Multisigner Support at deSEC



A free DNS hosting service, designed with security in mind.

We are a **non-profit** doing the same thing as **Let's Encrypt, but for DNSSEC**.

- all automatic DNSSEC
- fancy API and GUI
- support for modern stuff (SMIMEA, DANE /TLSA, long OPENPGPKEY, HTTPS/SVCB)
- dynDNS service (under dedyn.io)



Status

- Since then, started hosting a few thousand zones; inquiries from TLDs
- Active community member
 Part of draft-ietf-dnsop-dns-catalogzones standardization effort (+ this)
- Generous support by SSE

 Berlin-based IT security consultancy

 SSE hugely supports us, providing for almost all of the infrastructure cost

 (www.securesystems.de)
- We're interested in sites to host, development partners, sponsors

But why?

DNSSEC:





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appeal

- There's no other DNSSEC provider out there that's free (really), feature-complete, and seriously stable.
- We figured it's time.

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How it works

Backend

- Tech stack:
 - o **PowerDNS** engine
 - o **Django** for the API
 - Postgres database
 - RabbitMQ for queues
 - Memcached for caches
 - Prometheus for monitoring
 - OpsGenie alerting
- signing happens in Germany

DNS Frontend

- 2 anycast networks under independent TLDs
 - o **15 POPs** worldwide
 - capable of serving
- instantaneous replication
 - both via catalog zones / AXFR, and via git
- Tech stack
 - dnsdist gateway
 - o **diverse auth** vendors

User Frontend

- Vue.js GUI
- REST API
 - transactional bulk ops
- integration (dnscontrol, Traefik, Terraform, various ACME clients / routers)
- libraries (Ansible, Go, Python, PHP, JavaScript)





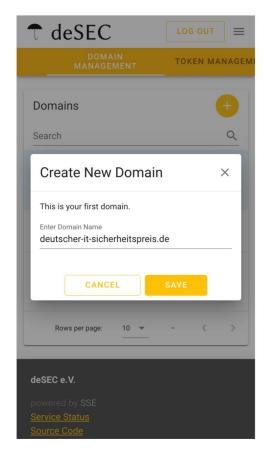
Using deSEC 101

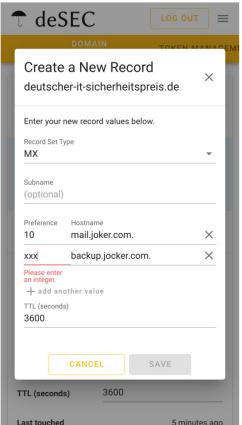
GUI

- Straightforward
- Reactive
- Field-level validation
- Mobile-friendly
- Zero external resources

REST API

- Transactional bulk actions
- Helpful validation
- Paging
- API token scoping
- docs: https://desec.rtfd.io/







Demo time! https://youtu.be/m6KZx8c_wig



Enabling Multi-Signer DNSSEC Models (RFC 8901)

- Multi-signer scenarios require all signing parties to **publish** the other parties' public keys
 - achieved by adding their keys to the DNSKEY record set (RFC 8078)
- deSEC automatically publishes its own DNSSEC records e.g. DNSKEY/CDS/CDNSKEY (using the CSK key model)
- deSEC now supports provisioning extra DNSKEY records
 - Queries are answered with a merged RRset (automatic + manual values)
 - The same applies for CDS/CDNSKEY
- For fully automatic migration of NS RRsets, CSYNC is needed
 - not yet supported (PowerDNS dependency)