

ALTO Server Discovery

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Updates in -03

- Normative Language aligned
- Addresses items identified by expert review
(Thanks to *Olafur Gudmundsson*)
 - New section: Operational Considerations
 - New section: General Security Considerations

Items addressing Expert Review

- Clarifications in Introduction
 - Goal is to find *closest* ALTO server
 - Rational for U-NAPTR is to find *URL not only server name*
 - ALTO servers *cannot redirect* clients to better server
- New Pre-Conditions - Not in scope:
 - Best ALTO server for multi-interfaced client
 - NAT discovery
- Clarified use of methods to retrieve domain name
 - „A client SHOULD use the first DNS suffix determined and MAY try other methods in case the U-NAPTR lookup failed.
”
 - Shortening of domain suffixes reduced to one step

Items addressing Expert Review

New section: Operational Considerations

- Reverse DNS lookup Limitations
 - No unique way of maintaining the DNS tree
 - Clients must be able to deal with failures of the reverse DNS lookup
 - Tree climbing is problematic, in particular for IPv6 [RFC4472]
 - Populating a DNS name space like a reverse tree is a significant administrative DNS overhead
 - Tree walking raises several issues: Only one step for shortening
 - Implementers SHOULD consider skipping this step

Items addressing Expert Review

New section: General Security Considerations

- Two failures caused by malicious attacks or by configuration problems
 - Discovery fails even if suitable ALTO server exists
 - Application performance corresponds to scenario without ALTO guidance
 - No significant additional security risk
 - Discovery yields sub-optimal or wrong ALTO server
 - ALTO service useless as no suitable information available
 - Sub-optimal or forged information
 - Performance problems or potentially unwanted traffic
 - Disabling of ALTO service as counter measure

Next Steps

- All items addressed?

Thank you
and
Time for your questions!

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