HSMs



## Ceremony Administrator

Performs the Ceremony using scripts



## Internal Witness

Attests the ceremony, signs affidavit



## Hardware Safe Controller

Opens Safe #1



## Credential Safe Controller

Opens Safe #2



## System Administrator

Technical Support and Evidence Collection



## Third-Party Auditors

Observe and Attest



## Root Zone Management Partner

Bring Key Signing Request



At least  
12 people!

Minimum Participants



# Photos

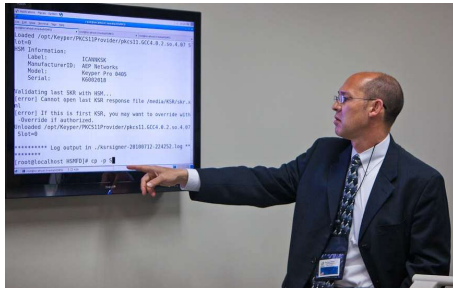


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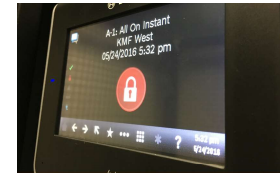


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# Trusted Community Representatives (TCRs)

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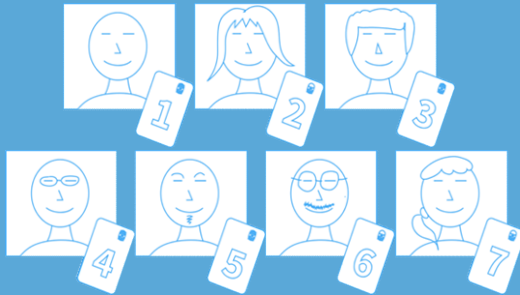


# Trusted Community Representatives (TCRs)

## Recovery Key Shareholders (RKSH)

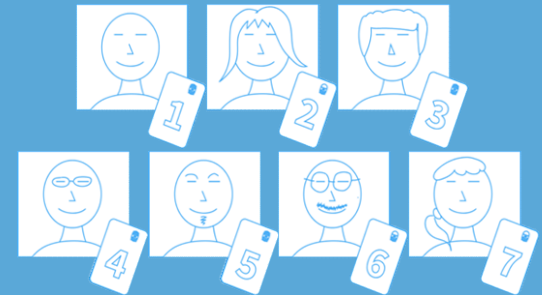


## Crypto Officer (CO) KMF EAST



**21  
TCRs!**

## Crypto Officer (CO) WEST



# Hardware Security Module (HSM)

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FIPS 140-2 Level 4  
Certified

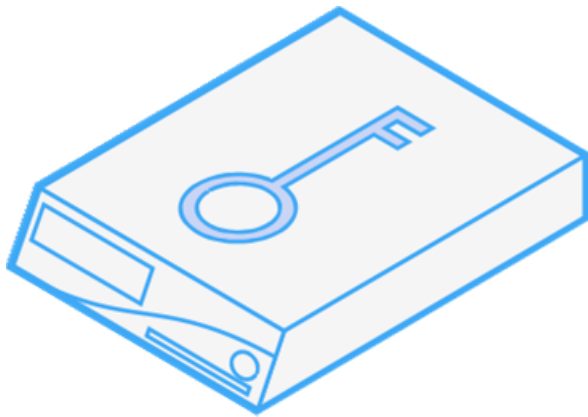


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- Private Key for KSK-2010
- Private Key for KSK-2017

# Smart Cards

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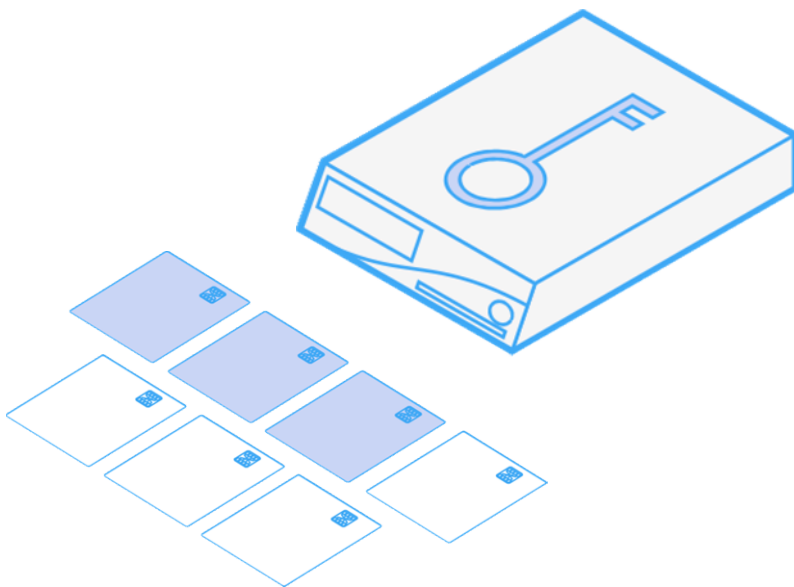
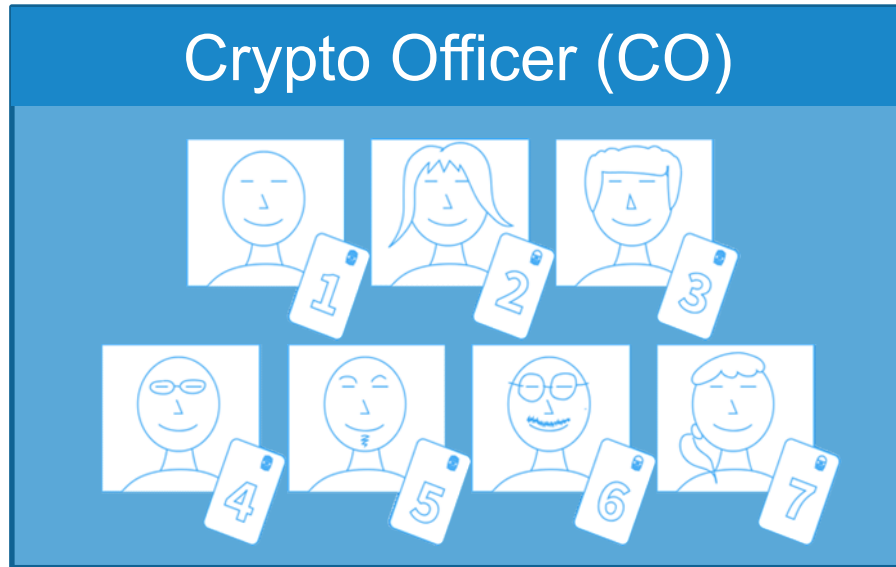


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# Trusted Community Representative (TCR)



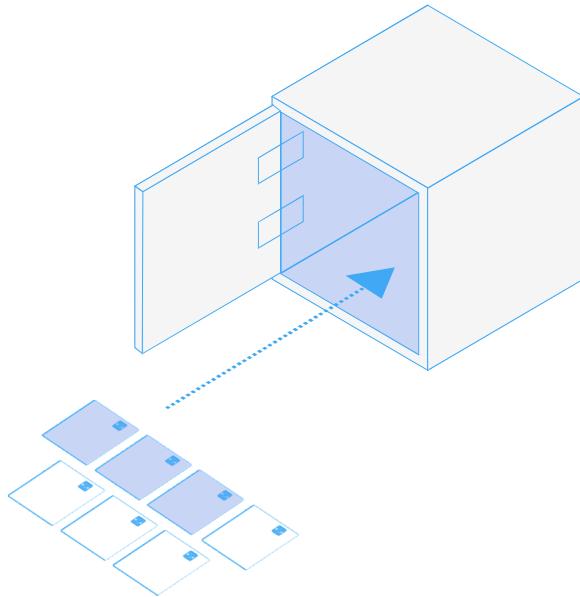
Each smart card is assigned to different community members, known as **Trusted Community Representatives**



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# Safe # 2 – Credential Safe

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Smart Cards



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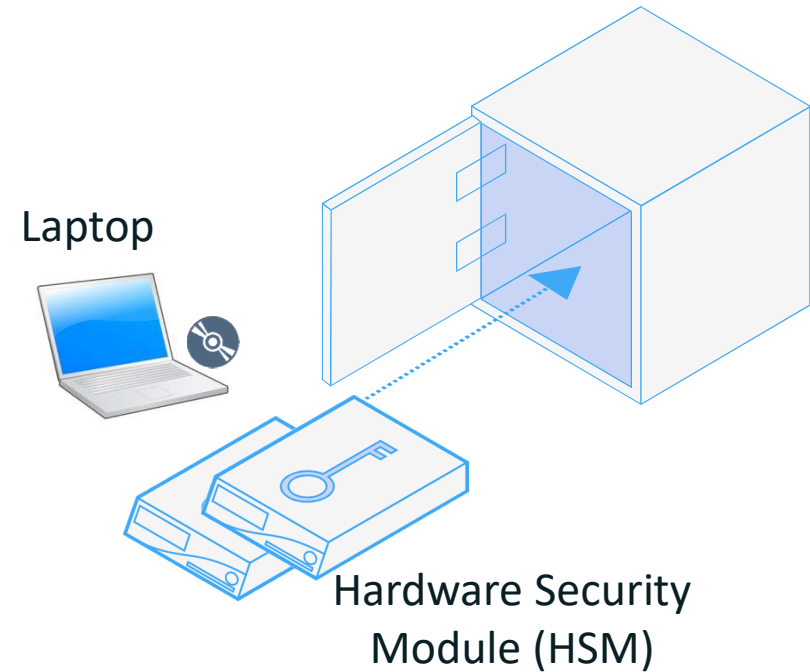
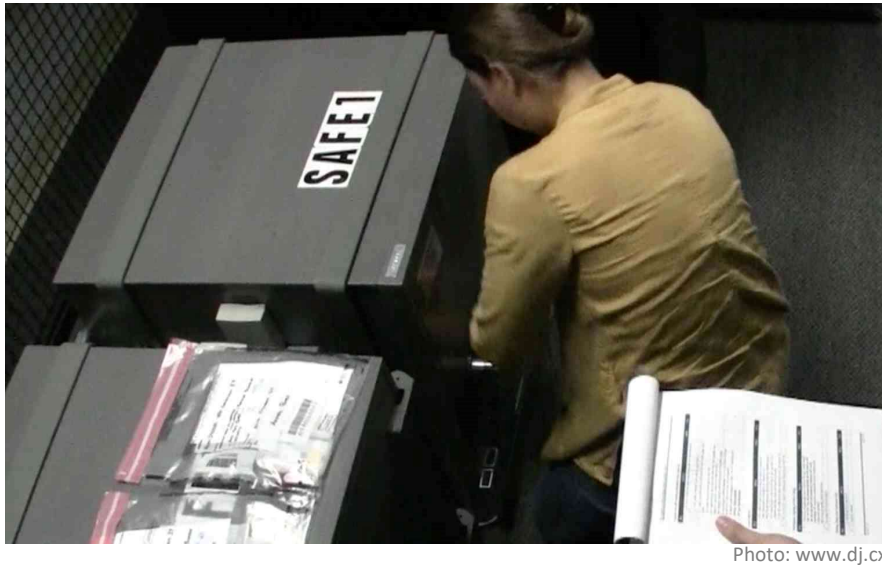


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Can only be opened by a designated staff,  
**Credential Safe Controller**

# Safe #1 – Hardware Safe

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**Hardware Safe Controller**



# Safe Room

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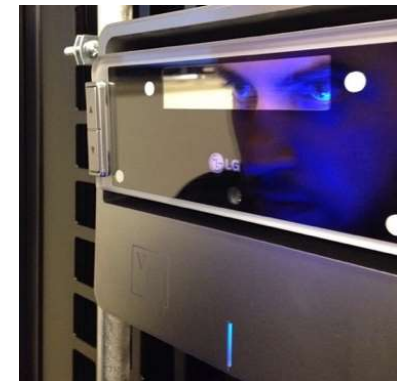
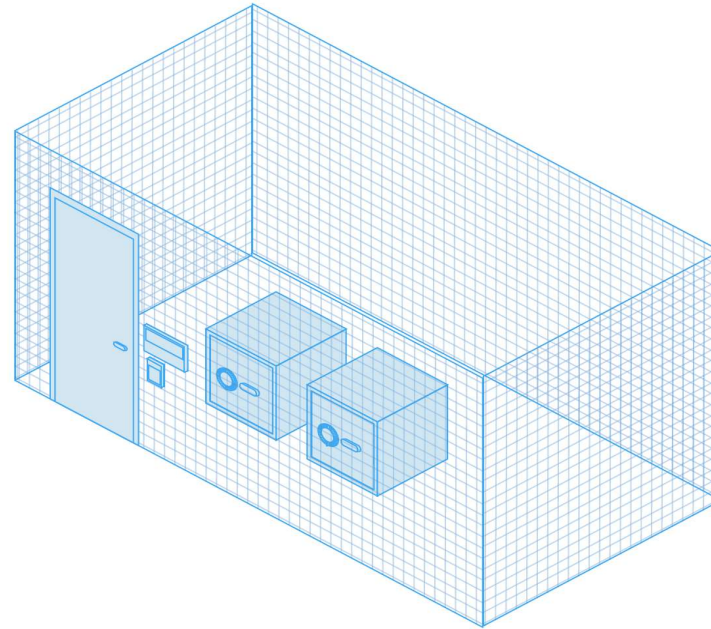


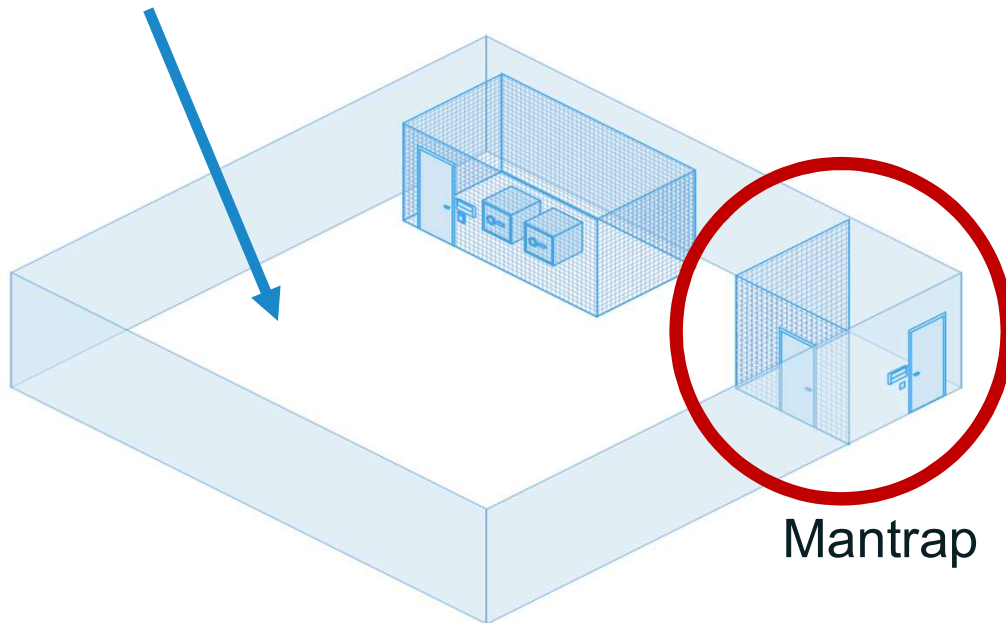
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# Ceremony Room



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# SOC 3 Certification

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- **Working together there is hope to stem the tide of cybercrime**
  - **One example is DNSSEC. This upgrade to the Internet's core infrastructure will help address today's problems and support tomorrow's security solutions**

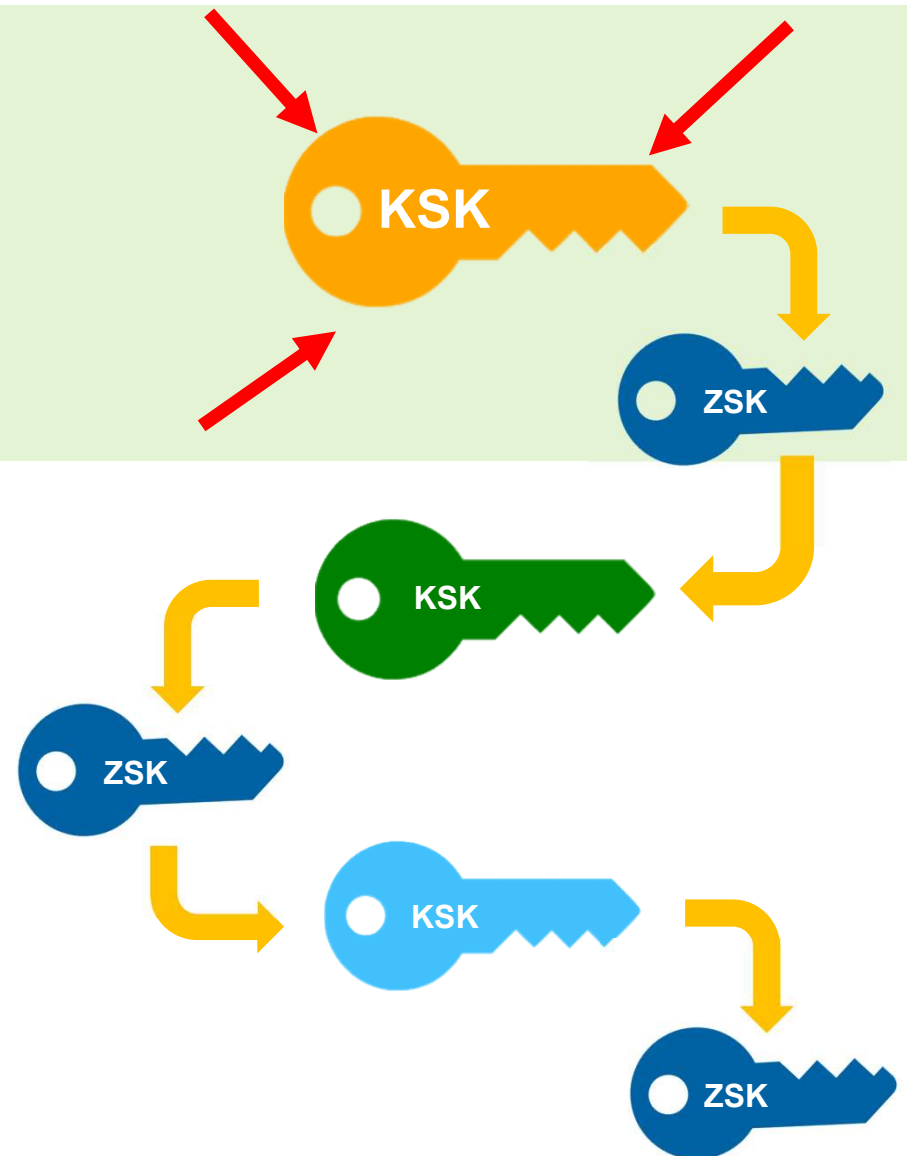
# Root Zone DNSSEC KSK Rollover

# Root Zone DNSSEC KSK

The Root Zone DNSSEC Key Signing Key “**KSK**” is the top most cryptographic key in the DNSSEC hierarchy

DNSSEC = “**DNS Security Extensions**”

DNSSEC is a protocol that is currently being deployed to secure the Domain Name System (DNS)



# Root Zone DNSSEC KSK Rollover

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**RSA-2048**



**Old Key called KSK-2010**  
(Operational)

**RSA-2048**



**New Key called KSK-2017**



# Root Zone DNSSEC KSK – KSK-2017

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. IN DNSKEY 257 3 8

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# How To Update Your System

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**If your software supports automated updates of DNSSEC trust anchors (RFC 5011):**

- ⦿ The KSK will be updated automatically at the appropriate time
- ⦿ You do not need to take additional action
  - ⦿ Devices that are offline during the rollover will have to be updated manually if they are brought online after the rollover is finished



**If your software does not support automated updates of DNSSEC trust anchors (RFC 5011) or is not configured to use it:**

- ⦿ The software's trust anchor file must be manually updated
- ⦿ The new root zone KSK is now available here after March 2017:

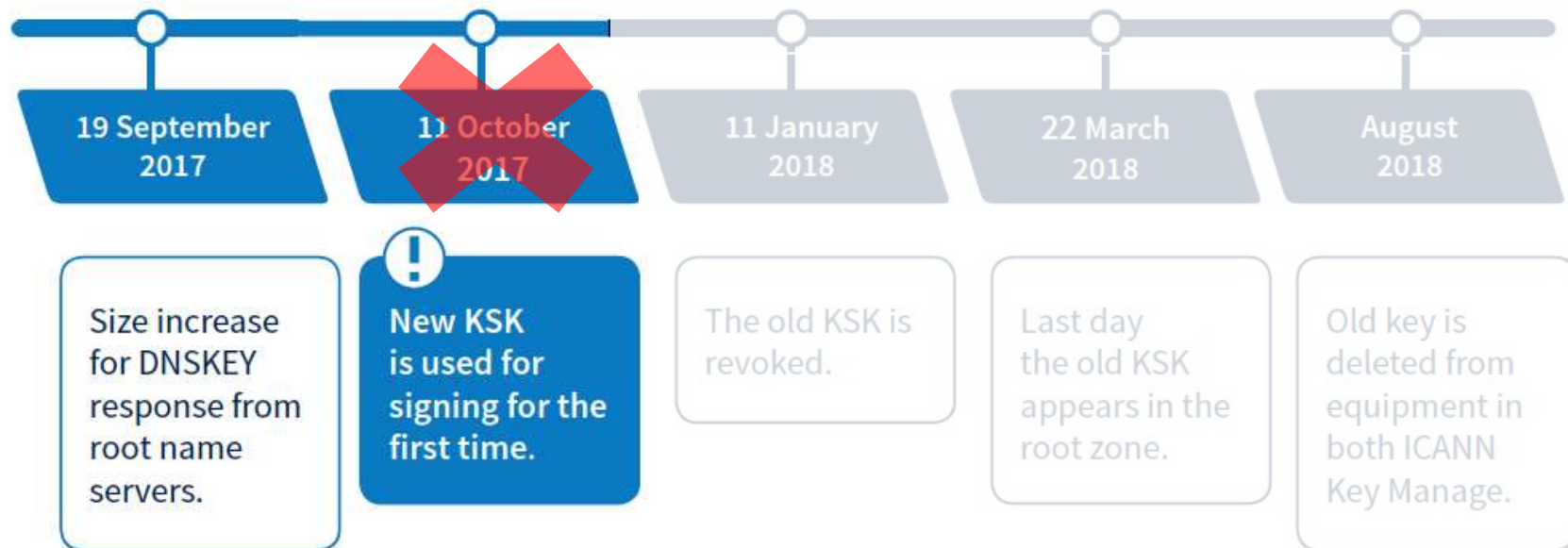
Root Anchors ►

[data.iana.org/root-anchors](https://data.iana.org/root-anchors)

# When Does the Rollover Take Place?

## The KSK rollover is a process, not a single event

The following dates are key milestones in the process when end users may experience interruption in Internet services:



# Check to See If Your Systems Are Ready

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ICANN is offering a **test bed** for operators or any interested parties to confirm that their systems handle the automated update process correctly.





# Thank You

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I had help and material from many.  
Special thanks to:  
Punky Duero



[youtube.com/icannnews](https://youtube.com/icannnews)



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[www.icann.org](https://www.icann.org)

## ICANN provided KSK Rollover Information and Tools:

<https://www.icann.org/kskroll>

<https://github.com/iana-org/get-trust-anchor>  
<https://go.icann.org/KSKtest>

## Root Zone DNSSEC Trust Anchor:

<https://data.iana.org/root-anchors>

## Call for TCRs:

<https://www.iana.org/help/tcr-application>