

# DNS Access Denied Error page

[draft-reddy-dnsop-error-page-05](#)

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# Agenda

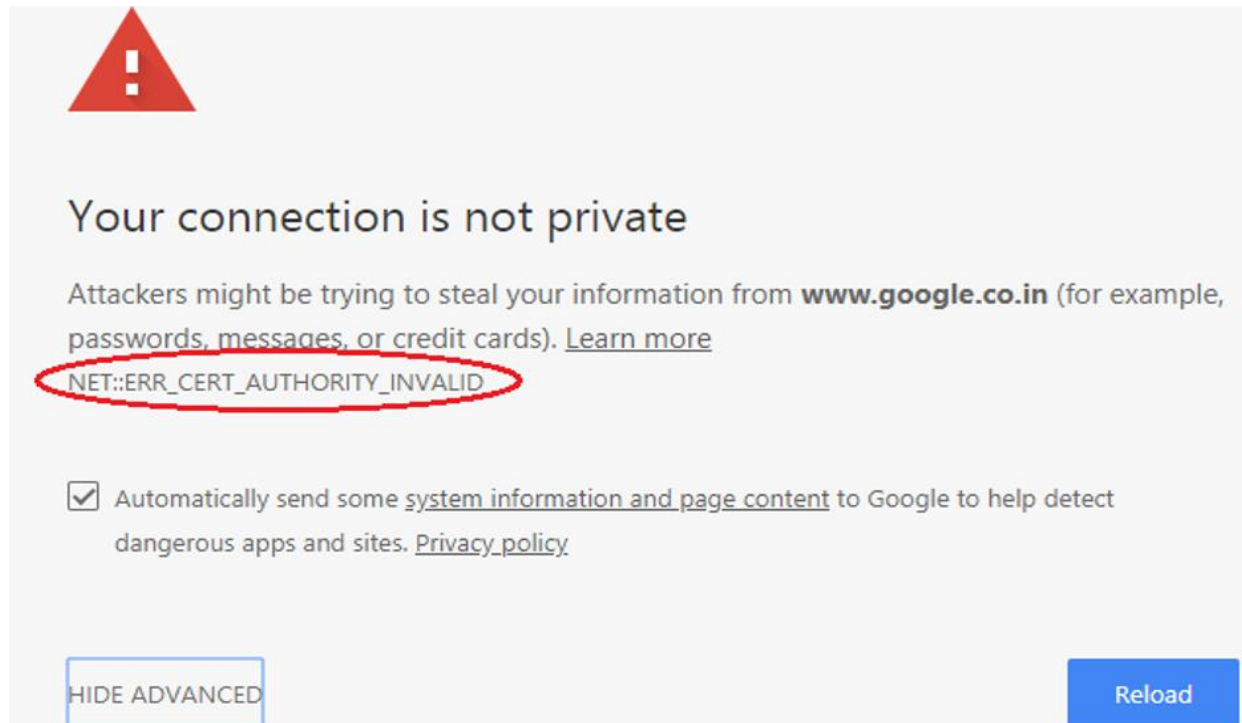
- A reminder of the problem
- Comments raised by the WG and changes to address these comments
  - Comment #1: RR Type
  - Comment #2: Processing of the error URI
  - Comment #3: Data origin issues
  - Comment #4: Malicious DoT/DoH Servers
- An update of the Security Considerations

# The Problem: Reminder (1/3)

- DNS filtering is deployed for security, parental control, internal security policy, and filtering required by law enforcement agency.
  - Enterprise DNS firewall block access to malware domains.
  - Home network security based on DNS filtering.
  - MUD [RFC8520](#) domain ACL for IoT devices
  - ISPs offer malware filtering service, court order etc.

# The Problem: Reminder (2/3)

- Forging the response to provide the IP address of the error page for HTTPS enabled domains
  - Certificate error message
  - Repeated attempts to unsuccessfully reach the domain
  - User may try to reach the domain using insecure interfaces
  - Manually install local root certificate.



The screenshot shows a Chrome browser error page with a red warning triangle icon at the top left. The main heading reads "Your connection is not private". Below this, a message states: "Attackers might be trying to steal your information from **www.google.co.in** (for example, passwords, messages, or credit cards). [Learn more](#)". The error code "NET::ERR\_CERT\_AUTHORITY\_INVALID" is circled in red. At the bottom left, there is a checkbox labeled "Automatically send some [system information and page content](#) to Google to help detect dangerous apps and sites. [Privacy policy](#)". At the bottom right, there is a blue "Reload" button. At the bottom left, there is a button labeled "HIDE ADVANCED".

# The Problem: Reminder (3/3)

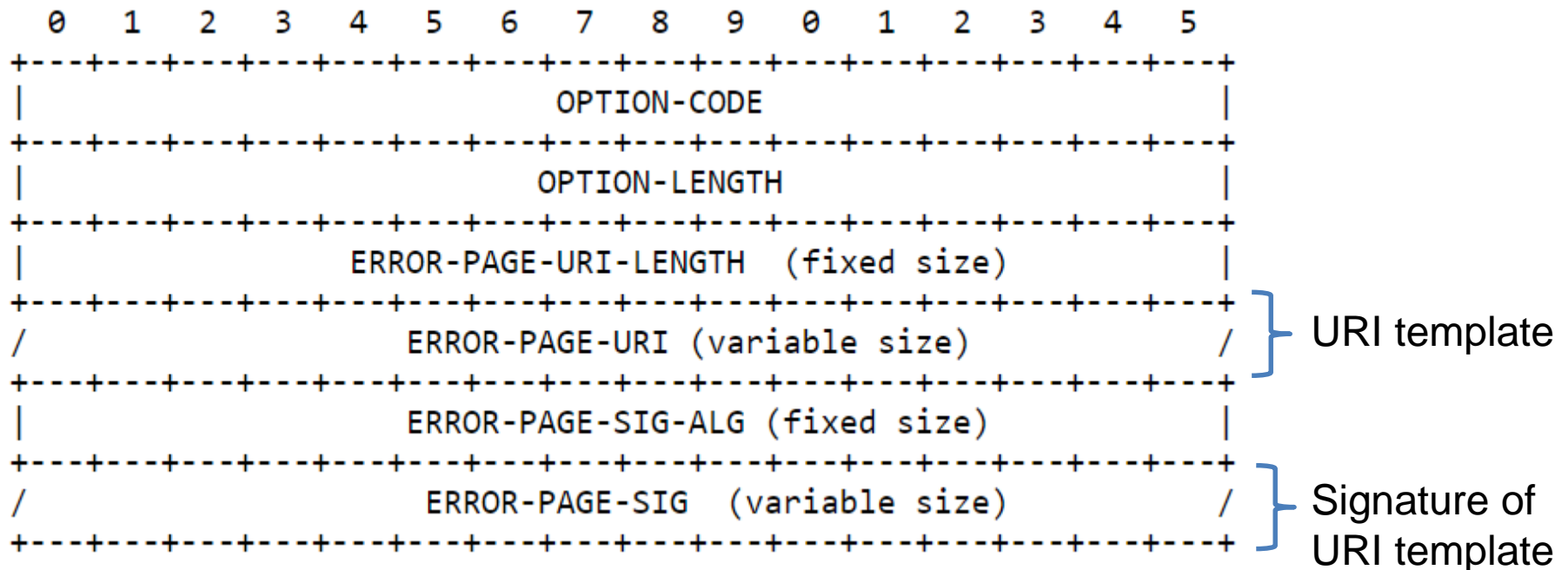
- “Censored” and “Blocked” error codes in [dnsop-extended-error](#) provides additional information about the cause of the DNS error but
  - User does not know the exact reason the domain is blocked
  - User does not know the entity blocking access to the domain
  - End user needs to know the contact details of IT/InfoSec to raise a complaint.
  - Domain blocked based on the content category and is security vendor specific.
- “Forged answer” does not work for HTTPS unless local root cert is installed.

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| Security Risk | Bot Nets                        |
|               | Confirmed Spam Sources          |
|               | Keyloggers and Monitoring       |
|               | Malware Sites                   |
|               | Phishing and Other Frauds       |
|               | Proxy Avoidance and Anonymizers |
|               | SPAM URLs                       |
|               | Spyware and Adware              |

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| Questionable/Legal | Cheating        |
|                    | Cult and Occult |
|                    | Gambling        |
|                    | Hacking         |
|                    | Hate and Racism |
|                    | Illegal         |
|                    | Marijuana       |
|                    | Pay to Surf     |
|                    | Questionable    |
|                    | Violence        |
|                    | Weapons         |

# RR Type

- This document describes a mechanism to provide an error page URI
- **Comment #1: Concerns with the use HTTPS RR Type**
  - New Error page URI EDNS0 option to include the URI template



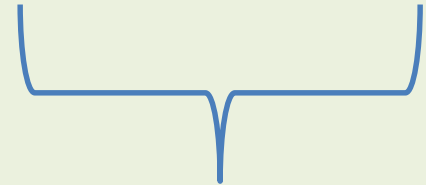
# An Example

Example URI template is

<https://block.example.net/block-page {?target-domain}>

example.com blocked by the DNS server

<https://block.example.net/block-page?targetdomain=ZXhhbXBsZS5jb20>



Base64url encoding of example.com

# Processing Rules of the Error URI EDNS0

- **Comment #2: How to handle the error page URI injected by an on-path attacker?**
- Updated the text to better clarify the following:
  - Encrypted DNS is mandatory
  - Strict privacy profile is mandatory for DoT
  - If opportunistic privacy profile is used, ignore the error page URI
  - More than one Error page URI EDNS0 option, discard all URI EDNS0 options.
  - Returned along with the “Censored”, “Blocked”, “Filtered” or “Forged” extended error code in the additional data section.
  - If the scheme is not “https”, reject the error page URI
  - If the pre-configured DNS server does not perform filtering, discard the error page URI.



# Signature and Verification

- **Comment #3: Issues with data origin authentication**
- The signature algorithm must be compatible with the key in the DNS server's certificate
- **Signature Computation:** Error page URI template, private key of the Encrypted DNS sever, signature algorithm supported by the client
- **Signature Validation:** The signature in the ERROR-PAGE-SIG field, error page URI Template and DNS server's certificate's public key as inputs to the signature algorithm.
- Same set of algorithms in the TLS client for validating the signature in the CertificateVerify message from the server and in the DNS client to validate the signature for the Error page URI Template.

# Security Considerations

- Encrypted DNS mandatory to process the DNS response to avoid forgery
- Data origin authentication of Error Page URI is mandatory.
- **Comment #4: How to handle malicious DoH/DoT servers (phishing attack)**
  - ❑ Isolated environment to process the error page URI (like captive portals)
    - Label the page as not trusted
    - Not to send cookies
    - Disable JavaScript
    - Prevent user-interaction
    - Block auto-fill of credentials/personal Information
    - Auto-Enable private browsing mode for the error page
    - Load the error page in a container isolated from other web activity.

# Next Steps

- All received comments were handled
- Consider WG adoption
- Comments and suggestions are welcome

Thank you