

# DNSSEC: Where We Are (and how we get to where we want to be)

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# **DNSSEC:** We have passed the point of

#### no return

- Fast pace of deployment at the TLD level
- Deployed at root

70000

- Supported by software
- Growing support by ISPs
- Required by new gTLDs
- → Inevitable widespread deployment across core Internet infrastructure



# **DNSSEC: Plenty of Motivation**

- DNSChanger (Nov 2011), calls for deployment by government, etc...
- DANE
  - Improved Web TLS and certs for

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- Email S/MIME for all
- ...and
  - SSH, IPSEC, VoiP
  - Digital identity
  - Other content (e.g. configurations, XML, app updates)
  - Smart Grid
  - A global PKI

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

Content securi

certificates for

and "trust agility

IPSECKEY REC4025

VoIP securing SIP

**Domain Names** 

organizational and

E-mail security

DKIM RFC4871

Login security SSHFP RFC4255

trans-national identity and

'Free SSL'

Yet to be discovered

security innovations

and enhancements

# The BAD: DNSChanger - 'Biggest Cybercriminal Takedown in History' – 4M machines, 100 countries, \$14M

#### **DNS Malware: Is Your Computer Infected?**

DNS—Domain Name System—is an Internet service that converts user-friendly domain names, such as www.fbi.gov, into numerical addresses that allow computers to talk to each other. Without DNS and the DNS servers operated by Internet service providers, computer users would not be able to browse web sites, send e-mail, or connect to any Internet services.

Criminals have infected millions of computers around the world with malware called DNSChanger which allows them to control DNS servers. As a result, the cyber thieves have forced unsuspecting users to fraudulent websites, interfered with their web browsing, and made their computers vulnerable to other kinds of malicious software.



Nov 2011 http://krebsonsecurity.com/2011/11/malware-click-fraud-kingpins-arrested-in-estonia/

# The BAD: Brazilian ISP fall victim to a series of DNS attacks



7 Nov 2011\_http://www.securelist.com/en/blog/208193214/Massive\_DNS\_poisoning\_attacks\_in\_Brazil

# The BAD: Other DNS hijacks\*

- 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.

# **DNSSEC** support from government

- Sweden, Brazil, and others encourage DNSSEC deployment
- 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. >60% 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

# **Global PKI**



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

# **DNSSEC:** Where we are

100

80

60

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- Deployed on <mark>89/313</mark> TLDs (.asia, .tw 台灣 台湾, .kr 한국, .jp, .in, .lk, .kg, .tm, .am, .mm, .ua, .cr, .cz, .br, .se, .uk, .fr, .com,...)
- Root signed and audited by PwC SysTrust
- >84% of domain names could have DNSSEC
- Growing ISP support\*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party signing solutions are appearing (e.g., GoDaddy, VeriSign, Binero,...)
- Unbound, BIND, DNSSEC-trigger, vsResolver and other s/w support and secure last-mile
- IETF DANE Certificate support RFC almost out

\*COMCAST Internet (18M), TeliaSonera SE, Sprint,Vodafone CZ,Telefonica CZ, Tmobile NL, SurfNet NL, SANYO Information Technology Solutions JP, others..

# But...

- But deployed on < 1% of 2<sup>nd</sup> level domains. Many have plans. Few have taken the step (e.g., yandex.com, paypal.com\*).ssec enabled Domains
- DNSChanger and other attacks highlight today's need.
- Innovative security solutions (e.g., DANE) highlight tomorrow's value.

\* http://fedv6-deployment.antd.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.nacion.com/2012-03-15/Tecnologia/Sitios-web-de-bancos-ticos-podran-ser-mas-seguros.aspx

# **DNSSEC: So what's the problem?**

• Not enough enterprise IT departments know about it or are putting out other fires.

Industry DNSSEC Enabled Domains - 1069 tested on 2012.07.28 -

 When they do look into it they hear FUD and lack of turnkey solutions.

Registrars/DNS providers see no demand

### **Barriers to success**

- Lack of Awareness at enterprise and customer level (e.g., security implications)
- Lack of Registrar support\*
  - Chicken and egg
  - Lack of expertise and/or simple solutions
  - Justifying cost
- Implementation F.U.D. by solution provider
  - Security/crypto/key management/complexity
  - Effect on existing enterprise operations: e.g. expiry, LB, CDN, etc..
- Un-trustworthy deployment
  - Yet another security thing to manage: "email the keys to everyone"
  - Insecure practices and processes
  - Garbage in, garbage out what does signing my zone buy me?

\*Partial list of Registrars supporting DNSSEC http://www.icann.org/en/news/in-focus/dnssec/deployment

# Solutions

- Raise awareness of domain holders, end users, h/w+s/w vendors [1]
  - Point to improved security as differentiator and the disadvantage of not adopting
  - New opportunities for O/S (mobile and desktop) and browser vendors
  - Added security for hardware products (e.g., validator in CPE)
  - Meet with Registrars and DNS providers
- Ease Implementation:
  - Take advantage of DNSSEC training[2] and learn from existing implementations
  - Automate key management and monitoring
  - Crypto: HSM? Smartcard? TPM chip? Soft keys? all good
  - Seek "click and sign" interface simplicity
  - Start implementation early since to get ahead in learning curve
  - For ISPs, at minimum ensure validation can occur downstream to support end2end security
- Make it trustworthy:
  - Transparent and secure processes and practices
  - Writing a DPS creates the right mindset for:
    - Separation of duties
    - Documented procedures
    - Audit logging
  - Opportunity to improve overall operations using DNSSEC as an excuse [3]
  - [1] DNSSEC.jp and other groups are excellent examples
  - [2] APNIC, NSRC, ISOC, ICANN offer training
  - [3] ENISA report on DNSSEC deployment

#### **Trustworthy Implementation**

# Learn from CA successes (and mistakes)

- The good:
  - The people
  - The mindset
  - The practices
  - The legal framework
  - The audit against international accounting and technical standards
- The bad:
  - Diluted trust with a race to the bottom (>1400 CA's)
  - DigiNotar
    - Weak and inconsistent polices and controls
    - Lack of compromise notification (non-transparent)
    - Audits don't solve everything (ETSI audit)



Creating Trust Online\*

### An implementation can be thi\$













provide and contains the following for the displaced against in [1]

R5A (key wrapping; key establishment methodology provides between 80 and 112 bits of encryption strength)

#### Overall Level Achieved: 3

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# But all must have:

- Published practice statement
  - Overview of operations
  - Setting expectations
    - Normal
    - Emergency
  - Limiting liability
- Documented procedures
- Multi person access requirements
- Audit logs
- Good Random Number Generators

15 Feb 12 – "Ron was wrong, Whit is right"

Useful IETF RFCs:

DNSSEC Operational Practices http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-dnsop-rfc4641bis

A Framework for DNSSEC Policies and DNSSEC Practice Statements http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-dnsop-dnssec-dps-framework



# Summary

- DNSSEC has left the starting gate but without greater support by Registrars, demand from domain name holders and trustworthy deployment by operators, it will die on the vine
- Building awareness amongst a larger audience based on recent attacks and increased interest in cyber security may be one solution
- Drawing on lessons learned from certificate authorities and other sources of trust on the Internet can make DNSSEC a source of innovation and opportunity for all

