



# **DNSSEC Visualization**

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- **Motivation**
- **Visualizing DNSSEC**
- **Future Work**



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# DNS Query and Response

```
casey@rome:~$ dig www.sandia.gov

; <<> DiG 9.6.1-P3 <<> www.sandia.gov
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 25307
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 4, ADDITIONAL: 2

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.sandia.gov.          IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.sandia.gov.          3593   IN      CNAME   sahp1305.sandia.gov.
sahp1305.sandia.gov.    3593   IN      A       132.175.81.4

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
sandia.gov.              3593   IN      NS      NS1.CA.sandia.gov.
sandia.gov.              3593   IN      NS      NS9.sandia.gov.
sandia.gov.              3593   IN      NS      NS2.CA.sandia.gov.
sandia.gov.              3593   IN      NS      NS8.sandia.gov.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
NS8.sandia.gov.         3593   IN      A       198.102.153.28
NS9.sandia.gov.         3593   IN      A       198.102.153.29

;; Query time: 4 msec
;; SERVER: 127.0.0.1#5353(127.0.0.1)
;; WHEN: Mon Apr 26 12:04:46 2010
;; MSG SIZE  rcvd: 178
```



# DNSSEC Query and Response

```
casey@rome:~$ dig +dnssec www.sandia.gov
```

```
; <<>> DiG 9.6.1-P3 <<>> +dnssec www.sandia.gov
```

```
; (1 server found)
```

```
:: global options: +cmd
```

```
:: Got answer:
```

```
:: ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 10600
```

```
:: flags: qr rd ra ad; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 4, AUTHORITY: 5, ADDITIONAL: 5
```

```
:: OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
```

```
; EDNS: version: 0, flags: do; udp: 4096
```

```
:: QUESTION SECTION:
```

```
;www.sandia.gov.          IN      A
```

```
:: ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
www.sandia.gov. 3252 IN CNAME sahp1305.sandia.gov.
```

```
www.sandia.gov. 3252 IN RRSIG CNAME 7 3 3600 20100518100446 20100418100446 64298 sandia.gov. aBCBrkcGw4ejj
```

```
+HFRxuR/oxygP30Vurs20Aej/F1Bu4ahHsvYNuWVJ94 21hKS8YIu/xbX2UJRrLq390d8OT2vQF9wkV18IVMViLGdXP1fVTzES+6
```

```
XtMHvEMxavuGv9fkHk3Kyt5RNrWwJ1ZquhdsTfzJwTpS9f6u7K5B24Au MOHRI5FscQhy85dfMMCOYn7Xa0mqam8mgy1k88xy8zSFQ/
```

```
hTitMgN6HM bd2P/nLYnxMXXnjbllqPe9nzUPFjK4jbQVJsEakPhOJ+k66cFBN/GlyJ
```

```
B3i5wjbHgXSS3XmkBlrTGjpTVRgnj7ARgMNOEV4pj6WHUHkM3k2TF/SK oiRY7g==
```

```
sahp1305.sandia.gov. 3252 IN A 132.175.81.4
```

```
sahp1305.sandia.gov. 3252 IN RRSIG A 7 3 3600 20100518100446 20100418100446 64298 sandia.gov.
```

```
nk85TnprSqAPrQyJ8kUE0KM/9MVBCJd0j5XIvJTpn0OdmCnQEC/pyPI7 2HyXGJ1MituQLLP7yDGRubrbFwljkX9DCRvrK1xSGmj
```

```
+CH2zrFrs30cu tE+w24IuaK3RDL6nVVpZ0pcpjUSBpHja0G4VMiPHbkafyOslL7q101Jd
```

```
Ot8Z5FAaEWxCc0rtkKKA3NlmQ64S2RdEYCV1PRO1fvumiCzLE/oJ/vNN
```

```
nthmmw8F14zV73jxnYuEZaKLCz5DI3LKyHhBXff0q2Z62WR637knH52o 8Gow1gvlQztFDrzAfbYLnd+UGxlGh0/
```

```
vaxnROp5JVC1WKK3MjOnNhZbk E5pO6Q==
```

```
7yYXSg==
```



# What happens if something goes wrong?

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```
casey@rome:~$ dig +dnssec www.medicare.gov

;<<>> DiG 9.6.1-P3 <<>> +dnssec www.medicare.gov
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: SERVFAIL, id: 40029
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags: do; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.medicare.gov.      IN      A

;; Query time: 1085 msec
;; SERVER: 127.0.0.1#5353(127.0.0.1)
;; WHEN: Mon Apr 26 13:56:14 2010
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 45
```



# Manual Troubleshooting (dig)

```
casey@rome:~$ dig +dnssec @ns1cms.rdcms.eds.net. www.medicare.gov
```

```
:: ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
www.medicare.gov. 900 IN A 146.123.140.204
www.medicare.gov. 900 IN RRSIG A 5 3 900 20100430184424 20100426183811 39045 medicare.gov. T1/xOmA+nNEpIcS73wF3iB7+fr/
gqhk8HXVL6cnX90jUhN3LWub5snwp OWoIC6eBxbjha1+492SQ4VDQYA8wwmlIF9MFRLrrboo25KUsbJfk0The
44019heY2Wxm74HXBsJclQEbkvNumx6fRPzmad4jK3RjzLzp4barn282 mma=
```

```
casey@rome:~$ dig +dnssec +multi @ns1cms.rdcms.eds.net. medicare.gov dnskey
```

```
:: ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
medicare.gov. 1296000 IN DNSKEY 256 3 5 AwEAAcpyc4bhl2jawsXT7
miCBKajTeCxaToPaylzziVlcbVf/1F0vay7KJx LDUGIti8DVcKsyRoCakgDQsac
medicare.gov. 1296000 IN DNSKEY 257 3 5 AwEAAchzoM8KoxpaUTT
k0gVyODy1YySFmnZW8Nin/PG82BAAt+s1wptKfgBX8ssc68UfitvfnNxO NK2t0C
ULFVKd7GGBInXIGD3LrtgfaGkUBV2XjG9XH2leSxvXvk29ovNdrLYjWs UFP
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cO+9PA==
medicare.gov. 1296000 IN RRSIG DNSKEY 5 2 1296000 20100430202133 20100426194625 39045 medicare.gov.
LRmOwpQoqE5ScDDHhILhPoxBJaMeV0BYMx8M7IXw96F9o19ub6MWz+u MZkXmyfkld5UKidKQGU1teLJgIZhOwztRBgYXfTpL7WHP9N0LcfIcs+a
n8pYzDuP0QeucRAHndE7rar3ECt6RCjYJSwELP+96oaBZHqUigael6Zx 4gs=
```

By signature analysis:

- ZSK id = 39045
- KSK id = 35677
- DS key tag = 26508

=> DS references DNSKEY 26508 which does not exist

```
casey@rome:~$ dig +dnssec @a.usadotgov.net medicare.gov ds
```

```
:: ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
medicare.gov. 86400 IN DS 26508 7 1 6B998973DAA4C783A7A24B6FC19251FB0CC8064D
medicare.gov. 86400 IN DS 26508 7 2 48704FE4FFF98AD71863FC64751C9B3A0D2B2A73622A84DB19E3A08E CDC912F1
medicare.gov. 86400 IN RRSIG DS 7 2 86400 20100430191703 20100425191703 51998 gov. Jz14rLZ7r2IaOJHLxDqmlBRvYCH5IPUVh
+4kKZit9Rv7wn9oLkcgTXQA rp46Sa0L2FzrEC6fuEDZ6siXKKUfteQ8TaLbnikPuD00yAmYyDUPvG0E YLwPU0XIG4J5axly1FRu1mJ7843ej/
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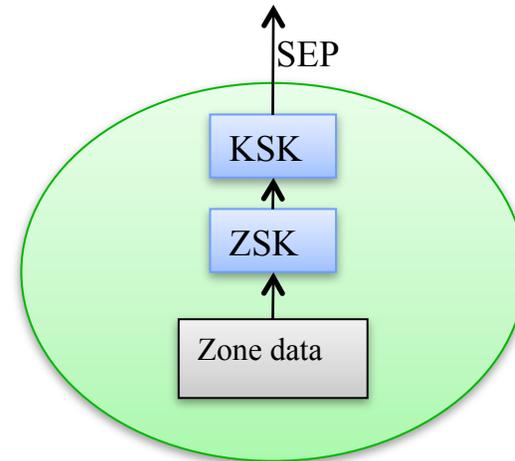




# DNSKEY Roles

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- **DNSKEY roles:**
  - **ZSK (zone signing key)**
    - signs zone data
  - **KSK (key signing key)**
    - signs only DNSKEY RRset
  - **SEP (secure entry point)**
    - Typically associated with KSK
    - Resolver must ignore SEP flag
  - **Revoked**
    - Revoke bit set and self-signed
- **DNSKEY roles don't necessarily follow attributes**





## More Automated Methods

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- **Other techniques**
  - dig +sigchase
  - drill -S
- **Methods are textual, more catered toward advanced users**



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# DNSSEC Visualization

*“A picture is worth one thousand DNS queries.”*

- Loosely adapted from a quote attributed to Chinese proverb

<http://dnsviz.net/>

The screenshot displays the DNSViz web application interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Sandia National Laboratories logo and the text "DNSViz Home » www.medicare.gov". Below the header, the title "DNSViz" is followed by the subtitle "A DNS visualization tool". A search bar with the placeholder "Go to domain name..." and a "Go" button is visible. The main content area shows the analysis for "www.medicare.gov", with a "Last updated" timestamp of "2010-04-22 21:42:29 UTC" and a "Current time" of "2010-06-12 06:45:24 UTC". The interface includes tabs for "DNSSEC", "Servers", and "Analyze". Below these tabs, there are "DNSSEC options (show)" and a "Notices" section. The "Notices" section lists domain names, broken keys, and trusted/untrusted keys. The "DNSSEC authentication chain" section shows a diagram with two columns of DNSKEY nodes. The left column shows a "DNSKEY 008+19324" node connected to two "DNSKEY" nodes below it. The right column shows a "DNSKEY 005+19297" node connected to a "DNSKEY" node below it.



# Visualization Components

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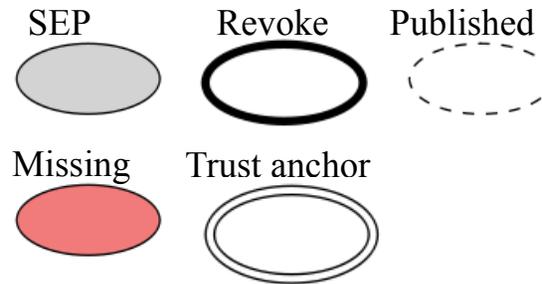
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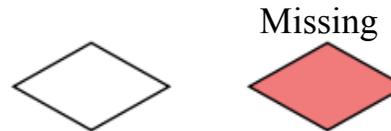
DNSKEY/DS RR



DNSKEY attributes



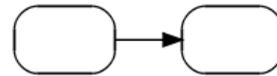
NSEC proving non-existence of  
DS RRs (insecure delegation)



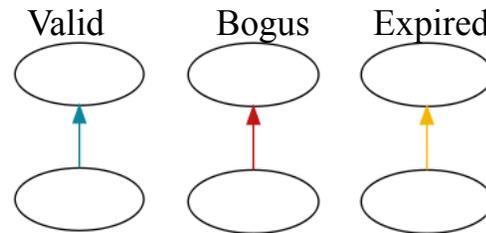


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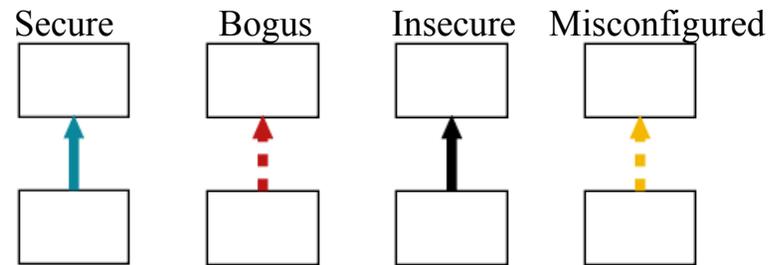
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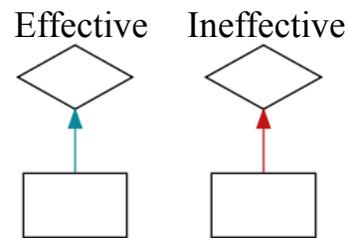
Signature or digest



Delegation



Proof of insecure delegation

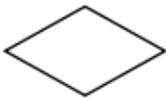




## The Bottom Line

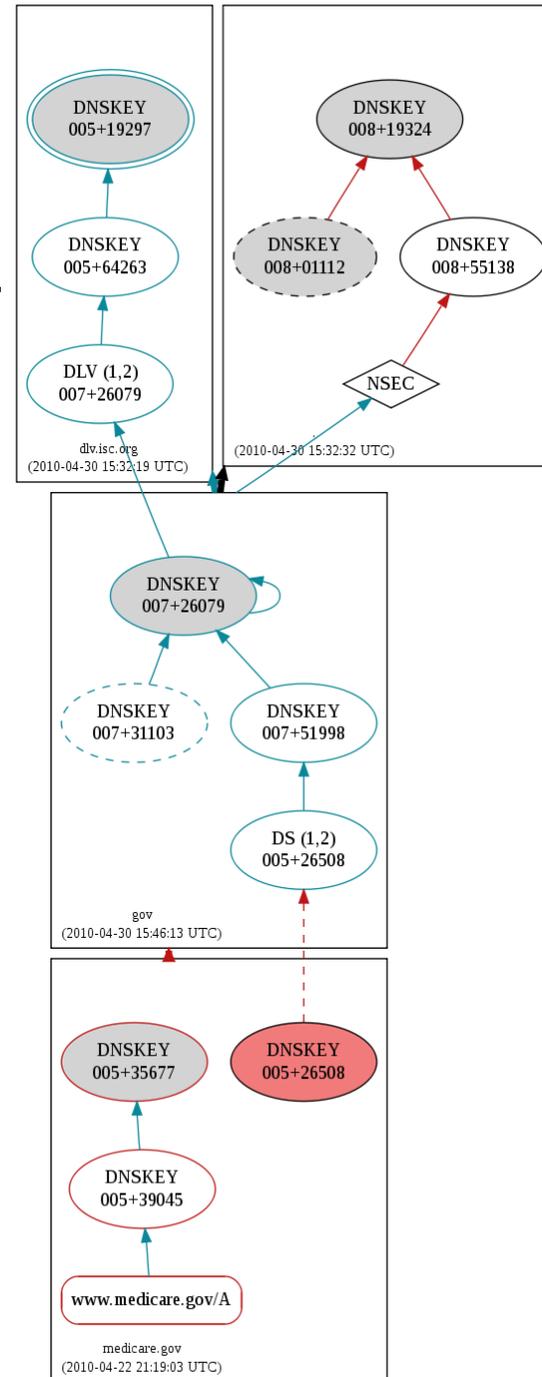
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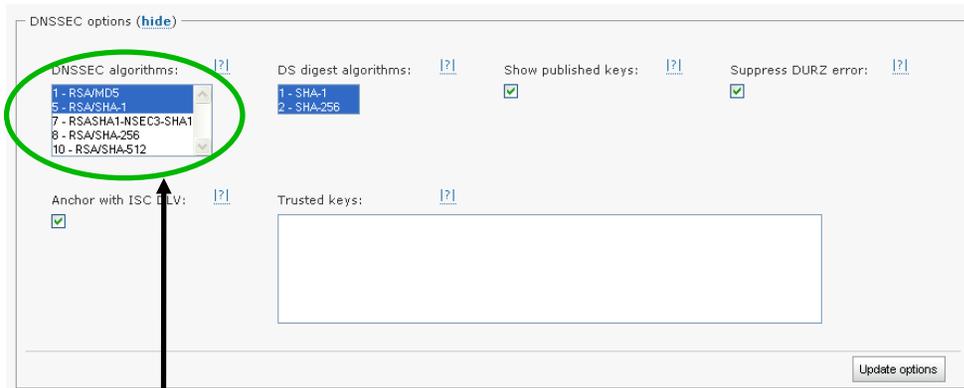
- Is there a valid chain of trust from a trust anchor to a node?
- Has the existence of DS RRs been effectively repudiated for insecure delegations?

| Secure  | Bogus   | Insecure  |
|---|---|---|
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|  |  |  |
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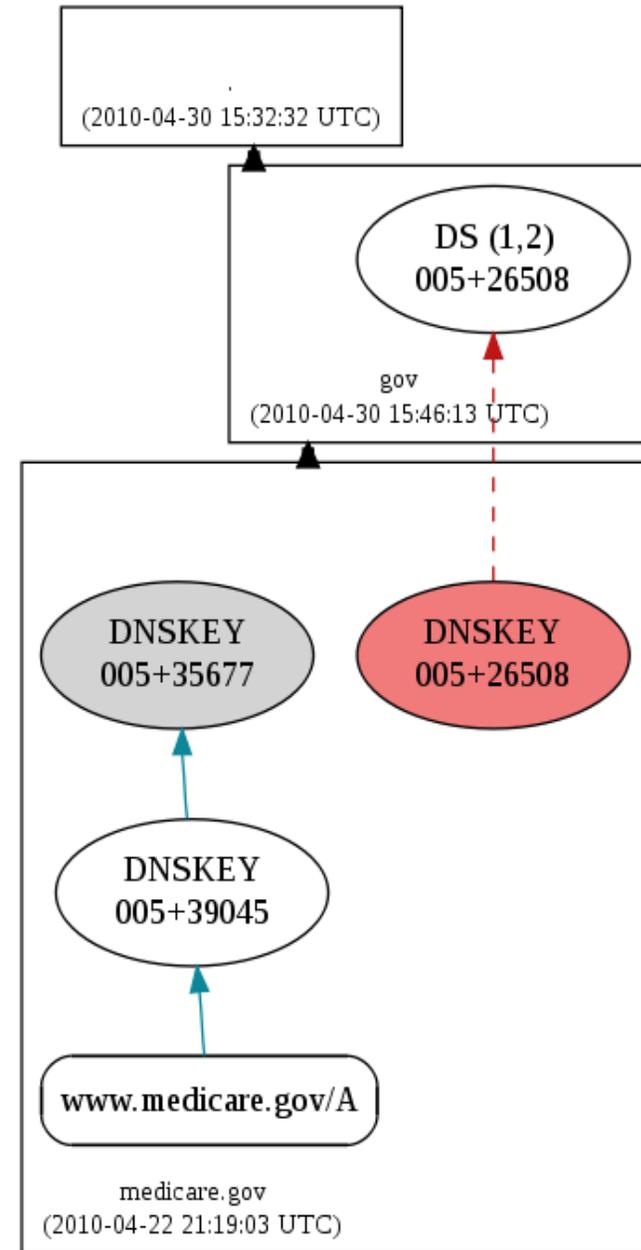
Revisiting medicare.gov:  
DS RRs exist, but don't  
match any DNSKEY RR

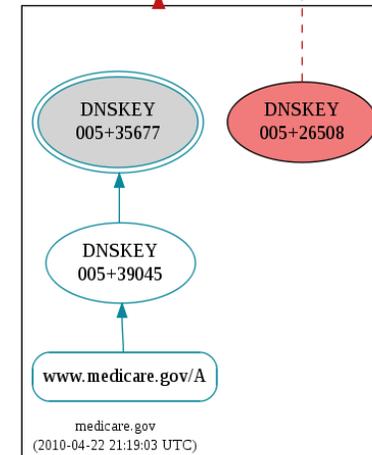
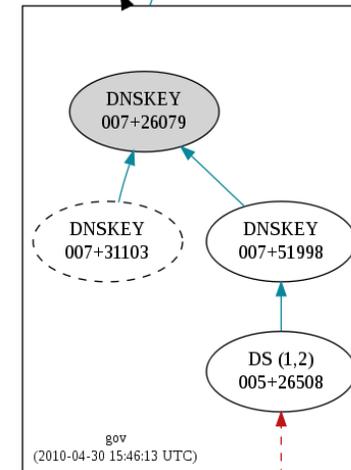
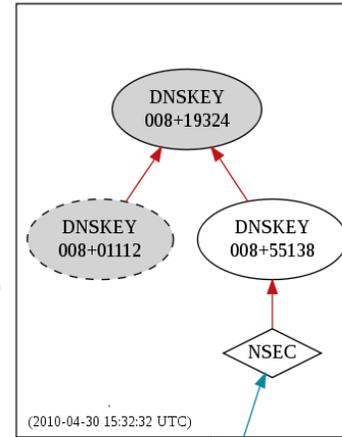




Selective DNSSEC algorithm support (e.g., BIND < 9.6)

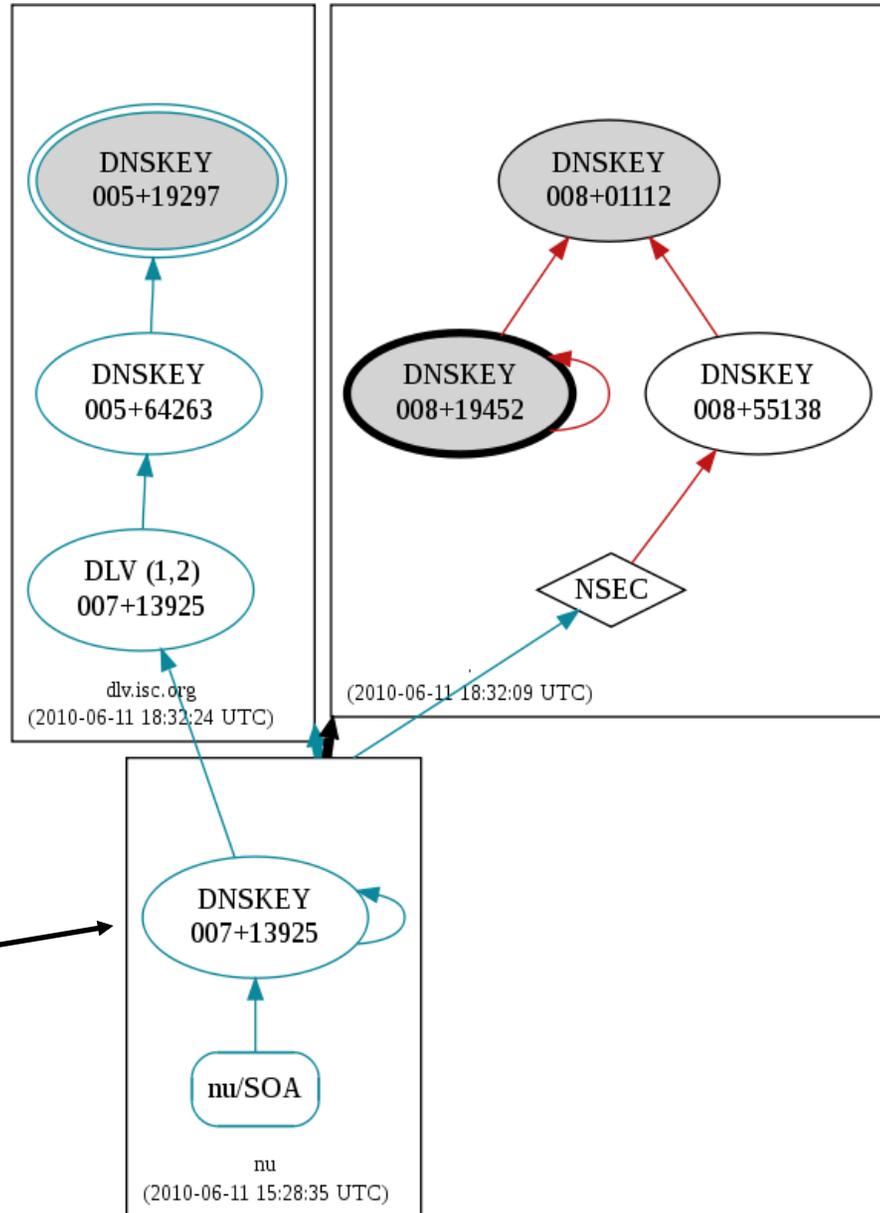
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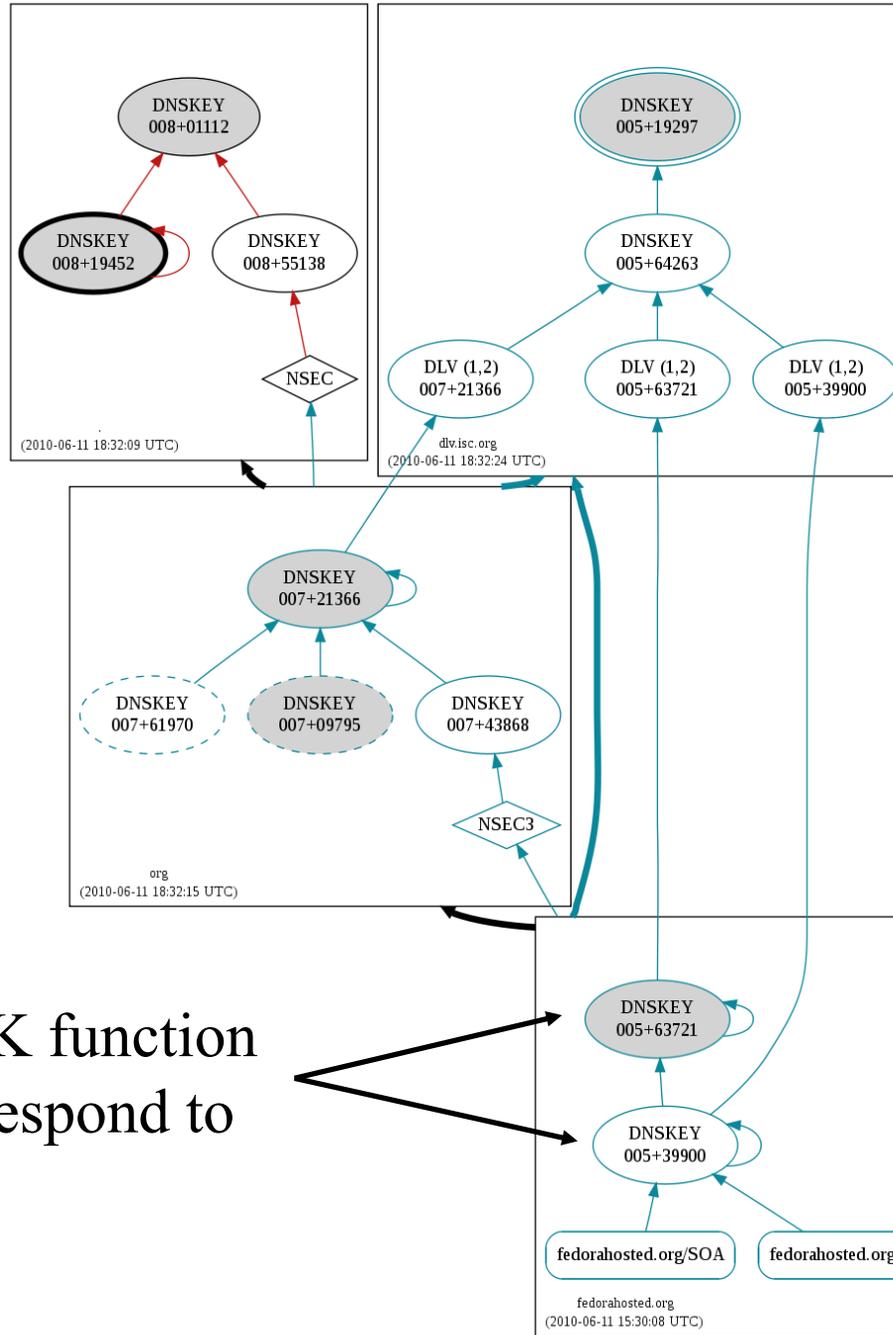


Configurable trust anchors  
and ISC DLV support

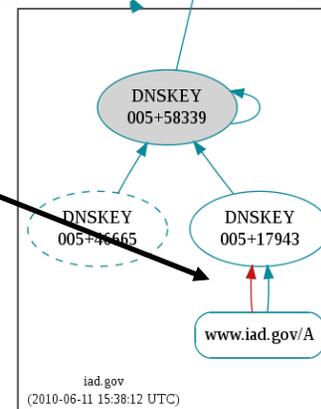
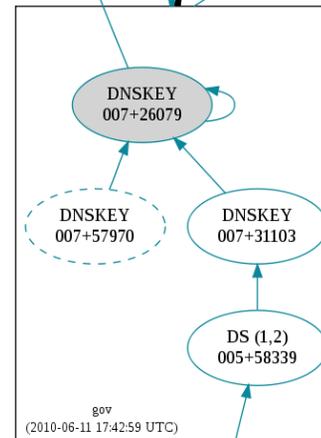
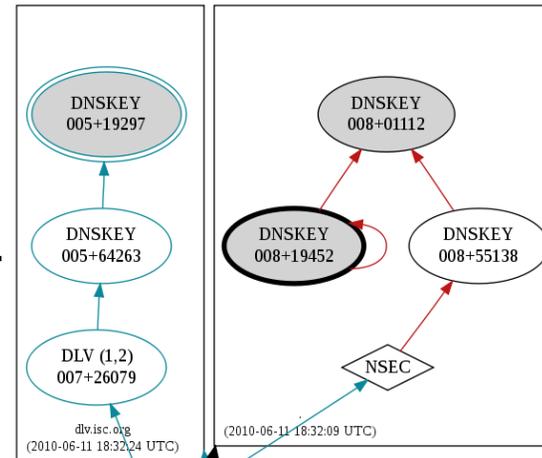
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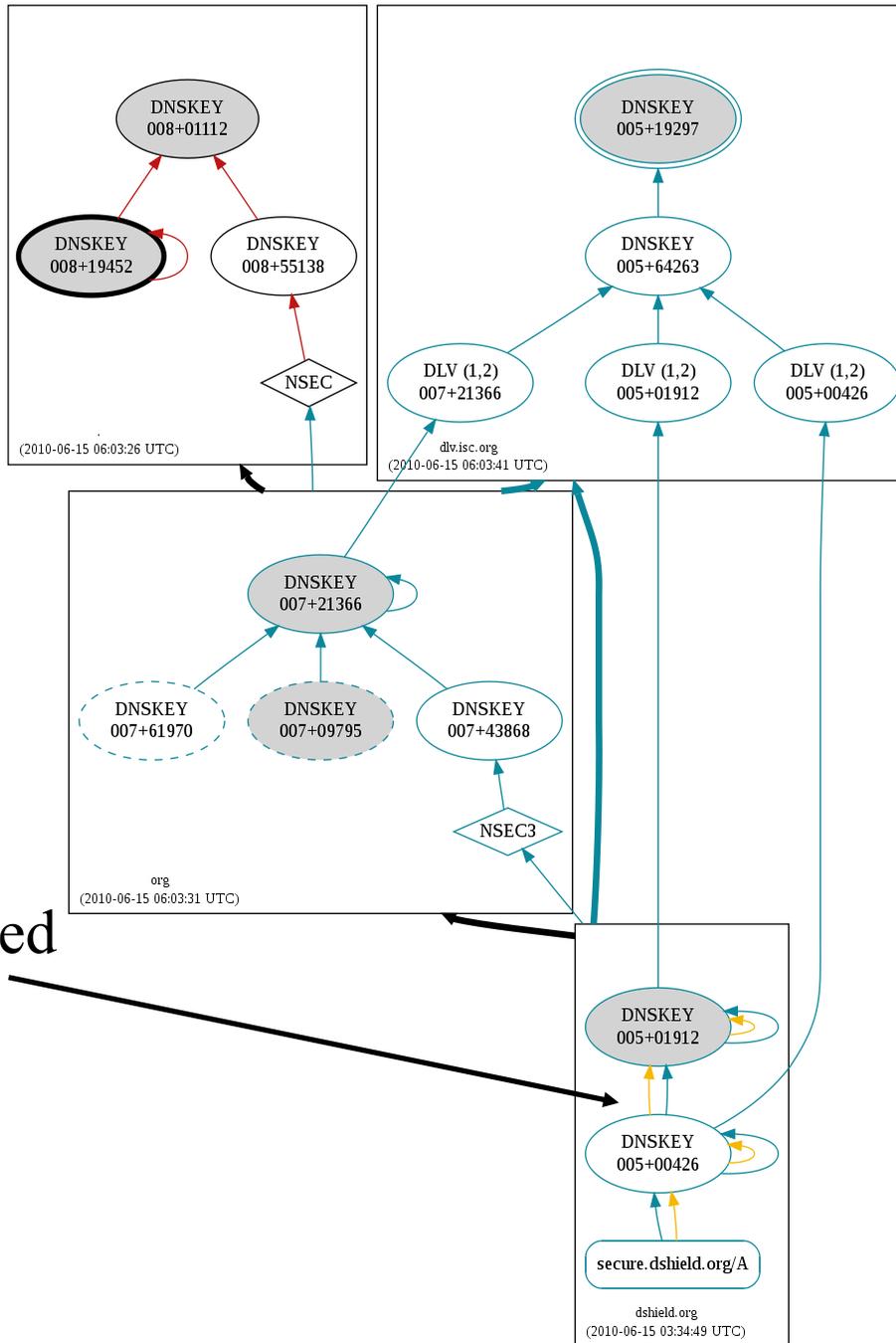
Single DNSKEY,  
functioning as  
ZSK, KSK, and SEP



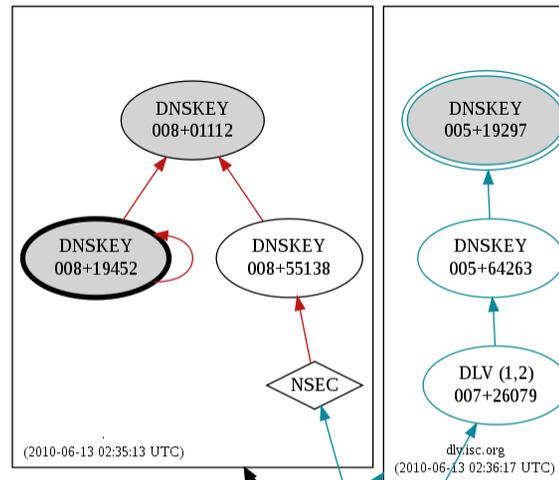
Both ZSK and KSK function as SEPs, each correspond to a DS (DLV) RR



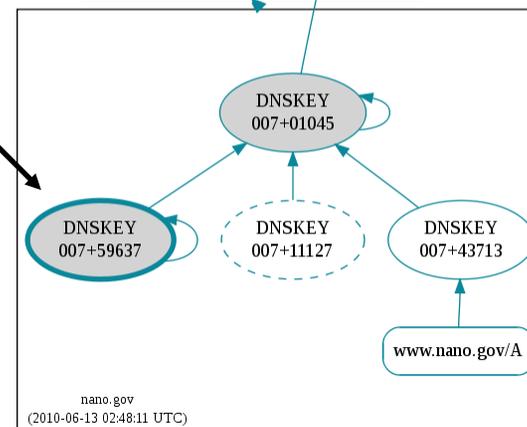
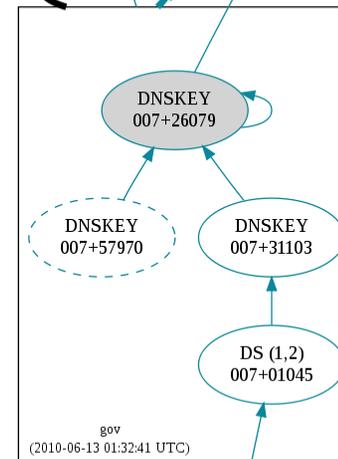
Multiple signatures  
across servers; one bogus

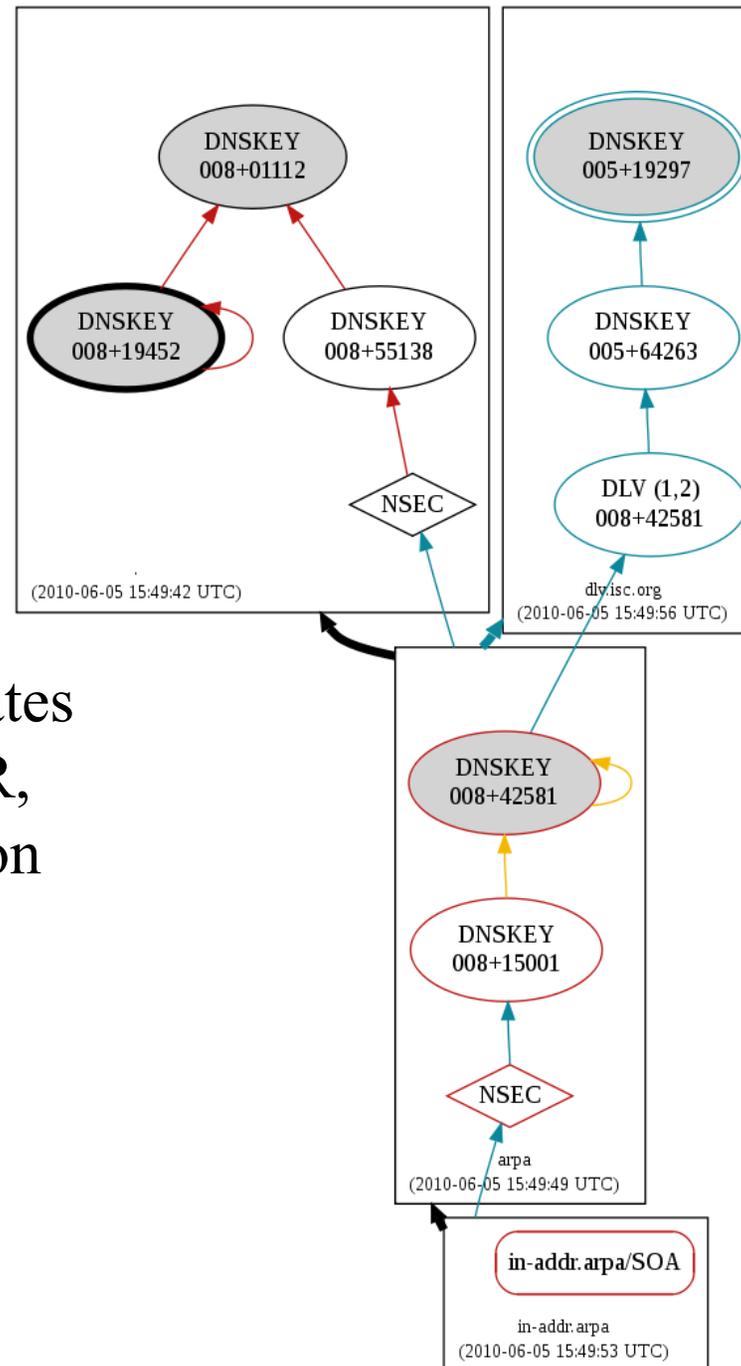


Multiple signatures  
across servers; one expired



Revoked DNSKEY:  
revoke bit set and self-signed

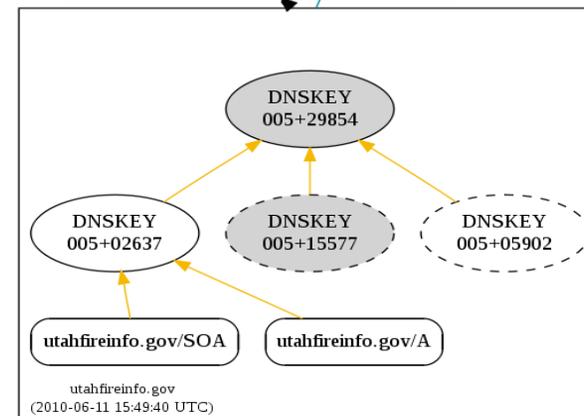
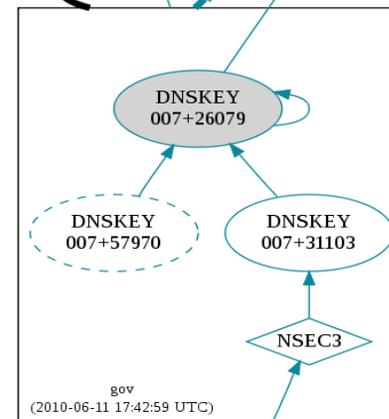
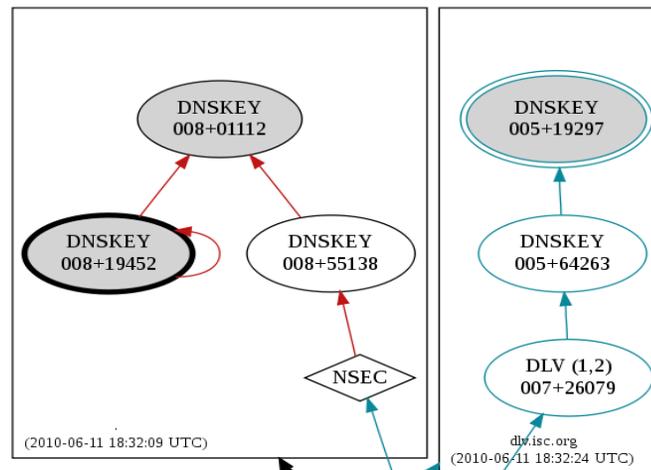


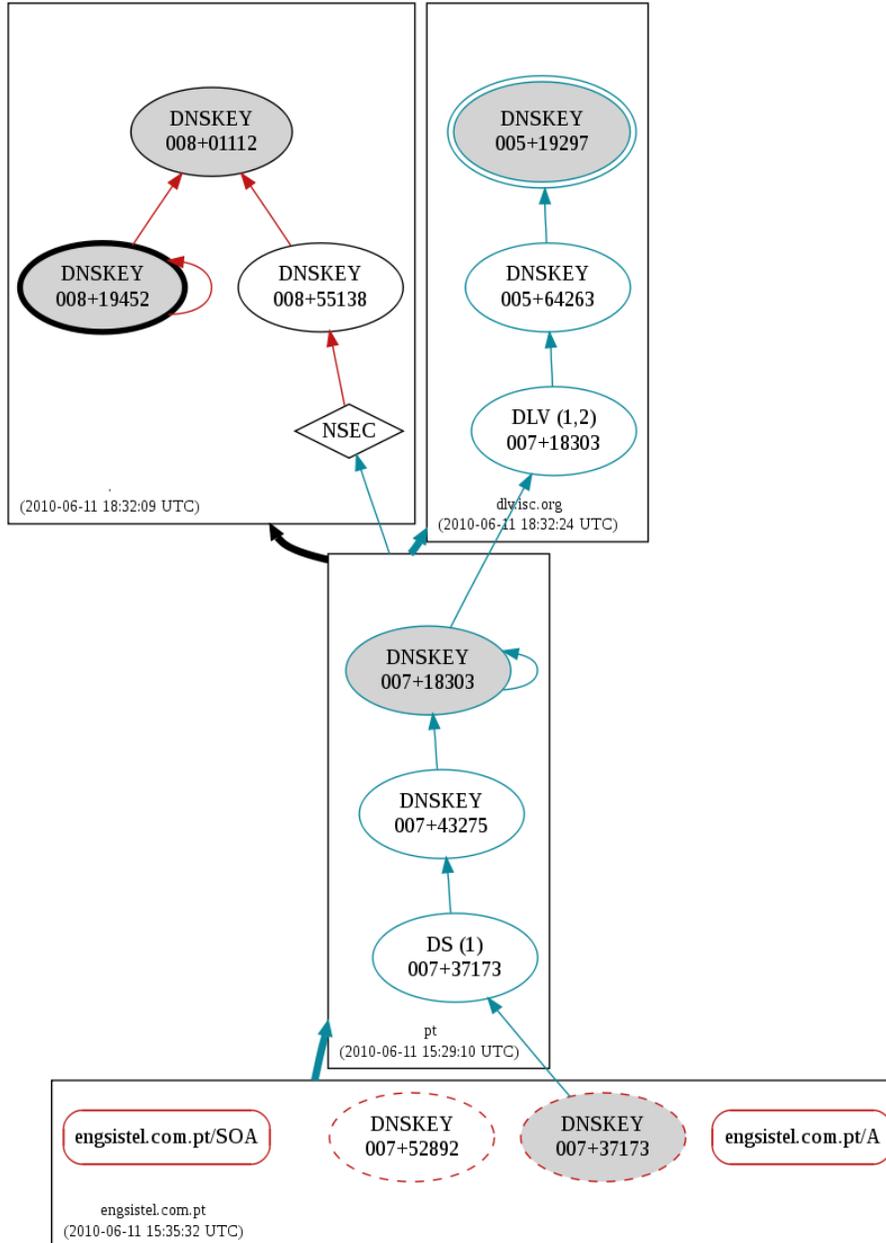


Expired signature: invalidates NSEC RR covering DS RR, resulting in bogus validation below in the hierarchy



Expired signatures in island of security: no effect on security of names

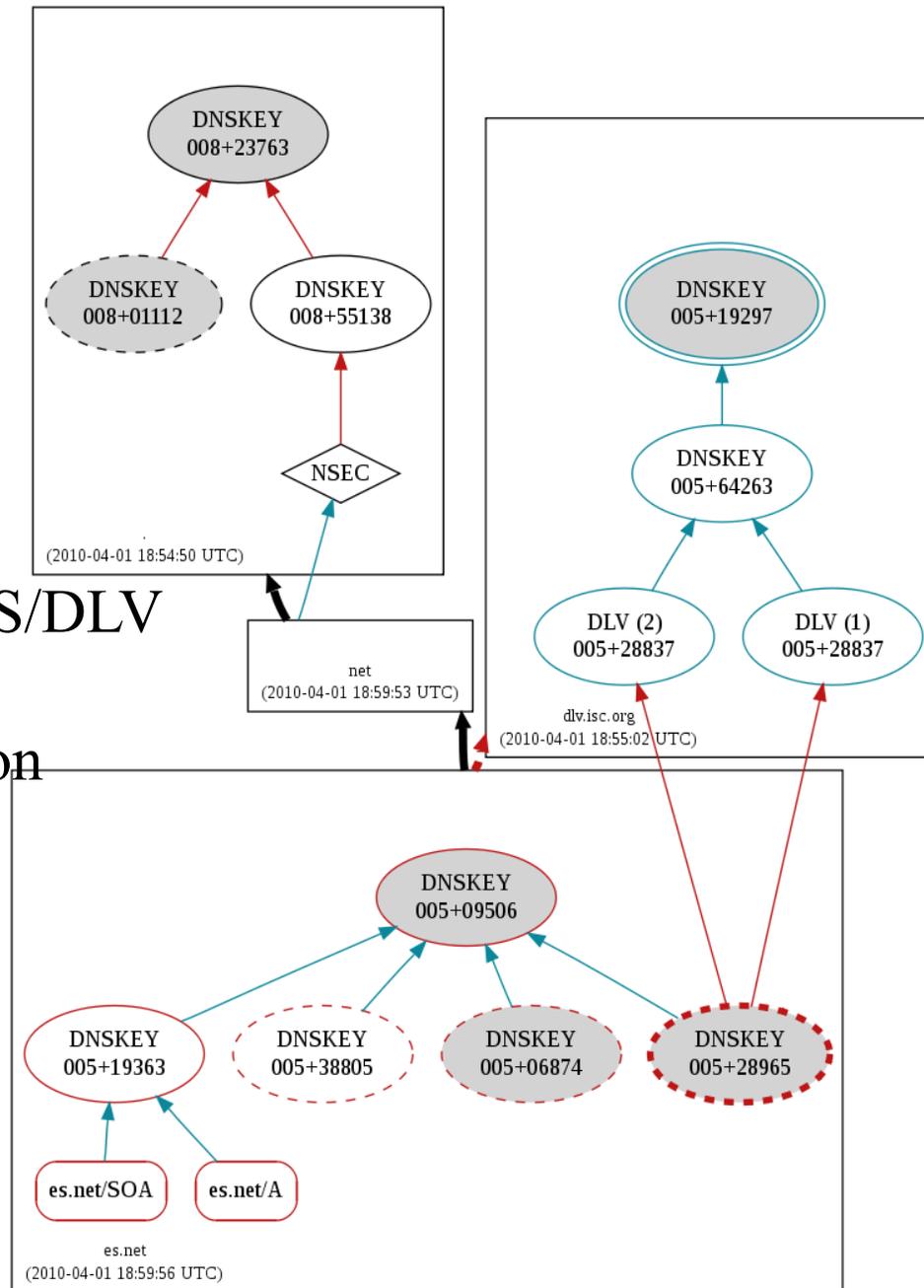




Missing signatures

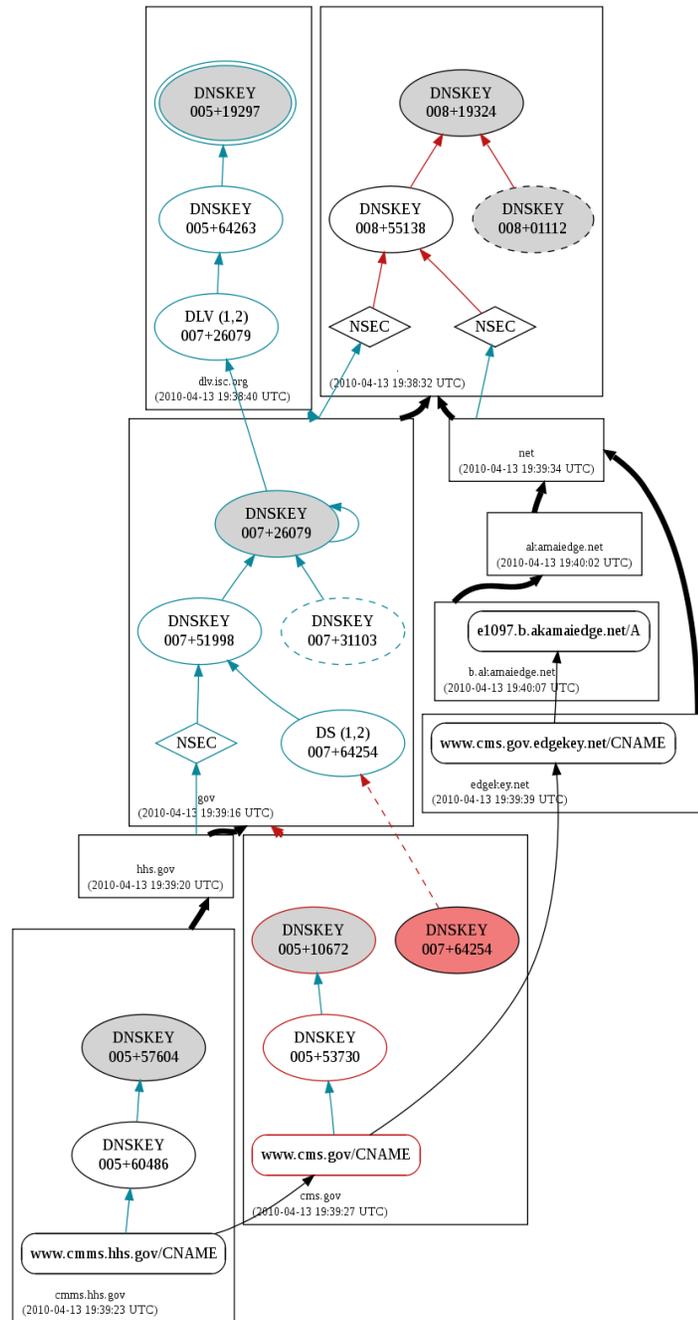


Bad KSK rollover;  
DNSKEY matched with DS/DLV  
having previous key tag;  
invalid DNSKEY revocation  
(missing self-signature)





# Dependency complexities





# Server status

- **Consistency**
  - DNSKEY RRset
  - Signature
  - Serial
- **PMTU status**
- **NSEC3 awareness**

**Servers**

68.87.29.164  
(dns101.comcast.org)  
Serial: 2010022201

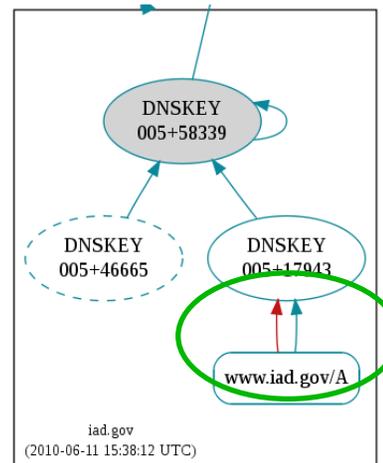
- **Low path MTU:** Server 68.87.29.164 is attempting to send a payload larger than the supported path MTU. The maximum payload that 68.87.29.164 can send is somewhere between 1328 and 1514 bytes. This limitation may be caused by intervening firewalls or the inability to support IP fragmentation. This size is

cdc.gov.

**Servers**

- 198.246.96.61 (icdc-us-ns1.cdc.gov, ns1.cdc.gov)  
Serial: 288430085
- 198.246.96.92 (icdc-us-ns2.cdc.gov, ns2.cdc.gov)  
Serial: 288430085
- 198.246.125.10 (icdc-us-ns3.cdc.gov, ns3.cdc.gov)  
Serial: 288430085
- 198.6.1.65 (auth00.ns.uu.net)  
Serial: 288430085
- 198.6.1.202 (auth100.ns.uu.net)  
Serial: 288430085

- **Rogue delegation record:** auth100.ns.uu.net appears as a delegation record in gov, but does not exist in the authoritative NS RRset in cdc.gov.
- **Missing NSEC3 RRs:** cdc.gov is signed with NSEC3, but no NSEC3 RRs were returned by 198.6.1.202.





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## Future Work

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- **Documentation**
- **Visual history of zone for reference, post-mortem analysis**
- **Regular polling, monitoring/alert services**
- **RESTful interface for queries**



## Questions?

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**[ctdecci@sandia.gov](mailto:ctdecci@sandia.gov)**

**<http://dnsviz.net/>**