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Delegation Revalidation

[draft-ietf-dnsop-ns-revalidation](#)

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Motivation

- Increase trustworthiness of *infrastructure RRsets*

Infrastructure data *used by resolvers*

Authoritative data *returned by resolvers*

AUTHORITY section from
referral responses:

- Parent side NS RRset
- DS RRset

ADDITIONAL section from
referral and priming responses:

- A and AAAA RRsets (glue)
- built-in root server
Names and addresses
 - root server names and
addresses from root hints

AUTHORITY section from
authoritative responses:

- Child side NS RRset

ANSWER section from
authoritative responses:

- Addresses for NS names
- NS RRset from priming
- DNSKEY RRset

ANSWER section from
authoritative responses:

- All DNS data

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- [RFC 2181 5.4.1. Ranking data](#)

AAA - Data from a primary zone file, other than glue

AA - Data from a zone transfer, other than glue

A - Authoritative data in the answer section

A- - The authority section of an authoritative answer

BBB - Glue from a zone file or zone transfer

BB - The answer section of a non-authoritative answer, and
- Non-authoritative data from the answer section

B - Additional information from an authoritative answer,
- The authority section of a non-authoritative answer,
- Additional information from non-authoritative answers.

Name server addresses
Revalidated NS RRset

NS RRset from referral
Glue from referral



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 - Reduce risk of query redirection (Improve privacy)
 - **DNSSEC grade protection of infrastructure RRsets!**

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with signed root name server data*

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 - **DNSSEC grade protection**

Don't be a DNSSEC snob and also help the unsigned!

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New since version -07

- Send DNS Error report when NS RRset mismatch is detected
- Mention that ZONEMD + local root give comparable protection



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willem@orangutan: ~/rzerc2r2
willem@orangutan:~/rzerc2r2$ wget -q https://www.internic.net/zones/root.zone
willem@orangutan:~/rzerc2r2$ ldns-verify-zone -V 4 root.zone
Zone digest matched the zone content
Zone is verified and complete
willem@orangutan:~/rzerc2r2$
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- Acknowledge parent only resolvers ([draft-fujiwara-dnsop-resolver-update](#))
 - Not vulnerable to many cache poisoning attacks
 - But also no DNSSEC grade protection against query redirection

New since version -07

- Mention possibility for implementations wishing to consider to limited revalidation to the parts of the domain name space where it counts the most.
- Added an Implementation status section
 - The Unbound resolver since version 1.1 (August 29, 2008)
 - Redhat Enterprise Linux has been running revalidating Unbound for years without problems
 - The Knot Resolver software revalidates the priming response since version 1.5.1 (released December 12, 2017)

Mission accomplished

- We're done
- Questions?
- Comments?

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