

# **draft-wirelela-deleg-requirements**

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(WiReLeLa, for any who hadn't already puzzled out the draft name)

# The Basics

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<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-wirelela-deleg-requirements/00/>

Proposed a basic framework of Hard Requirements vs Soft Requirements

- Hard: strictly required of any proposals
- Soft: desired features to address the problem space

Asked for and received feedback on [dd@ietf.org](mailto:dd@ietf.org)

Seeking adoption by this working group

# Initial Hard Requirements

- DELEG must not disrupt the existing registration model of domains.
- DELEG must not change current namespace semantics. ← More later
- DELEG must not negatively impact most DNS software. This is intentionally a bit vague with regard to "most".
- DELEG must be able to secure delegations with DNSSEC.
- DELEG must support updates to delegation information with the same relative ease as currently exists with NS records.

# Initial Soft Requirements

- DELEG should facilitate using new DNS transport mechanisms.
- DELEG should make clear the details for contacting a Service Access Point.
- DELEG should minimize transaction cost in its usage.
- DELEG should enable an operator to manage DNS service more completely.
- DELEG should allow for mapping to the conventional NS-based delegation.
- DELEG should be easily extensible, much like EDNS(0).
- DELEG should support an in-band means for the child to signal to the parent that parent-side records related to the child should be updated.

# Writing Style

Deliberately pithy, to focus in on the core design values.

Aimed to make it easily digestible.

Didn't presuppose a specific solution.

Could add more rationale for each point, if the group desires.

# The Semantics of Semantics

## Originally:

DELEG must not change current namespace semantics. The nameserver (NS) record type will continue to define the delegation of authority between a parent zone and a child zone exactly as it has for decades .

First sentence could be read as basically nullifying this group.

Intent was that *existing* aspects of the pre-DELEG ecosystem work exactly as is.

## Proposed:

DELEG must be backwards compatible with the existing ecosystem. Legacy zone data must function identically with both DELEG-aware and DELEG-unaware software. Nameserver (NS) records will continue to define the delegation of authority between a parent zone and a child zone exactly as they have.

# Child to Parent Backtalk

Currently:

DELEG should support an in-band means for the child to signal to the parent

Put in as a soft requirement because it had been mentioned in brainstorming.

Aligned with the general issue of parent/child relationships.

Anticipated that it might be controversial to include in requirements.

Could well be addressed through [Generalized DNS Notifications](#) in dnsop.

The question: as a soft requirement, it isn't mandatory anyway, but should delete?

# Document Development

Currently at <https://github.com/moonshiner/draft-wirelala-deleg-requirements>

Issues and Pull Requests welcome.

Anticipate moving to a DELEG WG repository if adopted.

# Next Steps

Per the charter, "This is expected to be published as an informational RFC."

We beseech thee, O DELEG delegates, pray adopt our draft.

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# Extra Slides

# CARVING DNS INTO CONCEPTUAL

## COMPONENTS (MODELS)

- Where does DELEG fit?
- What are the boundaries?

What this  
"see"



## SERVICE MODEL

QNAME, QCLASS, QTYPE



QNAME, QCLASS, QTYPE,  
RDATA

The "hidden" in  
the middle of the  
language of  
DNS

- this needs updating!

## DATA MODEL

- Name tree; hierarchy
- Data sets attached to name nodes

Allows for  
great growth  
in content

## DATA MARSCHALLING (Movement)

- Query / Response wire format
- Final Answer
- Referrals ↪ DELEG

## CACHING

No full-times  
end-to-end  
connectivity assumed  
Speed responses

## MANAGEMENT MODEL

ZONE concept  
Root zone delegates  
to first level  
Delegation all the  
way  
Allows DNS workload  
to be distributed

Allows  
for  
Global (+?)  
scale

Allows  
for workload  
scale