



# Rolling the Root Zone DNSSEC Key Signing Key

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#### Motivation for this talk

- ICANN is about to change an important configuration parameter in DNSSEC
- For a network operator, this may create a need for action
- This discussion is meant to inform: Why this is happening, what is happening, and when
  - Highlighting: the availability of project plan documents

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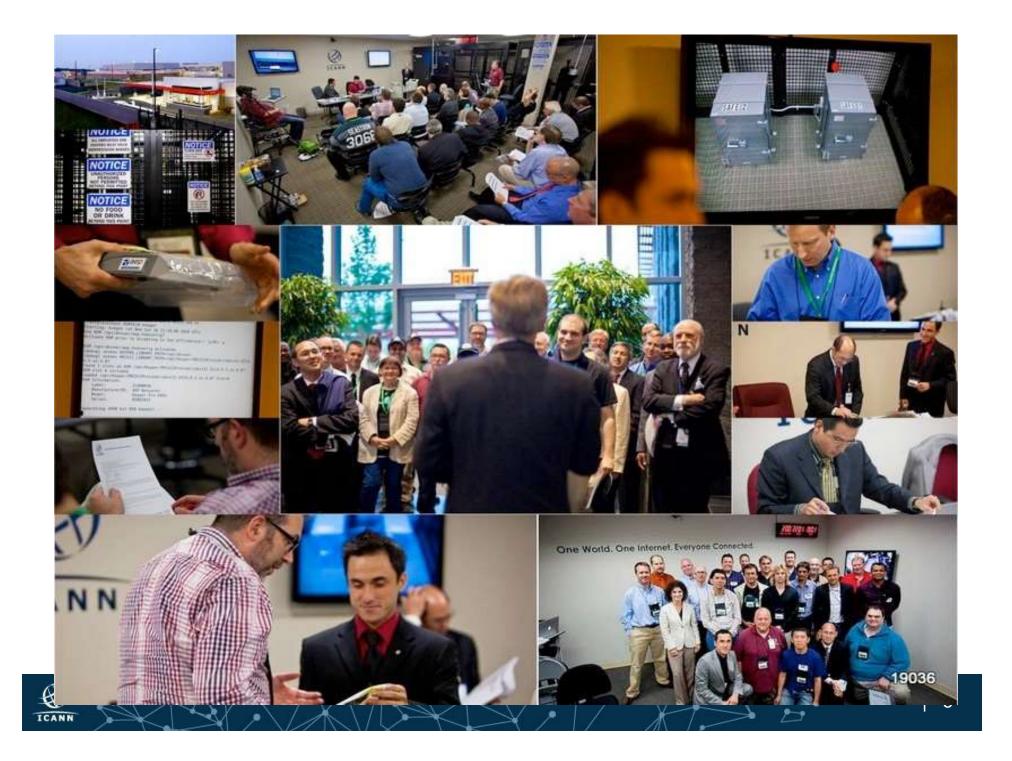


#### Current Root KSK

- The current root KSK was created in 2010
  - Stored in Hardware Security Modules in two Key Management Facilities
  - The operations surrounding the key is an entirely different talk (21 trusted community representatives, multi-person controls, key ceremonies, 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit.)







## Why change the current Root KSK?

- Good cryptographic hygiene
  - Secrets don't remain secret forever
- Good operational hygiene
  - Have a plan, complete enough to execute
  - Exercise the plan under normal circumstances
- Promised to do so in a policy statement\* in 2010
  - "Each RZ KSK will be scheduled to be rolled over through a key ceremony as required, or after 5 years of operation."

<sup>\* &</sup>lt;a href="https://www.iana.org/dnssec/icann-dps.txt">https://www.iana.org/dnssec/icann-dps.txt</a> Section 6.5

#### **Bottom Line**

- Changing the root KSK will impact just about all DNSSEC validations (15% worldwide)
  - If the trust anchor is "misconfigured" (i.e., the wrong key) DNSSEC will reject legitimate responses
  - To anyone or any process relying on DNS, it will appear that the desired data is unavailable, website is unreachable, "the Internet is down"

#### The KSK Rollover Plan Documents

- Available at: https://www.icann.org/kskroll 2017 KSK Rollover Operational Implementation Plan 2017 KSK Rollover Systems Test Plan 2017 KSK Rollover Monitoring Plan 2017 KSK Rollover External Test Plan 2017 KSK Rollover Back Out Plan
- We encourage interested folks to given them a read

## Overview of Project Plans

- •The new KSK was created on October 27, 2016
- •Expect new KSK to be install on backup site Feb 2017



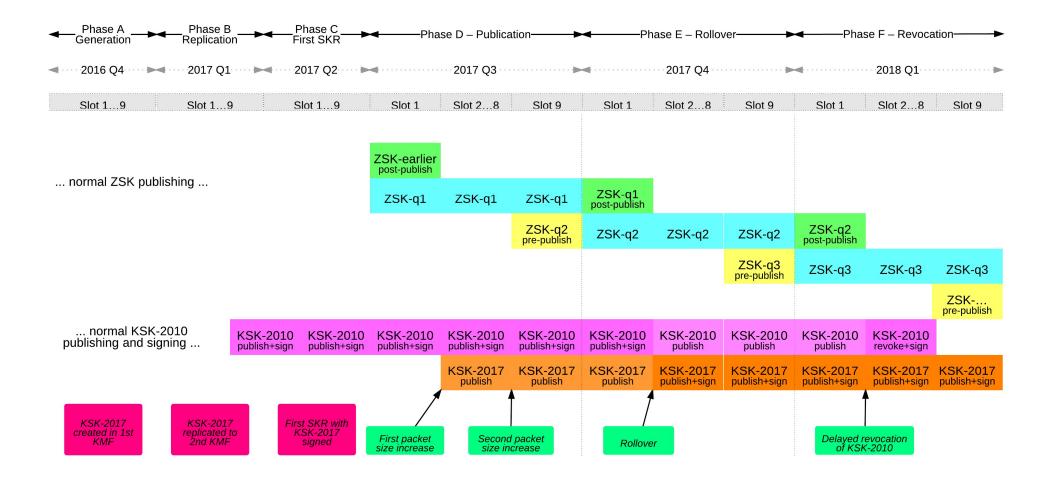




## **Upcoming Dates to Watch**

- September 19, 2017
  - The root zone DNSKEY set will increase to 1414 bytes for 20 days, prior to that date 1139 bytes has been the high water mark
- October 11, 2017
  - On this date the root zone DNSKEY set will be signed only by the new KSK
- January 11, 2018
  - The root zone DNSKEY set will increase to 1425 bytes for 20 days

## Operational Implementation Plan Timeline





## **Trust Anchor Management**

- How do you trust and configure?
  - Are trust anchors subject to configuration control?
  - Rely on embedded data in software?
  - Are DNSSEC validation failures monitored?
- Automated Updates of DNSSEC Trust Anchors
  - Most direct, reliable means for getting the key
- Negative Trust Anchor management RFC 7646
  - Protects against errors made by others

#### **Tools & Testbeds**

- We are working with DNS software and tool developers and distributors
  - Management/troubleshooting aids
  - Updates of bundled keys
- Testbeds for Code Developers
  - Automated updates: http://keyroll.systems/
  - Root zone model: https://www.toot-servers.net/
- Testbeds for Service Operators
  - I.e., using "off-the-shelf" parameters
  - Planned for end-of-2016

#### For More Information



- Join the ksk-rollover@icann.org mailing list:
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