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# DNSSEC DNS Security Extension Deployment in .ORG

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## Agenda

- » PIR Implementation Approach
- » RSTEP Report Outcome
- » Risk Analysis
- » What We Are Evaluating
- » Milestones

## Our Approach

- » Motivation - Do the right thing not just for .ORG but for the Internet at large:
  - A secure DNS is a fundamental layer for future development
  - To do this, a gTLD has to come forward
    - implementation of DNSSEC at gTLD level will enable awareness, education and adoption, →
    - So...the next generation Internet features a secure DNS
- » Approach – Collaborate, Learn, Share
  - Learn: ccTLDs
  - Collaborate: RIPE, Afilias, Nominet
  - Share: DNSSEC Adoption Survey

# RSTEP Report Outcome



## » Overall

- RSTEP review team gave thumbs up to our proposal
- Finite but manageable adverse risk to security and stability of the .ORG zone

## » Key Observations

- Many issues solved with a signed root
- Registrar adoption allows for better user choice
- Suggests possible use of multiple KSKs
  - PIR is evaluating the risk vs. benefit of multiple keys
- Concerned about “stopping DNSSEC” if needed
  - Proposes implementing RFC 5011
  - In our opinion – this does not solve the problem, since a complete key set compromise would still need a “full stop”

# Risk Analysis

- » Four categories of risks:
  - **Not** inherent or specific to DNSSEC
  - Are specific to DNSSEC but whose **probability is so low**, it does not materially impact our plans
  - Are specific to DNSSEC, but until we implement we will not know
  - Are specific to DNSSEC and we plan to adjust our plan accordingly

# Risk Analysis

| <b>#1</b><br><b>Not specific to DNSSEC</b><br><i>(no action needed)</i>                        | <b>#2</b><br><b>Yes...probability = lightning striking me as I speak</b><br><i>(not a real risk)</i>            | <b># 3</b><br><b>(Will not know full measure until we implement)</b><br><i>(normal pre-op testing)</i>                                | <b>#4</b><br><b>(Valid – we will evaluate our plan)</b><br><i>(useful work to be done)</i>                  |
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| 3.4.1: Transmission of DS records is exactly the same as transmission of other registrant data | 3.5.6: PIR will be using HSM. This is a mature technology and does not fail in a way that exposes private keys. | 3.2: Proper operation of the .ORG domain should be presumed. Configuration errors in browsers will need to be ironed out for everyone | 3.4.5: At least two registrars enabled before there is formal operation                                     |
| 3.4.2: PIR will not require key change when registrar changes                                  |                                                                                                                 | 3.4.6: Unlikely and easily detectable. Registrars will be required to be responsive                                                   | 3.5.5: Registrants may need to improve their own operation or obtain assistance. Education will help        |
| 3.5.4: Signing interval of DS consistent with TTL                                              |                                                                                                                 | 3.5.3: Unlikely and easily detectable. Issues will be taken care of during normal shakedown                                           | 3.6.2: Report suggests a testing site for people to try out whether their configuration properly interacts. |

# Risk Analysis (cont.)

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| 3.5.7: Zone signing has already been tested                                      | 3.6.5: DOS potential is not a threat as the signed answers are still much shorter than 4096 byte TXT record.                                                           | 3.6.1: Most, if not all of this should be dealt with during shakedown period                         | 3.6.7: PIR will work with trust anchor repository (TAR) operators to help the community build a robust scheme. |
| 3.4.3: Fast publication when the key changes is already part of PIR's operation. | 3.6.6: It's not clear that redundant info in the WHOIS record regarding algorithms used would help. It might create additional complexity and potential inconsistency. | 3.6.4: Additional load is limited and manageable                                                     |                                                                                                                |
| 3.6.3: Multiple NS operators serve the zone                                      |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                |

# What We're Evaluating



## » **Key Management**

- RSTEP suggests using multiple KSKs to mitigate bogus zone problem

## » **Key Rollover Policies**

- We believe our policies lead to good security
  - ZSKs will be updated at least monthly
  - KSKs will be updated at least yearly
- The frequent updates cause some stability concerns
  - We intend to address by a limited scope launch, user and registrar education
  - We need feedback from network operators, registrars, and others on the expected impact of our rollover policies

## » **Use of Trust Anchor Repositories (TAR)**

- We will place the keys for .ORG in the IANA DS registry
- We do not currently plan to use DLV

## » **Registrar/Registrant adoption**

- We are signing up registrars now to ensure sufficient adoption exists
- Testing site may help



# A Controlled Launch



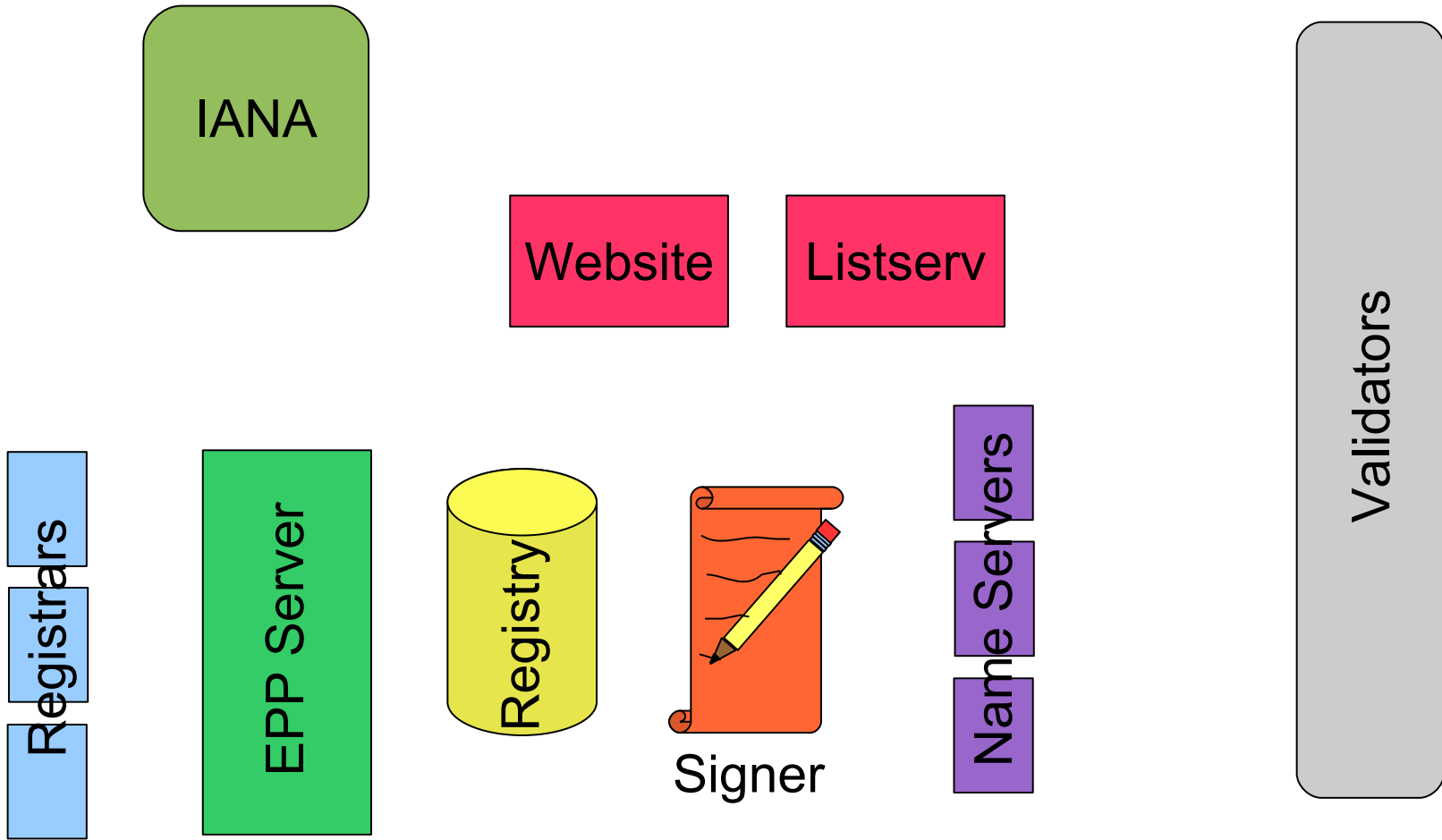
- » June 2008
  - » RSTEP Response
- » Q4 2008 (estimated)
  - » BIND NSEC3 compatibility release
  - » HSM Integration
- » Q1 2009 (estimated)
  - » Friends & Family signed zones (pir.org, isoc.org, afilias.org, etc)
- » Q3 2009 (estimated)
  - » Expanded Friends & Family (based on results of F&F)
- » 2010 (estimated)
  - » Mainstream availability - Monitor, evaluate, then when advisable release to whole zone

# Questions?

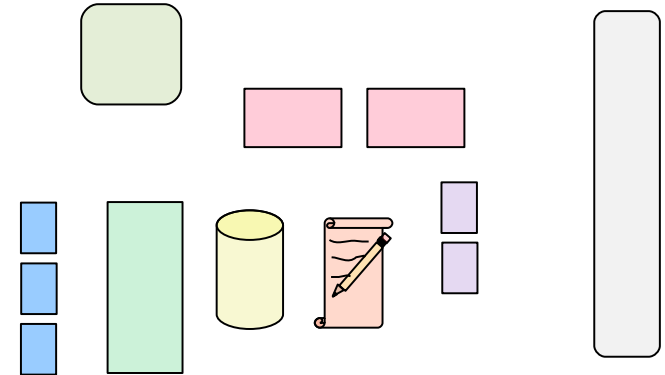
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# Appendix

# DNSSEC “Moving Parts”

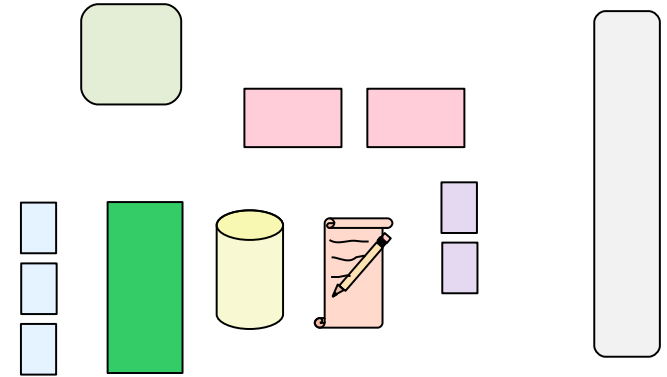


# Registrars



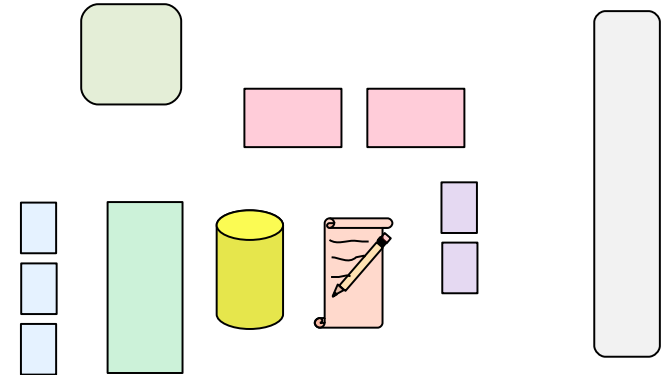
- » New Registrar Tool Kit for DNSSEC
  - Adds DNSSEC EPP transactions (RFC 4310)
- » Registrars Do Not Have to use
  - But MUST pass OT&E if they do
- » Registry assumes all data is correct and valid
  - Similar to other WHOIS and DNS data
- » To transfer, gaining registrar must be DNSSEC-ready
  - or registrant can wipe DNSSEC info

# EPP Server



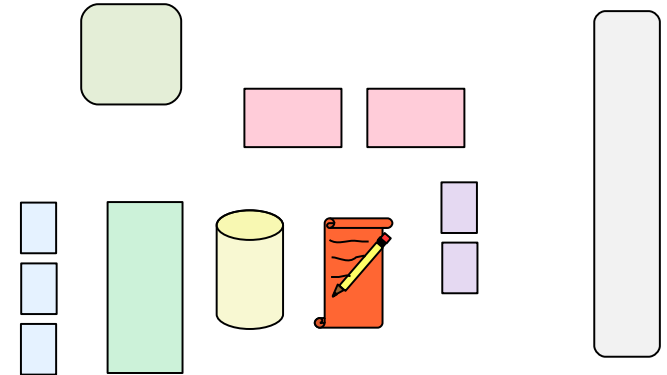
- » Modified for DNSSEC
  - Adds DNSSEC EPP transactions (RFC 4310)

# Registry Database



- » Stores DS information
- » Holds MaxSigLife
  - Currently set to default of 10 days

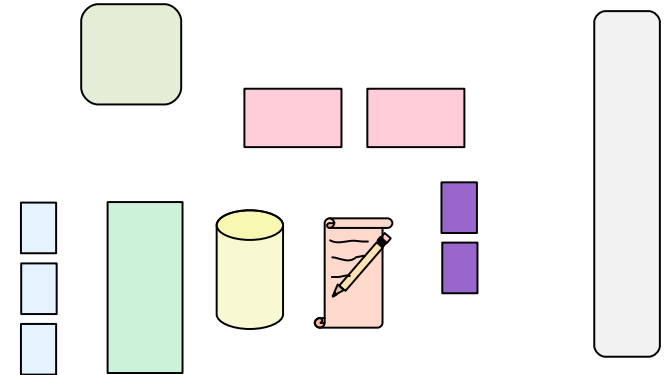
# Zone Signing



- » Using HSM for key generation and zone signing
  - FIPS 141-2 compliant
- » Will sign domain names as they come through
  - Full zone re-sign will be fed through as quickly as possible

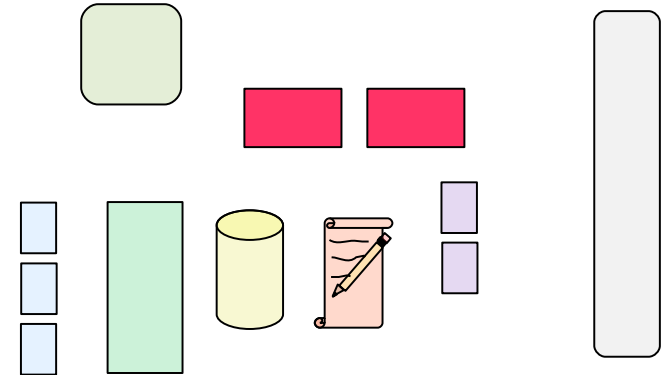


# Name Servers



- » Will Support NSEC3
  - Currently Using NSD and BIND
- » Servers already have enough capacity
  - Hooray for opt-out!

# Ancillary Functions



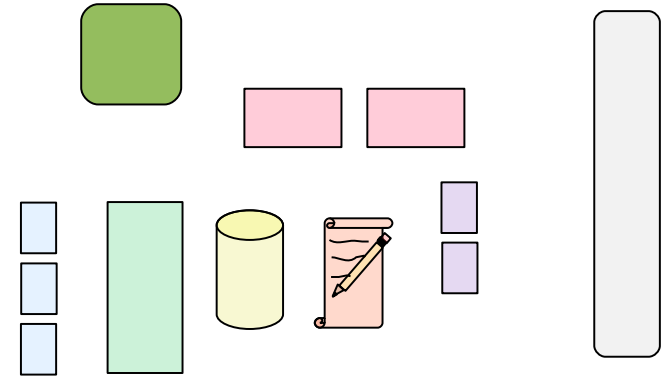
## » PIR Website

- Will have public information for validators

## » Email list (read-only)

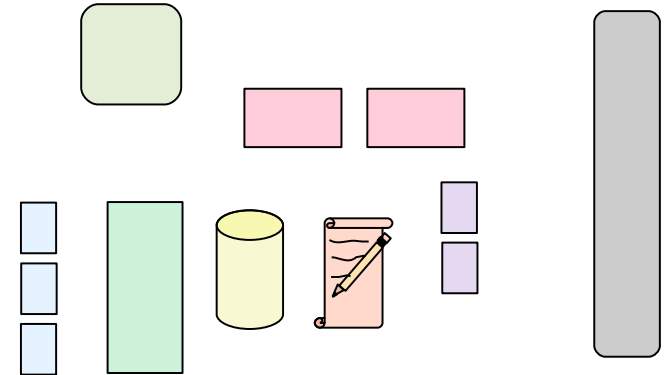
- Notifies everyone when TA must be updated

# IANA



- » Will Update DS on each change
  - Using new IANA DS Registry
    - (Once it's up and running)
  - Also once the root is signed

# Validators



- » Admins should sign up for email list
  - Once it's ready
- » PIR preparing help docs for admins to configure TA info
- » Will need to update at least once / year