Measuring Occurrence of DNSSEC Validation

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Overview

- What is the ratio of validating clients in the Web?

- validating ⇒ rejects invalid signatures

Outline
- Measurement methodology
- Result analysis
- What's next?
Measurement Methodology

- Signed zone `verteiltesysteme.net`
  - Domain name `sigok` ✓ with valid signature
  - Domain name `sigfail` ✗ with broken signature
- Two web-based resolver tests (interactive, hidden)
Interactive Test

⇒ http://dnssec.vs.uni-due.de

- Client-side JavaScript and images
- Load image from **sigfail** domain name
  - Success: no DNSSEC validation
  - Failure: go ahead
- Load image from **sigok** domain name
  - Success: DNSSEC validation enabled
  - Failure: inconclusive result
- Result is shown to the user and POSTed to our webserver
Hidden Test

- Load transparent 1x1 pixel images from sigok✓ and sigfail✗
  - Static HTML snippet (no JavaScript)
    
    ```html
    <img src="http://dnssec.vs.uni-due.de/r/a" alt="" height="1" width="1">
    <img src="http://dnssec.vs.uni-due.de/r/b" alt="" height="1" width="1">
    ```

- HTTP and DNS requests logged and evaluated offline
Client Identification

- Correlate client with resolver IP address in different server logfiles

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<th>IP Address</th>
<th>Request Details</th>
<th>Status Code</th>
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<td>77.181.135.120</td>
<td>GET /ok.png?aa53 HTTP/1.1 200 413</td>
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<td>62.53.190.69#22782</td>
<td>query: aa53.sigok.verteiltesysteme.net IN A -ED</td>
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- HTTP redirect to http://ID.sigok.verteiltesysteme.net/ok.png?ID
  - Where ID ::= hex(SHA256(client_ip))[0:4]
  - Stateless mapping of client IP address to 16 bit ID
  - Unlikely to collide at the same time with different clients

- Pre-generated zone with $2^{19}$ resource record (88 MB)
  - Delivers broken signatures without nameserver adaptation
  - Vanilla zone layout
Accuracy

- **sigfail** might fail to load for unrelated reasons → **false positive**
- Require loading **sigok** to exclude some fault sources, e.g.:
  - failing to receive EDNS0 messages with packet size > 512 bytes
  - not loading images or not following cross-domain HTTP redirects
- Some fault sources remain, e.g.:
  - network fault
  - user closes browser tab prematurely
- Another possible fault: **sigfail** loads, **sigok** fails
  - Harmless invalid result (false negatives are not possible)
  - Same fault pattern like a false positive (occurs with non-validators only)
    → estimate ratio of false positives
Result Analysis

- 2.6M DNS/HTTP requests since May 2012
  - Grouped by ID into 336k Bernoulli trials
  - Δtime between requests <30s

- 220k complete trials:
  - DNS request for **sigok** and **sigfail**
  - Both HTTP redirects and HTTP 1x1 **sigok** image

- Validating:
  - no **sigfail** HTTP query OR
  - all DNS queries without **DNSSEC OK** flag

- 116k incomplete trials:
  - Mostly same client visiting several pages + browser caching
  - 326 trials missing **sigok** → estimated 0.15% false positives
DNSKEY Missing

- Seemingly positive result but DNSKEY query is missing
- Indicates false positive
  - Occurred in 369 trials (0.17%)
  - Comparable to estimated ratio of false positive
- Limitation: we correlate DNSKEY via IP address, not ID
  - Might be a true positive in forwarding scenario
Data Cleaning

- Positive result but DNSKEY missing (0.17%)
- Duplicate results per IP address within 24h (59%)
- ID hash collision (<0.01%)
  - Different client IP addresses with same ID
- Inconsistent user agent (1.2%)
  - Mostly harmless e.g. same user accessing website with two browsers
  - But also: 2 clients behind NAT with different resolvers

⇒ one or more filter conditions applied to 130k (59%) trials

Not filtered: inconsistent IP addresses (1.5%)
  - HTTP images queried from different IP addresses than redirects
  - Occurred with enterprise and carrier-grade NAT

⇒ 89k results from 70k distinct IP addresses
DNSSEC Validation Ratio

Chart 1: Validation ratio per calendar week, overall 4.7%

Chart 2: Absolute numbers per country
## DNSSEC per Country

Results from 179 countries, 31 with $\geq$500 trials

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Further Results

- 36k trials (40.7%) comprise \( \geq 2 \) resolvers
- 3k trials (3.5%) comprise \( \geq 2 \) resolvers from different ASes
- 1.3k (1.5%) were negative but contained DNSKEY\(^*\) query
  - Trials with one and with multiple resolvers
  - DNSKEY\(^*\) query is a weak validation indicator
- Some clients use mixed validating and non-validating resolvers
  - Get SERVFAIL from validator, fall back to non-validator
  - Our test yields negative result in case of mixed validation
  - *Except* when application aborts waiting for name resolution

⇒ Effect of mixed validation needs to be investigated further
What's next?

- Raw data (anonymized) will be available in a few days
  - http://dnssec.vs.uni-due.de
- Paper with details currently under peer-review
- Want to contribute? Add HTML snippet to your website
  - Privacy note: discloses to us client address, referer, user-agent
- Pending enhancements
  - Minimize traffic of duplicate tests
  - Generate online statistics
- Related project: VeriSign prefetch test
  - Less privacy invasive
  - http://validator-search.verisignlabs.com/