

CONTRACTOR'S QUARTERLY PROGRESS, STATUS AND MANAGEMENT REPORT  
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DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM SECURITY (DNSSEC)  
DEPLOYMENT COORDINATION

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### **Progress Against Planned Objectives (3.1.1)**

- Began Preparations for FOSE 2012 Conference and Exposition April 3-5, 2012
- Steve Crocker continued work as Chairman of an FCC Working Group on DNSSEC Deployment
  - Meetings were held September 23, October 18, Steve Crocker and Jeffrey Dewhurst attended a meeting at the FCC on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Continued work on new Roadmap
- Updated maps on the deployment of DNSSEC in ccTLDs, began update and revision of database system.
- Olafur Gudmundsson Attended the Global IPv6 Global Summit meeting in Taipei, Taiwan, and gave a presentation “DNSSEC in the Modern World”
- Olafur Gudmundsson also attended the IETF meeting in Taipei, Taiwan, and convinced the DANE Working Group to adopt the policy of only using DNSSEC validated input.
- Olafur Gudmundsson assisted the FCC in preparing regulations for ISPs using DNSSEC.

### **Technical Accomplishments This Period (3.1.2)**

- Completed initial version of NSEC3 Zone Size Probe program
  - Uses the information in the NSEC chain to derive the number of signed delegations in the zone. This allows us to measure the uptake of DNSSEC.

### **Improvements to Prototypes This Period (3.1.3)**

None this period

### **Deliverables This Period (3.1.5)**

- Initial version of NSEC3 Zone Size Probe program tarball (92mb)

### **Publications This Period (3.1.7)**

- “DNSSEC in the Modern World”, presented at the Global IPv6 Summit

### **Meetings and Presentations This Period (3.1.8)**

- Meeting to work on new Roadmap September 6
- Steve Crocker chaired meetings of the FCC Working Group on DNSSEC Deployment, meetings were held September 23, October 18. Steve Crocker and Jeffrey Dewhurst attended a meeting at the FCC on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- DNSSEC Deployment Coordination Meetings were held at Shinkuro’s offices on October 7, and November 8, and December 6.
- Steve Crocker attended the ICANN Meeting in Dakar, Senegal, October 23 – 28.
- Olafur Gudmundsson attended the IETF Meeting in Taipei, Taiwan, November 13 - 18.
- Olafur Gudmundsson attended the Global IPv6 Summit in Taipei, Taiwan, November 15 – 17.

### **Issues or Concerns (3.1.9)**

None at this time.

### **Planned Activities (3.2.1), Information Covering the Next Three Months**

- Coordination meetings are scheduled for January 3, January 31, and February 28 at Shinkuro.
- ICANN Meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica, March 11 – 16
- FCC Working Group presentations, March 22
- IETF Paris, France, March 25 - 30.

### **Attachments (1)**

“DNSSEC in the Modern World” by Olafur Gudmundsson

# DNSSEC IN THE MODERN WORLD

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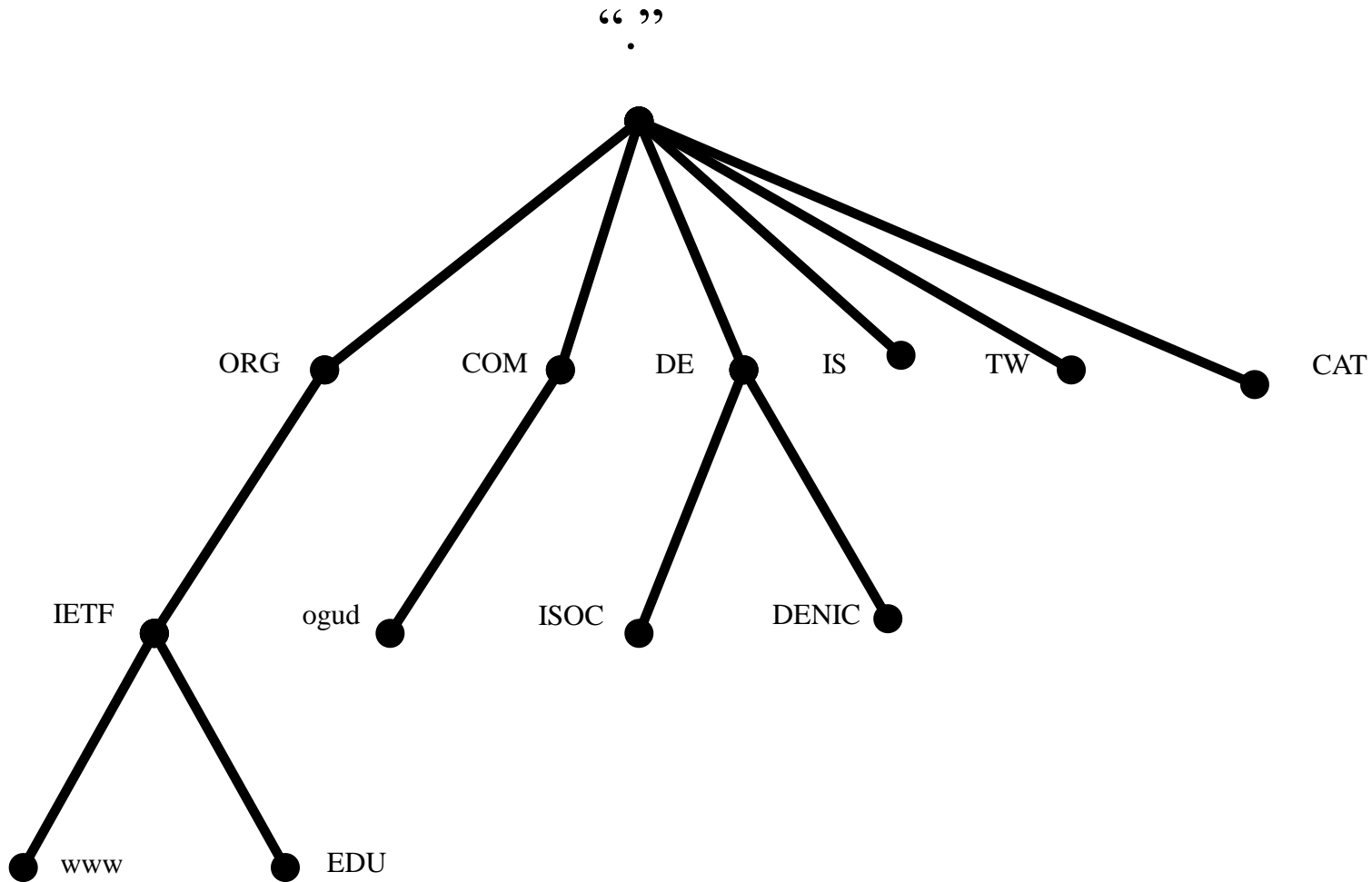
# OUTLINE

- ⦿ DNS and DNSSEC intro
- ⦿ Status of DNSSEC deployment
- ⦿ IPv6 and DNSSEC
- ⦿ Deployment

# BASICS OF DNS

- ⦿ DNS is a hierarchical distributed database
  - Not a general purpose DB only simple lookup no search
- ⦿ Lookup is by name and type
  - Name broken into parts called labels, labels are separated by a dot “.” in presentation format.
    - [www.twnic.net.tw](http://www.twnic.net.tw)
  - The names form a tree
  - Each label can represent a simple ascii string or a Unicode encoding of non English characters.
    - Xn--<blob>.com.tw
- ⦿ Answer consists of one or more Resource Record sets (RRset).

# DNS TREE



# DNS FUNCTIONAL COMPONENTS

## ○ Resolver

- *stub*: simple, only asks questions
- *recursive*: takes simple query and makes all necessary steps to assemble the full answer,
- *caching*: A recursive resolver that stores prior results and reuses them

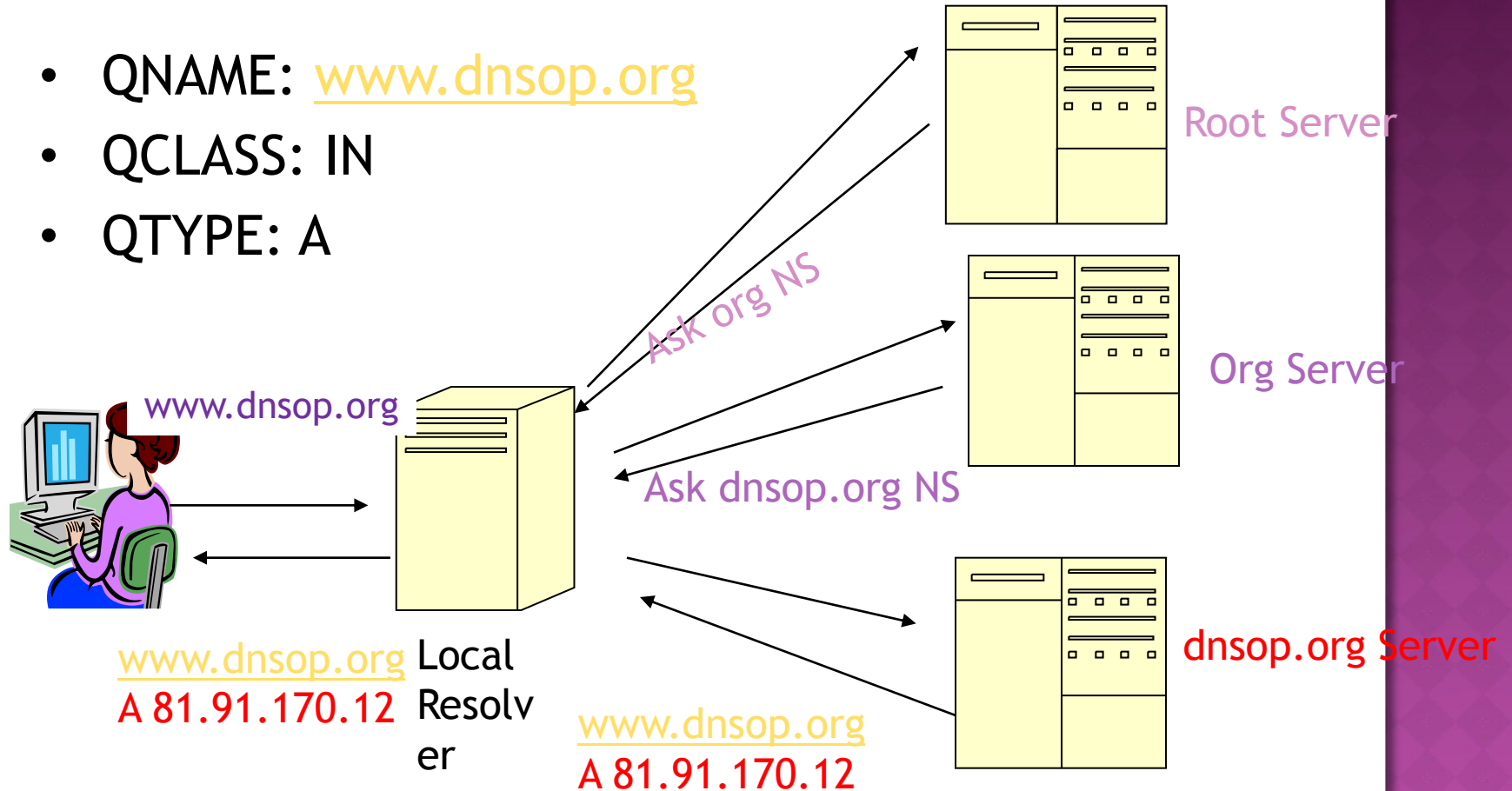
## ○ Server

- *authoritative*: the servers that contain the zone file for a zone, one Primary, one or more Secondaries,
- Some implementations perform resolver and server roles.



# TRAVERSING THE DNS TREE

- QNAME: [www.dnsop.org](http://www.dnsop.org)
- QCLASS: IN
- QTYPE: A



# DNSSEC INTRO

- DNSSEC is a recent addition to the protocol to provide integrity to DNS answers.
- Role: Protect DNS
  - How done: view from 10 km.
    - A DNS RRSet is signed by the zone it belongs to.
    - DS RRSet is vouched for by parent zone.
      - Chain of trust DS → DNSKEY → DS → DNSKEY
- What DNSSEC does not do:
  - Make data in DNS any more correct
- Single Trust Anchor: DNS Root is signed
  - IANA Root

# DNSSEC: MORE DETAILS

- ⊙ Data integrity protection
  - Each DNS RRSet is signed by a digital signature
    - RRSIG containing a signature by the zone private key, for a certain time period
- ⊙ Existence proof:
  - Chain of NSEC or NSEC3 records lists all names in a zone and their RR types. (authentic proof/denial of existence)
- ⊙ Parent signs a fingerprint of child's Key Signing DNSKEY (DS RR)
  - allows transition from a secure parent zone to a secure child zone.

# DNSSEC IMPACT ON OPERATIONS

- More things can go wrong
  - “Fire and forget until next change” operation not possible any more
    - DNS zones need to be resigned periodically
      - Really should be handled by tools not humans
  - Key rollovers
    - Timing is important
  - Trust anchor maintenance
    - Order and timing constraints must be respected
      - → domains can become invisible for a while
- Keep up with vendor updates

# DNSSEC IN TLD'S 2011/11/16

12 Nov 2011	Total	Signed	DS in Root
ccTLD	247	56	53
IDN ccTLD	30	4	2
gTLD	22	12	11
IDN gTLD	0	0	0
Test IDN	11	11	11
Total	310	81	77

# CCTLD'S DNSSEC STATUS

tool by ammap.com



# DNSSEC AS ENABLING TECHNOLOGY

- ⦿ DNSSEC provides allows the insertion of higher value data in the DNS
  - Keys
  - Identites
  - Policies
- ⦿ This has the potential to become a disruptive force for new applications

# DNSSEC ENABLED: DANE

- ⦿ DNS-based Authentication of Named Entities:  
is to place TLS keys and CERT's in DNS
  - Augment Certification Authorities
  - Express what CA's are used by a domain
- ⦿ Goal:
  - Stop TLS MiM attacks
  - Avoid the use of fake Certs
    - Replace CA's for most uses but EV certs
- ⦿ Later: other protocols in addition to HTTPS/TLS



# DNSSEC ENABLED: DKIM

## ◉ Domain Keying Internet Mail

- Mail servers sign outgoing emails
- Recipients can check signatures that mail came from servers in that domain
  - Prevents spammers from impersonating your mail servers

# DNSSEC AND IPV6

- ⦿ Reverse IPv6 lookup
  - Provision: hard
  - Maintenance: hard
  - Signing: Hard and expensive
- ⦿ Solutions:
  - Sign on the fly (JPRS demo)
  - Signed wild cards
  - No reverse map

# HOW TO DEPLOY DNSSEC

- ◉ Slow and steady in phases
  - Update tools and servers
    - You may need to replace firewalls, routers
    - Revisit procedures
  - Sign Zone's
    - Not important ones first
  - Test and Test some more
    - Create a test plan and walk through it
  - Monitor
  - Add Trust anchors to parent zone
- ◉ Start adding new services
- ◉ Keep up with vendor Updates

# DNSSEC TOOLS

- ◉ There are all kinds of tools at various levels of maturity: Use them
- ◉ DNSSEC is not a simple technology

# DNSSEC TOOLS: NAME SERVER

## ⦿ Software:

- NSD/Unbound full support
- Bind-9.7,9.8 full support
- Nominum: full support
- Microsoft 2008 server: partial Support
- PowerDNS: full support

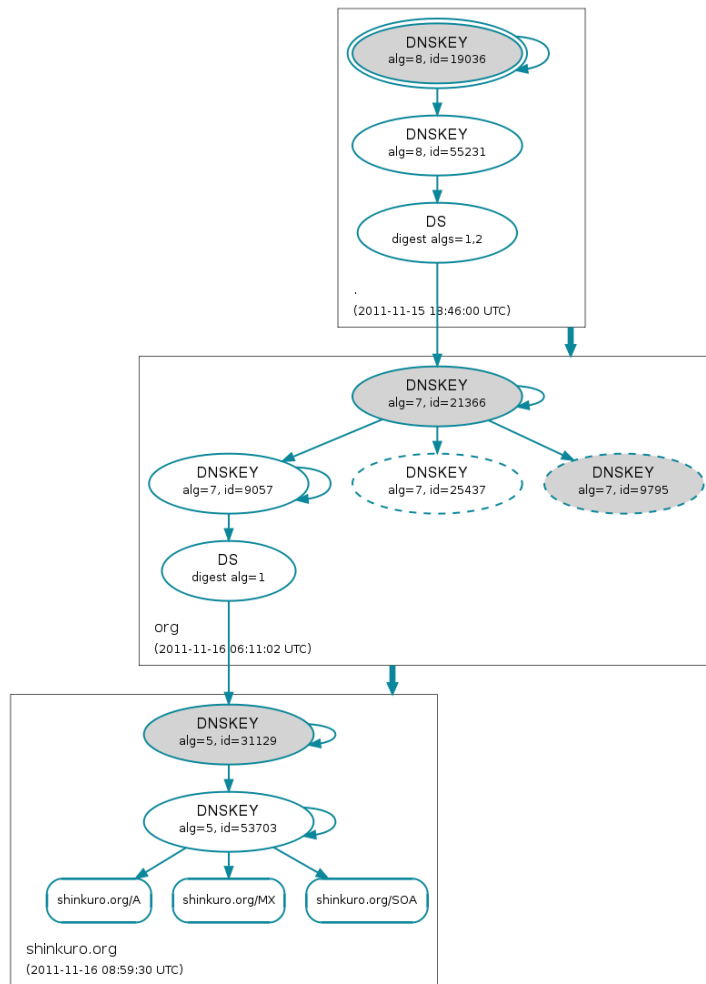
## ⦿ Appliances:

- Xelerance
- InfoBlox
- Secure64
- InfoWeapons

# MORE TOOLS

- ◉ Signing and maintenance tools
  - [Dnssec-tools.org](https://dnssec-tools.org)
  - OpenDNSSEC
- ◉ Monitoring tools:
  - DnsViz
  - Dnssecmonitor
  - ZoneCheck v3.0

# DNSVIZ: SHINKURO.ORG



# DNSSEC IN THE NEAR FUTURE

- ◉ Most TLD's will be signed
- ◉ Many enterprises will adopt DNSSEC in particular ecommerce
- ◉ Many web services will adopt to avoid issues with Rouge Certificates
  - No more Iranian certs for gmail.com



# DNSSEC AND EMBEDDED SYSTEMS

- Any product that has DNS component and does not support DNSSEC has the potential to become a barrier for DNSSEC deployment
  - Firewalls
  - Smart Routers
  - Application Gateways
- DNSSEC support is a market opportunity

# QUESTIONS

- ◉ Thank you