

# Delegation Information (Referrals) Signer for DNSSEC

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# Motivation

- DNSSEC specifications don't protect the parent side NS RRSets and glue records in the delegation information.
  - It is a missing piece of DNSSEC
  - Why ?
    - Parent side NS RRSets and glue records are not authoritative data of the parent zone
    - Parent zone cannot sign non-authoritative data
    - Authoritative servers can remove a part of glue records from response packets
    - Glue records are not well/exactly defined
- However, the referrals (parent side NS RRSets and glue records) are important information specified by customers for TLDs and RIRs (and Root)
- Currently, TLDs and RIRs (and Root) sign DS (and NSEC\*) records only

# Changes from 2005 (RFC 4033-4035)

- the word "in-domain" is defined by [RFC8499].
  - The in-domain glue is necessary and sufficient glue information for name resolution.
- draft-ietf-dnsop-glue-is-not-optional proposes:
  - “Glue records are expected to be returned as part of a referral and if they cannot be fitted into the UDP response, TC=1 MUST be set to inform the client that the response is incomplete and that TCP SHOULD be used to retrieve the full response.”
- Many DNS software developers understand that referrals (glue records) are non-authoritative data.
- Many DNS operators (includes TLDs, RIRs) avoid coexistence of parent zone and (direct) descendant zones on the same authoritative server.

# One idea: Delegation information Signer (DiS)

- Reuse DS resource record
  - Assign a new DNSSEC Digest Type XX  
Delegation information Signer with SHA-256 (DISSHA256)
  - The key tag and algorithm field may require in further discussion.
- digest = SHA-256 hash( parent side NS RRSet | in-domain glue records)
  - NS RRSet and in-domain glue records are ordered as canonical order [DNSSEC]
  - Sibling and out-of-bailiwick glue records are not the data to calculate the hash
  - Another Idea: because sibling glue is also written in the parent zone, we can generate digest with all in-bailiwick glue records (need to determine)
- Parent zone signs DiS Resource Record as DS RRSet
- This proposal includes DiS data in the referral responses, DNSSEC validator can validate referral responses

# An example of DiS record response

```
• dig +norec +dnssec @a.dns.jp wide.ad.jp
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN NS ns.tokyo.wide.ad.jp.
wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN NS ns-wide.wide.ad.jp.
wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN NS mango.itojun.org.
wide.ad.jp. 7200 IN DS 32584 8 2 1D7EEF8BC...
wide.ad.jp. 7200 IN RRSIG DS ...
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.tokyo.wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN AAAA
2001:200:0:1::6
ns-wide.wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN AAAA
2001:200:0:1::f
ns.tokyo.wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN A 203.178.136.35
ns-wide.wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN A 203.178.136.59
```

1. Remove old DiS
2. Generate new DiS
  - 2.1 Collect referral NS RRSets and in-domain glue
  - 2.2 Reorder NS RRSets and in-domain glue as DNSSEC canonical order [RFC 4034]
  - 2.3 Calculate SHA-256 hash  
SHA-256(  
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ns.tokyo.wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN AAAA 2001:200:0:1::6)
  - 2.4 Generated DiS data  
wide.ad.jp 7200 IN DS 0 0 XX \_SHA256\_hash(NS|glue)
3. Sign DS RRSets (contains generated DiS and original DS)

# An example of DiS record validation

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```

- When a validating resolver receives a referral response with DS RRSets and the DS RRSets contain a DS resource record that has a DISSHA256 digest type,
    - calculate digest from NS RRSets and in-domain glue from the referral response. (canonical order)
- SHA-256(
- ```
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ns-wide.wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN AAAA 2001:200:0:1::f
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ns.tokyo.wide.ad.jp. 86400 IN AAAA 2001:200:0:1::6)
```
- Compare the digest and the digest field from the DiS resource record
- ```
wide.ad.jp. 7200 IN DS 0 0 XX hash(NS|glue)
```
- If the digests differ, the referral is compromised or modified. The validating resolver can drop the referral.

# Responses/Comments from dnsop mailing list

- Who signs ?
  - DiS is a part of DS RRSet. It is signed by parent zone and it is the same as DS RRSet.
- TLD zone would become big. Because current DS registration ratio is very low, and DiS adds DS, NSEC/NSEC3, RRSIGs to all delegations.
  - It is not a problem for TLDs with a high DNSSEC deployment rate such as .SE.
- DNS is loosely coherent. DiS does not work when the sources of data are not coherent.
  - Many DNS operators (includes TLDs, RIRs) avoid coexistence of parent zone and (direct) descendant zones on the same authoritative server.
  - In-domain, or in-bailiwick glues are well defined

# Questions ?

- Why did not we decide signing referral information (parent NS + glue) ?
- Is it a missing piece of DNSSEC ?
- Do you have interests about signing referral information ?
- Do you have another idea ?
- Is it good to reuse DS resource record ?
- Is the Delegation information signer idea good ?