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Abstract

DNS responders must either follow [RFC 6891](#) by implementing EDNS or respond with RCODE=FORMERR to queries containing OPT record. Non-compliant implementations are not worth talking to.

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[1.](#) Introduction

EDNS version 0 was standardized in 1999, but non-RFC 1035 compliant implementations still exist and cause lot of extra queries and complicated logic in recursive resolvers. [RFC 6891](#) clearly states that FORMERR is the only acceptable answer for implementations without support for EDNS. The cost of supporting these non-compliant implementations keeps increasing.

[1.1.](#) Terminology

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#).

[2.](#) The Protocol

No DNS response message to a repeated DNS query containing EDNS extension means that the other side is not a DNS responder and the querier MUST NOT retry its query without EDNS.

[3.](#) Security Considerations

Instruction to follow EDNS standard does not change security properties beyond what is written in [RFC 6891](#).

[4.](#) Privacy Considerations

This has no effect on privacy of DNS.

5. IANA Considerations

[Note to IANA, to be removed prior to publication: there are no IANA considerations stated in this version of the document.]

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