

The signing of dotUS ("US.")

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US. is signed

- Since December 2009
- DNSSEC with NSEC records
 - If you want to "walk the zone" we recommend you ask for a FTP dump instead
- No DS records yet
- We haven't changed any keys yet
- We haven't changed name servers (yet)

What does that mean?

- The US zone mostly refers DNS queries to other servers
 - There's not much DNSSEC in today's referrals
- You will see DNSSEC records only if you ask
 - And you probably do without knowing it
- Lookups for non-existent names do include DNSSEC records
 - (Non-existent means not active in DNS)

Somebody noticed...

- "We received a call from *\$somebody* concerning a flood of fragments coming from b.gtld.biz.... Upon further investigation, networking team saw fragments ... isolated down to NXDOMAIN when querying with DNSSEC requested. "
- Heard this once, at the start, not since.

A plug for a DNS-OARC test

- <https://www.dns-oarc.net/oarc/services/replysizetest>
- OARC's DNS Reply Size Test Server
 - Recent increases in DNSSEC deployment are exposing problems with DNS resolvers that cannot receive large responses...
 - DNS-OARC built the DNS Reply Size Test Server to help users identify resolvers that cannot receive large DNS replies.

What's ahead

- Soon, soon, Early Adoption program
 - A few invited "guests" will begin to exercise DNSSEC
 - It's not so much a test of the registry as a test of the production impact on the 'net
- Looking forward to the signing of the root this summer

The "Zone Key"

- We believe that the best way for folks to get the US zone key is via the signed root zone
 - Not in DLV, not in ITAR
- In the interim, and into the future as a backup plan
 - The US zone keys (trust anchors) are available with PGP signatures from
 - <http://www.neustarregistry.biz/dnssec/publickeys/us/>

What else to look out for

- Operators - here's another way you can become an innocent victim of DNSSEC
 - An enterprise signs their zone, registers in a TLD
 - You protect your caches by having the Root key
 - *Then someone messes up* (enterprise, TLD,...)
 - Your subscribers will get DNS errors and make calls to your help desk
- No one wants that to happen to you

Summary

- dotUS has changed
 - Adding NSEC records
 - Larger negative answers
- More changes are coming
 - Signed delegation information (larger positives)
 - New server constellation