High-speed
high-security
cryptography:
encrypting and
authenticating
the whole Internet

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wget -m -k -I / \
  secspider.cs.ucla.edu
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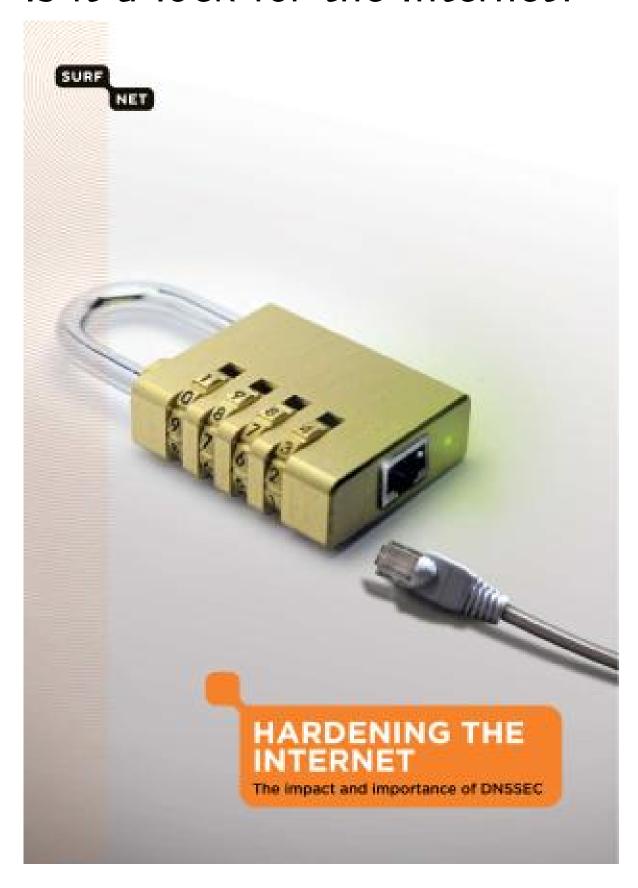
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Let's see what DNSSEC can do as an amplification tool for denial-of-service attacks.

Make list of DNSSEC domains:

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(cd secspider.cs.ucla.edu
  awk '
    /^Zone < STRONG > / { z = $2}
      sub(/<STRONG>/,"",z)
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    /GREEN.*GREEN.*Yes/ {
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      print x[5],z,rand()
    \}, ./*-zone.html
) | sort -k3n \
  awk '{print $1,$2}' \
> SERVERS
```

For each domain: Try query, estimate DNSSEC amplification.

```
while read ip z
do
  dig +dnssec +ignore +tries=1 \
  +time=1 any "$z" "@$ip" | \
  awk -v "z=$z" -v "ip=$ip" '{}
    if ($1 != ";;") next
    if ($2 != "MSG") next
    if ($3 != "SIZE") next
    if ($4 != "rcvd:") next
    est = (22+\$5)/(40+length(z))
    print est, ip, z
  }'
done < SERVERS > AMP
```

For each DNSSEC server, find domain estimated to have maximum DNSSEC amplification:

```
sort -nr AMP | awk '{
  if (seen[$2]) next
  if ($1 < 30) next
  print $1,$2,$3
  seen[\$2] = 1
}' > MAXAMP
head -1 MAXAMP
wc -1 MAXAMP
Output:
95.6279 156.154.102.26 fi.
```

2326 MAXAMP

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Let's verify this.

Choose quiet test machines on two different networks (without egress filters).

e.g. Sender: 1.2.3.4.

Receiver: 5.6.7.8.

Run network-traffic monitors on 1.2.3.4 and 5.6.7.8.

On 1.2.3.4, set response address to 5.6.7.8, and send 1 query/second:

```
ifconfig eth0:1 \
  5.6.7.8 \
  netmask 255.255.255.255
while read est ip z
do
  dig -b 5.6.7.8 \
  +dnssec +ignore +tries=1 \
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done < MAXAMP >/dev/null 2>&1
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Want even more: 100Gbps?
Tell people to install DNSSEC!

Cryptographic failure patterns

Alice and Bob are communicating. Eve is eavesdropping.

Alice and Bob have several standard security goals:

Confidentiality despite espionage. Maybe Eve wants to acquire data.

Integrity despite corruption.

Maybe Eve wants to change data.

Availability despite sabotage.

Maybe Eve wants to destroy data.

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"Compare this tcpdump output, which appears encrypted ... with the cleartext packets you would see without tcpcryptd running.

... Active attacks are much harder as they require listening and modifying network traffic."

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Eve destroys an SSH connection or an HTTPS connection or a DNSSEC lookup by forging one packet.
Eve uses the DNSSEC drones to amplify DDoS attacks.

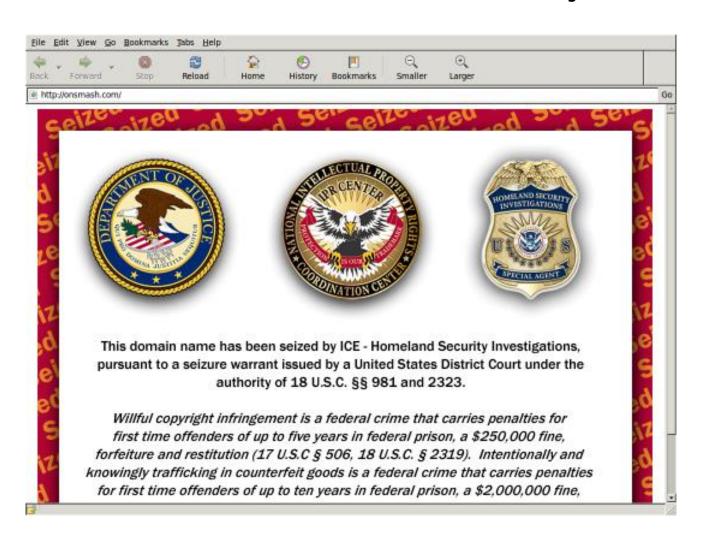
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Example: Bob views Alice's web page on his Android phone. Phone asked hotel DNS cache for web server's address.

Eve forged the DNS response!

DNS cache checked DNSSEC

but the phone didn't.

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".ORG becomes the first open TLD to sign their zone with DNSSEC . . . Today we reached a significant milestone in our effort to bolster online security for the .ORG community. We are the first open generic Top-Level Domain to successfully sign our zone with Domain Name Security Extensions (DNSSEC). To date, the .ORG zone is the largest domain registry to implement this needed security measure."

What did .org actually sign?

2010.12.25 test:

Look up wikipedia.org.

The response has a *signed* statement "There might be names with hashes between hh91kmqm332a7m6egn74ln9afi3fgk84, hheprfsv14o44rv9pgcndkt4thnraomv but we haven't signed any of those names. Sincerely, .org"

Plus an *unsigned* statement "The wikipedia.org servers are 208.80.152.130, 208.80.152.142, 91.198.174.4."

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Attacker downloads hashes of all 457657 DNSSEC names in .de with < 457657 queries.

Invert the hashes to find, e.g., wedemotors.de. Software from Ruben Niederhagen checks 1700 billion names/day on a PC with two GTX 295 graphics cards.

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If clocks are synchronized then signatures can include expiration times.

But frequent re-signing is an administrative disaster.

Some DNSSEC suicide examples:

2010.09.02: .us killed itself.

2010.10.07: .be killed itself.

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Fact: By 1996, a few years after the introduction of MD5, prominent cryptographers such as Preneel and Dobbertin were calling for MD5 to be scrapped.

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- 3. Is the attacker paying? Conficker broke into $> 2^{23}$ PCs.

Failure pattern #9: "This is so complicated that it must be secure."

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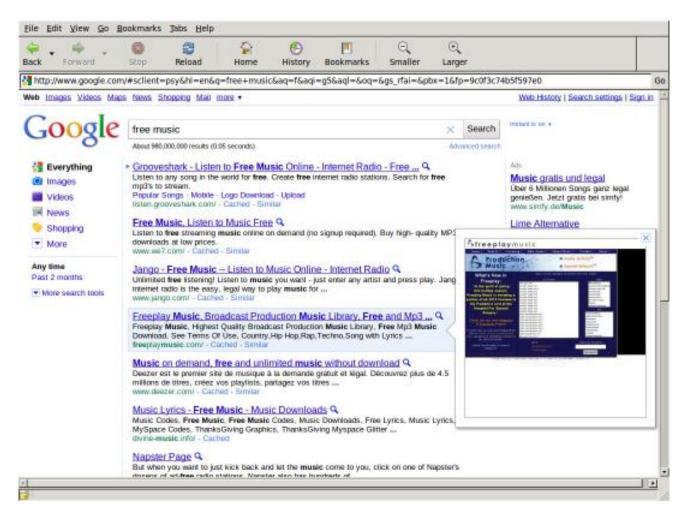
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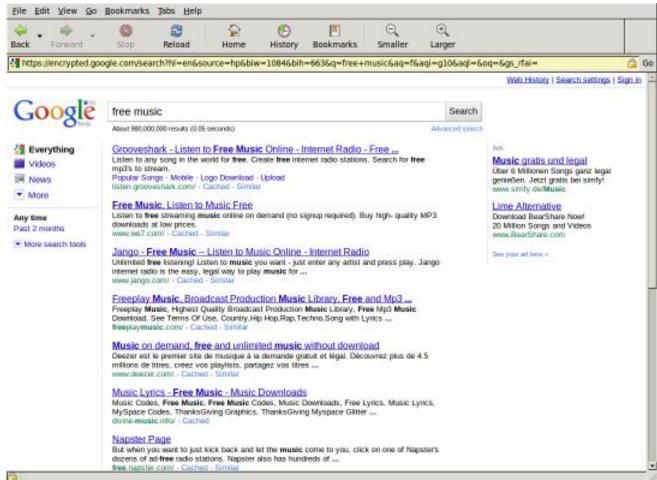
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Google has installed HTTPS and has fully configured it: https://www.google.com encrypts normal text search, news search, etc.

But Google doesn't allow encryption for high-volume data: images, maps, etc.





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It's safe for the moment to assume that the attacker can't do 2^{128} operations and doesn't have quantum computers. (Future: see pqcrypto.org.)

Safe, conservative crypto: Strong 256-bit elliptic curve. No degradation since 1985. What cryptography does for us:

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"UDP is unreliable!
We want a reliable stream!"

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(Technical note: Keys are actually longer than this, but still fit into names.)

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http://twitter.com?

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Simplifying deployment:
Bob actually installs
a CurveCP forwarder
on UDP port 53
talking to his existing
HTTP server on TCP port 80.

How did Alice talk to twitter.com DNS server?

The DNS server also has a DNSCurve public key: twitter.com NS ...

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What if .com misbehaves?
Easily protect integrity of
web pages from the URL
1238675309.twitter.com
but availability is harder.
Perhaps P2P DNS can help.

Summary of deployment cost:

Alice installs DNS cache that understands DNSCurve, and installs HTTP proxy that understands CurveCP.

These are small and fast and run on her laptop/phone/etc.

Bob installs small forwarder and updates his DNS records. Simple, robust, easy to use.

No changes to DNS servers, DNS databases, HTTP servers, web browsers, firewalls, etc.

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What about CPU time?

Simple crypto_box API from nacl.cace-project.eu:

High-security curve (Curve25519). High-security implementation (e.g., no secret array indices). Extensive code validation.

Very high speed:
Client and server handle
10000000 new public keys
in < 10 minutes on typical CPUs.
Each public-key computation
is shared by many packets.

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Post-quantum cryptography: pqcrypto.org
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Measuring DNSSEC amplification and DNSSEC privacy violations: dnscurve.org/dnssecamp.html dnscurve.org/nsec3walker.html

General DNSCurve information: dnscurve.org

Installing a DNSCurve forwarder:
curvedns.on2it.net

New CurveCP mailing list: curvecp-subscribe@ list.cr.yp.to