

An Overview of DNS Security Measurements

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DNS INFRASTRUCTURE

Why measure DNS security?



DNS is so
fundamental.

But unfortunately,
so vulnerable.

DNS Security Measurement Topics

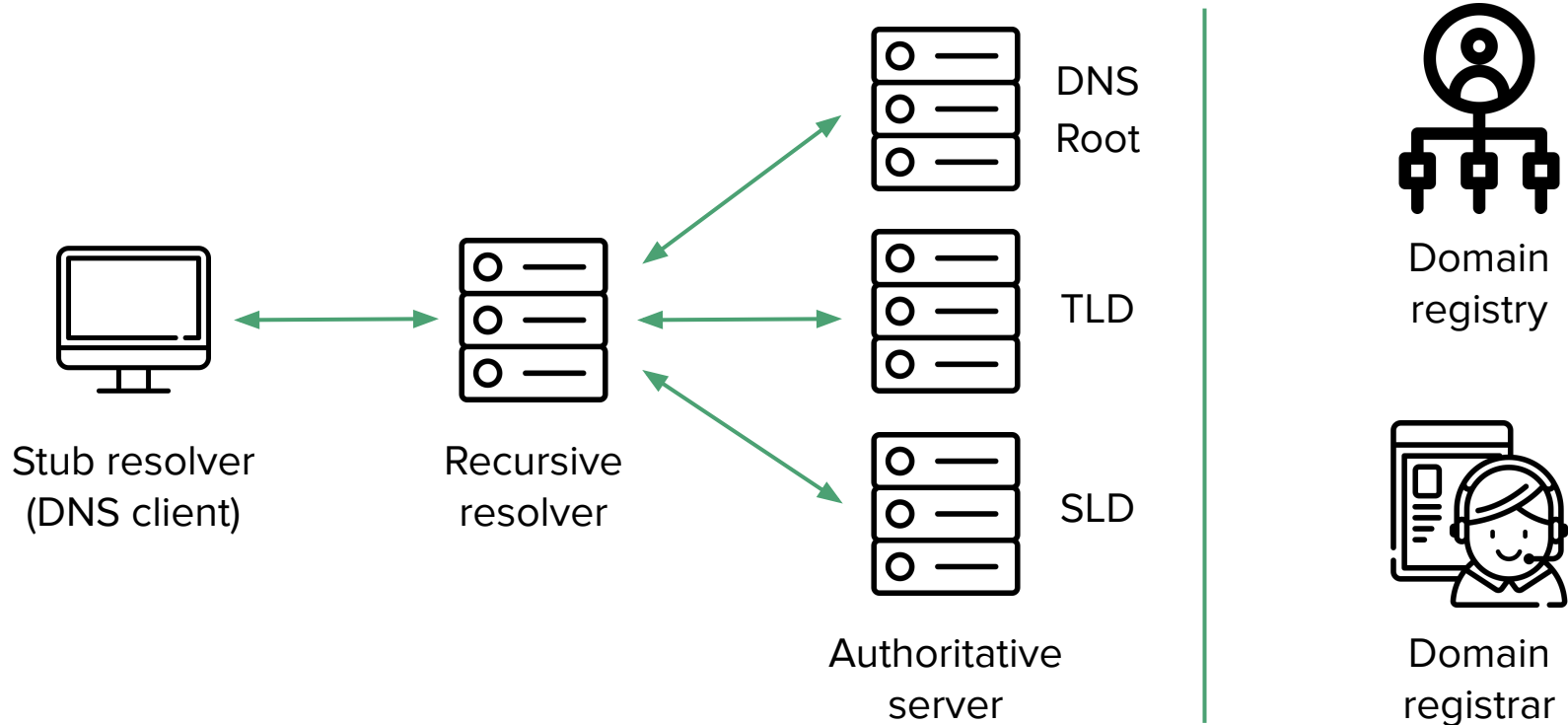
Measuring security issues

Domain abuse
Packet interception
Rogue servers
Name collision

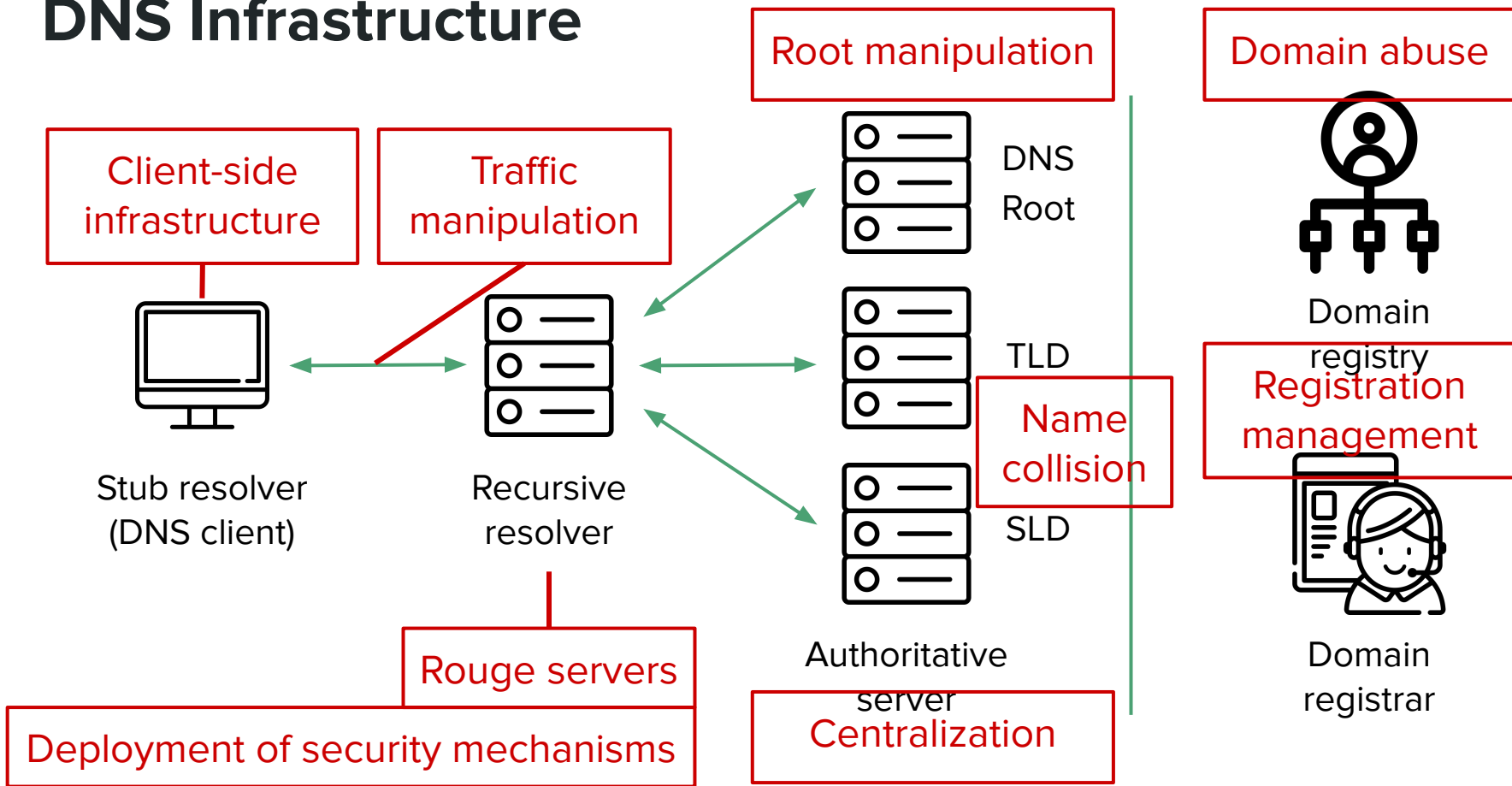
Measuring operational status

Client-side infrastructure
Encrypted DNS
DNSSEC
EDNS(0) Extensions

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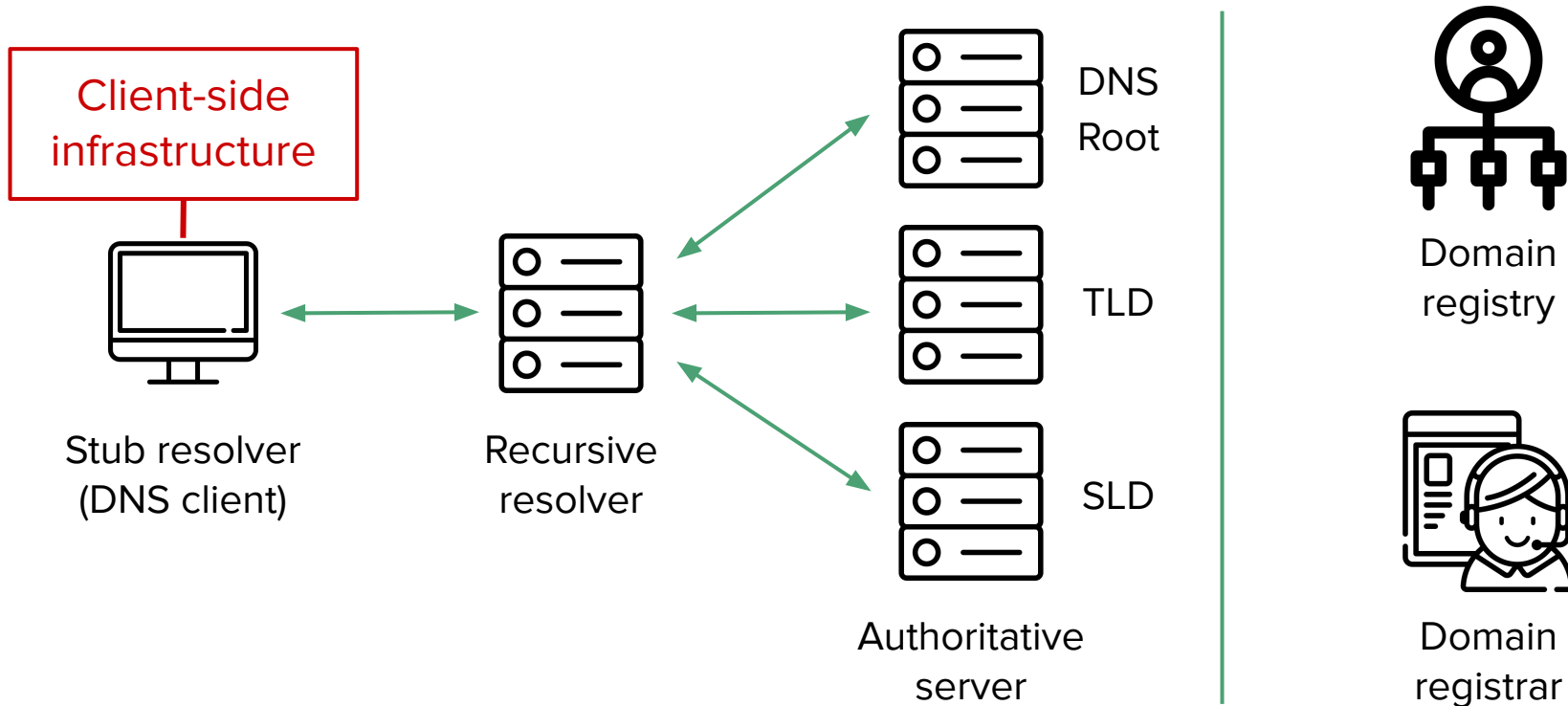


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DNS SECURITY MEASUREMENTS

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A. Client-Side Infrastructure

On Measuring the Client-Side DNS Infrastructure

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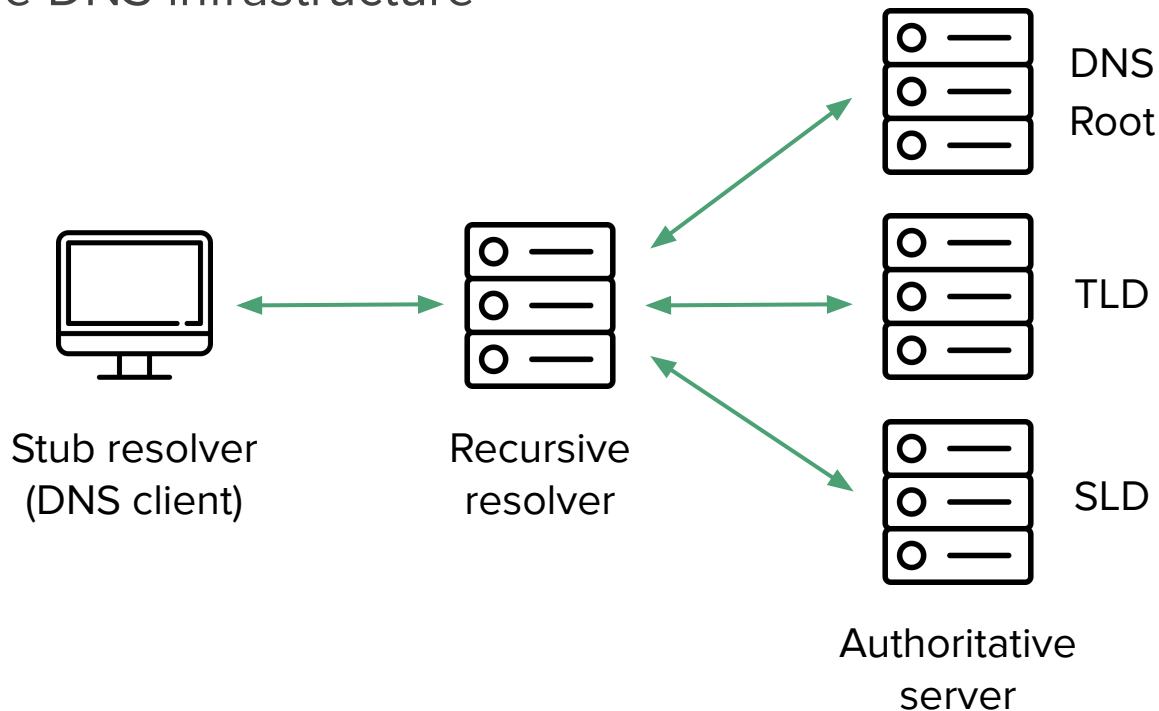
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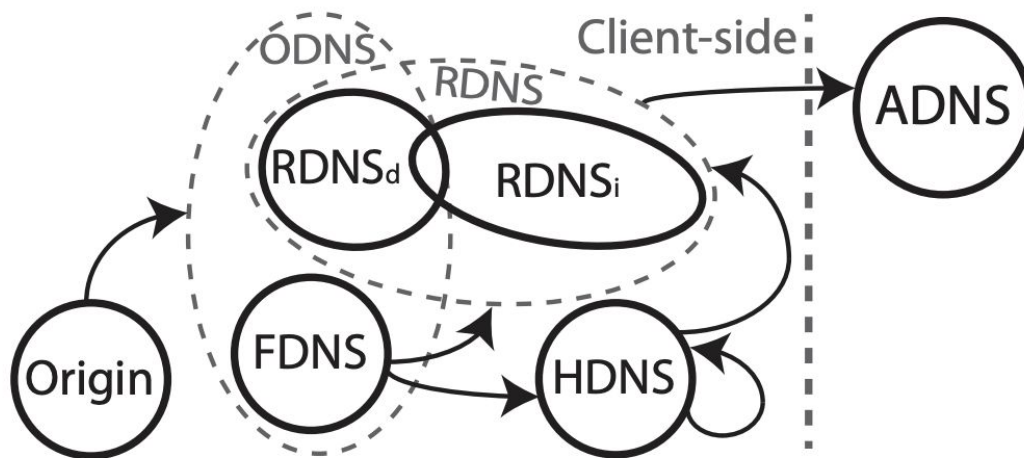
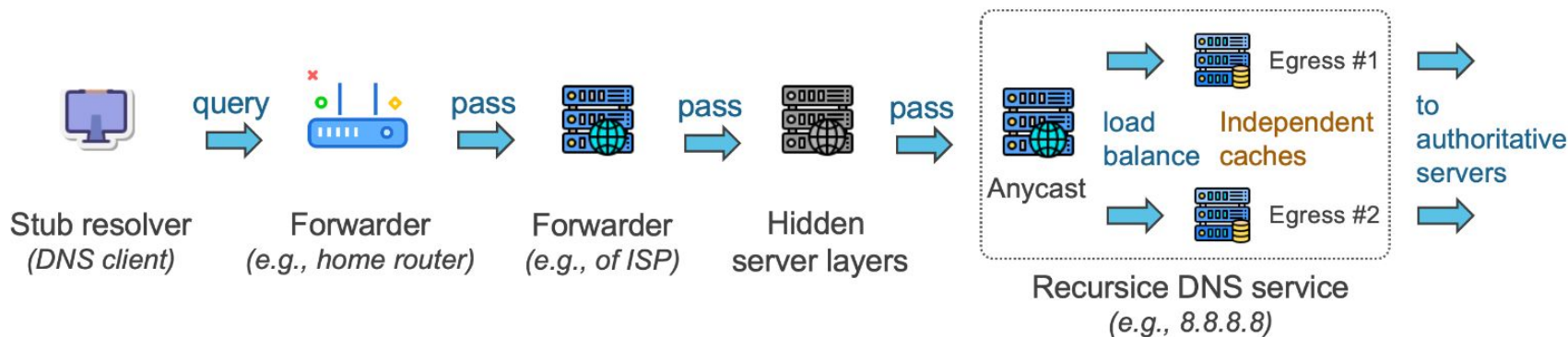


Figure 1: Structure of the client-side DNS infrastructure.

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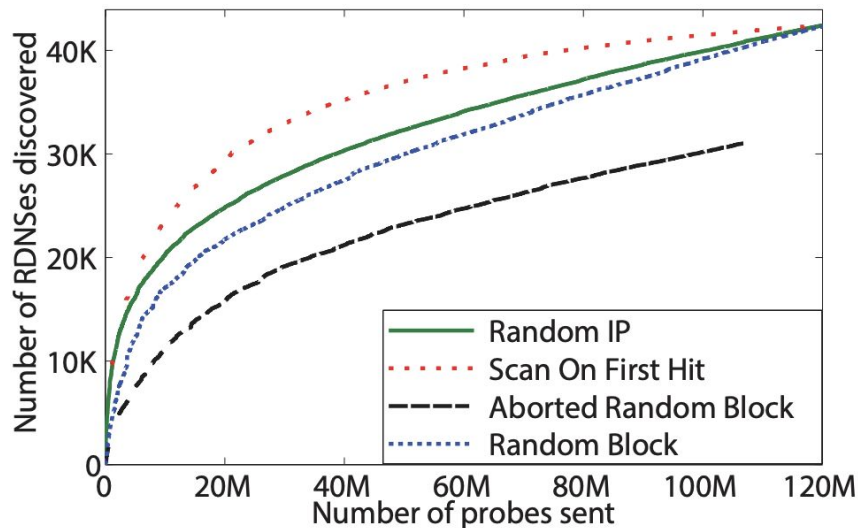
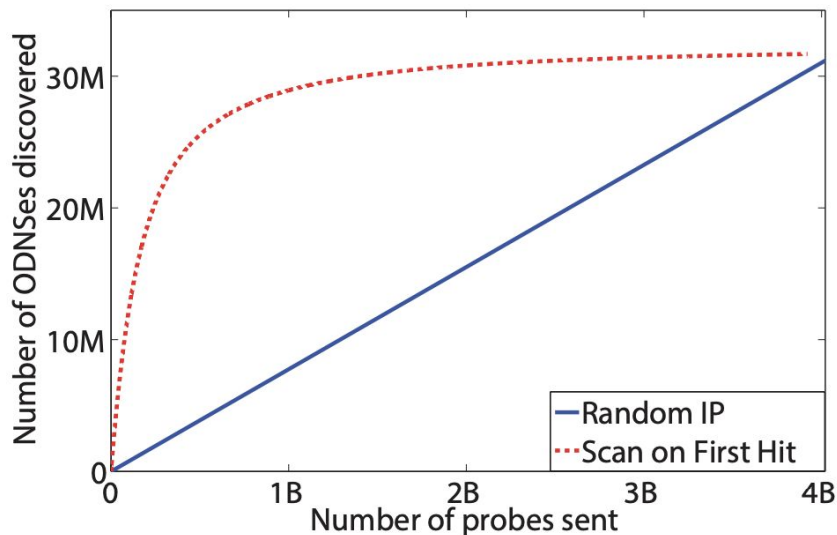
❖ *A typical DNS resolution path now looks like this*



A. Client-Side Infrastructure

Count of ODNS & RDNS.

95% of ODNS are actually FDNS.



A. Client-Side Infrastructure

TTL & caching behaviors.

Behavior	Percentage of Measurements
Honest	19%
Lie on Initial	38%
Lie on Subsequent	9%
Constant TTL	7%
Increment TTL	1%

Table 3: Aggregate TTL Behavior

Expected (sec)	% <	% >	Mode Lie	
			Value	% of All Lies
1	0%	11%	10000	35%
10-120	≤ 1%	≤ 8%	10000	≥ 37%
1000	1%	3%	10000	62%
3600	2%	2%	10000	51%
10000	5%	0%	3600	40%
10800	8%	0%	3600	27%
86400	16%	0%	21600	36%
100000	22%	0%	21600	27%
604800	22%	0%	21600	26%
1000000	64%	0%	604800	67%

Table 4: Aggregate TTL Deviations

Implementations are not always following the specifications.

A. Operational Statistics of the DNS

DNS Observatory: The Big Picture of the DNS

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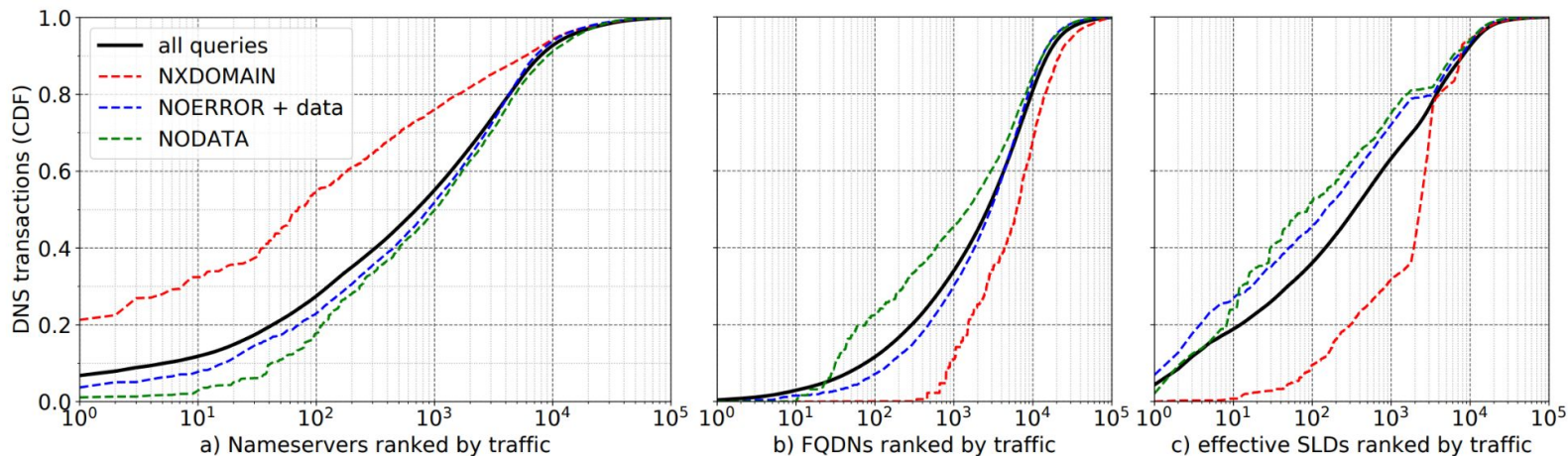
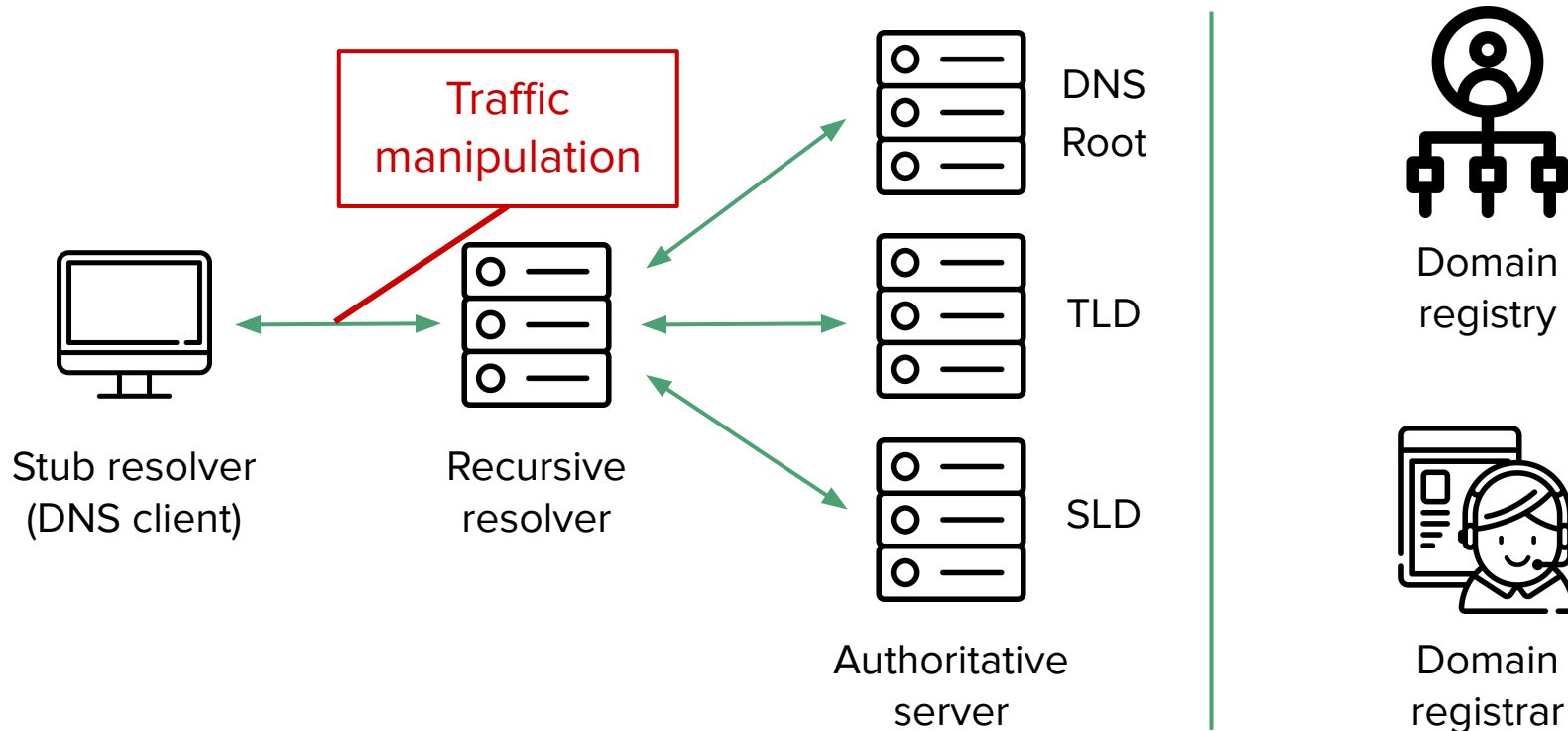


Figure 2: Traffic distributions for various Top-100K DNS objects, ranked by traffic. Note that the x-axis is log-scaled for improved readability.

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	QTYPE	global	data	nodata	nxd	err
1	A	64%	67%	0.6%	22%	11%
2	AAAA	22%	57%	25%	5.9%	11%
3	PTR	6.4%	45%	0.2%	29%	26%
4	NS	1.4%	9.4%	1.4%	86%	3.2%
5	TXT	1.4%	65%	4.1%	22%	8.1%
6	MX	1.2%	60%	3.3%	2.9%	34%

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B. Packet Interception - Error Monetization

Redirecting DNS for Ads and Profit

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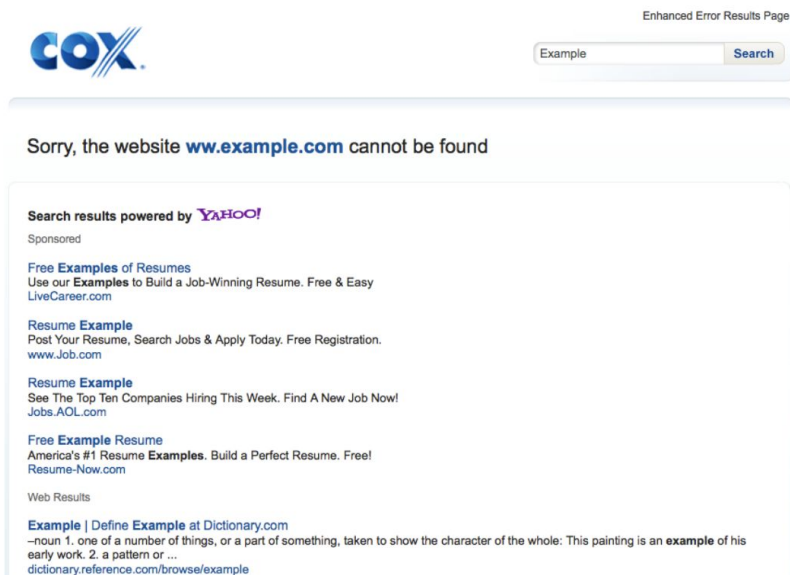
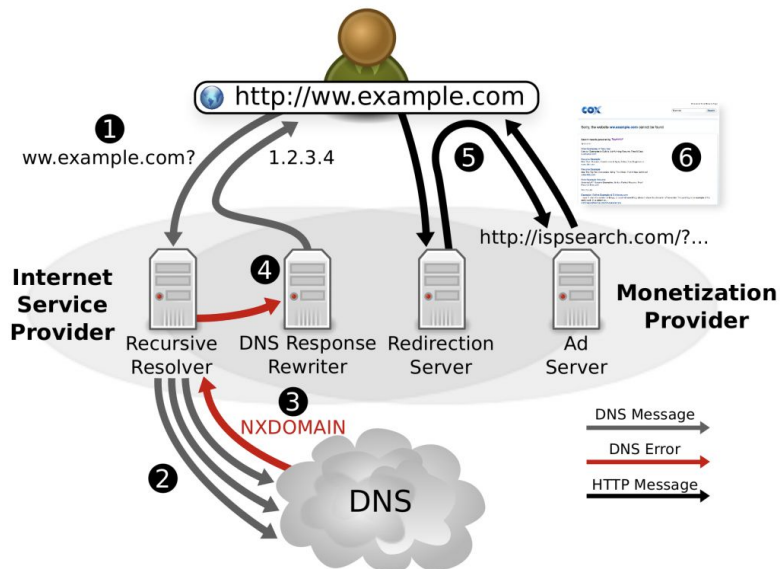
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B. Packet Interception - Error Monetization

Threat model



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ISP	# SESSIONS	COUNTRY	MONETIZATION PROVIDER	REWRITING RULE	— USER OPT-OUT — MECHANISM	% RATE
Alice DSL	3,761	DE	✗(AOL?)	www	Account Setting	25
Brazil Telecom	569	BR	✗	www	?	2
Charter	2,241	US	Paxfire → Xerocole	www	Account Setting	34
Comcast	17,362	US	FAST	www	Account Setting	27
Cox	2,633	US	Barefruit	all	Account Setting	18
Deutsche Telekom	12,671	DE	✗	all	Account Setting	30
Optimum Online	1,210	US	Infospace	www	Account Setting	15
Oi	657	BR	Barefruit	all	Cookie	25
Qwest	1,542	US	Barefruit	all	Account Setting	33
Rogers Cablesystems	1,197	CA	Paxfire	all	Cookie	4
Telecom Italia	1,429	IT	✗	all	?	33
Time Warner	7,287	US	Xerocole → FAST	www	Account Setting	20
UPC	964	NL	Infospace → Nominum	www	?	5
Verizon	4,751	US	Paxfire	www	Resolver Change	9
Virgin Media	1,890	UK	Nominum	www	?	28

Table 2: The 15 DNS-monetizing ISPs most prevalent in our Netalyzr dataset, their monetization providers, and monetization details. “→” indicates a provider switch, “✗” ISP-internal realization of the monetization service.

1-3 USD per customer of extra profit -> ISPs are willing to do this!

B. Packet Interception - Censorship

Global Measurement of DNS Manipulation

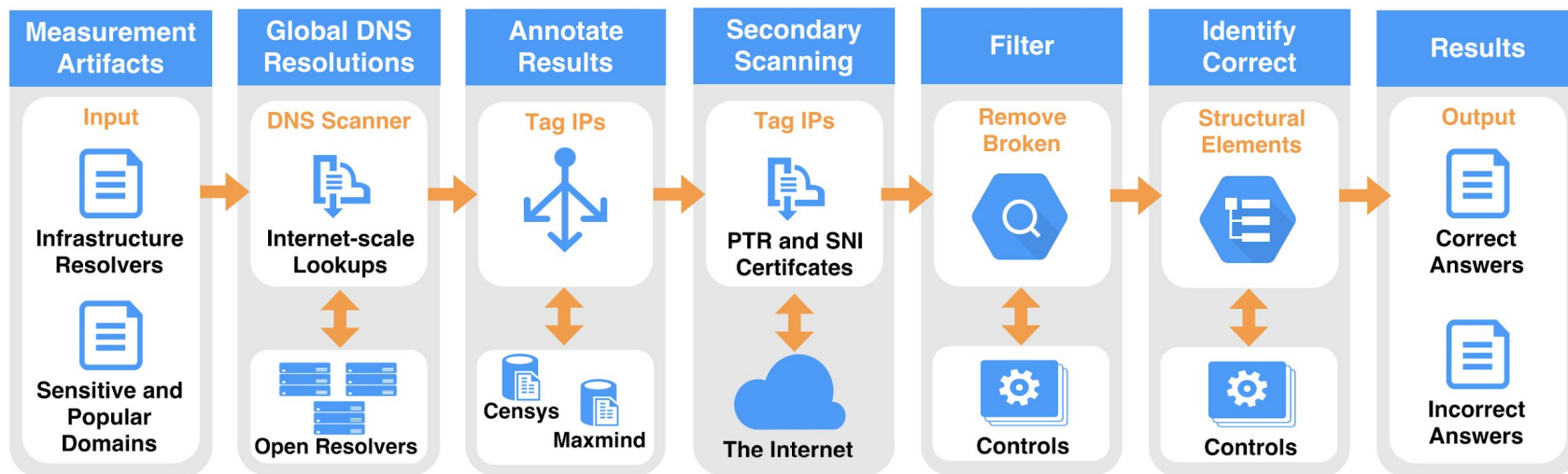
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Automatic detection of DNS manipulation



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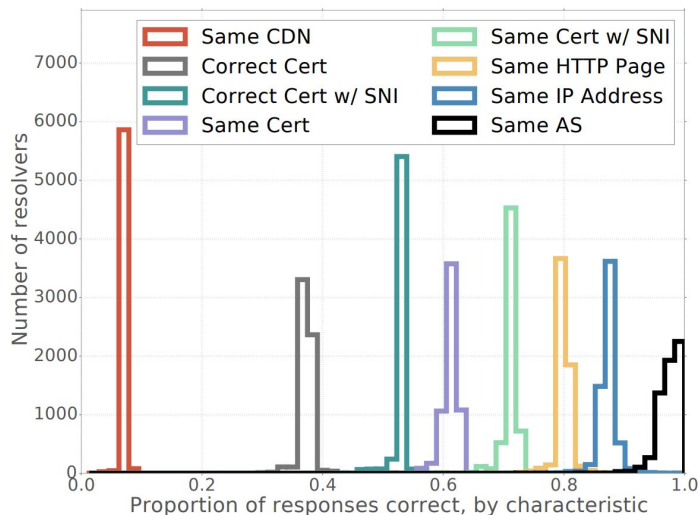


Figure 3: The ability of each correctness metric to classify responses as correct. Table is ordered (top to bottom, left to right) by the lines on the graph (left to right).

Rank	Domain Name	Category	# Cn	# Res
1	*pokerstars.com	Gambling	19	251
2	betway.com	Gambling	19	234
3	pornhub.com	Pornography	19	222
4	youporn.com	Pornography	19	192
5	xvideos.com	Pornography	19	174
6	thepiratebay.org	P2P sharing	18	236
7	thepiratebay.se	P2P sharing	18	217
8	xhamster.com	Pornography	18	200
9	*partypoker.com	Gambling	17	226
10	beeg.com	Pornography	17	183
80	torproject.org	Anon. & cen.	12	159
181	twitter.com	Twitter	9	160
250	*youtube.com	Google	8	165
495	*citizenlab.org	Freedom expr.	4	148
606	www.google.com	Google	3	56
1086	google.com	Google	1	5

Several classification metrics

Commonly manipulated domains

B. Packet Interception - Path Interception

Who Is Answering My Queries: Understanding and Characterizing Interception of the DNS Resolution Path

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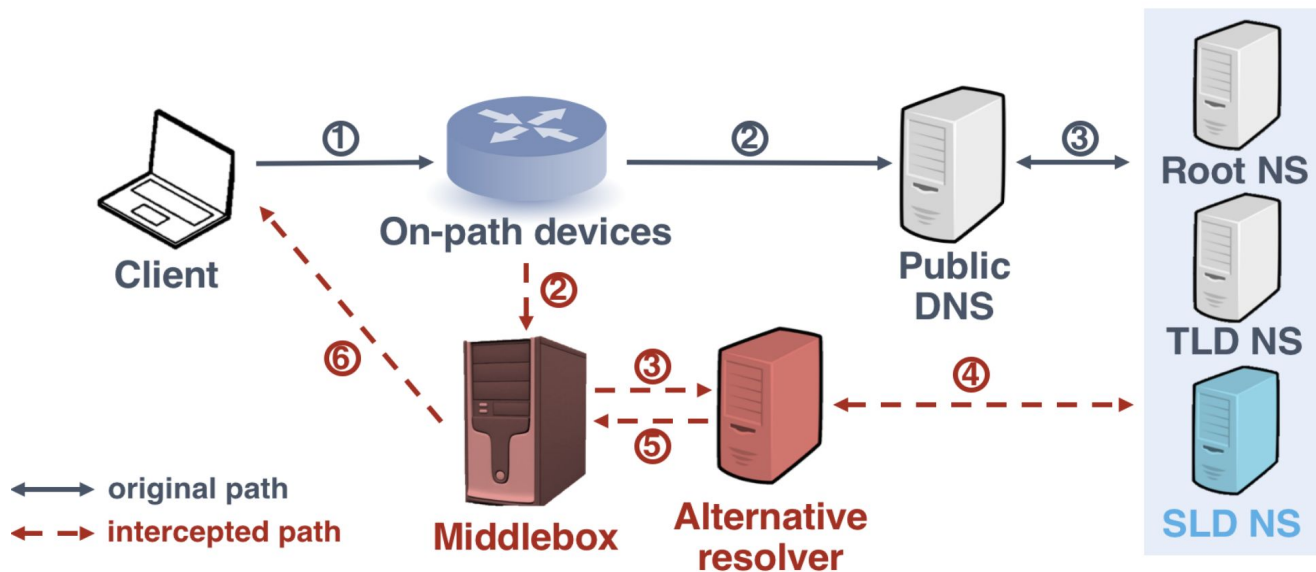
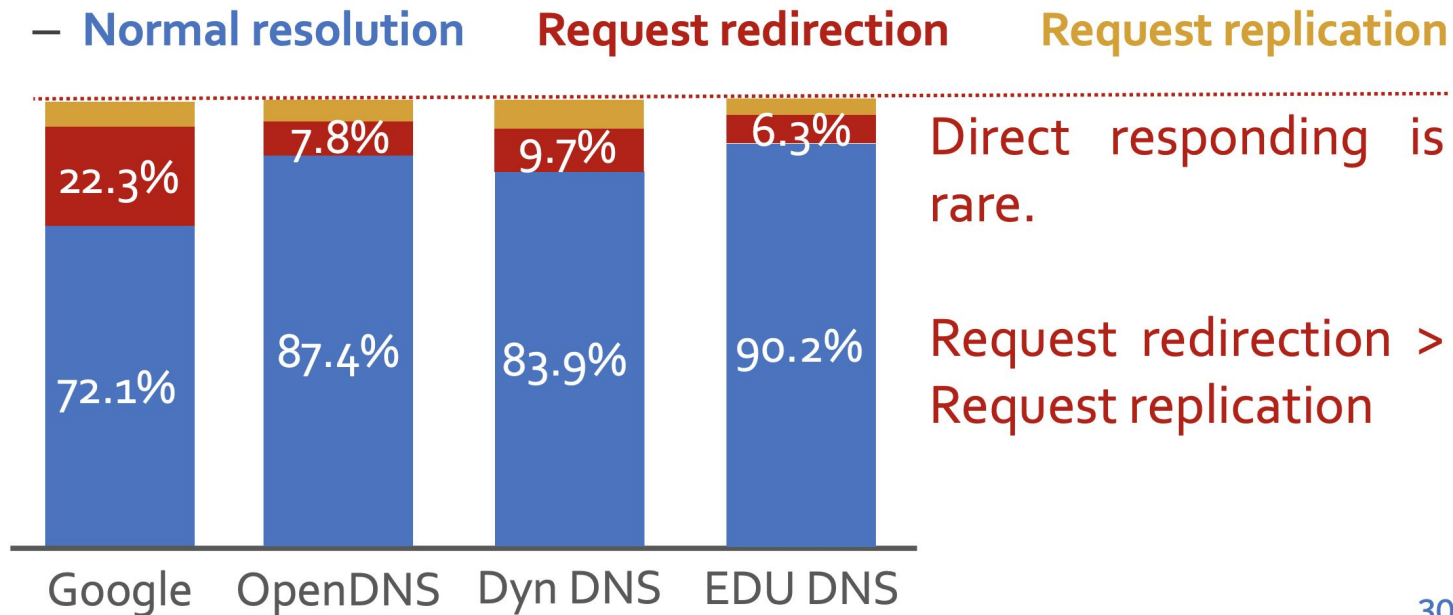


Figure 2: *Threat model*

B. Packet Interception - Path Interception



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- Alternative resolvers' security
 - An analysis on 205 open alternative resolvers



**Only 43%
resolvers
support
DNSSEC**



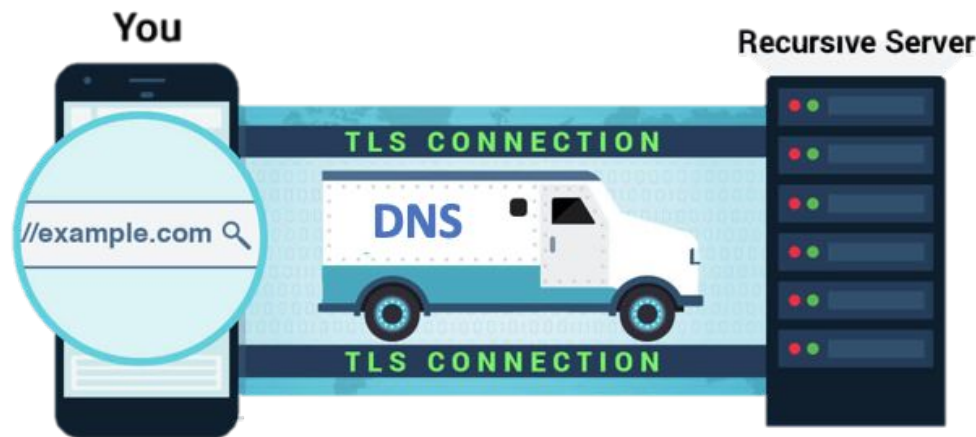
**ALL BIND
versions
should be
deprecated
before 2009**

B. Packet Interception - Recommendations

Deploy and use secure versions of DNS.



DNSSEC



Encrypted DNS

B. Packet Interception Defence - DNSSEC

A Longitudinal, End-to-End View of the DNSSEC Ecosystem

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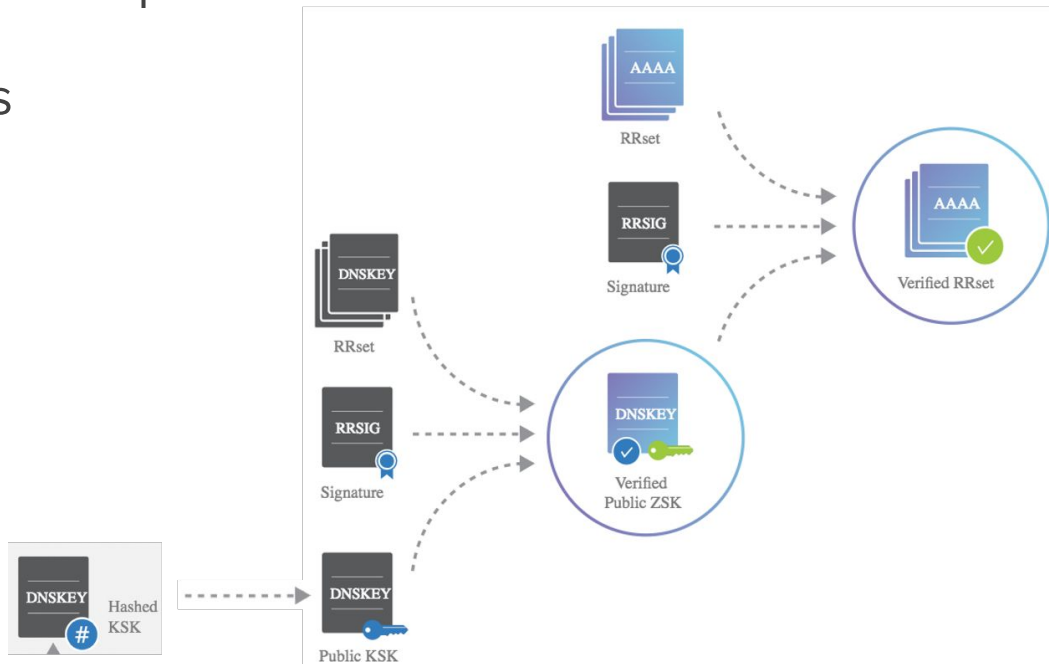
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B. Packet Interception Defence - DNSSEC

Gist: attach digital signatures to responses

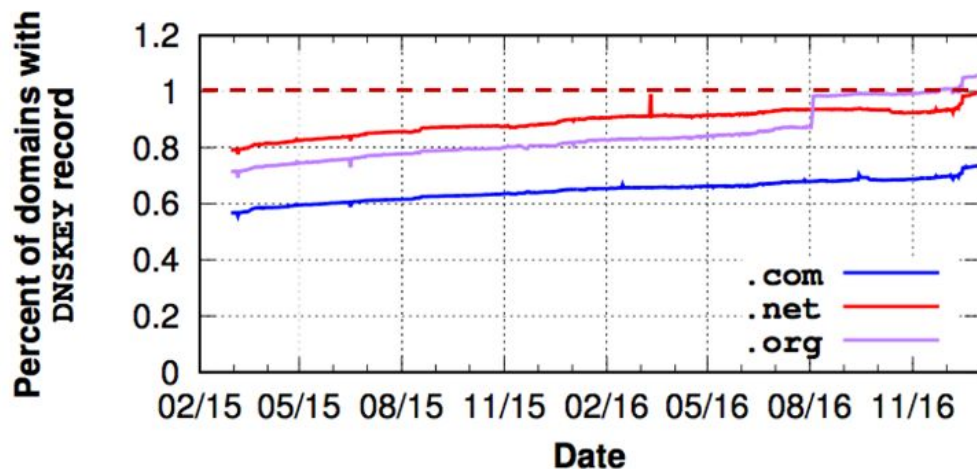
Domain owners **sign** domains

Resolver **validate** responses



B. Packet Interception Defence - DNSSEC

- DNSSEC prevalence
 - Domain names with a DNSKEY record



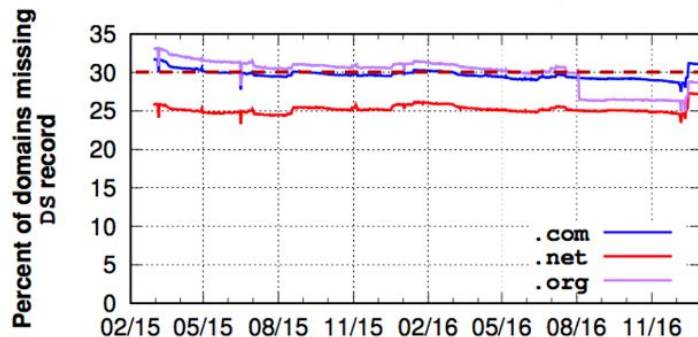
**Deployment is
rare (< 1.0%)**

but growing

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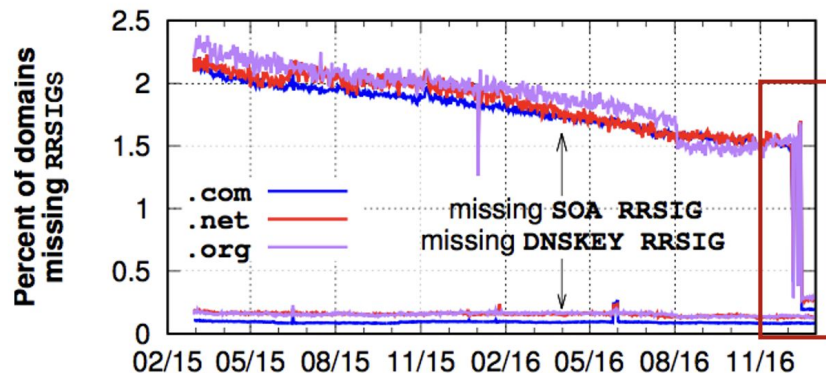
- Missing DS records

- Broken chain or trust
- Domain owners need to contact registrar



- Missing RRSIG records

- No signatures to validate



30% domains have misconfigurations!

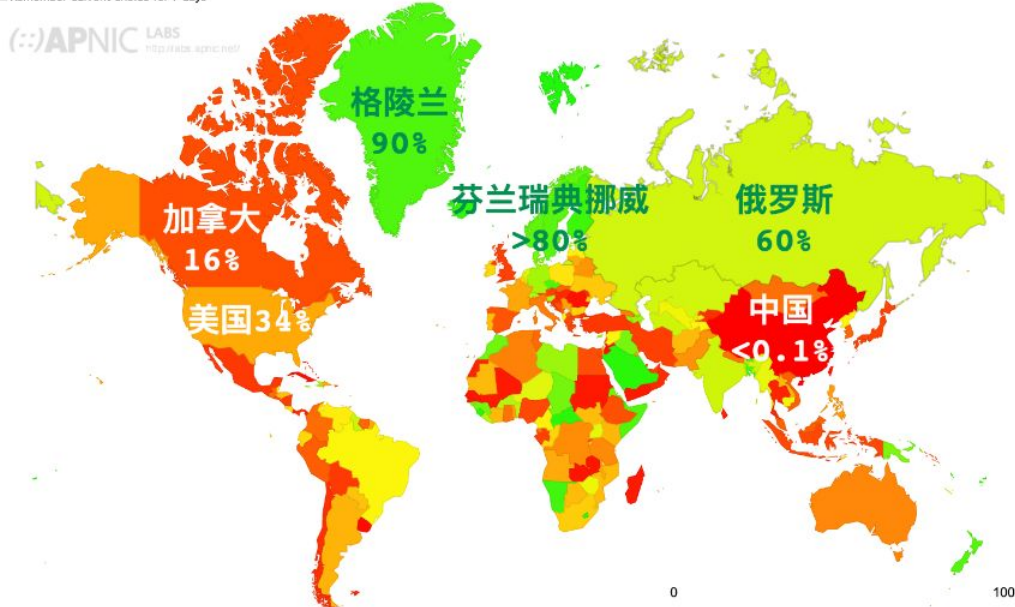
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Validation rate of recursive resolvers by country

DNSSEC Validation Rate by country (%)

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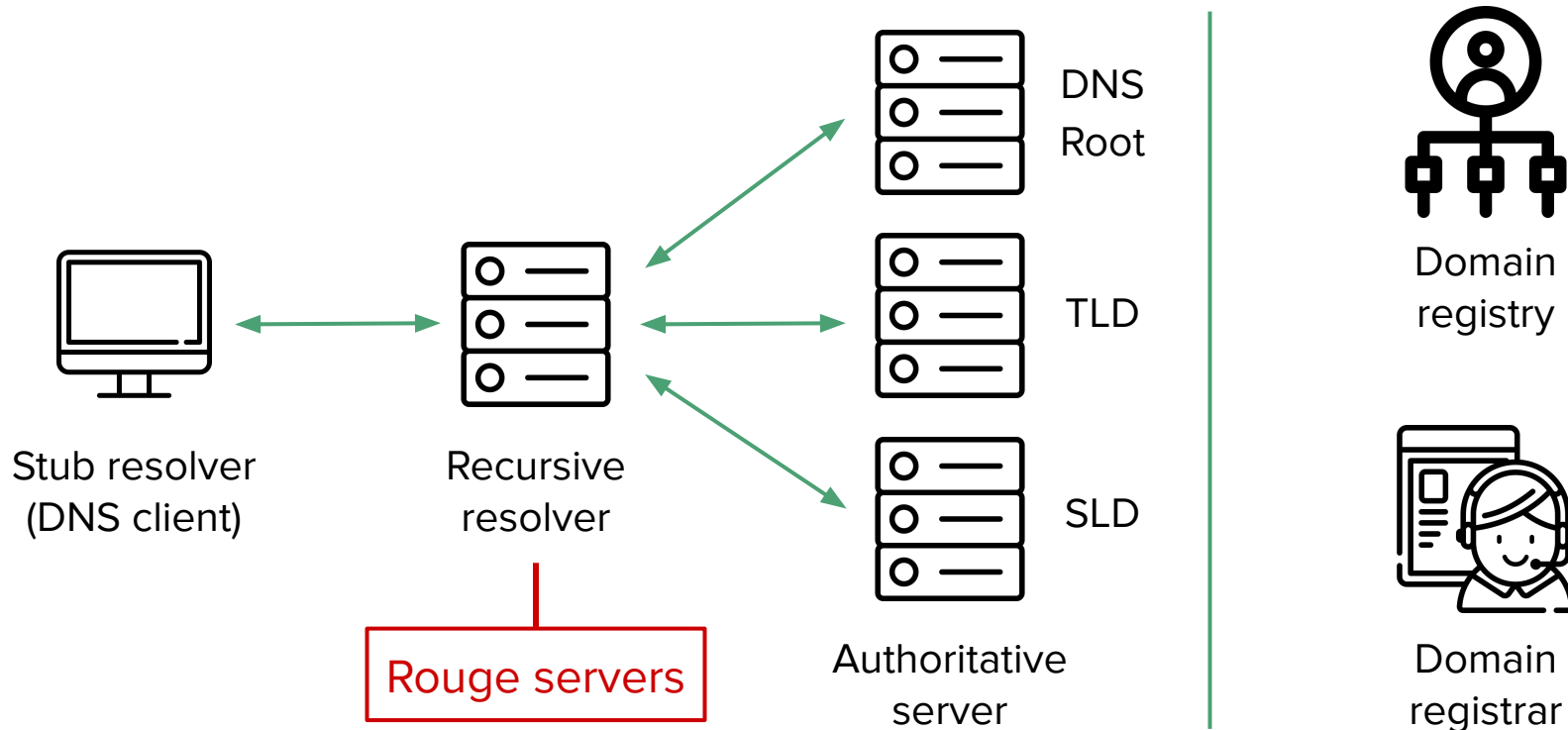
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在多数国家，
服务器对DNSSEC签名的验证
比例仍然较低

推动DNSSEC的部署
需要域名所有者、域名
服务器的共同参与

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C. Rogue Servers - Resolver Altering

Corrupted DNS Resolution Paths: The Rise of a Malicious Resolution Authority

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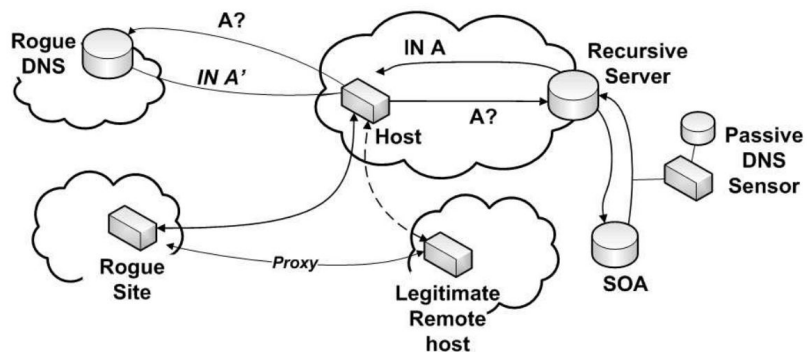
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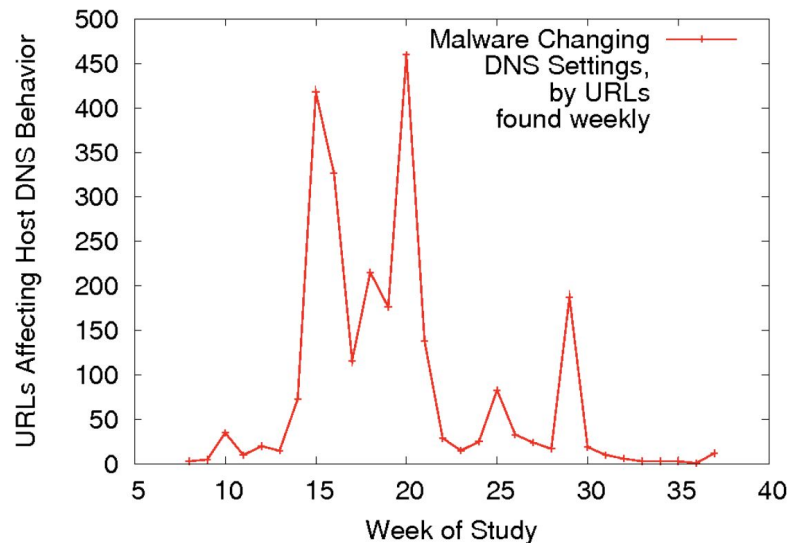
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(a) DNS Resolution Paths



(a) URLs Altering Host DNS

C. Rogue Servers - Open Resolvers

Going Wild: Large-Scale Classification of Open DNS Resolvers

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Resolver scan & classification.

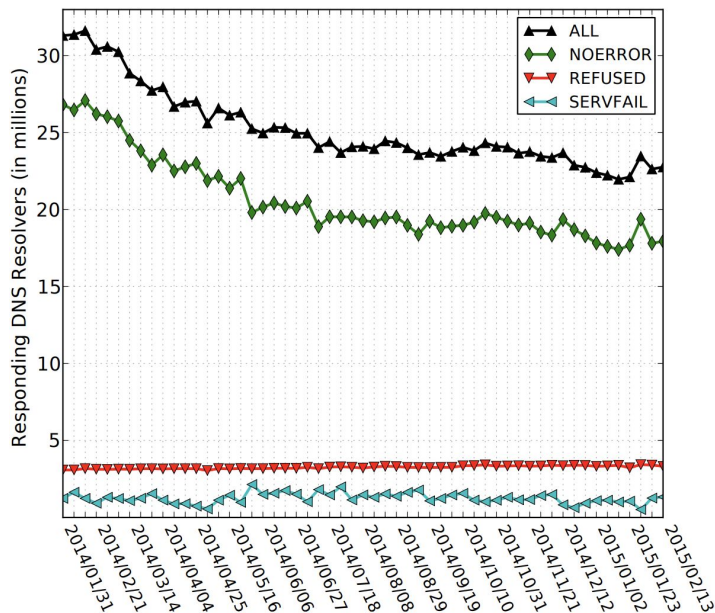


Figure 1: DNS resolvers identified in our weekly scans

Software	Resolvers	Released	Deprecated	CVE
BIND 9.8.2	19.8 %	Apr 2012	May 2012	IP Bypass, DoS Mem. Corr./Leak.
BIND 9.3.6	8.9 %	Nov 2008	Jan 2009	DoS
BIND 9.7.3	5.7 %	Feb 2012	Nov 2012	Mem. Overfl., DoS
BIND 9.9.5	5.2 %	Feb 2014	Sep 2014	DoS
Unbound 1.4.22	4.8 %	Mar 2014	Nov 2014	Mem. Overfl., DoS
Dnsmasq 2.40	4.6 %	Aug 2007	Feb 2008	RCE, DoS
BIND 9.8.4	3.9 %	Oct 2012	May 2013	IP Bypass, DoS Mem. Overfl.
PowerDNS 3.5.3	3.2 %	Sep 2013	Jun 2014	DoS
Dnsmasq 2.52	2.9 %	Jan 2010	Jun 2010	DoS
MS DNS 6.1.7601	2.5 %	Jun 2011	Aug 2011	DoS

Deprecated software versions are still in use.

Hardware (in %)							
	Router	Embedded	Firewall	Camera	DVR	Others	Unknown
DNS	34.1	30.6	1.9	1.8	1.2	1.1	29.3

Routers & Embedded devices.

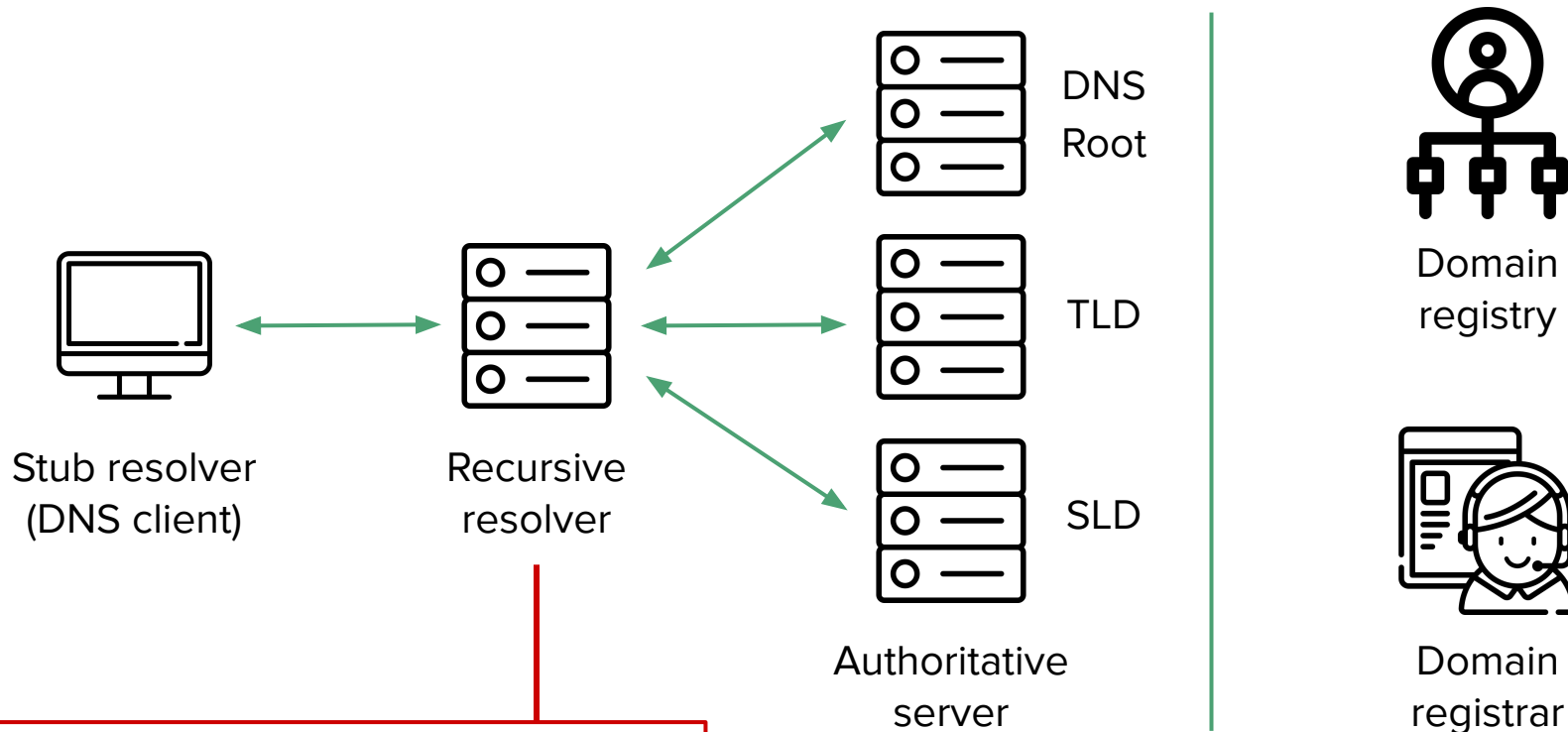
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Analysis of bogus resolutions.

Table 5: Clustering and labeling results of the HTTP payload data for unexpected ($domain \circ ip \circ resolver$) tuples

Average number of resolvers in % / (Highest number of resolvers seen for a domain in the particular dataset in %)														
Label	<i>Ads</i>	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Alexa</i>	<i>Antivirus</i>	<i>Banking</i>	<i>Dating</i>	<i>Filesharing</i>	<i>Gambling</i>	<i>GroundTr.</i>	<i>Malware</i>	<i>Misc.</i>	<i>MX</i>	<i>NX</i>	<i>Tracking</i>
Blocking	0.3 (0.5)	2.2 (3.3)	0.7 (2.5)	0.3 (0.4)	0.4 (1.0)	6.2 (10.9)	3.1 (6.5)	3.7 (6.4)	0.2 (0.2)	9.0 (21.4)	0.9 (4.8)	0.9 (1.9)	1.9 (16.2)	0.6 (2.2)
Censorship	10.8 (96.2)	88.6 (91.3)	19.1 (97.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	31.8 (87.3)	36.5 (91.3)	75.9 (90.4)	0.1 (0.1)	0.8 (8.1)	8.4 (92.5)	0.1 (0.2)	3.2 (37.1)	0.1 (0.1)
HTTP Error	48.1 (70.4)	5.2 (6.9)	45.8 (63.9)	57.0 (75.0)	55.4 (63.5)	34.8 (50.1)	32.6 (52.0)	15.8 (49.8)	55.0 (56.0)	29.8 (53.7)	50.8 (71.1)	57.0 (65.9)	24.7 (55.8)	57.0 (69.4)
Login	12.2 (16.8)	1.2 (1.6)	12.8 (19.1)	15.5 (17.4)	16.8 (19.6)	10.2 (15.4)	9.5 (15.1)	1.9 (3.9)	16.1 (17.2)	9.5 (17.2)	14.3 (18.5)	17.0 (19.8)	2.8 (9.4)	12.5 (16.2)
Misc.	11.5 (56.4)	0.9 (1.6)	5.3 (21.6)	5.9 (16.2)	5.0 (10.5)	3.2 (4.8)	4.9 (12.5)	0.7 (1.4)	5.1 (5.8)	3.3 (5.6)	5.1 (9.7)	5.0 (5.8)	8.5 (19.7)	11.2 (5.5)
Parking	17.1 (23.9)	1.8 (2.4)	16.1 (24.0)	21.2 (25.0)	22.2 (24.3)	13.8 (21.5)	13.4 (22.4)	2.0 (2.4)	23.4 (23.9)	26.2 (92.1)	20.5 (83.6)	20.0 (23.4)	23.2 (42.4)	18.6 (24.0)
Search	0.0 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.2 (2.7)	0.0 (0.1)	0.1 (0.1)	0.0 (0.1)	0.0 (0.0)	0.0 (0.0)	0.1 (0.6)	21.4 (69.3)	0.0 (0.5)	0.0 (0.1)	35.7 (65.1)	0.0 (0.0)

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Deployment of security mechanisms

C. Deployment of Security Mechanisms

Fourteen Years in the Life: A Root Server's Perspective on DNS Resolver Security

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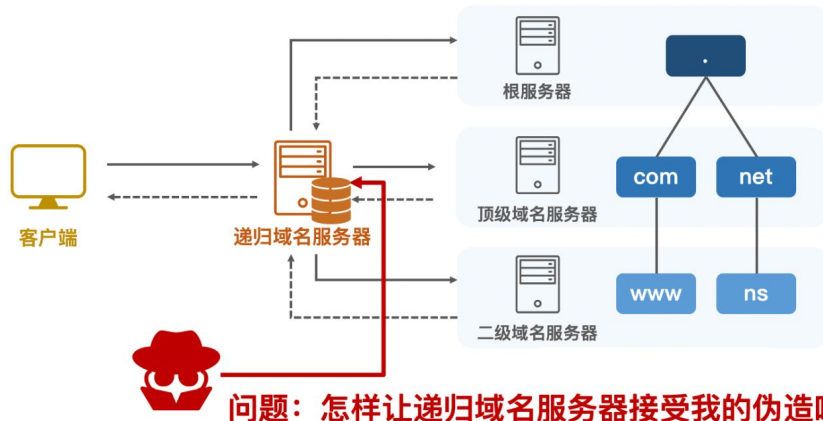
A. Src port & TXID randomization - defence for cache poisoning

缓存污染攻击

攻击模型：旁路注入 (off-path injection)

攻击者**并不位于域名解析链路上**，无法直接嗅探和修改报文

攻击者想要**注入一个伪造的响应**，使得递归域名服务器接受并写入缓存



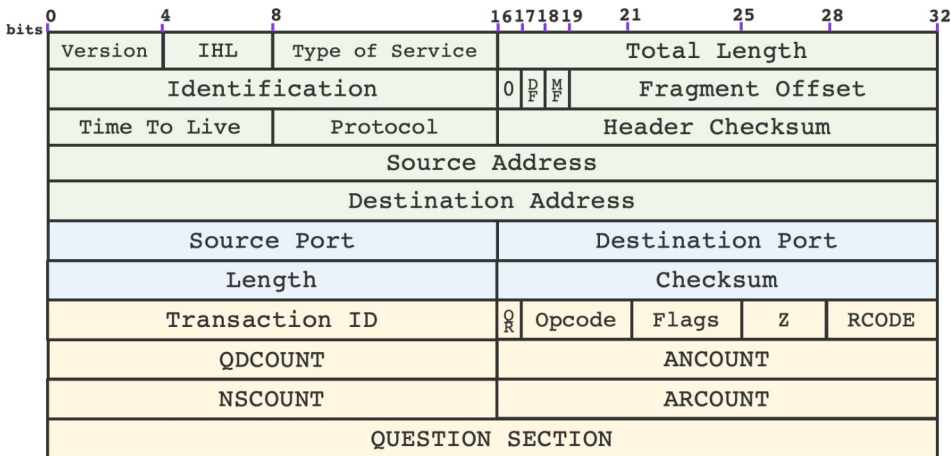
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A. Src port & TXID randomization - defence for cache poisoning

缓存污染攻击

什么样的响应会被递归域名服务器接收？

递归域名服务器会做什么检查？



C. Deployment of Security Mechanisms

A. Src port & TXID randomization - defence for cache poisoning

缓存污染攻击

攻击者如何伪造符合上述条件的响应？

条件	备注	是否可控/可预知
IP地址匹配	响应源地址 = 权威服务器地址	是（通过查询实现）
	响应目的地址 = 递归域名服务器	是
端口匹配	响应源端口 = 53（DNS默认服务端口）	是
	响应目的端口 = 请求源端口	否
TXID匹配	响应TXID = 请求TXID	否
问题区域匹配	响应问题区域 = 请求问题区域	是（为什么？）
伪造响应先到达	伪造响应先于真实响应到达	是

C. Deployment of Security Mechanisms

A. Src port & TXID randomization - defence for cache poisoning

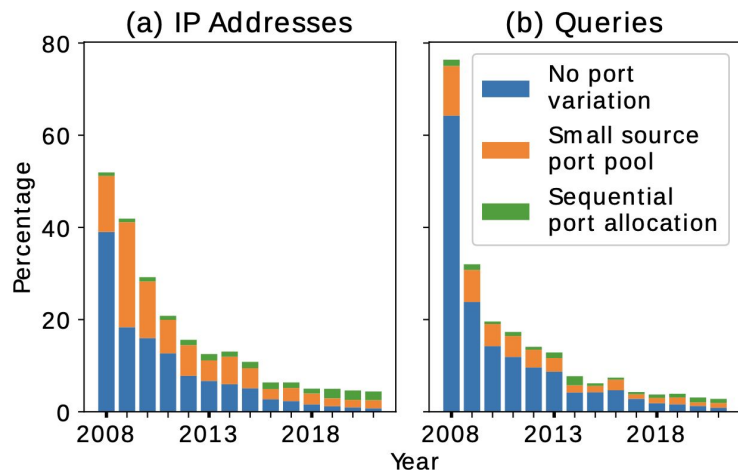


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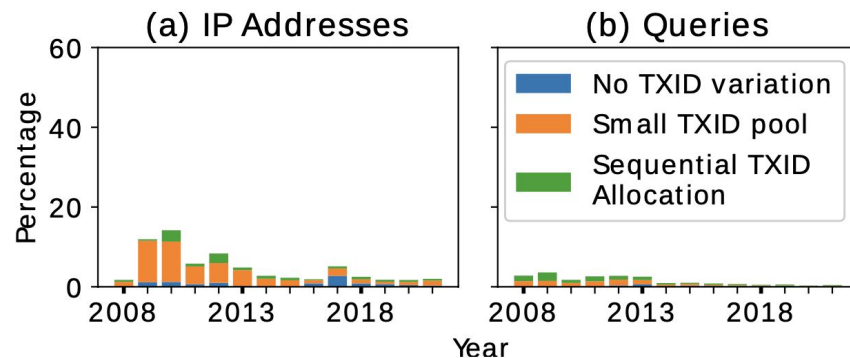


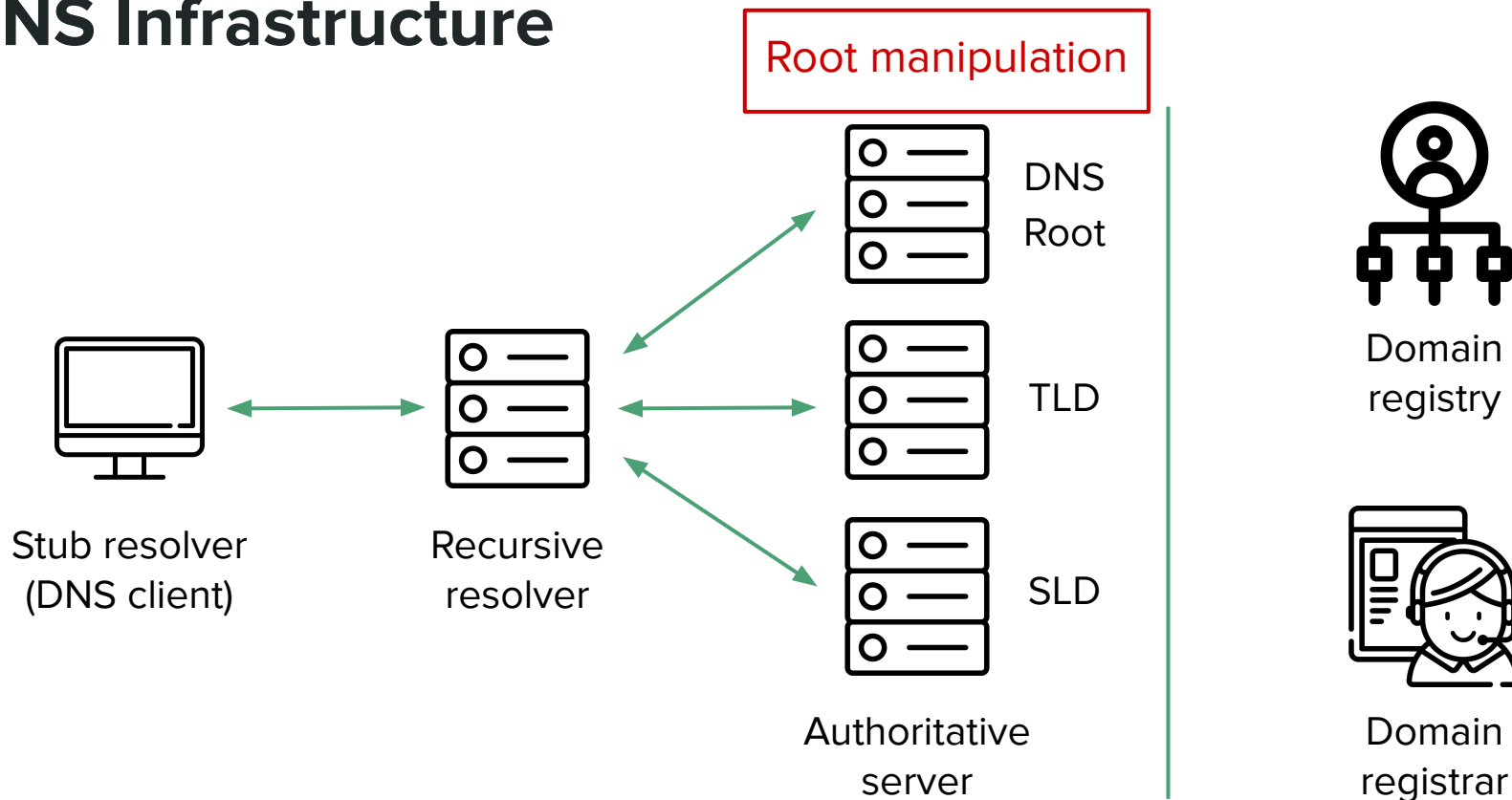
Figure 2: (a) The percentage of resolvers with poor TXID randomization. (b) The percentage of queries from resolvers with poor TXID randomization

C. Deployment of Security Mechanisms

B. Interactions between different security mechanisms

TXID	SPR	DNSSEC	0x20	Cookies	QMIN	IP Addresses		ASes		Queries	
						#	%	#	%	#	%
✓	✓	×	×	×	×	2,189,133	59.0%	40,173	79.8%	1,268	19.9%
✓	✓	✓	×	×	×	503,799	13.6%	26,486	52.6%	15,449	55.8%
✓	✓	×	×	✓	×	315,015	8.5%	13,168	26.2%	857	1.9%
✓	✓	×	×	×	✓	189,895	5.1%	7,956	15.8%	2,242	3.1%
✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓	157,278	4.2%	9,782	19.4%	7,895	8.9%
✓	✓	✓	×	✓	×	133,099	3.6%	12,398	24.6%	5,296	5.1%
✓	×	×	×	×	×	114,592	3.1%	6,931	13.8%	2,527	2.1%
×	×	×	×	×	×	47,069	1.3%	3,202	6.4%	383	0.1%
×	✓	×	×	×	×	24,192	0.7%	2,191	4.4%	849	0.1%
<i>other</i>						38,716	1.0%	5,471	10.9%	11,042	3.1%

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D. Root Manipulation - Unauthorized Root

Detecting DNS Root Manipulation

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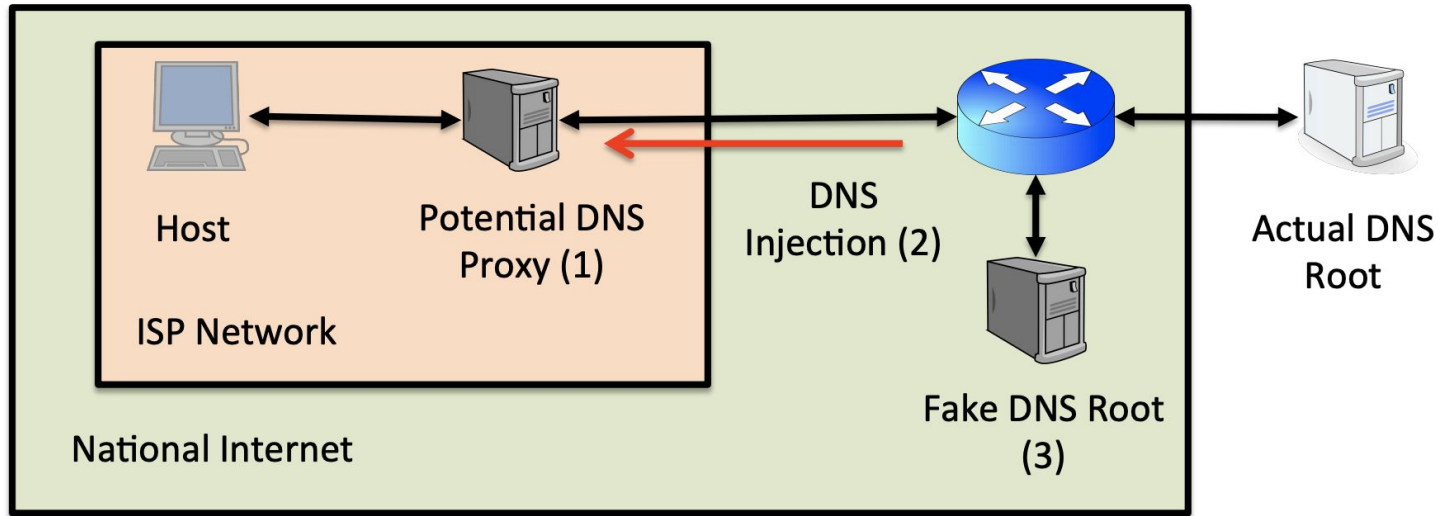
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D. Root Manipulation - Unauthorized Root

Threat model



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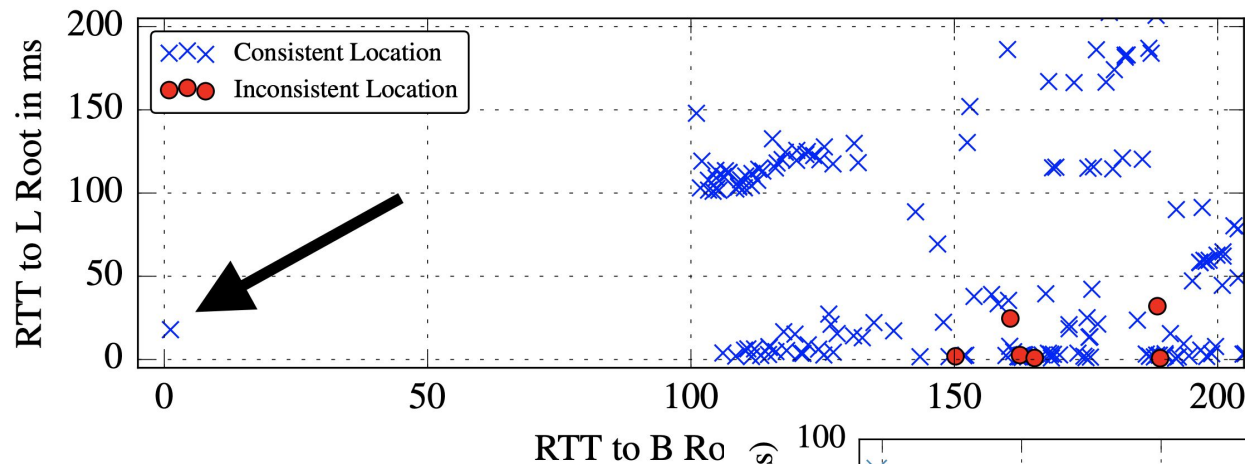
Vantage point & dataset collection

DNS, ping & traceroute requests to the Unicast-B Root

Measurements	Dates	Manipulation
RIPE Atlas		
ping	July 6–13, 2014	root mirrors
HOSTNAME.BIND	July 22, 2014	proxies & root mirrors
traceroutes	July 6, 2014	proxies & root mirrors
BGP		
RIPE RIS	July 6–13, 2014	root mirrors
RouteViews	July 7, 2014	root mirrors

Table 1: Data sources used to investigate possible manipulation.

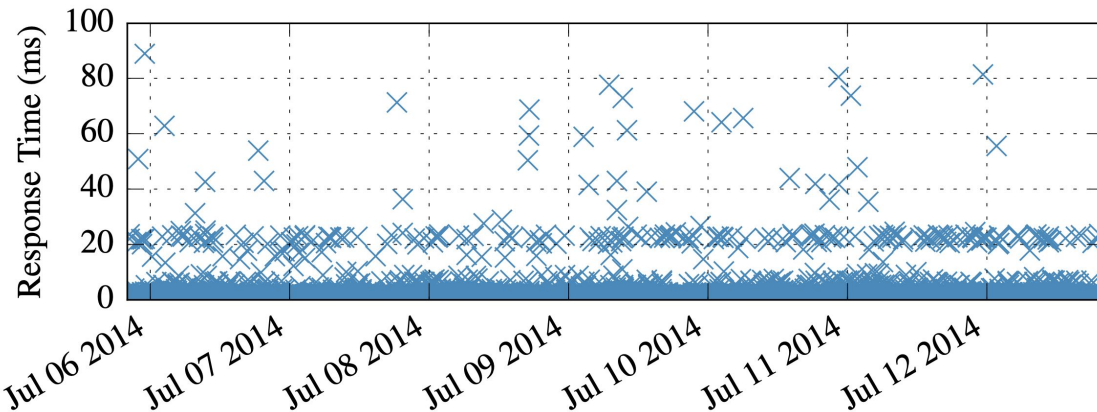
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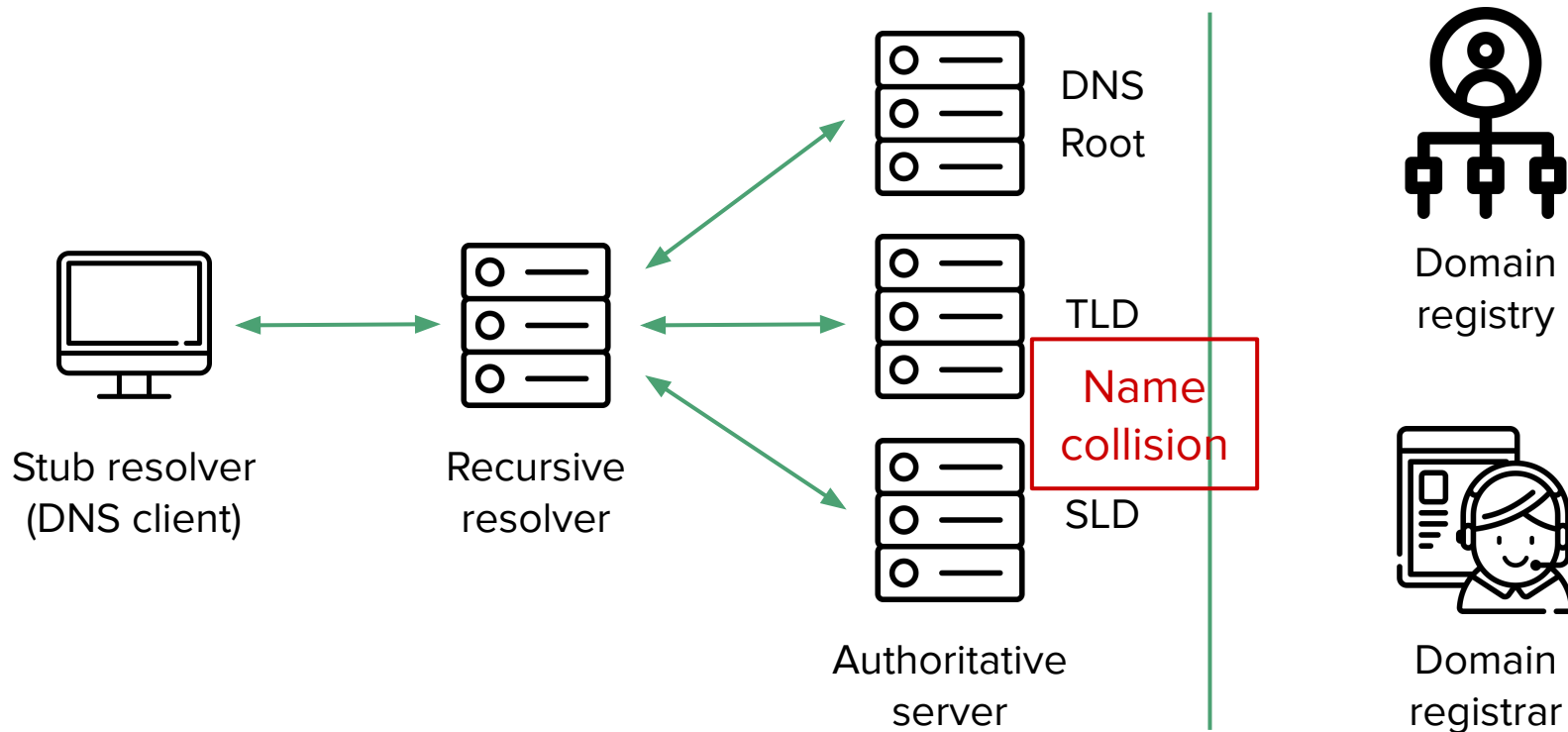
Consistently short
RTT.

Traceroutes are
in the same ASN.

An unauthorized root mirror
in CERNET



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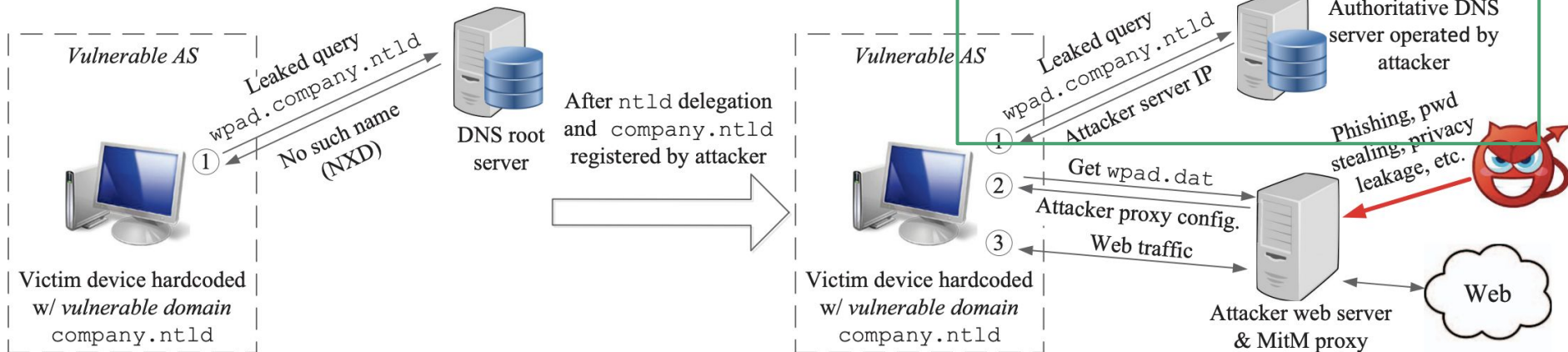
E. Name Collision - New gTLD

MitM Attack by Name Collision: Cause Analysis and Vulnerability Assessment in the New gTLD Era

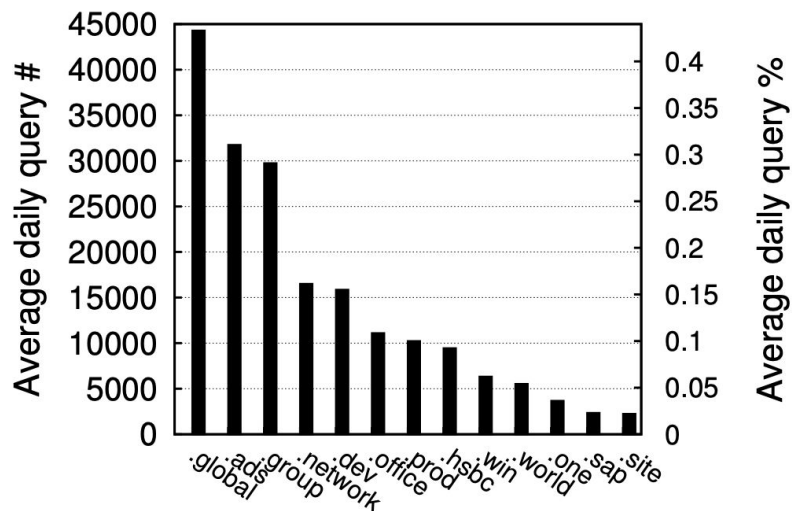
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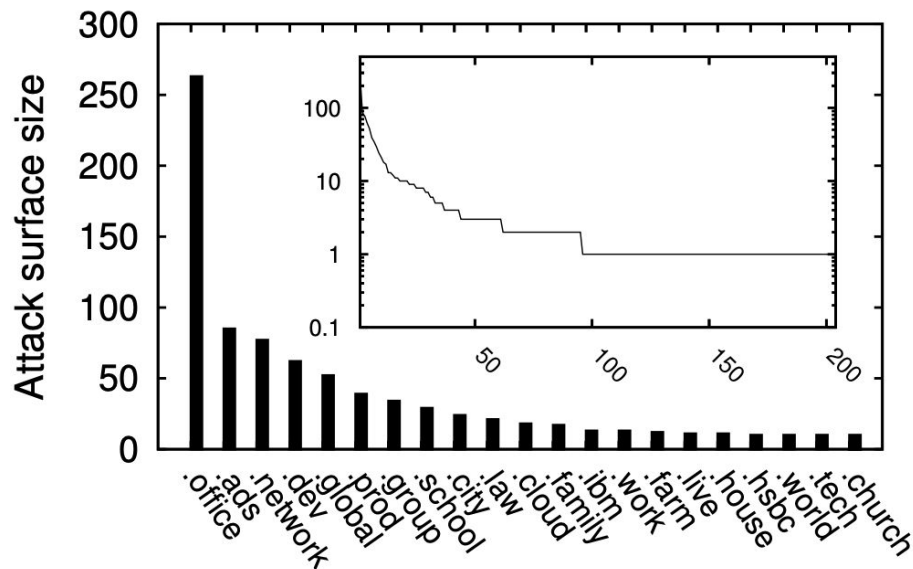
Threat model



E. Name Collision - New gTLD



Popular delegated new gTLDs in NXD WPAD queries



New gTLDs ranked by attack surface size

Potential attack surface is opening.

E. Name Collision - New gTLD

Client-side Name Collision Vulnerability in the New gTLD Era: A Systematic Study

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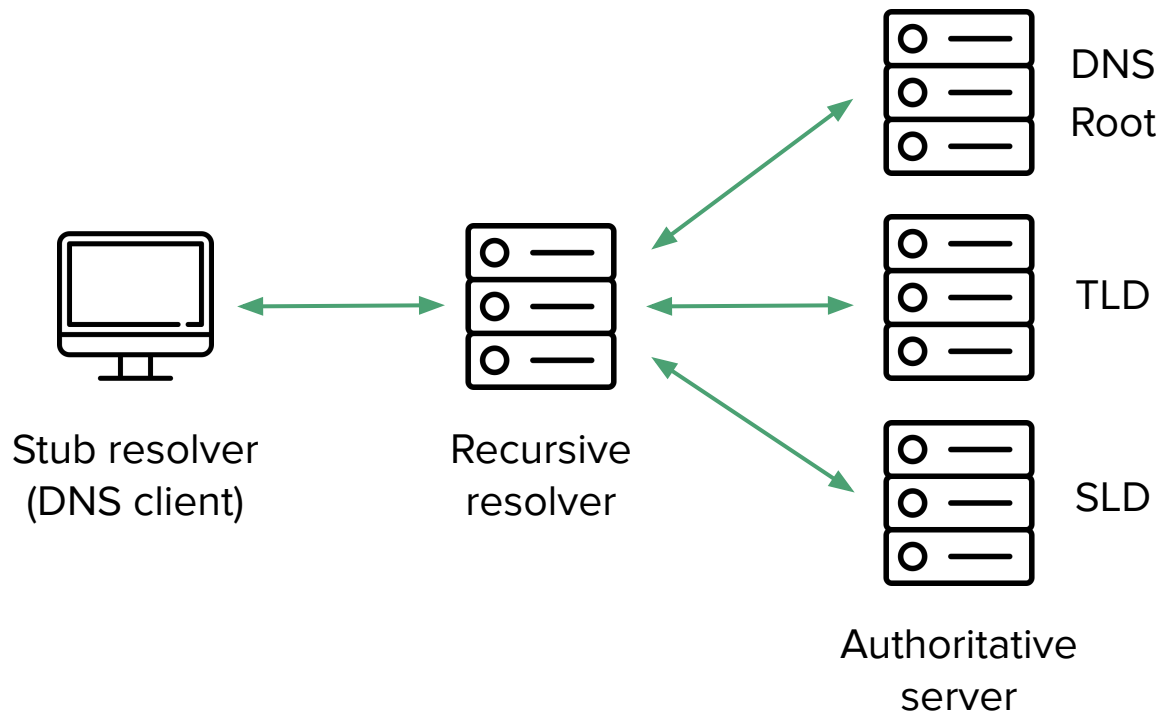
Other vulnerable services except for WPAD

Exposed service functionality	Exposed service name	Potential security implications
Proxy/tunnel config.	wpad ^① (N), isatap ^② (N), proxy ^② (N)	MitM attack
Time config.	ntp ^③	Time shifting attack
Software activation	vlmcs ^② (N)	DoS
Directory service (help a client locate a server of the requested service)	ns ^{*①} (N), alt ^{*①} (N), lb ^① (N), db ^① (N), dns-sd ^① , dr ^① (N), tracker ^② (N), dns-llq ^⑤ , dns-update ^⑤	Server spoofing, service info. leakage
Web service	www ^{*①} (N), api ^① (N), static ^① (N), cf ^① (N), share ^① (N), http ^② , https ^③	Web-based phishing attack, malicious script execution

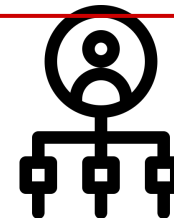
E. Name Collision - Recommendations

Level	Remediation strategy	Effectiveness	Deploy #
New gTLD registry	Scrutinize the registration of the union set of highly-vulnerable domains	97.4%	494
Victim AS	Filter the intersection set of highly-vulnerable domains	36.4%	11305
	Filter AS-specific highly-vulnerable domains	97.4%	
	Filter responses w/ public IP	Not evaluated	
End user	Disable WPAD service (if not used in internal networks)	Not evaluated	> 6.6 million
	Update OS, no hardcoding	~100.0% (in theory)	
	Filter device-level leaks		

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Domain abuse



Domain
registry



Domain
registrar

F. Domain Abuse



F. Domain Abuse

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Typosquatting	youtu eb .com	[NDSS '15]
Bitsquatting	youtub u .com	[WWW '13]
Combosquatting	youtube- videos .com	[CCS '17]
Levelsquatting	youtube.com. youtube-service.com	[SecureComm '19]
Homograph attack	y 0 utube.com	[USENIX '06] [DSN '18]

F. Domain Abuse - Typosquatting

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Seven Months' Worth of Mistakes: A Longitudinal Study of Typosquatting Abuse

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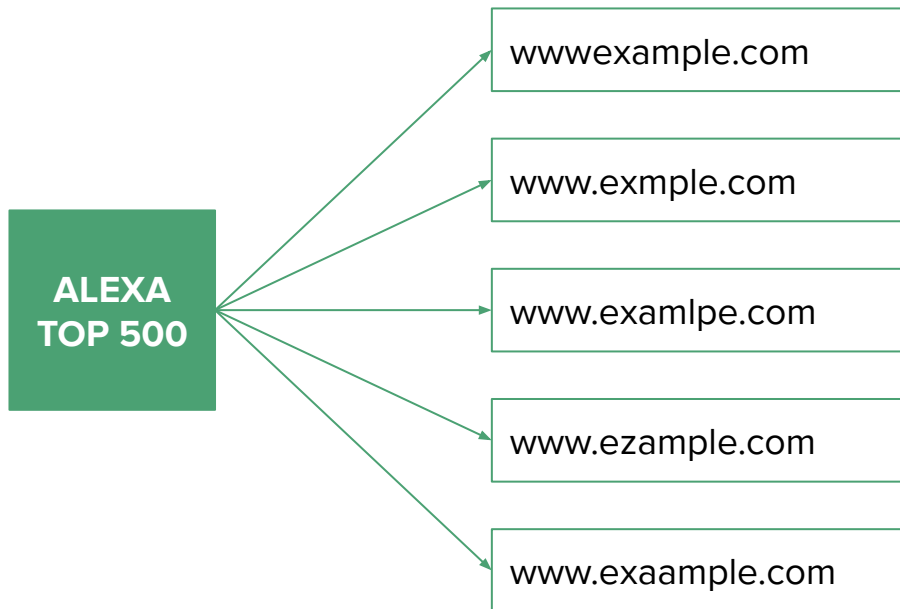
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F. Domain Abuse - Typosquatting

Dataset collection



Typosquatting domains



**Webpage
(3.3M)**

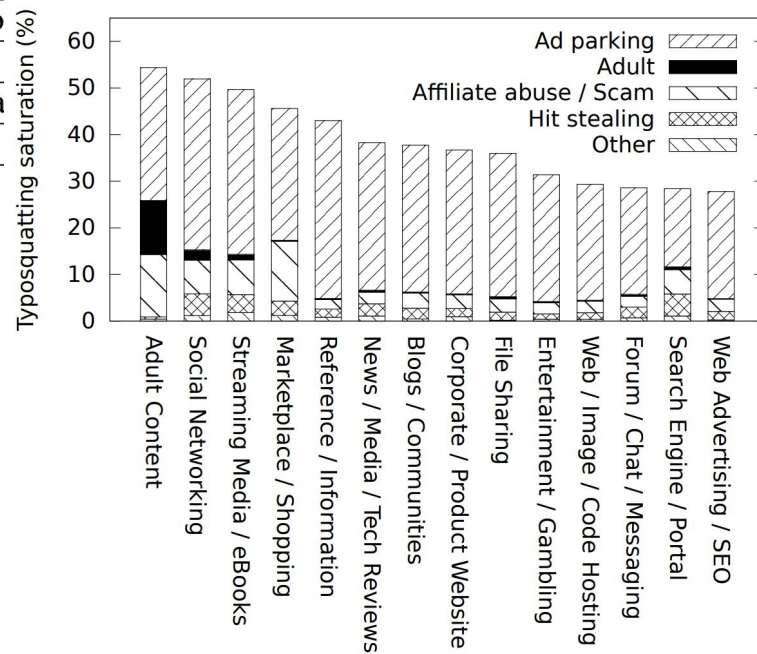
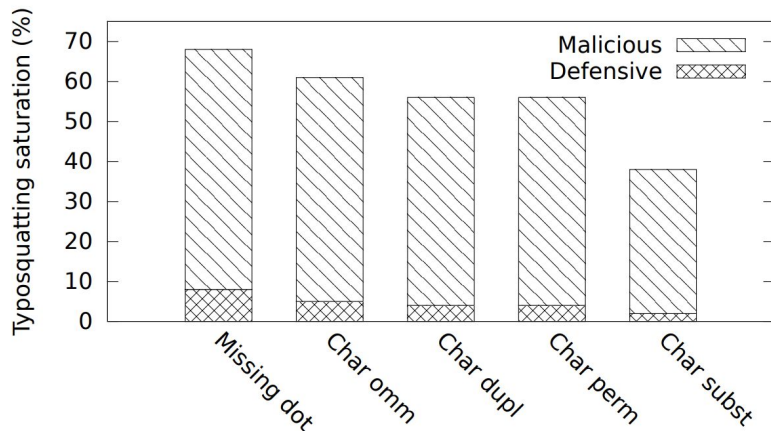


**WHOIS
(424K)**

F. Domain Abuse - Typosquatting

Malicious contents are hosting on the domains.

Ad parking	Pages that have no content other than showing advertisements
Adult content	Pages showing adult/pornographic content
Affiliate abuse	Pages taking advantage of an affiliate program offered by another
For sale	Pages that have no content other than being advertised as for sale
Hit stealing	Pages redirecting to a legitimate domain without abusing an affiliate program
Scam	Pages persuading the user to enter personal information or to make a purchase



F. Domain Abuse - Bitsquatting

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Bitsquatting: Exploiting Bit-flips for Fun, or Profit?

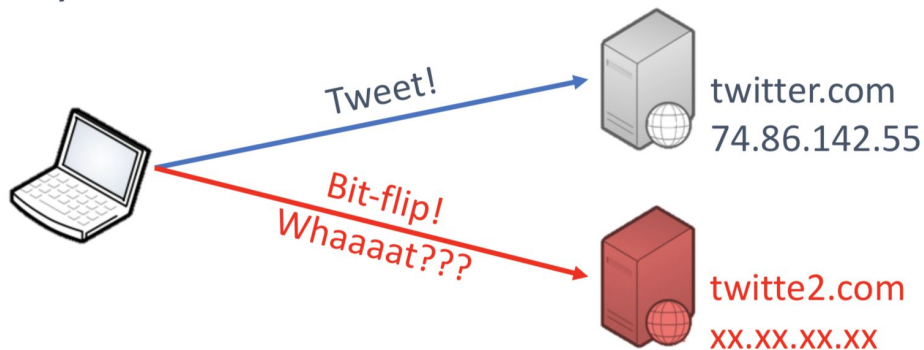
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F. Domain Abuse - Bitsquatting

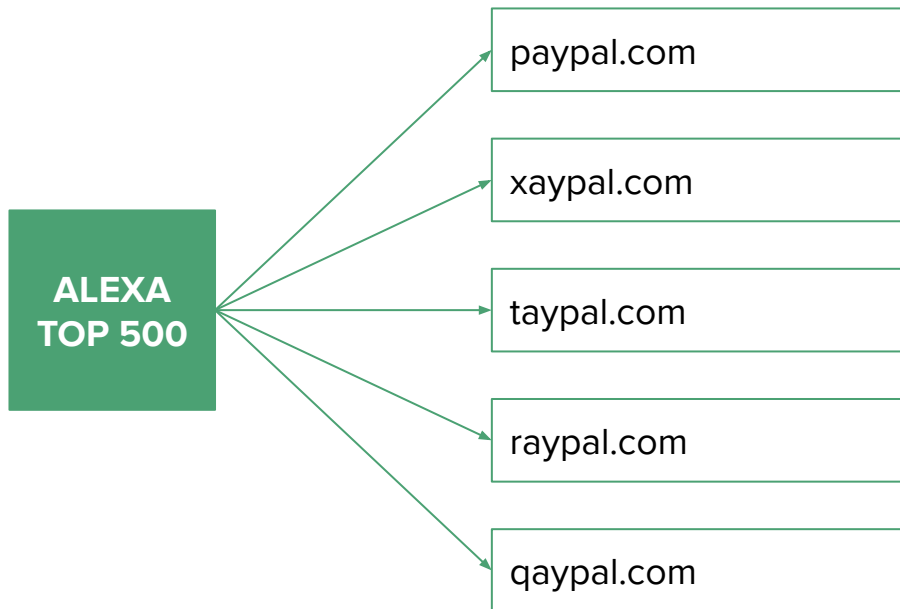
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- Bitsquatting
 - Caused by **random bit-flip errors**.
 - 1 of every $10^7 - 10^8$ DNS resolutions suffers from an error.



F. Domain Abuse - Bitsquatting

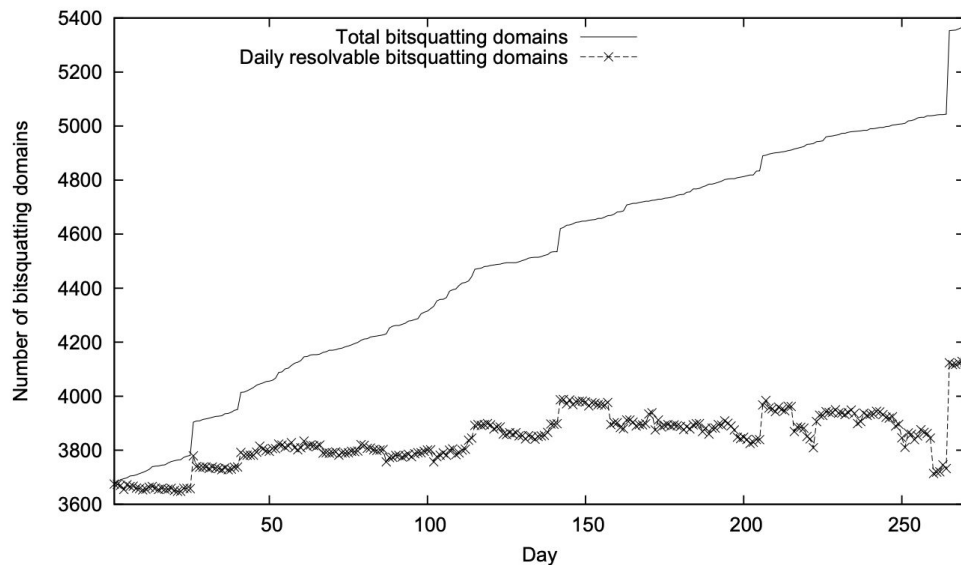
Dataset collection



Webpage

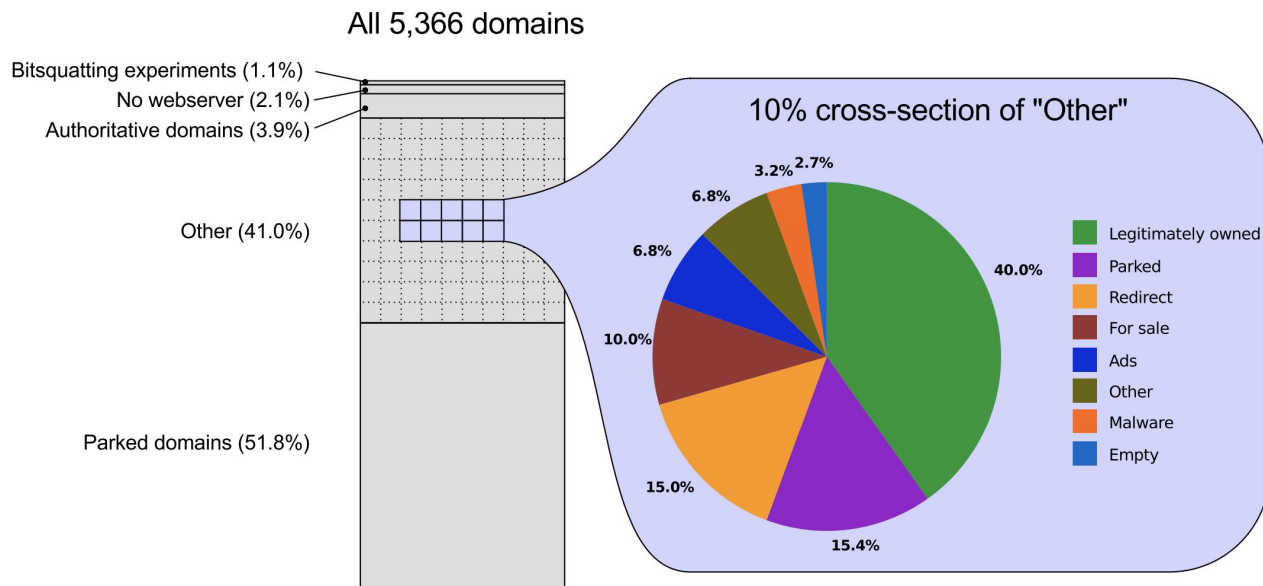
Bitsquatting domains

F. Domain Abuse - Bitsquatting



**Growing number of
bitsquatting domains
(5.3K in total)**

F. Domain Abuse - Bitsquatting



F. Domain Abuse - Combosquatting

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Hiding in Plain Sight: A Longitudinal Study of Combosquatting Abuse

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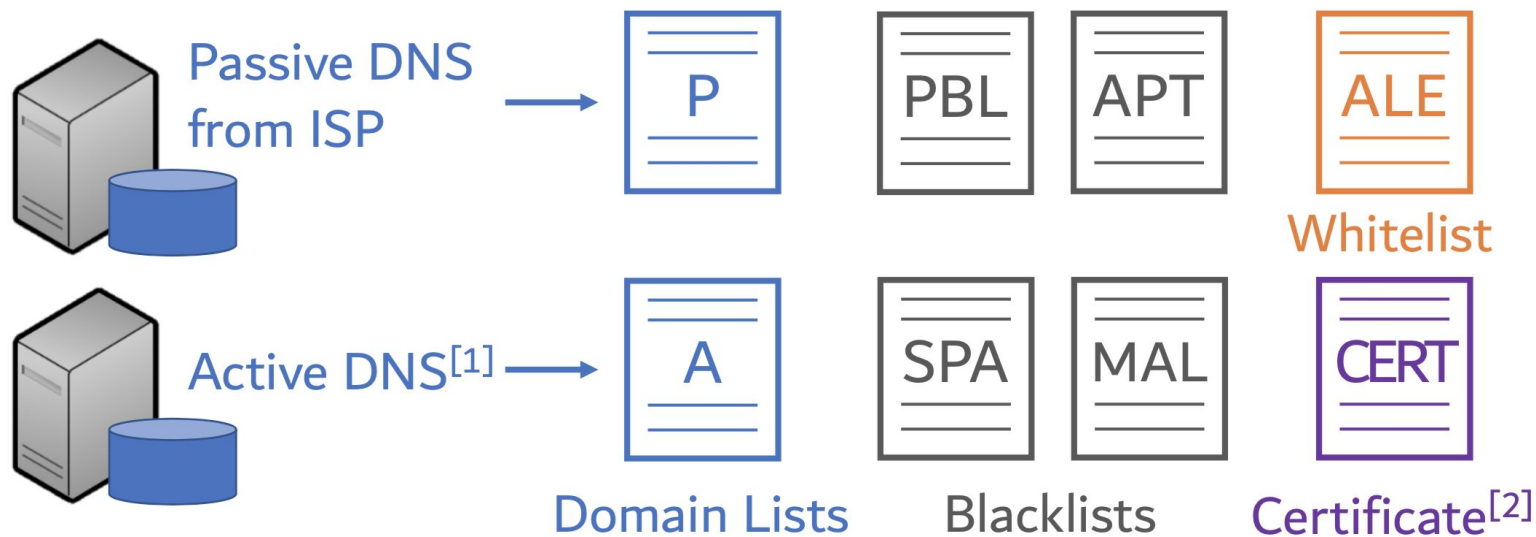
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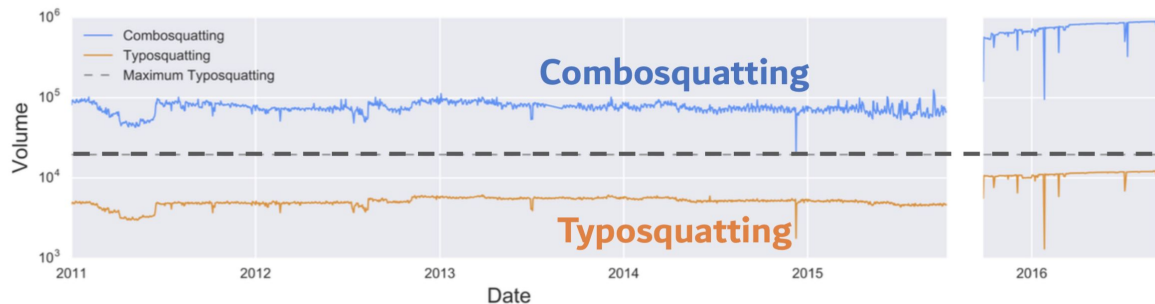
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F. Domain Abuse - Combosquatting

Dataset collection



F. Domain Abuse - Combosquatting



Combosquatting is way more popular.

2 orders of magnitude more domains.

The domains are already being used in malicious businesses.

Trademark	#Phishing	Example
Facebook	56	facebook123[.]cf
icloud	48	icloudaccountuser[.]com
Amazon	7	secure5-amazon[.]com
Google	8	drivegoogle[.]ga
PayPal	8	paypal-updates[.]ml
Instagram	7	wwinstagram[.]com
Baidu	4	baidullhk[.]com

F. Domain Abuse - Levelsquatting

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TL;DR Hazard: A Comprehensive Study of Levelsquatting Scams

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F. Domain Abuse - Levelsquatting



F. Domain Abuse - Levelsquatting

No.	Type	Count	Percentage
1	Porn	348,233	42.59%
2	Lottery	281,425	34.42%
3	Phishing	137,388	16.80%
4	Blackhat SEO	40,316	4.93%
5	Malware delivery	2,893	0.35%
6	Others	7,426	0.91%
Total	-	817,681	100%

No.	Type	Count	Percentage
1	Fake web portal	45,783	33.32%
2	Fake finance	41,322	30.08%
3	Fake advertisement	29,925	21.78%
4	Fake search engine	13,331	9.70%
5	Fake domain Parking	1,937	1.41%
Total	-	132,298	96.30%

Fig. 5: Levelsquatting FQDN categories.

Fig. 6: Phishing FQDN sub-categories

817K levelsquatting
domains detected.

Flawed browser
implementations found.

Mobile (Resolution: 720x1280)	
Browser Version	Address Bar
Firefox 64.0.2	
Chrome 71.0.3578.99	
Opera 49.2.2361	
Safari with WebKit 605.1.15	
UCBrowser 12.2.6.1133	

Fig. 9: Address bar of mobile browsers.

F. Domain Abuse - Homograph Attack

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A Reexamination of Internationalized Domain Names: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly

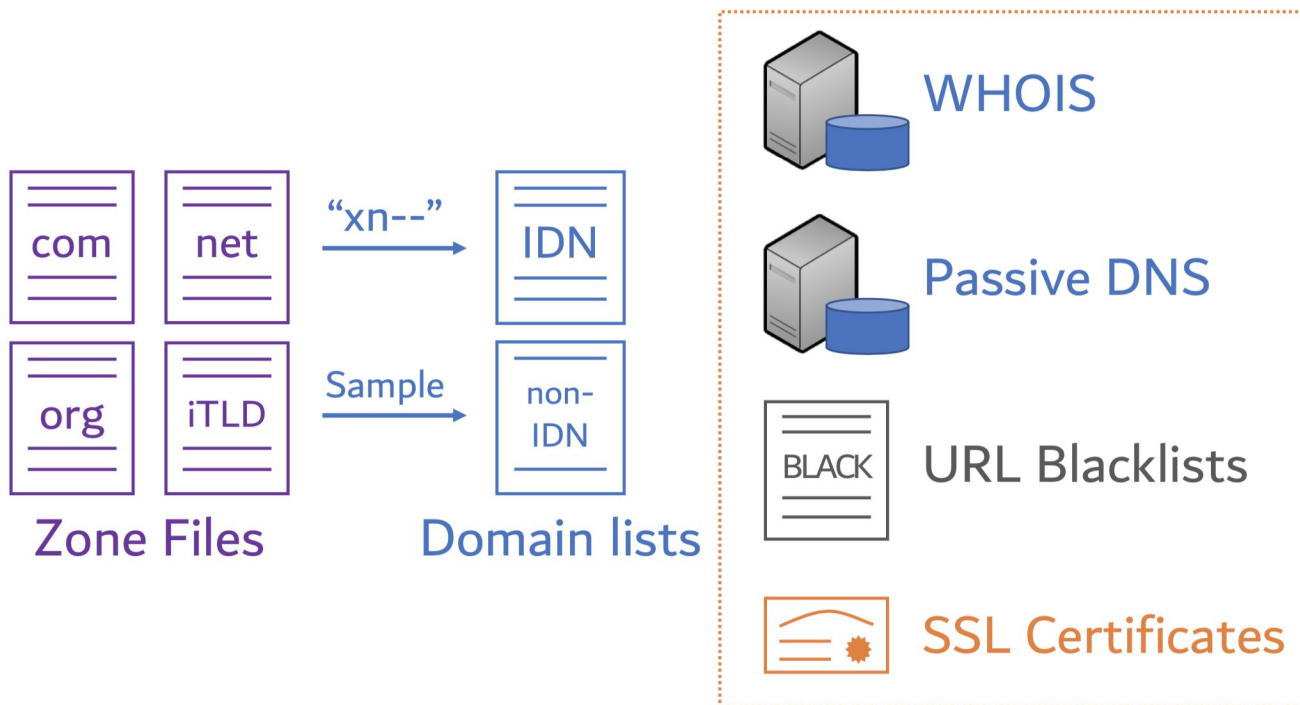
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F. Domain Abuse - Homograph Attack

Dataset collection



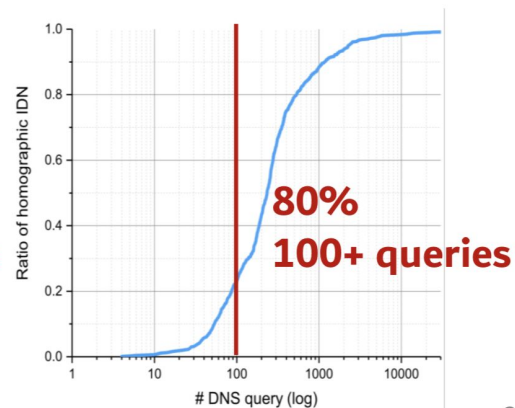
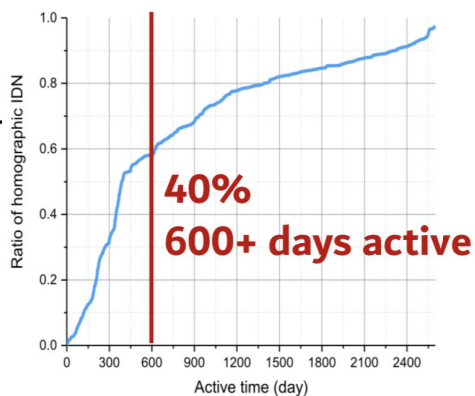
F. Domain Abuse - Homograph Attack

TABLE XIII: Top 10 brand domains ordered by homographic IDNs

Domain	Alexa	# IDN	Rate	Protective Registrations
google.com	1	121	8.0%	19
facebook.com	3	98	6.5%	0
amazon.com	11	55	3.6%	14
icloud.com	372	42	2.8%	0
youtube.com	2	41	2.7%	0
apple.com	55	39	2.6%	0
sex.com	537	36	2.4%	0
go.com	391	29	1.9%	0
ea.com	742	28	1.8%	0
twitter.com	13	25	1.6%	5
Total		514	33.9%	38

1,516 homographic IDNs detected.

The domains are visited very often.



F. Domain Abuse - Homograph Attack

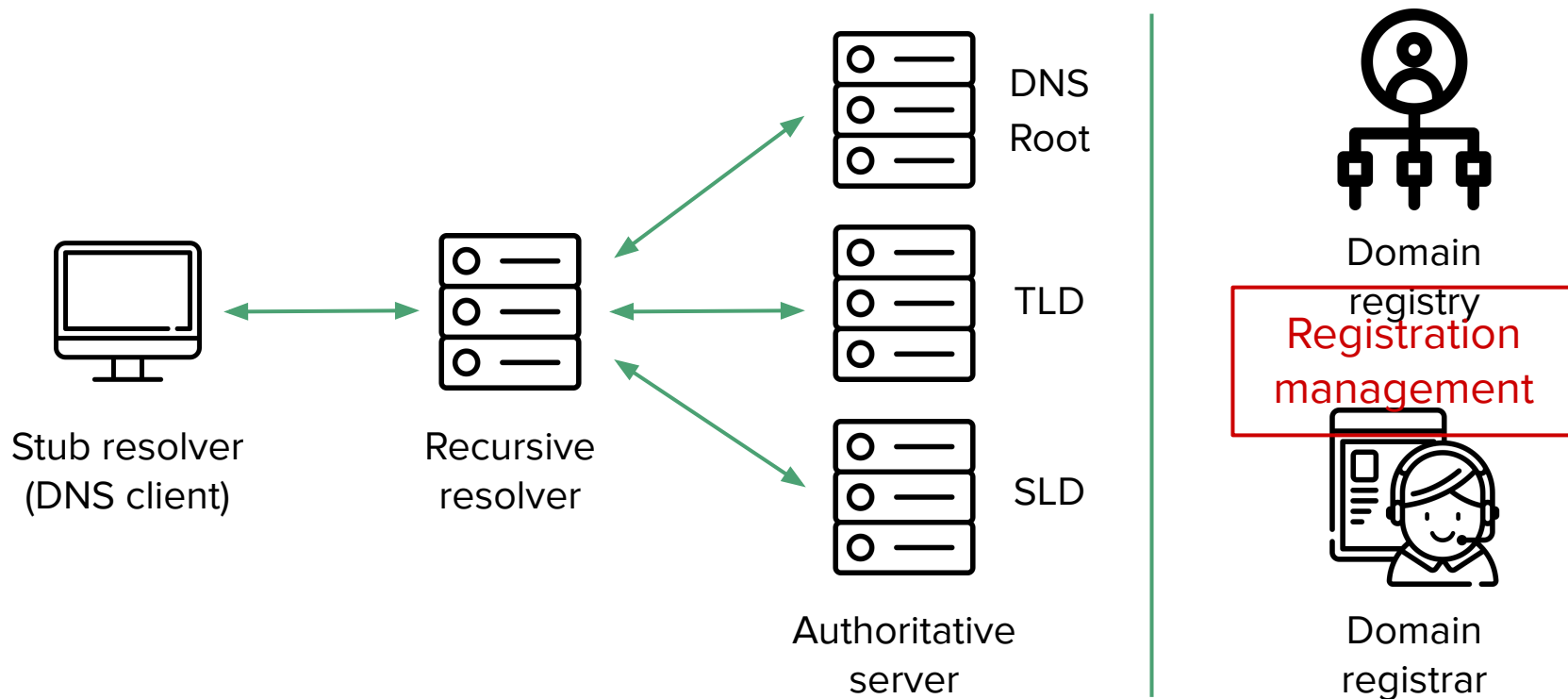
Platform Browser	PC		
	Ver.	iTLD IDN Supported	Homograph Attack
Chrome	62.0		
Firefox	57.0	Need prefix	Bypassed
Opera	49.0		Bypassed
Safari	11.0		
IE	11.0		
QQ	9.7		
Baidu	8.7		Bypassed
Qihoo 360	9.1		
Sogou	7.1		Vulnerable
Liebao	6.5		Bypassed

Flawed browser display.

F. Domain Abuse - Recommendations

Type	Recommendation
Typosquatting	Registration check; defensive registrations
Bitsquatting	Registration check; use ECC-enabled RAM
Combosquatting	Registration check; stop using combosquatting domains for benign services
Levelsquatting	Registration check; browser fix
Homograph attack	Registration check; browser fix; user education

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F. Domain Registration Management

Risky BIZness: Risks Derived from Registrar Name Management

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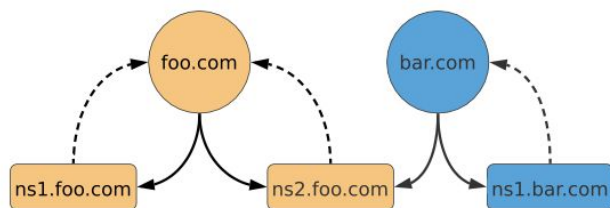
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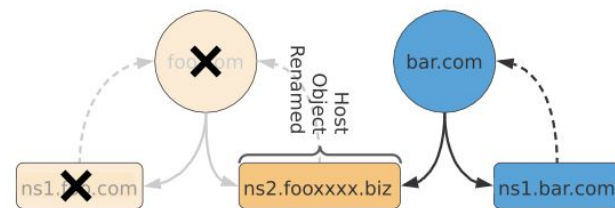
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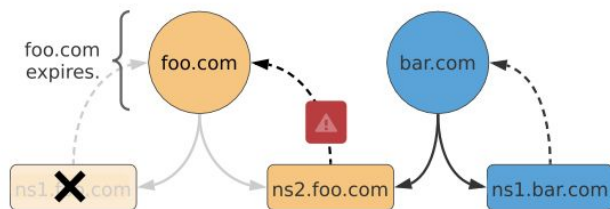
What's the problem?



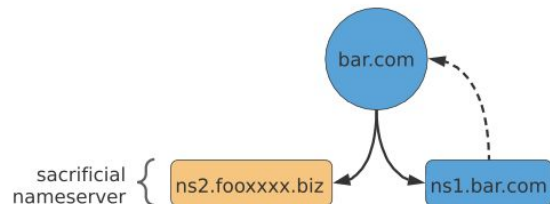
(a) Initial EPP State



(c) Host Object Renamed



(b) foo.com Deletion Blocked



(d) Final EPP State

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How many domains might have been hijacked through this?

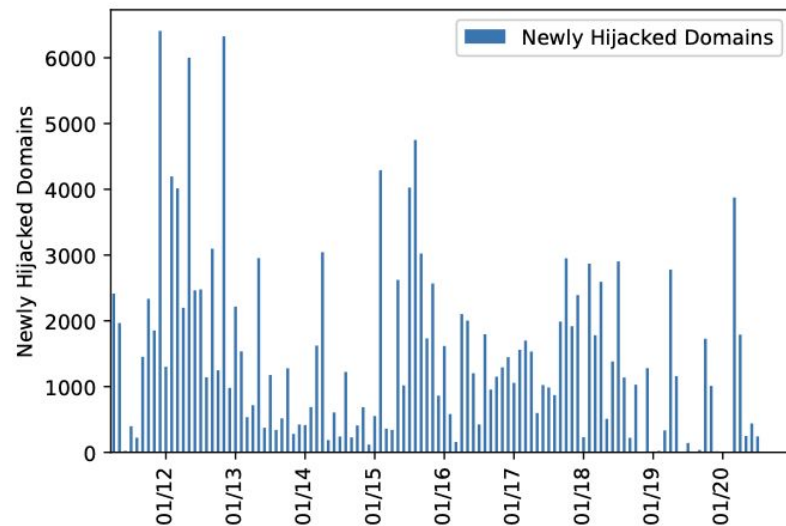


Figure 4: New hijacked domains per month from April 2011 to September 2020.

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