DNSSEC: A Game Changer

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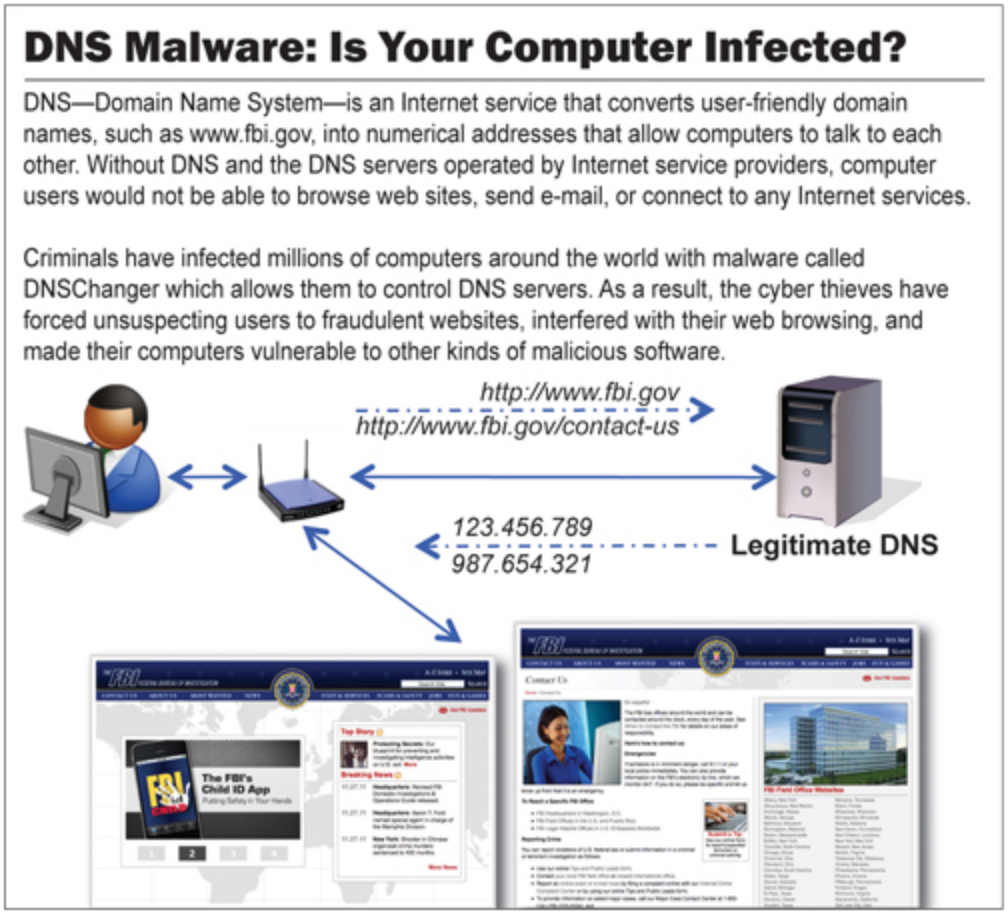
- The Internet did not have security designed into it.

- But has demonstrated time and again that it is a platform for innovation - good and bad.

The BAD: DNSChanger - ‘Biggest Cybercriminal Takedown in History’ – 4 mil (1/2 mil in US)



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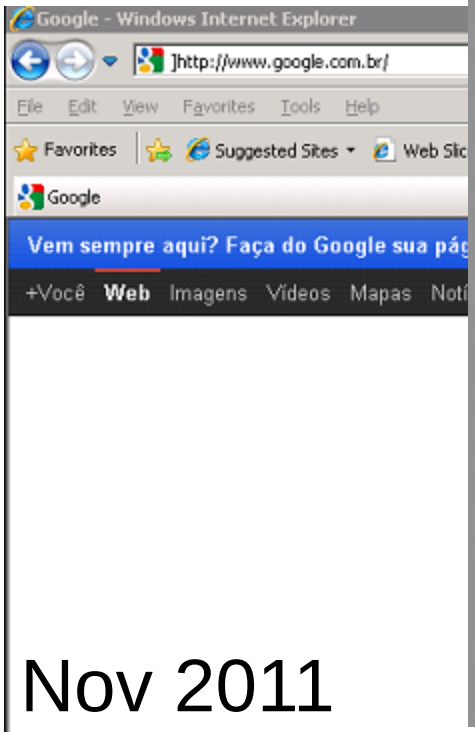
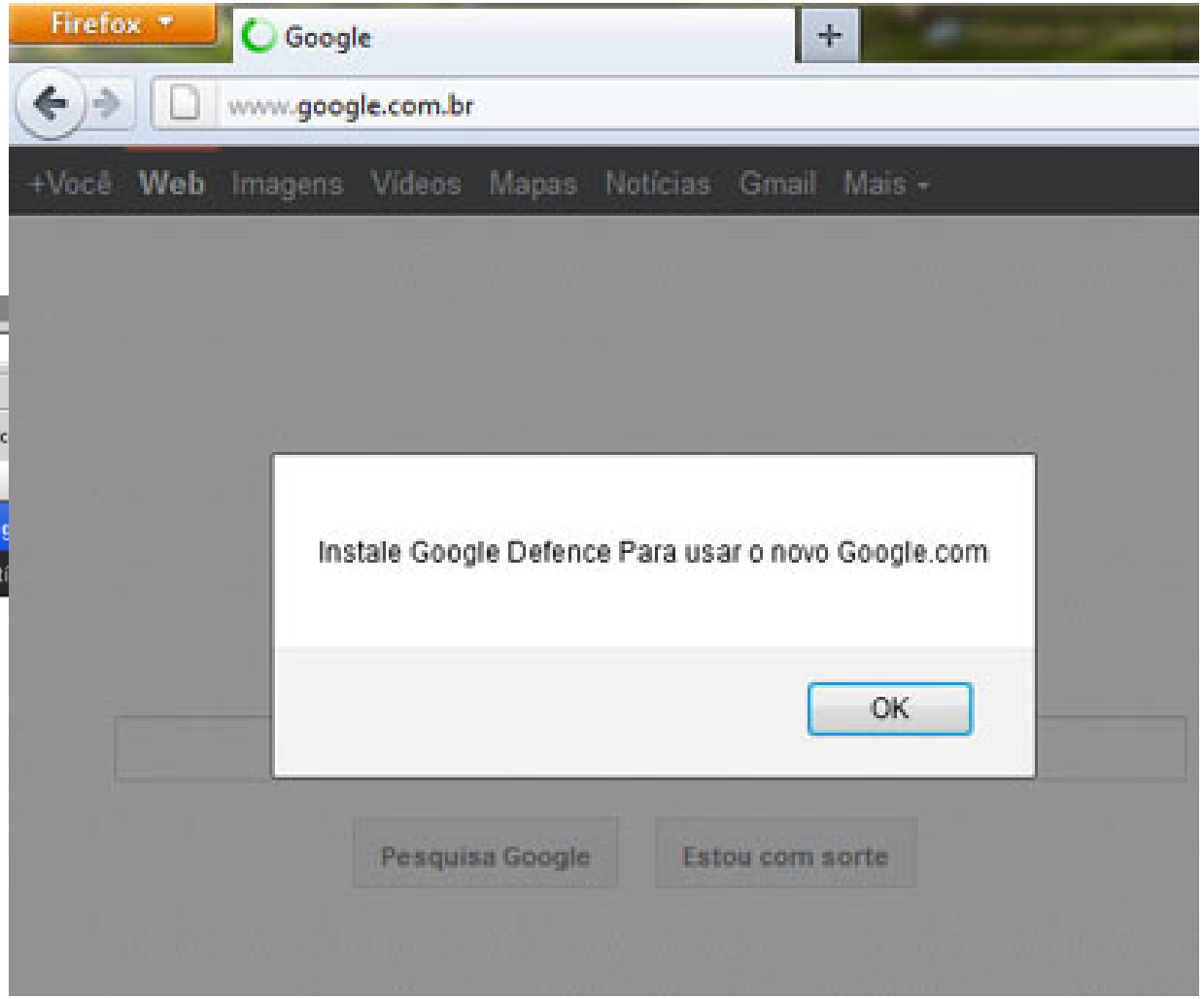
The BAD: Brazilian ISP fall victim to a series of DNS attacks





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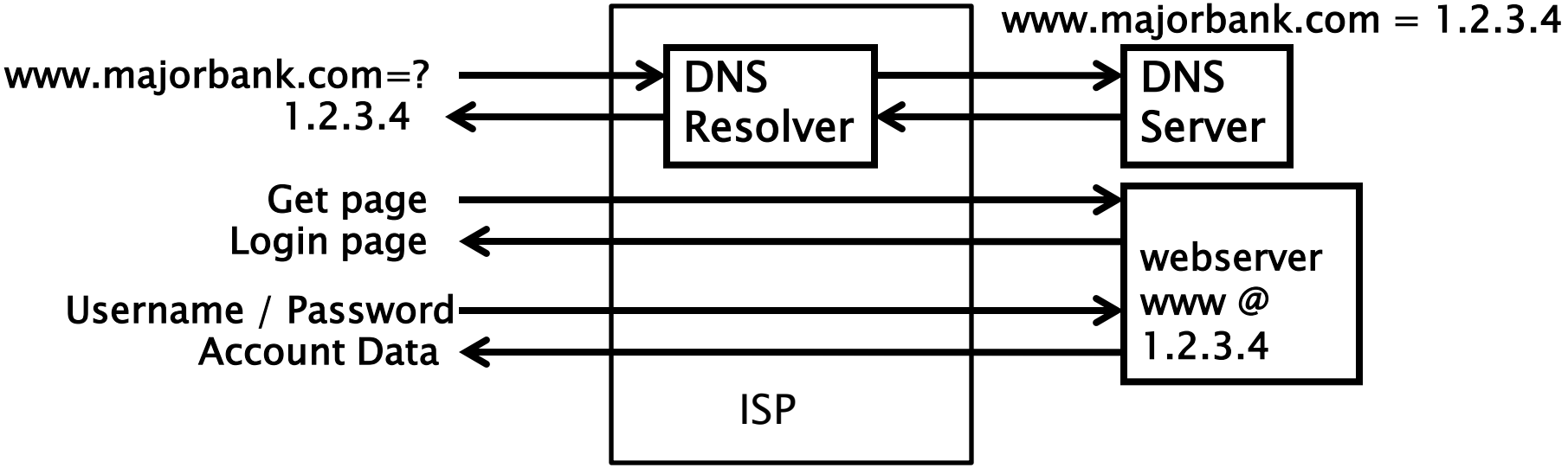
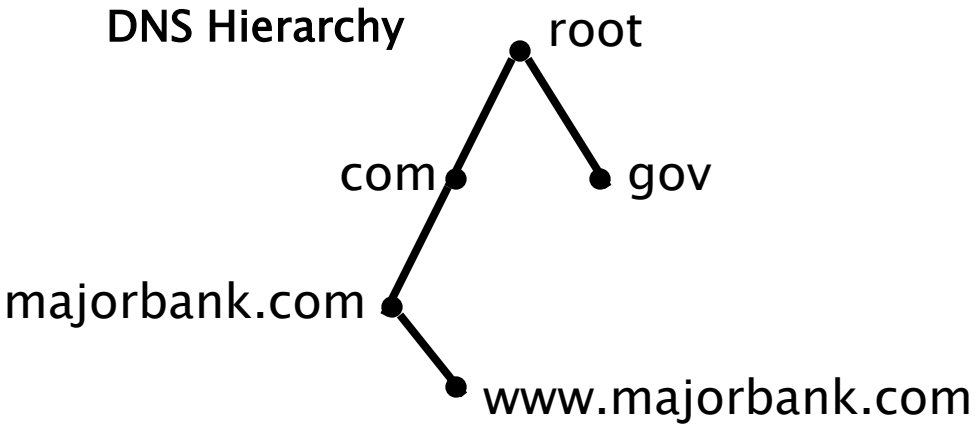
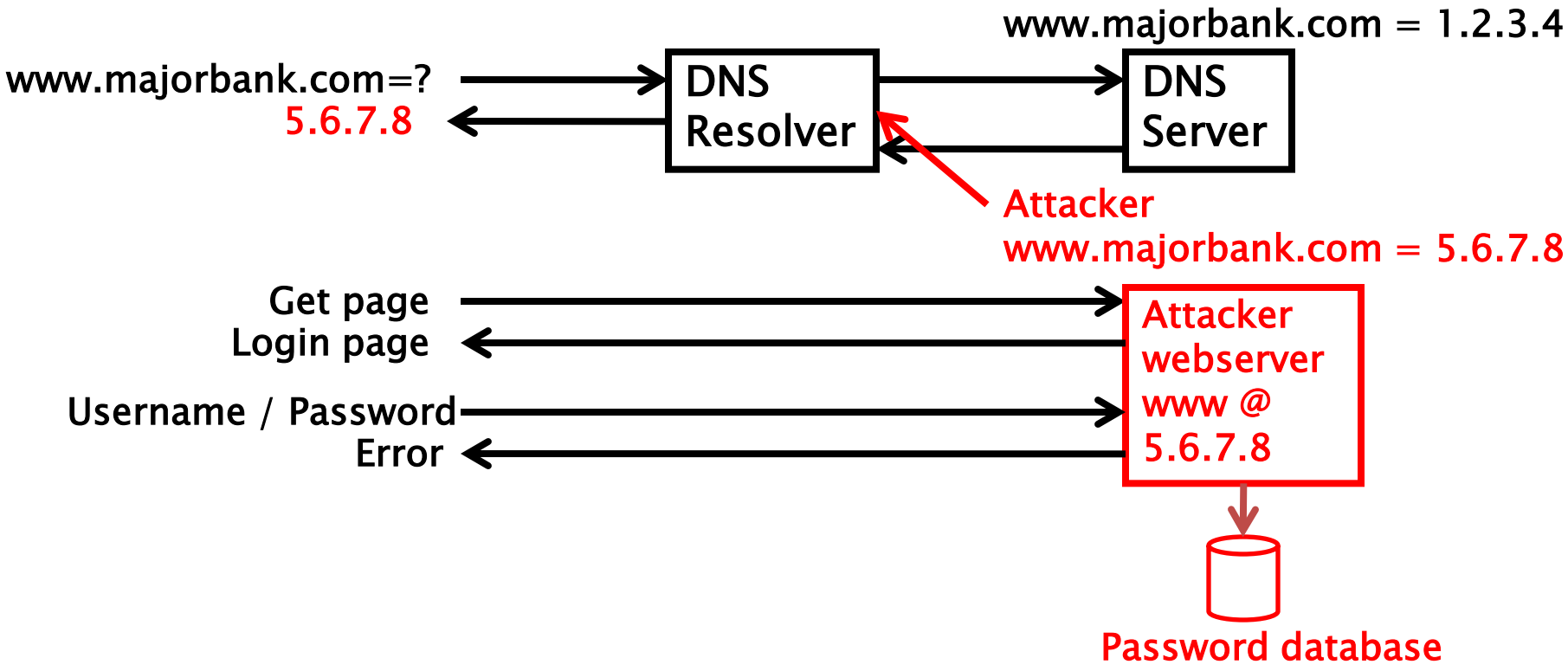
The Internet's Phone Book - Domain Name System (DNS)





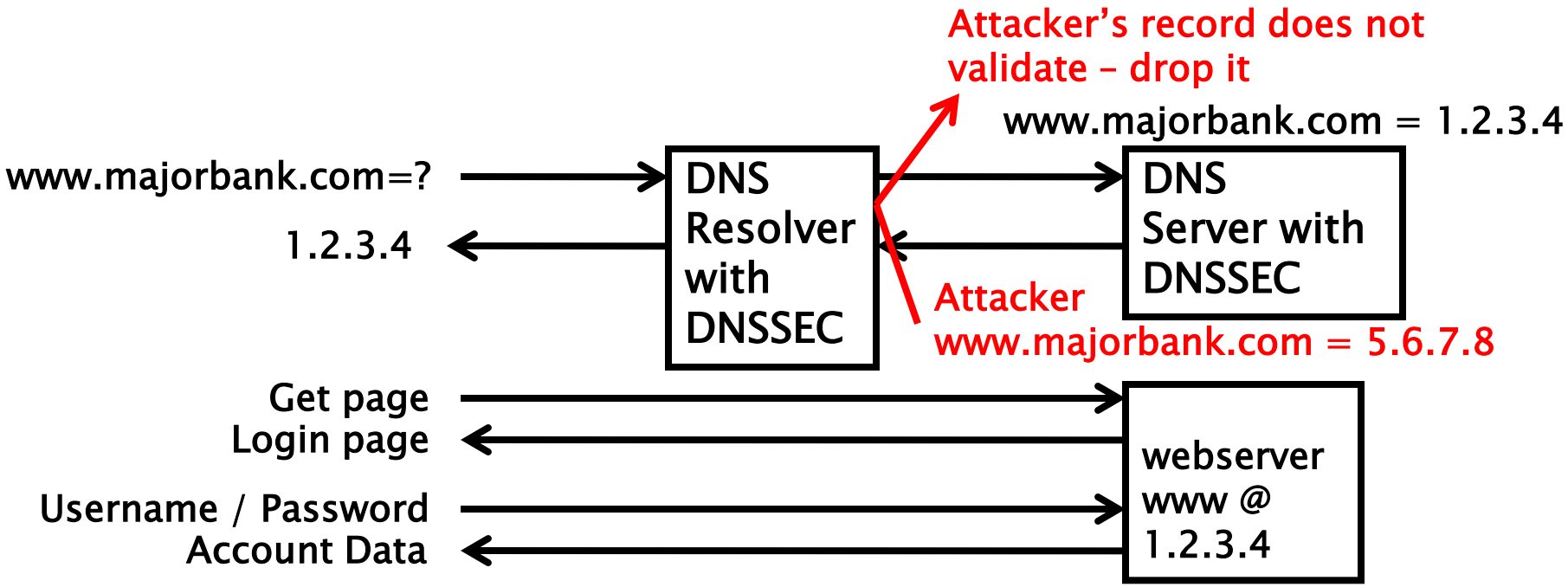
The BAD: DNS Cache Poisoning Attack



3 Aug 2008 Dan Kaminsky reveals shortcut

http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Seattle-security-expert-helped-uncover-major-1281123.php

Securing The Phone Book - DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC)



The GOOD: DNSSEC

- Add keys to hierarchy and compute digital signatures. Keep it backward compatible
- Based on over 15 years of global technical community development (in IETF) after discovery of vulnerability

The GOOD: DNSSEC

- Listen to calls from global community for deployment:
  - Internet community (e.g., RIPE, APNIC, ccNSO…)
  - Governments (e.g., USG:DHS/OMB/NIST, EU members)
  - Business (e.g., Kaminsky 2008, Press)

Deploying it

- Problem
  - Bureaucracy and Fear: Hard to change anything that has not changed since 1983. Many excuses not to.
  - root - An internationally agreed to single key – right
  - Trust me - I will manage the root key. ..uh huh.

Look at other International efforts, e.g.,

- ICAO PKD
- Long top down development
- But not a single hierarchy
- Countries (27) pick-up / deposit certificates at ICAO contracted repository in Singapore

Approach

- Eliminate excuses and lead by example – start at root
- Solution
  - Multi-stakeholder – get buy in up front
  - Bottom up – like the Internet itself
  - Transparency and Choice
  - Draw from existing secure practices and trusted models
- Public-private partnership with US Department of Commerce and VeriSign (existing DNS management partner)

DNSSEC at the root: result

- Deployed 15 July 2010
- Completed in ~2years
- Biggest upgrade to the Internet's core infrastructure in 20 years
- Set the stage for deployment in rest of hierarchy (e.g., top level domains, end user domains)

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- Got global buy in
- Direct stakeholder participation in key management – 21 Trusted Community Representatives made up of respected members of Internet community from 17 countries
  - Currently: URUGUAY, BRAZIL, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, CANADA, BENIN, SWEDEN, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, PORTUGAL, JAPAN, MAURITIUS, CHINA, BURKINA FASO,CZECH REPUBLIC, UNITED KINGDOM, USA

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- Enabled DNSSEC deployment throughout hierarchy – need just one key to validate all
- Publish, broadcast everything.
- Pass 3rd party annual SysTrust audit
- ICANN Secure Key Management Facilities in Culpepper, VA and El Segundo, CA. FIPS 140-2 Level 4 crypto, GSA Class 5 safes, multiple tiers, biometrics, etc.


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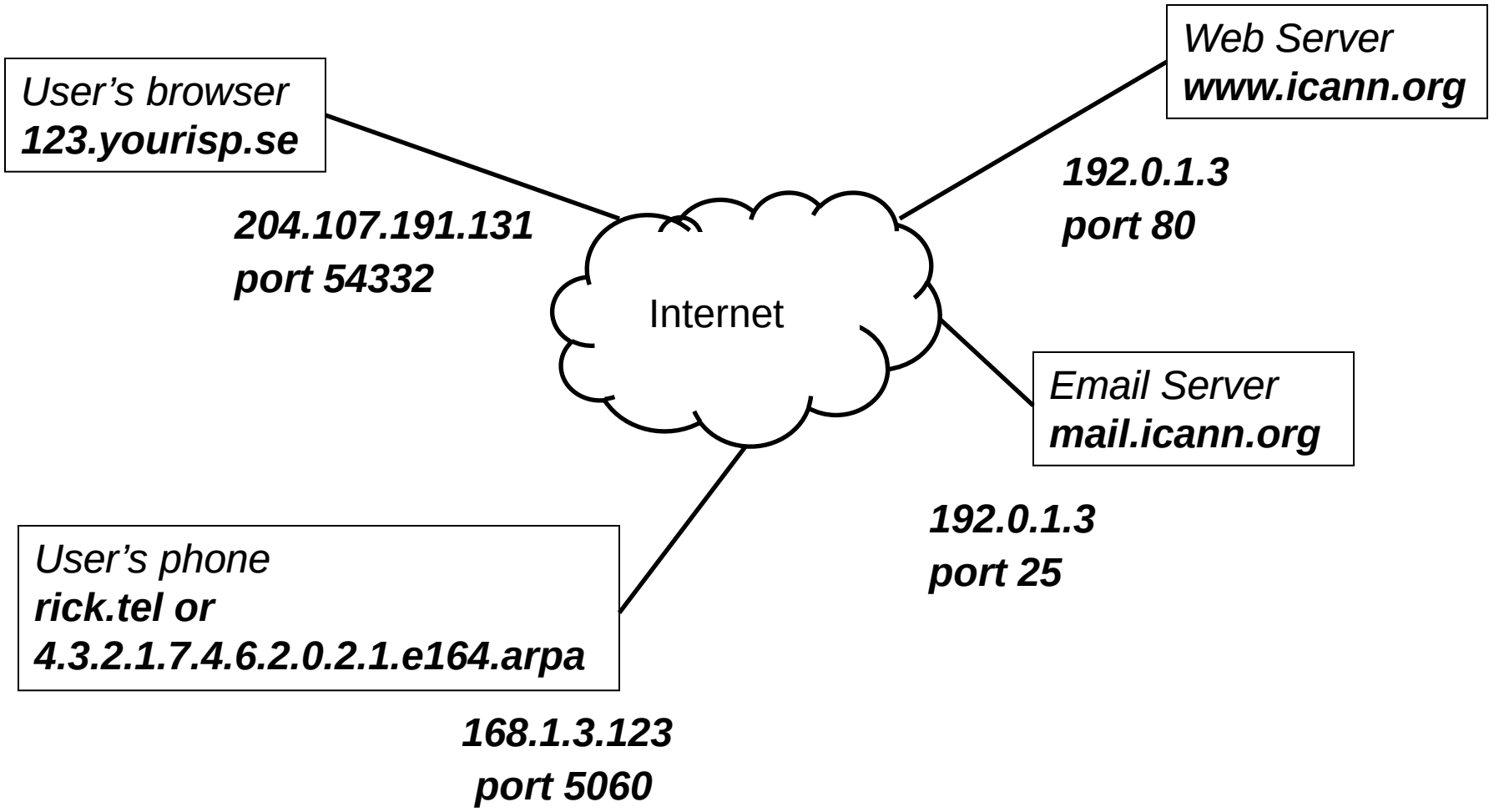
- ICANN is a global organization that coordinates the Internet's unique identifier systems for worldwide public benefit, enabling a single, global interoperable Internet.

- ICANN's inclusive multi-stakeholder model and community-developed policies facilitate billions of computers, phones, devices and people into one Internet.

- ICANN's mission is to coordinate, at the overall level, the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers, and in particular, to ensure the stable and secure operation of the Internet's unique identifier systems. (Source: ICANN Bylaws as amended 25 January 2011)

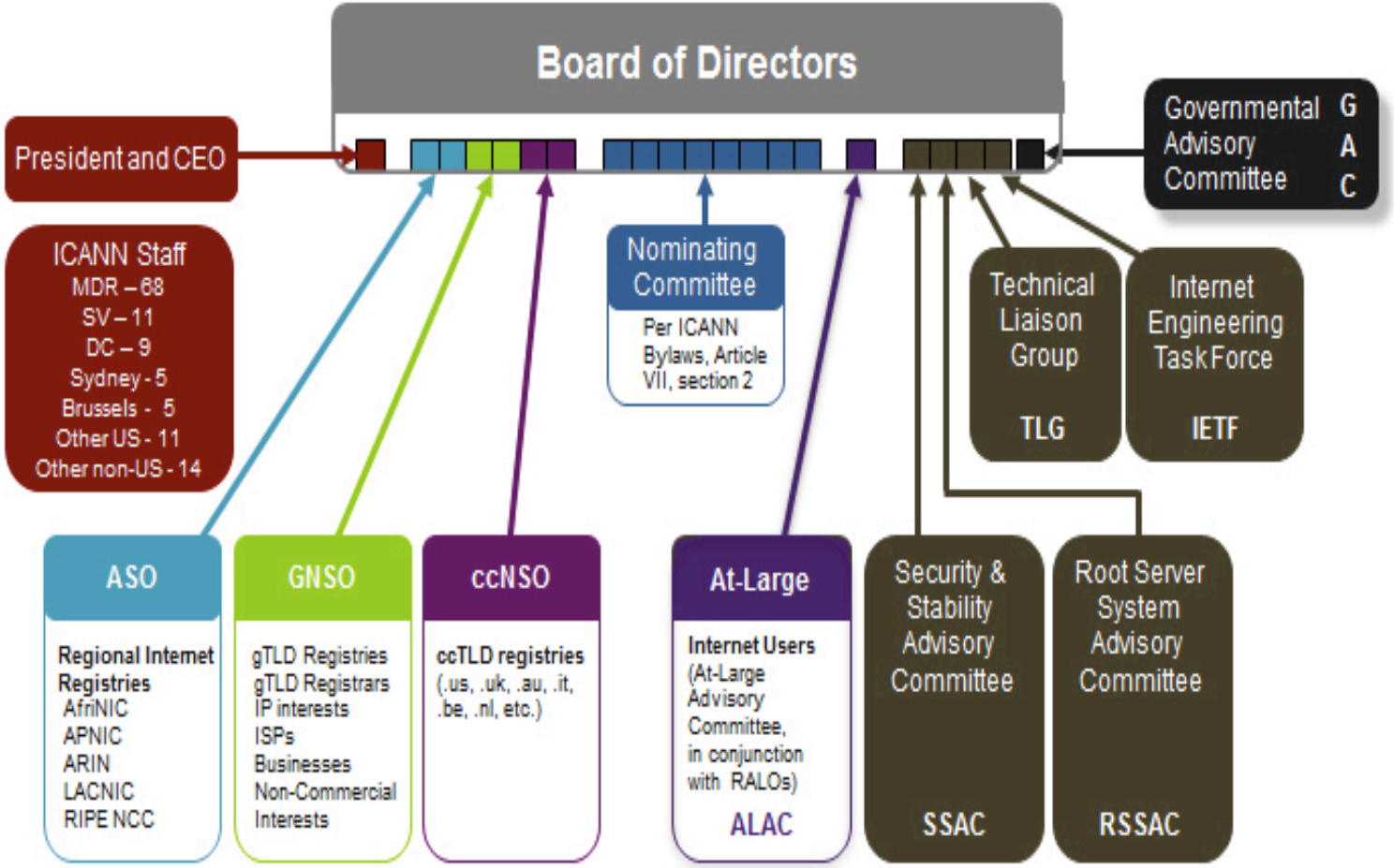
IP addresses, Domain names, Parameters



Background

- Created 1998 to continue technical IANA coordination function (previously performed by Jon Postel) on behalf of USG
- MoU with US DoC: ICANN will operate "in a bottom up, consensus driven, democratic manner."
- 2009 AoC: transitions U.S. oversight authority to ICANN’s Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) and establishes accountability “review teams”
- IANA Function contract still in place

ICANN Multi-Stakeholder Model



What ICANN does NOT do

- ICANN does not play a role in policing the Internet or operationally combating criminal behavior.
- ICANN does not have a role in the use of the Internet related to cyber-espionage and cyber war.
- ICANN does not have a role in determining what constitutes illicit conduct on the Internet.
- ICANN IS able to enforce its contracts on registries & registrars

ICANN's Role in DNSSEC

- Manage the root key of this hierarchy together with VeriSign (under contract with the US Department of Commerce) and trusted international representatives of the Internet community
- Process requests for additions/changes/deletions of public key and other records from Registries at the top of the DNS hierarchy (i.e., .com, .se, …etc)
- Educate and assist the Internet community regarding DNSSEC

Where we are now

- < 1% DNSSEC still needs to deployed on more domain names.
- 82/312 top level domain (e.g., .com) have DNSSEC deployed. Multi-stakeholder managed root key.
- 82% of domain names can have DNSSEC deployed on them. Large ISP in US has turned DNSSEC “on”.
- Supported by DNS implementations

Yesterday ALL 17.8 M COMCAST Internet customers. Vodafone, Telefonica CZ

What needs to still happen

- Needs to be widely deployed across the domain names
- Registrars, ISPs, and hosting providers need to support it in a trustworthy fashion
- DNSSEC validation needs to be pushed to the end user
- Raise awareness of the security benefits of DNSSEC and its secure deployment.

How to implement DNSSEC?

For Companies:

- Deploy DNSSEC on corporate DNS infrastructure (turn DNSSEC validation “on”)
- Deploy DNSSEC on your domain names (“sign” your corporate domain names)

For Users:

- Ask your ISP about DNSSEC (get DNSSEC validation turned “on” on their DNS servers)

Are we done?

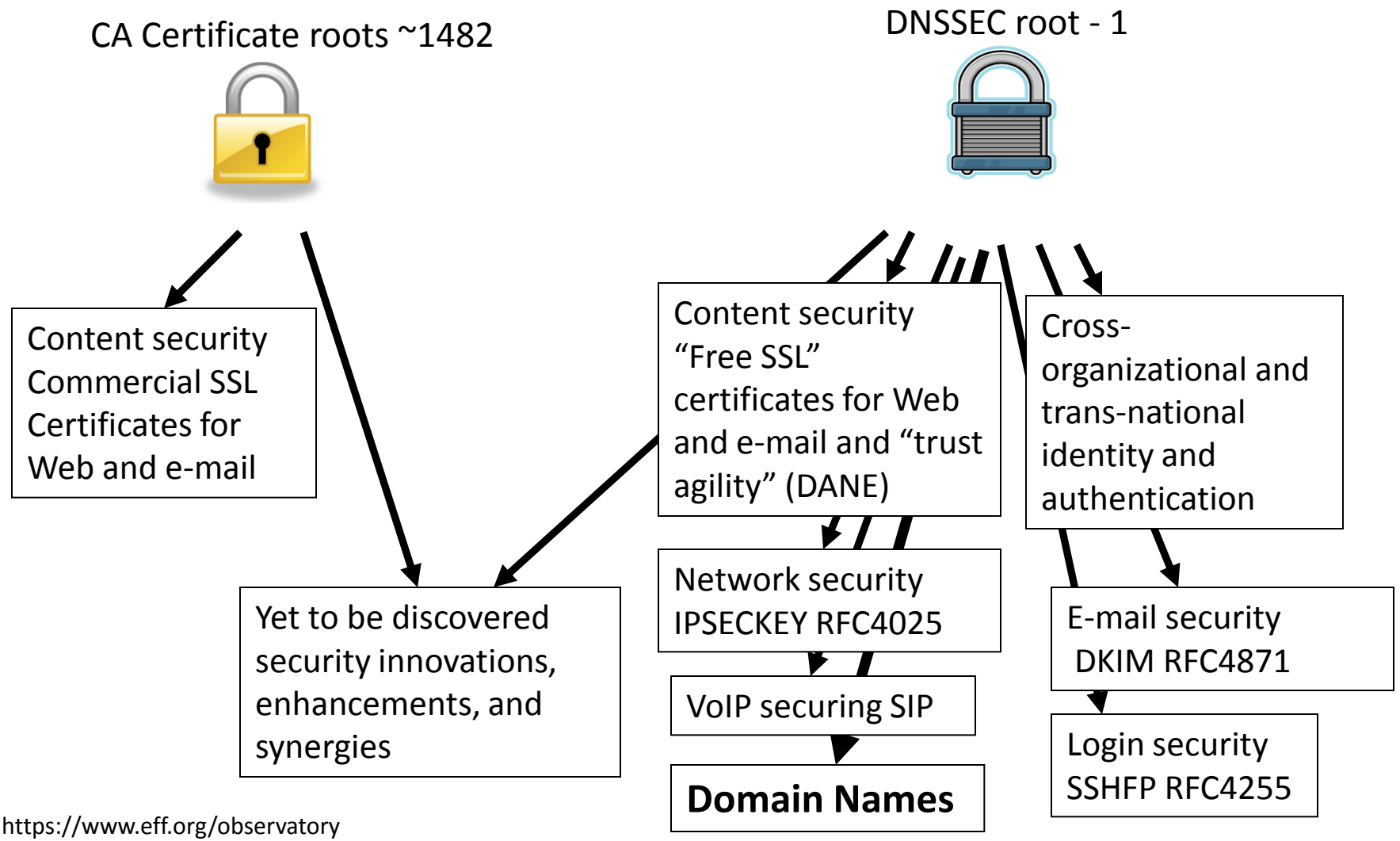
But wait, there's more…

"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 16 June 2010 Root Key Ceremony

Cont…

- Looks like we now have a global, secure database for “free”!
- A globally trusted Public Key Infrastructure
- Enabler for global security applications
- An authentication platform for identification
- Cross-organizational and trans-national
- .. A global platform for innovation

Expect: SSL, E-mail, secured VOIP… (e.g. DANE, S/MIME, DKIM, IPSEC)



https://www.eff.org/observatory
http://royal.pingdom.com/2011/01/12/internet-2010-in-numbers/

Potential Applications

- Build and improve on established trust models, e.g., CAs
- Greatly expanded SSL usage (currently ~4M/200M)
- Make SMIME a reality
- May work in concert with in enhancing or extending other cyber security efforts like digital Identities, WebID, BrowserID, CAs, ..
- Securing VoIP
- Simplify WiFi roaming security
- Secure distribution of configurations (e.g., blacklists, anti-virus sigs)

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mydomainname.com

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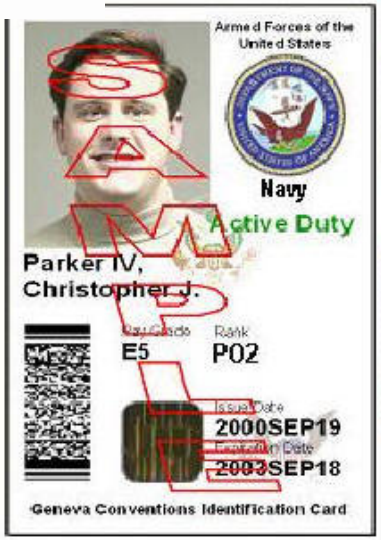
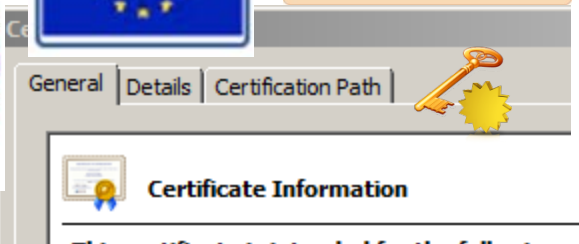
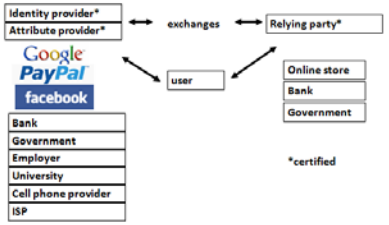
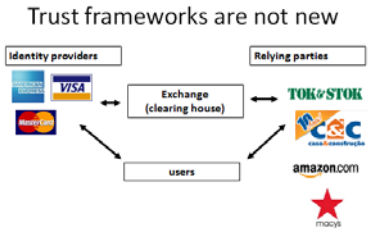




In Search of Trust: a Perfect Storm?



- Government digital identity efforts
  - US National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC) (Apr 2011), Sweden e-ID, Brazil, etc..
  - Interoperability / Assurance / Certification



- Certification Authority fix /w dnssec
  - Not perfect but decades of experience: Use it!
  - Recent impetus to improve.

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- Smart Electrical Grid efforts
  - Not just reading meters
- DNS/DNSSEC part of all ecosystems

NSTIC http://www.nist.gov/nstic

Summary

- DNSSEC will be a critical tool in combating the global nature of cyber crime allowing cross-organizational and trans-national authentication
- As a global security federation DNSSEC is a platform for cyber security innovation and international cooperation
- Successful Internet example of bottom up development and multi-stakeholder, public-private cooperation
- DNSSEC does not solve all the ills of the Internet but can become a powerful tool in improving the security of the Internet.