



# **DNSSEC 101**

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# The Business Case for DNSSEC

- Cyber security is becoming a greater concern to government, enterprises and end users. DNSSEC is a key tool and differentiator.
- DNSSEC is the biggest security upgrade to Internet infrastructure in over 20 years.
- DNSSEC is a critical tool in combating the global nature of cyber crime providing a cross-organizational and trans-national platform for innovative security solutions and authentication.
- DNSSEC infrastructure deployment has been brisk but requires expertise. Getting ahead of the curve is a competitive advantage.

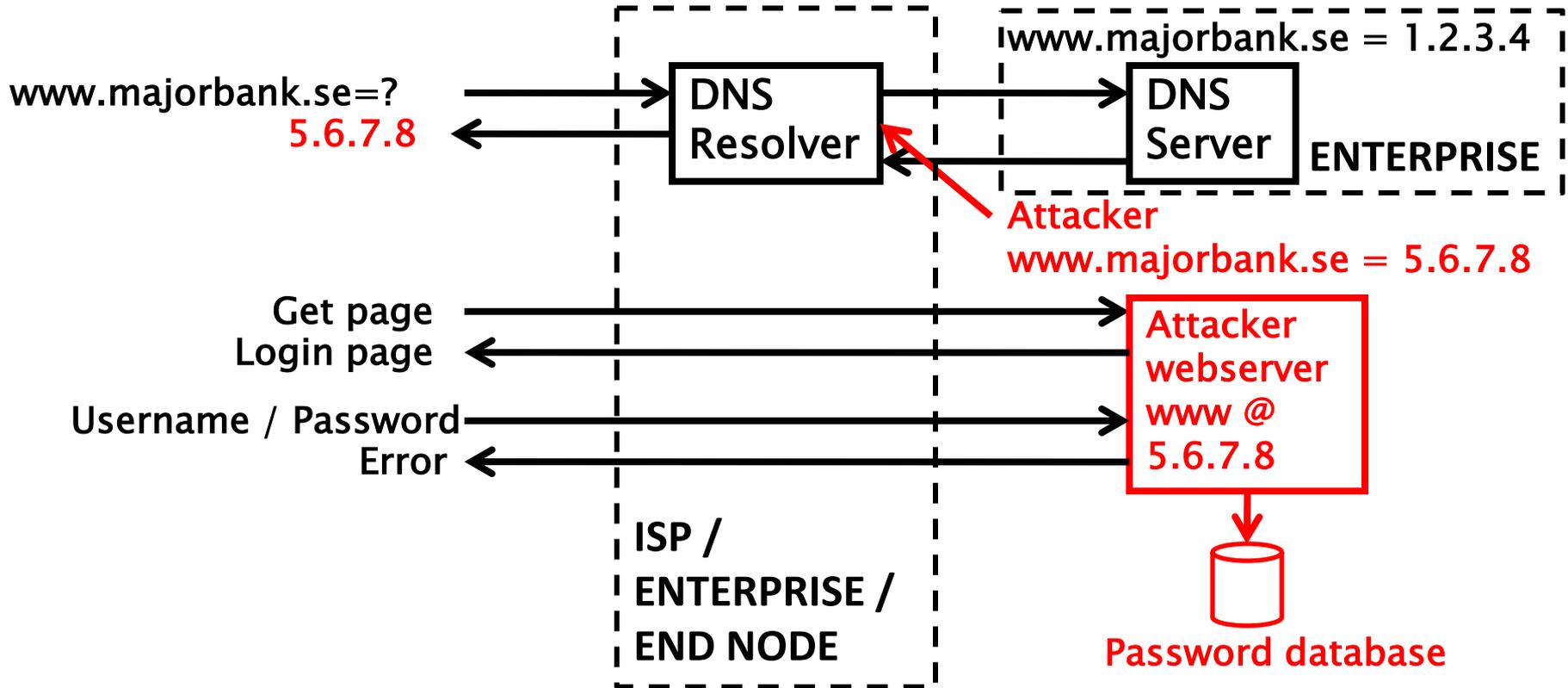
# Where DNSSEC fits in

- DNS converts names (www.tata.in) to numbers (64.37.102.54)
- ..to identify services such as www and e-mail
- ..that identify and link customers to business and visa versa

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- ..but CPU and bandwidth advances make legacy DNS vulnerable to MITM attacks
- DNS Security Extensions (DNSSEC) introduces digital signatures into DNS to cryptographically protect contents from modification
- With DNSSEC fully deployed a entities can be sure the customer gets un-modified data (and visa versa)

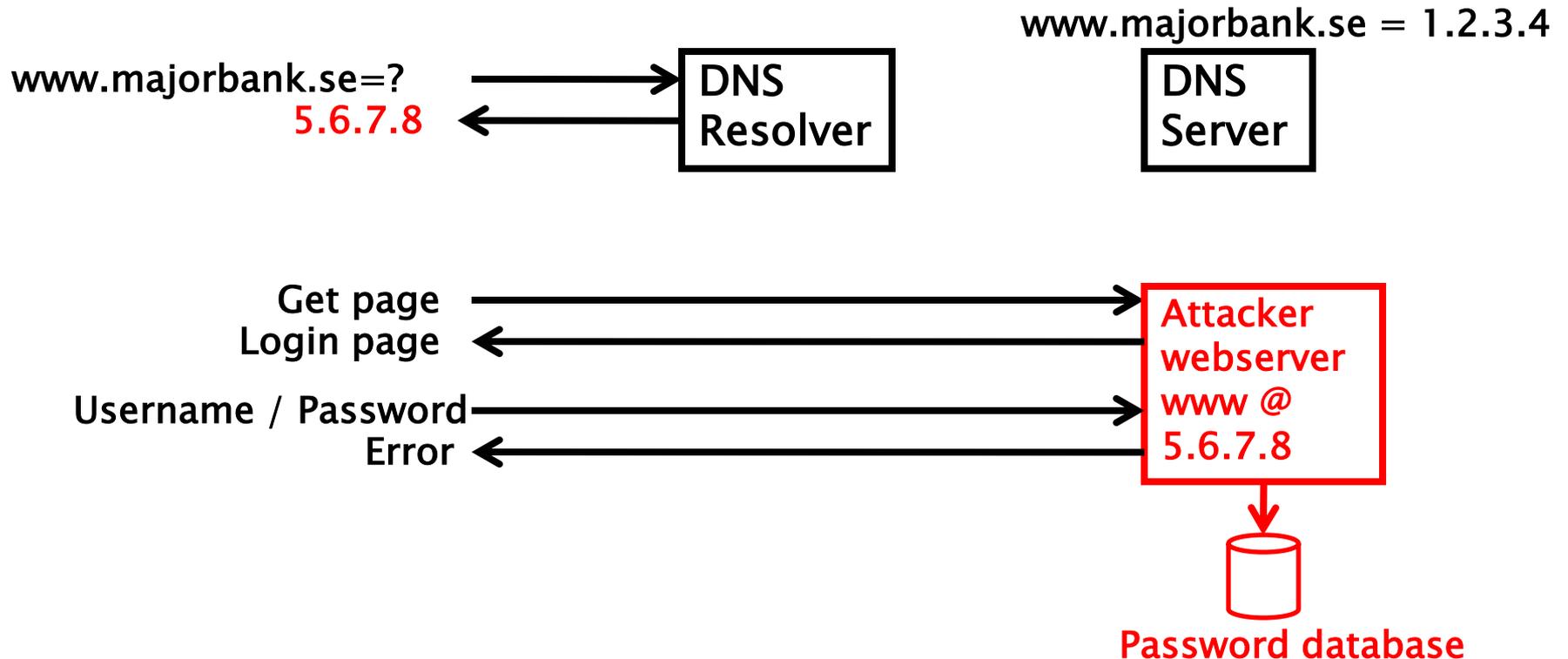
# The Original Problem: DNS Cache Poisoning Attack



Animated slide in .ppt

detailed description at: <http://unixwiz.net/techtips/iguide-kaminsky-dns-vuln.html>

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



# 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](http://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/>  
End-2-end DNSSEC validation would have avoided the problems

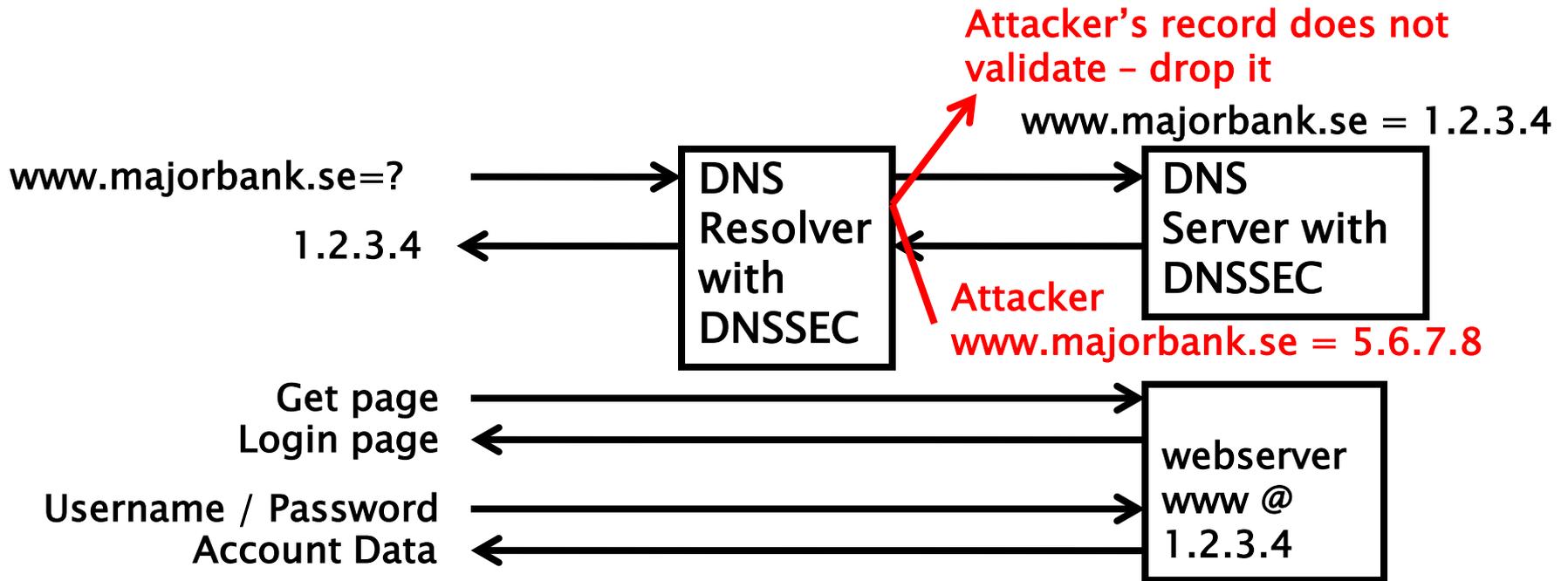
# The Bad: Other DNS hijacks\*

- 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.

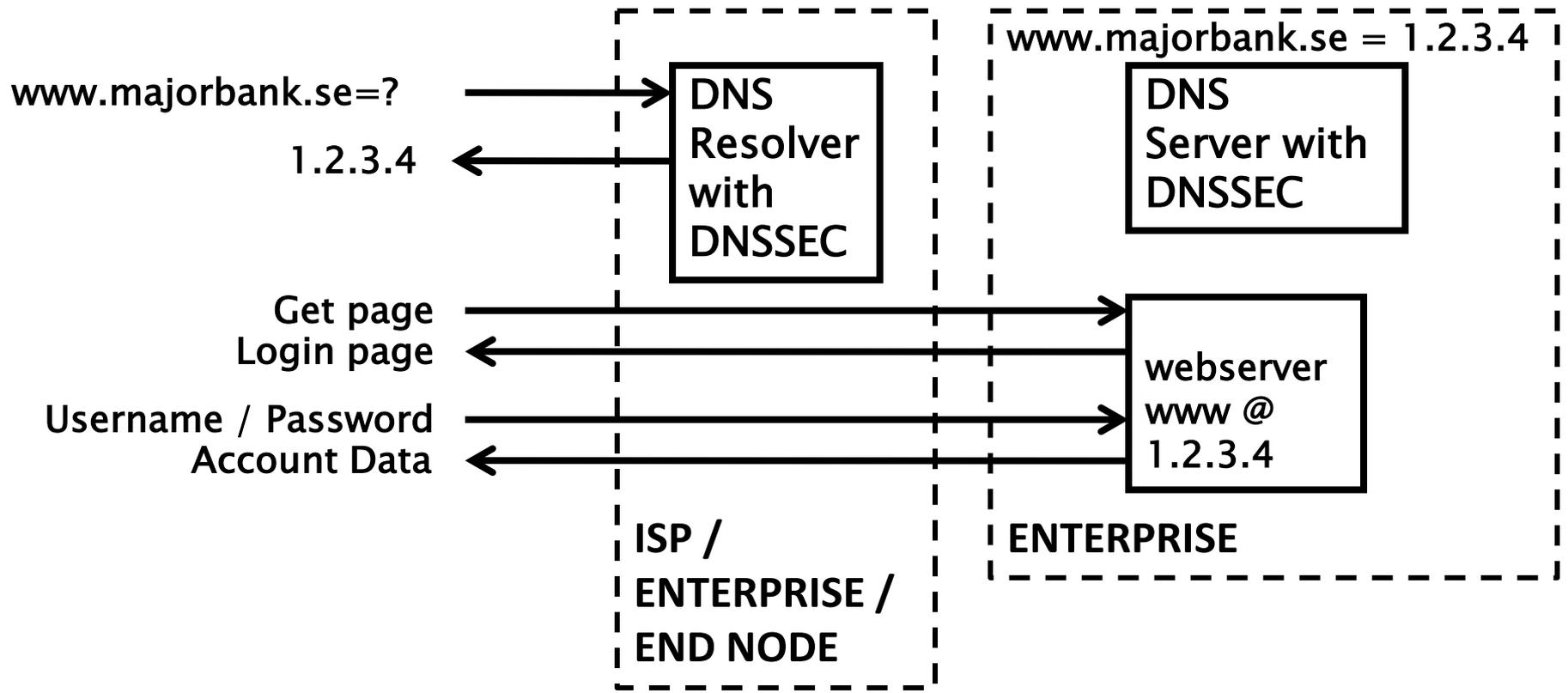
\*A Brief History of DNS Hijacking - Google

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

# The Good: Securing DNS with DNSSEC



# The Good: Resolver only caches validated records



# DNSSEC interest from governments

- Sweden, Brazil, 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. ~70% 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>

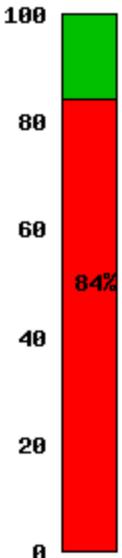
# DNSSEC: Where we are

- Deployed on 95/316 TLDs (.br, .cz, .co, .ua, .nl, .bg, .kg, .am, .lv, .ug, .mm, .mn, .de, .eu, .uk, .tt, .pl, .in, .lk, .com, .my مليسيا, .asia, .tw 台灣, .kr 한국, .jp, .fr, .post, ...)
- Root signed\*\* and audited
- New gTLDs require it
- >84% of domain names could have DNSSEC
- Growing ISP support\*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party signing solutions: GoDaddy, Binerio, VeriSign...\*\*\*
- Vendors support it: ISC/Bind, Microsoft, ...
- New standards being developed on DNSSEC (e.g., IETF RFC6698 SSL Certificates)
- Growing interest from others major players...

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

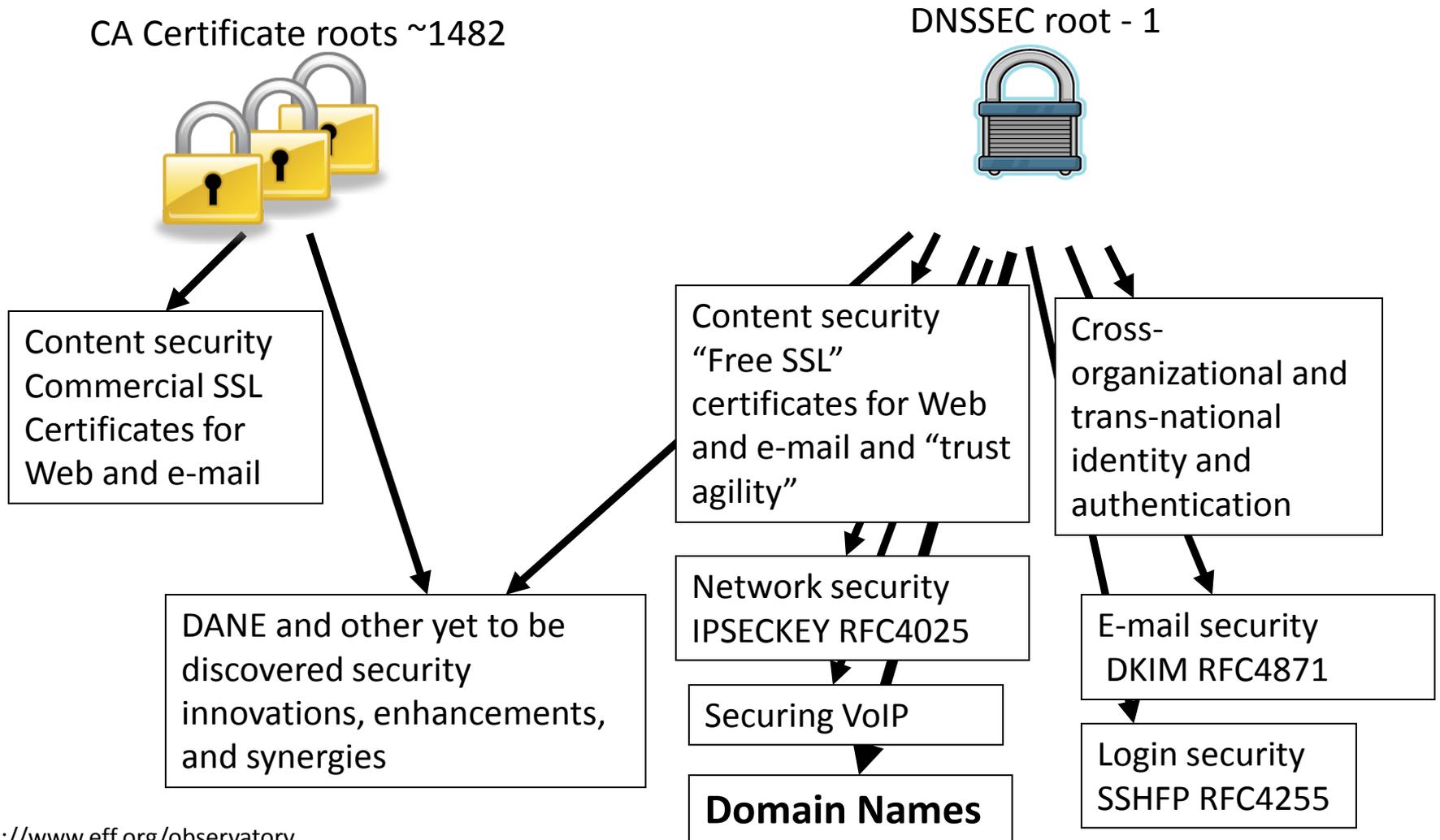
\*\*21 TCRs from: TT, BF, RU, CN, US, SE, NL, UG, BR, Benin, PT, NP, Mauritius, CZ, CA, JP, UK, NZ

\*\*\* Partial list of registrars: <https://www.icann.org/en/news/in-focus/dnssec/deployment>



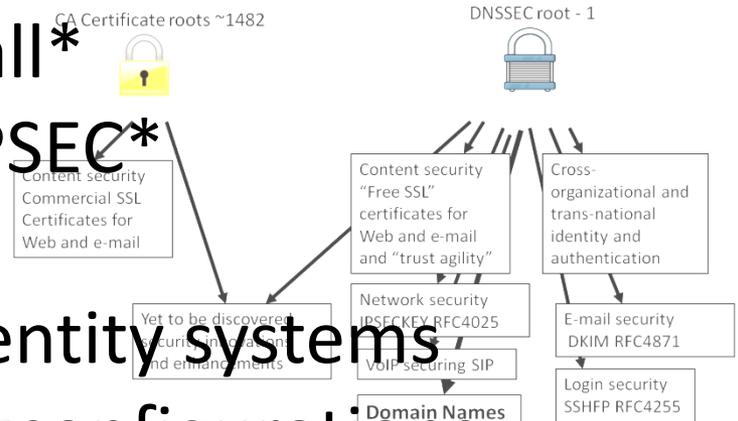
# The Bad: SSL Dilution of Trust

## The Good: DNSSEC = Global “free” PKI



# Opportunity: New Security Products

- Improved Web SSL and certificates for all\*
- Secured e-mail (S/MIME) for all\*
- Validated remote login SSH, IPSEC\*
- Securing VoIP
- Cross organizational digital identity systems
- Secured content delivery (e.g. configurations, updates, keys)
- Securing Smart Grid efforts
- A global PKI
- Increasing trust in e-commerce



A good ref <http://www.internetsociety.org/deploy360/dnssec/>  
\*IETF standards complete or currently being developed RFC6698

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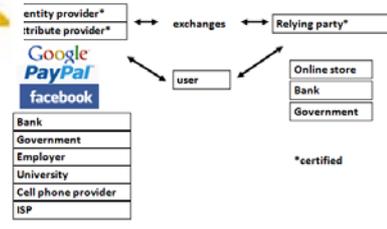
VoIP

US-NSTIC effort

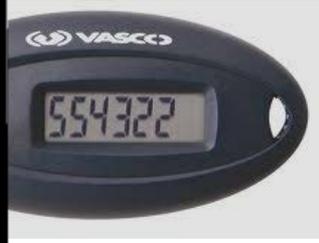
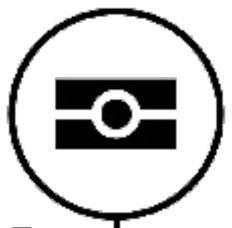
# DNS is a part of all IT ecosystems



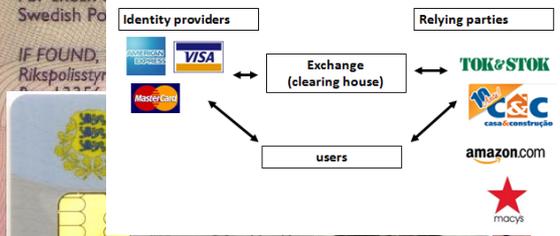
OECS ID effort



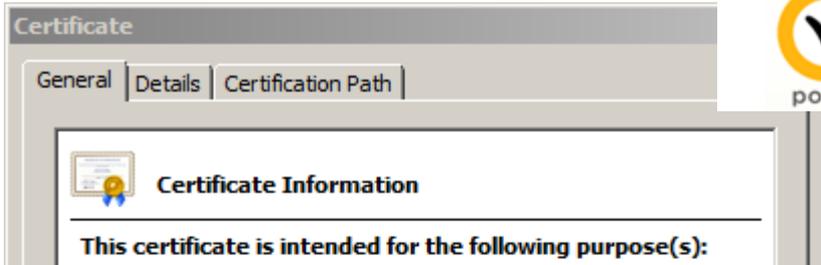
e-Passport symbol



Trust frameworks are not new



Smart Electrical Grid



mydomainname.com

lamb@xtcn.com

DNSSEC: Classic bottom-up, multi-stakeholder built Internet infrastructure upgrade to help address today's needs and create tomorrow's opportunity.



# DNSSEC @ the root: A bottom-up, multi-stakeholder operation

# Community driven

- Listened to calls from global community for deployment:
  - Internet community (e.g., RIPE, APNIC, ccNSO...)
  - Governments
  - 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.

# 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

# 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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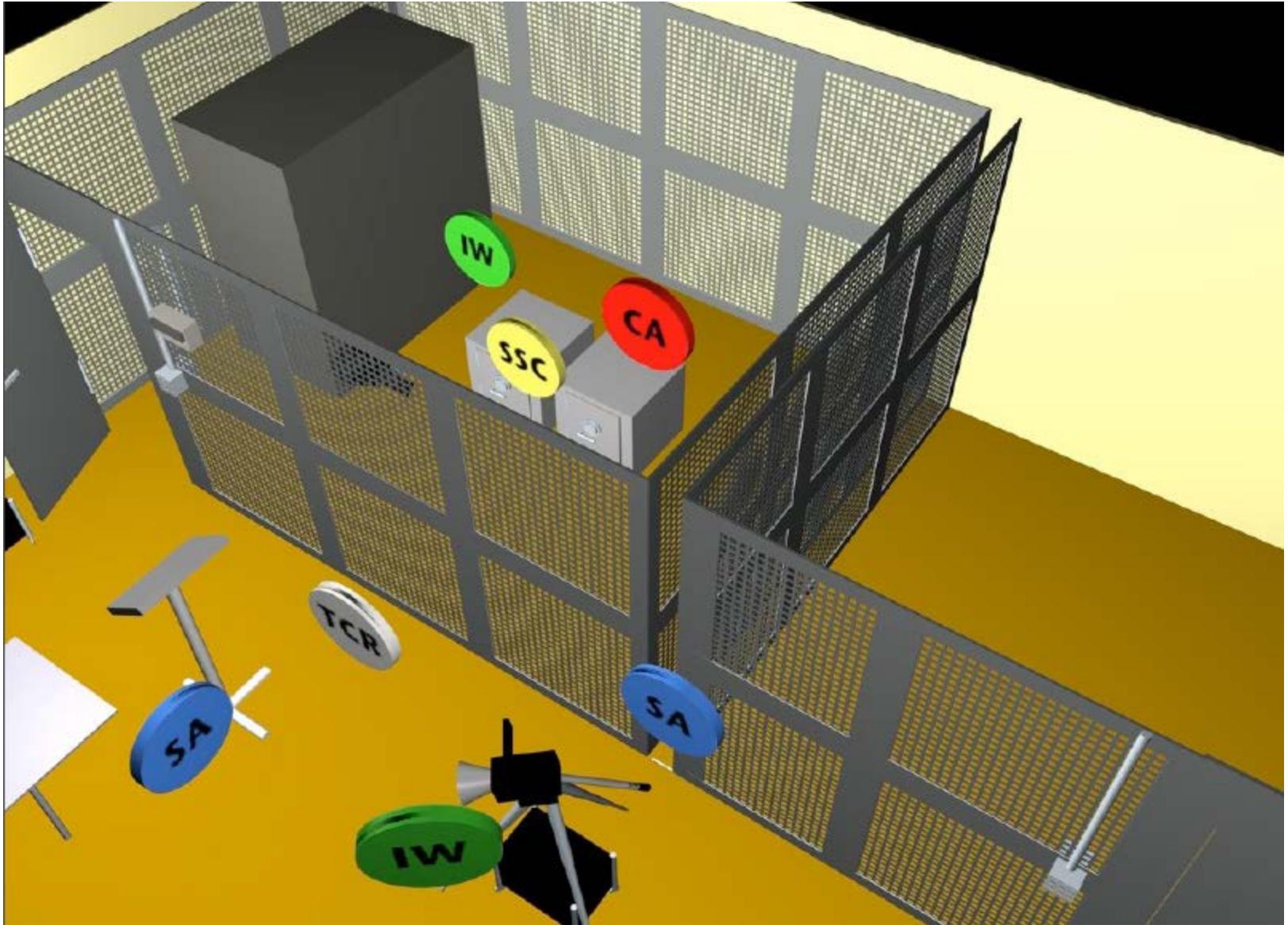
- Got global buy in
- Direct stakeholder participation in key management – 21 Trusted Community Representatives made up of respected members of Internet community from 18 countries
  - Currently: URUGUAY, BRAZIL, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, CANADA, BENIN, SWEDEN, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, PORTUGAL, JAPAN, MAURITIUS, CHINA, BURKINA FASO, CZECH REPUBLIC, UNITED KINGDOM, USA

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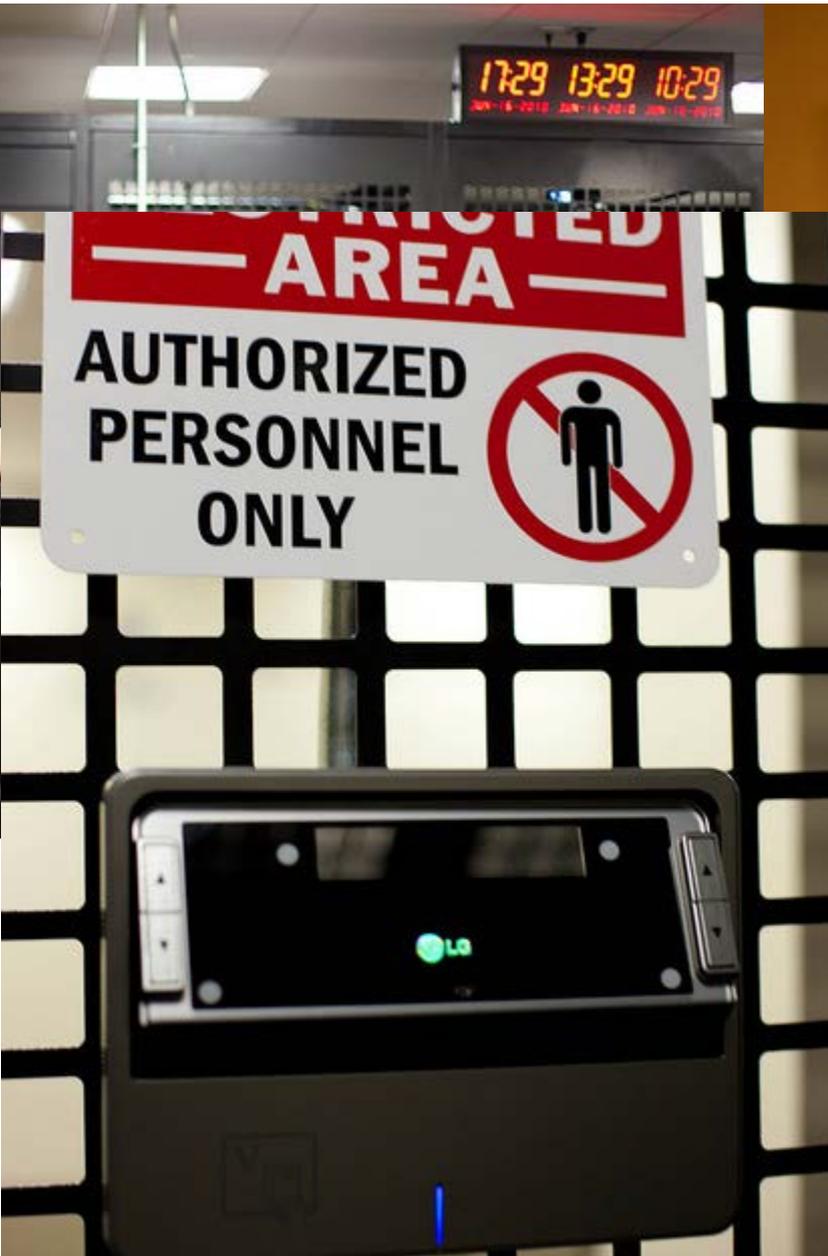
- Enabled DNSSEC deployment throughout hierarchy – need just one key to validate all
- Publish, broadcast everything.
- Pass 3<sup>rd</sup> party annual SysTrust audit
- ICANN Secure Key Management Facilities in Culpepper, VA and El Segundo, CA. FIPS 140-2 Level 4 crypto, GSA Class 5 safes, multiple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

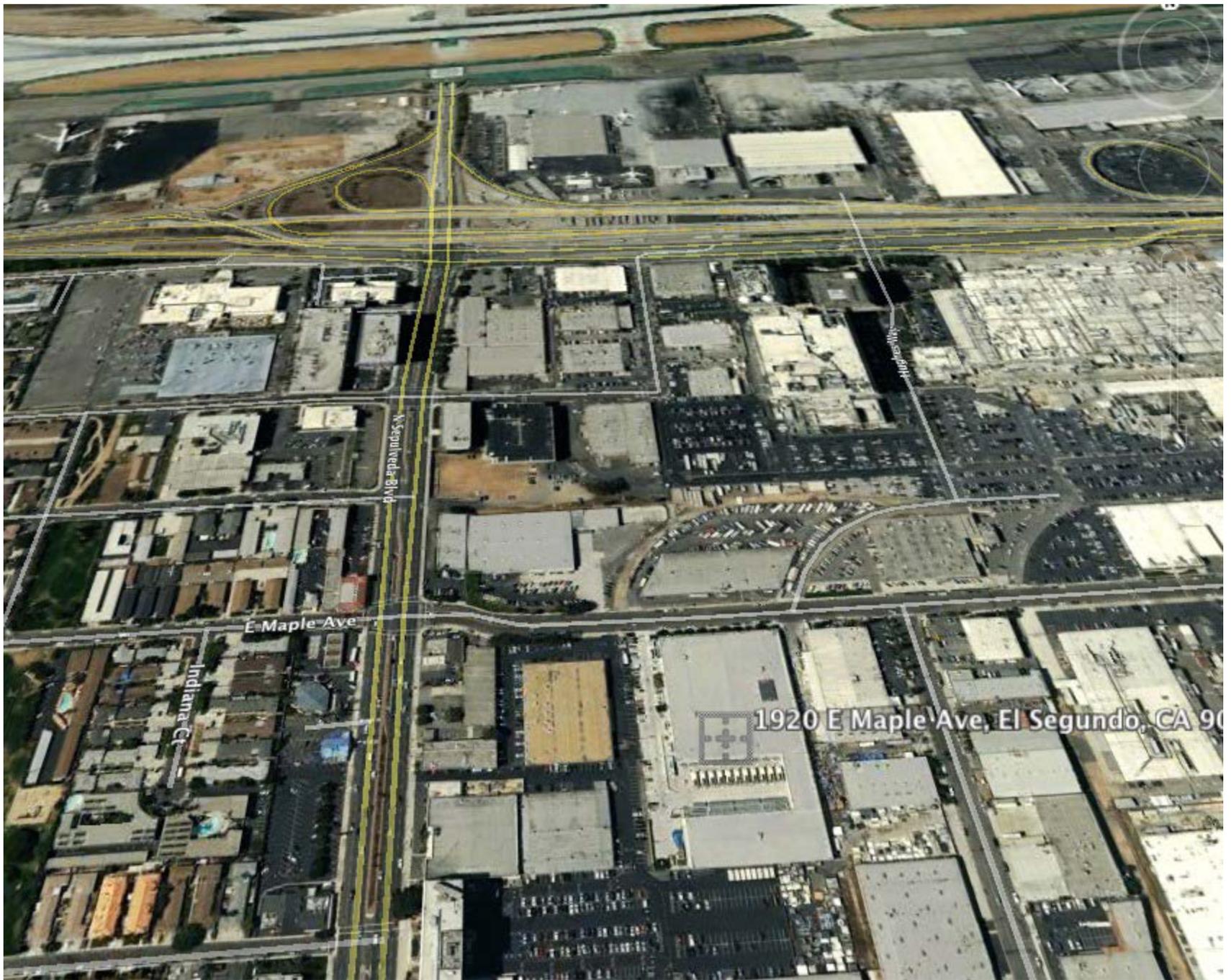


See root-dnssec at <http://dns.icann.org/>



<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kjd/sets/72157624302045698/>





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DNSSEC Practice Statement for the Root Zone KSK Operator

## Abstract

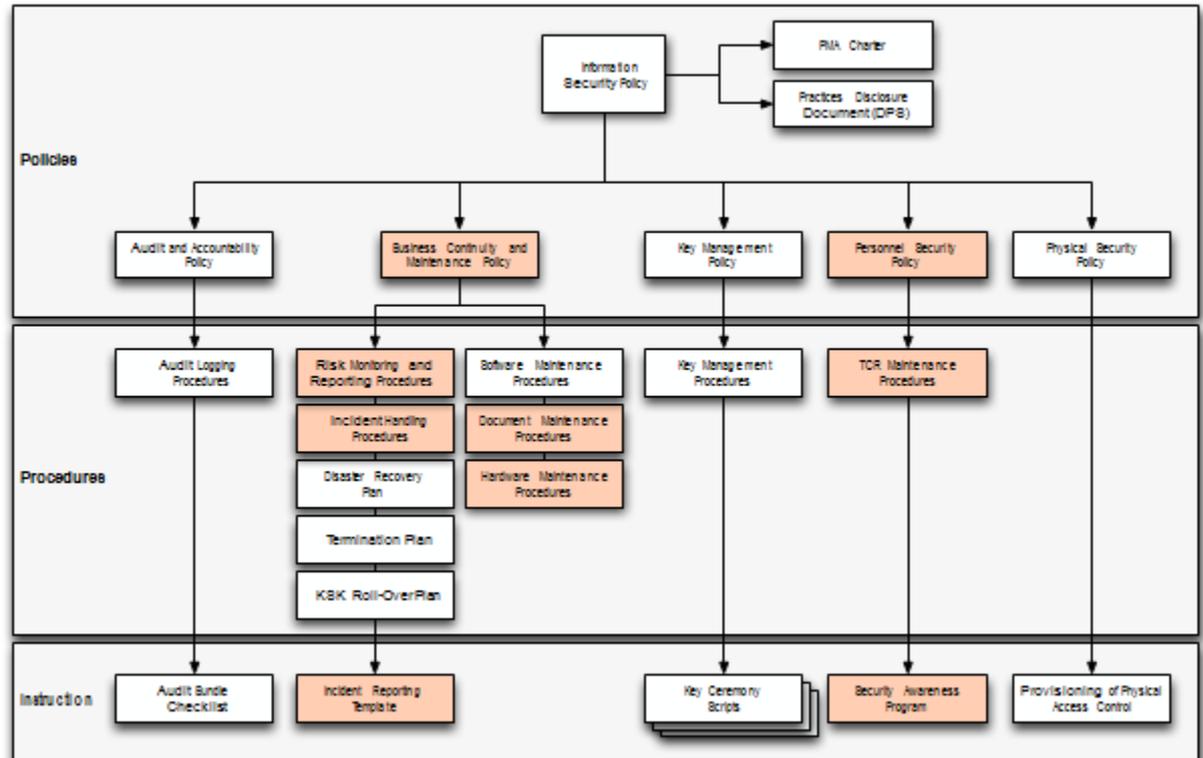
This document is the DNSSEC Practice Statement (DPS) for the Root Zone Key Signing Key (KSK) Operator. It states the practices and provisions that are used to provide Root Zone Key Signing and Key Distribution services. These include, issuing, managing, changing and distributing with the specific requirements of the U

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## Root DPS





# Summary

DNSSEC multi stakeholder effort from start and at root is a concrete operational example of how successful the bottom-up multi-stakeholder approach can be.