



## CDS, CDNSKEY

Mechanisms for in-band provisioning of registry metadata for DNSSEC

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*“I have never been able to properly explain myself in this climate.”  
Hunter S. Thompson*

*“If you get off the plane and see satellite dishes pointing straight up,  
get back on the plane.” Randy Bush*

# DNSSEC for Zone Administrators

Toolchains exist to make life easy!

- BIND9, OpenDNS, others
- Key generation, RRSets signing
- KSK rollover and initial signing require interaction with a registrar
  - need, ultimately, to publish a DS RRSets in the parent zone
  - there is no standard protocol or mechanism for this

# DS RRSets in the Parent Zone

Straightforward and Simple!

- Figure out whether your parent wants a DS RRSets, or a DNSKEY RRSets (most want DS, some want DNSKEY)
- Cut and paste multi-line base64 data from a terminal window into a web form
  - keep doing it until it works, or
  - call the registrar helpdesk, or
  - give up



# Clearly this is not a support nightmare

57217 5 2

AEC44D5748449950D77C7B2C36ECEF8E30A497DB7EE726  
21375ACE1139FE3151

57217 5 1

2BF1EE54C7B17D104BA2F55A46A3889644C893FD



# Enter CDS, CDNSKEY

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- Instead of trying to paste obscurely-formatted nonsense into a web form, publish it in the child zone instead
- Instead of doing that manually, have your excellent DNSSEC tools do it for you
- Reduce the registrant/registrar interaction to click-and-confirm

# About Warren's Draft

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- Goes to great lengths to specify exactly what is and isn't appropriate
  - it would defeat the whole point of DNSSEC not to do this carefully
- Accommodates a wide range of relationships between child and parent

# Information Retrieval

## Two Potential Approaches

- If practical, you could walk all your registrants' zones looking for CDS/CDNSKEY changes, and take action where necessary
  - trigger communication with the registrant
  - trigger registry interaction, if secure
- Or, poll the zone only when a registrant triggers the retrieval
  - no cut-and-paste required



# Related Work

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- Similar mechanism intended to allow a child zone operator to signal desired NS, A and AAAA RRSets in the parent
  - also potentially interesting
  - specifically not intended for use with DS/DNSKEY

# Recommendations!

Registrars that are doing DNSSEC:

- Point your developers at draft-kumari-ogud-dnsop-cds-05
  - you can Google it (*Warren, Google is a verb!*)
  - feedback on dnsop (IETF) mailing list, or to authors
- Consider whether implementing a mechanism like this (or, exactly this) could make your customers' lives easier
  - a happy customer is a higher-margin customer