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■ DNSSEC Implementation Approach Panel

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■ DNSSEC in *.com/.net*: High-level Design

- Tremendous scale of *.com/.net* requires entirely custom DNSSEC solution
- Registration system
 - Incremental signing
 - Signing server component abstracts multiple HSMs in multiple Tier 4 facilities
- Resolution
 - DNSSEC-enabled ATLAS, VeriSign's custom high-performance authoritative name server
- Key management
 - Cryptographic Business Operations (CBO) manages all key material
 - KSK offline





DNSSEC in *.com/.net*: Implementation

- Cautious and measured approach throughout
- Before deployment
 - EPP SDK with DNSSEC support
 - End-to-end operational Test & Evaluation (OT&E) environment, including both registration (EPP) and resolution (signed *.net* zone)
 - DNSSEC tool guide describing tools for DNSSEC implementation and corresponding tool kit (for registrars)
 - DNSSEC transfer white paper (for registrars)
 - Cloud signing service (for registrars)
 - DNSSEC interoperability lab (for hardware and software vendors)
 - Various tools, including DNSSEC debugging tool
 - *dnssec-debugger.verisignlabs.com*
- Deployment
 - *.net* before *.com*
 - Registration system DNSSEC-enabled first
 - Deliberately unvalidatable zone





DNSSEC in *.com/.net*: Challenges

- Scale
- Signing speed
 - Registration system SLAs
- Zone size
 - NSEC3 with Opt-out
- Scope
 - DNSSEC implementation affects every component
- Registrar adoption
 - DNSSEC needs registrar support to succeed
- Importance
 - *.com* and *.net* can't go down. Ever.



DNSSEC in *.com/.net*: Lessons Learned

- Incremental deployment possible
 - Deliberately unvalidatable zone concept
- RFC 4310 (EPP DNSSEC extensions) needed some changes
 - Now have revised specification, RFC 5910
- Minimal increase in TCP queries
 - Less than 1%
- DNSSEC does not break the Internet
 - Root signing uneventful
 - No issues with *.net* deployment thus far