

# Why DNSSEC ?

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# **DNS Basics**

- DNS converts names (www.bankofjordan.com) to numbers (192.31.187.106)
- ..to identify services such as www and e-mail
- ..that identify and link customers to business and visa versa



## Securing it





# Where DNSSEC fits in

- ..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
- With DNSSEC fully deployed a business can be sure a customer gets un-modified data (and visa versa)

# 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/ 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.



# The Business Case for DNSSEC

- Cyber security is becoming a greater concern to enterprises, government, and end users. DNSSEC is a key tool and differentiator.
- DNSSEC is the biggest security upgrade to Internet infrastructure in over 20 years. It is a platform for new security applications (for those that see the opportunity).
- DNSSEC infrastructure deployment has been brisk but requires expertise. Getting ahead of the curve is a competitive advantage.

#### **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].

- 85%

• 2008 US .gov mandate. 85% operational. [3]

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

<sup>[1]</sup> FCC=Federal Communications Commission=US communications Ministry

 <sup>[2]</sup> http://securitywatch.pcmag.com/security/295722-isps-agree-to-fcc-rules-on-anti-botnet-dnssec-internet-routing
[3] <u>http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/fy2008/m08-23.pdf</u>



#### **DNSSEC - Where we are**

• Deployed on 462/654 TLDs (29 July 2014 70% .com .hr .es .in .af .ee .lb .bg .tm .cz .nl .uk .de .jp .cn .ru .pφ .my مليسيا .asia .tw 台灣, .kr 한국 .net, .org, .post, +gtlds)

SvsTrust

- Root signed\*\* and audited
- > 86% of domain names could have DNSSEC
- Required in new gTLDs. Basic support by ICANN registrars
- Growing ISP support\*.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party signing solutions\*\*\*
- Growing S/W H/W support: NLNetLabs, ISC, Microsoft, PowerDNS, Secure64...? openssl, postfix, XMPP, mozilla: early DANE support
- IETF standard on DNSSEC SSL certificates (RFC6698)
- Growing support from major players...(Apple iPhone/iPad, Google 8.8.8.8,...)

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

<sup>\*</sup> COMCAST /w 20M and others; most ISPs in SE ,CZ. AND ~12% of resolvers validate using DNSSEC

<sup>\*\*</sup>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 ~1-2% (3.5M) 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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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 IT departments know about it or are too busy putting out other security fires.

Industry DNSSEC Enabled Domains

- When they do look into it they hear old stories of FUD and lack of turnkey solutions.
- Registrars\*/DNS providers see no demand leading to "chicken-and-egg" problems.

\*but required by new ICANN registrar agreement

# What you can do

#### • 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

# I smell opportunity !

# Game changing Internet Core Infrastructure Upgrade

 "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)

# Too many CAs. Which one can we trust? DNSSEC to the rescue....



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 (S/MIME) for all<sup>\*</sup>
- Validated remote login SSH, IPSEC\*
- Securing VolP
- Cross organizational digital identity of the discoverence of the second digital identity of the discoverence of the second digital identity of the discoverence of the second digital identity of the second
- Secured content delivery (e.g. configurations, updates, keys)
- Securing Smart Grid efforts
- First global FREE PKI
- Increasing trust in e-commerce

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

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E-mail security DKIM RFC4871

SSHFP RFC4255

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## Hmm...how do I trust it?

## ICANN DNSSEC Deployment @Root

- Multi-stakeholder, bottom-up trust model\* /w 21 crypto officers from around the world
- Broadcast Key Ceremonies and public docs
- SysTrust audited



#### ICANN DNSSEC Deployment @Root (and elsewhere)











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#### http://www.flickr.com/photos/kjd/sets/72157624302045698/











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