

# Hosting Encrypted ~~DNS~~ ~~Forwarders~~ Servers on CPEs

draft-rbw-add-encrypted-dns-forwarders

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# ADD: TLS for DNS on CPE

- Deployed: CPE gets CA-signed certs from a vendor-operated cloud service
  - Each CPE gets unique host name (SAN)
    - cpe-5837.example.com similar to unique SSID
  - McAfee CPE, Mozilla IoT Gateway, Cujo CPE
- Problem: Certificate Authorities unhappy to sign millions of certificates

# Conclusion of IETF119 ADD

- Problem is bigger than ADD
- Encrypted DNS is like other in-home encrypted services
  - TLS for DNS ← ADD is here
  - HTTPS for CPE management
  - SMB over QUIC
  - Printer (IPP over TLS)
  - Internet of Things
  - Etc.

# Discussion

- Identification: unique name rather than IP
- Authentication: CA-signed certificates
  - Normal CA-signed certificates (deployed today)
    - CA unhappy to sign millions
  - Short-lived certificates (STAR, RFC8739)
    - Unknown CA support for millions
  - Name Constraints (RFC5280 §4.2.1.10)
    - No/little CA support

# Next Steps

- Co-authors for problem statement document

# **BACKUP SLIDES**

# SECURING CPE

# Modern Managed CPE

- Already support encrypted DNS (e.g., PowerDNS DNSdist).
  - <https://blog.open-xchange.com/dnsdist-as-a-router-ready-solution>
- Network security services on secure home routers (e.g., hardened OpenWRT)
- Offered by several security vendors: McAfee, SAM, Trend Micro, etc.
- Millions of secure CPEs deployed today



# Security measures for Device Management

- Patch management and update policy  
(Upgraded without end-user intervention)
- Certificate Management
- Data encryption
- Secure Firmware/Software Update
- Secure Device Management

# Security Requirements Met by CPEs

- Vulnerability Management
- Exploit Mitigations
  - Runtime Integrity
  - Microservices/Containers
- Prpl Foundation adds on carrier-grade security, software hardening, QA, and testing:
  - <https://prplfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/prpl-Device-Security-Requirements-v1.0.pdf>

# Achieving Encrypted DNS

- WPA3
  - Wi-Fi only
  - Client cannot ensure encrypted path
- TLS
  - Wi-Fi and Ethernet
  - End to end encrypted path

# **CERTIFICATES FOR DNR**

# CPE Certificate

Both allow client to identify and authorize the Encrypted DNS server

## Self-Signed

- Certificate warnings

## CA-signed

- Authenticated
- Can also provide HTTPS for CPE management console

# DDR: prove possession of IP

- DDR's scope is restricted to public IP addresses
  - IP re-numbering creates issues
    - DNS service delayed until new certificate is acquired
  - Struggle with IPv4 CGN (5G hotspot)
- ACME IP Identifier Validation Extension (RFC8738) not supported by CAs
- Poor user experience (“2001:db8:6:7::9 is mine!”)

# DNR: prove possession of FQDN

- Unique FQDNs are viable (e.g., cpe123.example.com)
- ACME approach: CPE hosts Internet-facing HTTP or DNS server
  - Struggle with CGN (5G hotspot)
- Deployed today: CPE obtains certificate signature from Internet-facing server
- Client policy can allow named certificate for DNR

# Scaling CA Signing

- Dependency on CAs to issue millions of certificates
- Could trigger DoS mitigation (throttling) by CA
- Need agreement to avoid throttling



# Other Potential Solutions

- Avoid high traffic to CAs by using *Name Constraints* (RFC5280)
  - Standardized 2008, but little/no CA support
- Periodically renew short-lived certificates (STAR, RFC8739)
  - STAR certificates require CA support
  - Unknown if CAs will support STAR certificates for millions of CPE

# Document Scope

- Discuss Goal, Problems, and Solutions