

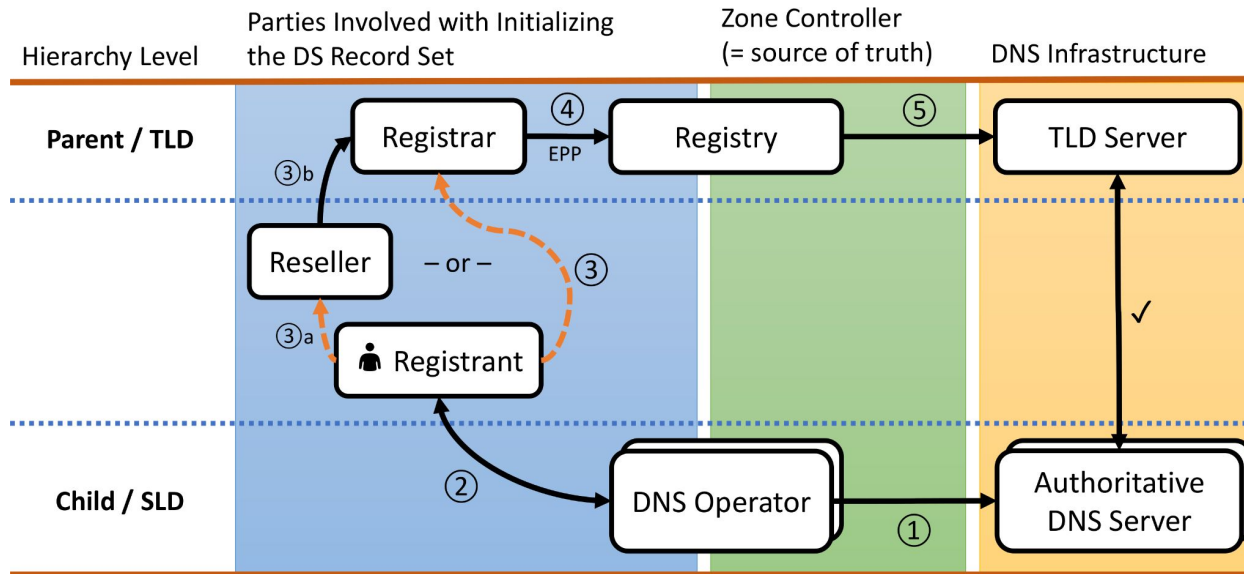
DNSSEC Bootstrapping Support in Knot DNS 3.3.5 and in PowerDNS

[draft-ietf-dnsop-dnssec-bootstrapping](#)

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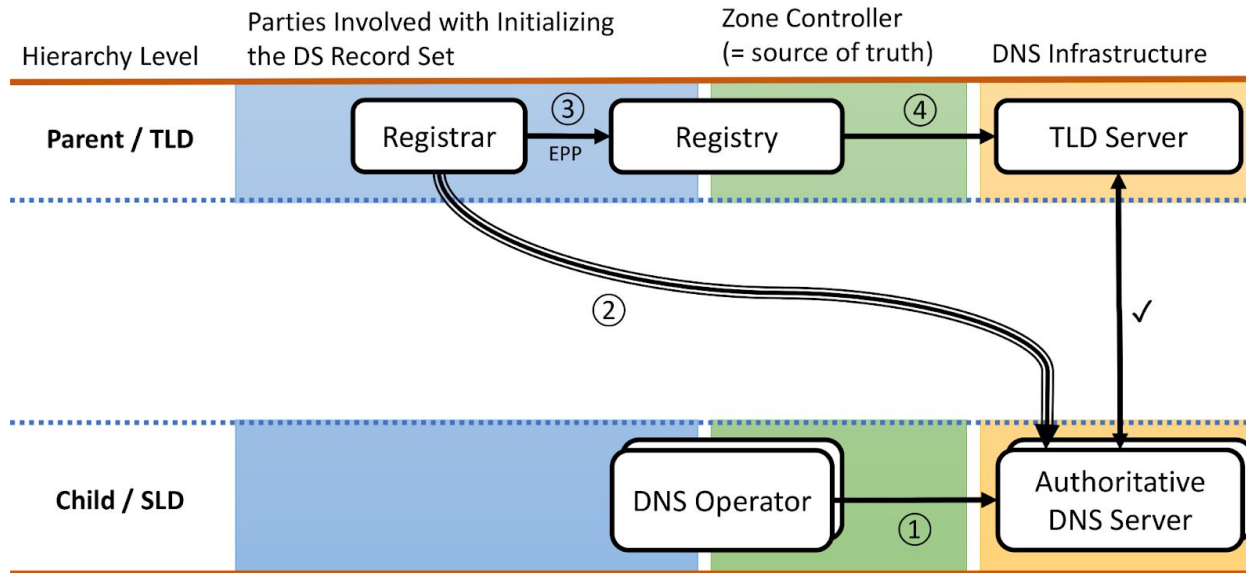
Registrant-centric DS Provisioning



- Slow
- Error-prone
- Out of band
- Authenticated (in theory)

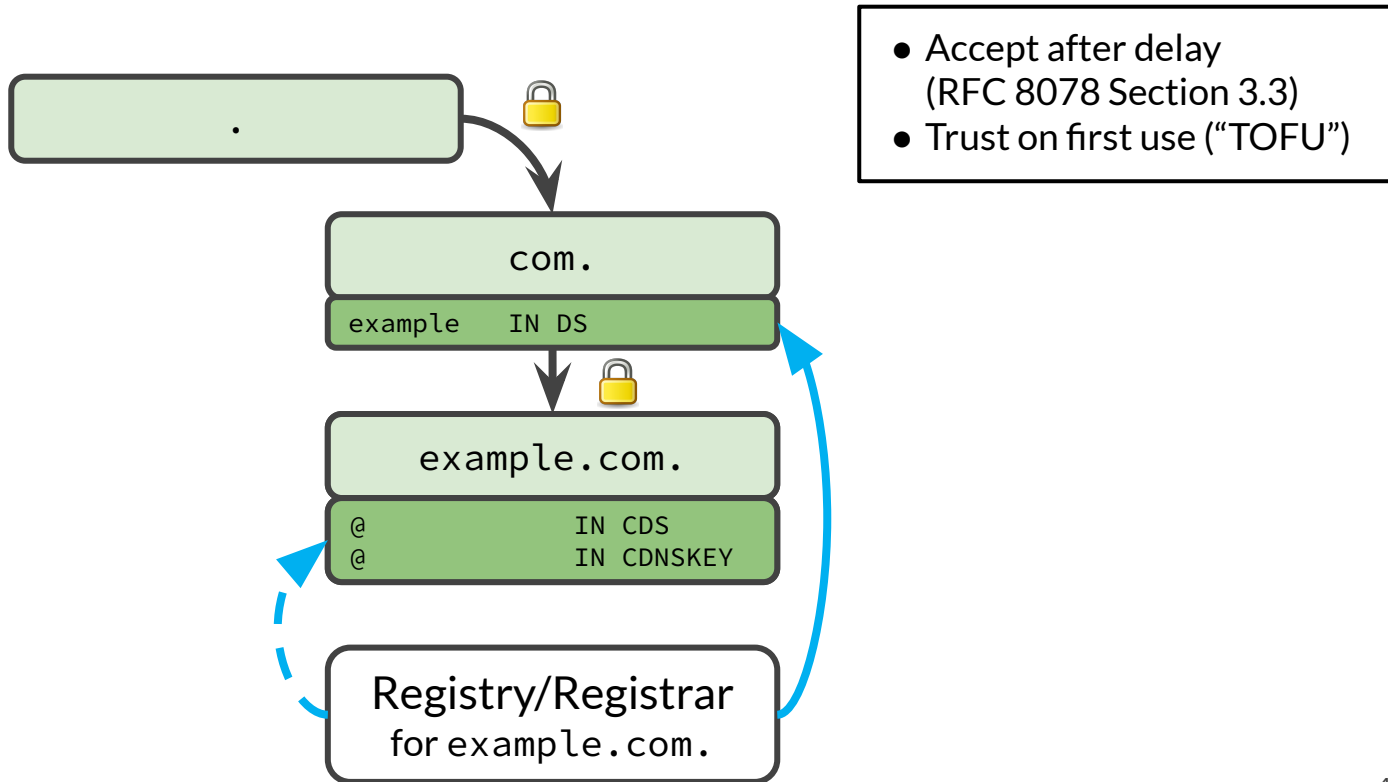
- Involves the Child DNS Operator (origin) and Parent Registry (recipient)
 - ... typically with the Registrar as the messenger
 - ... typically facilitated through the Registrant

Automatic DS Provisioning



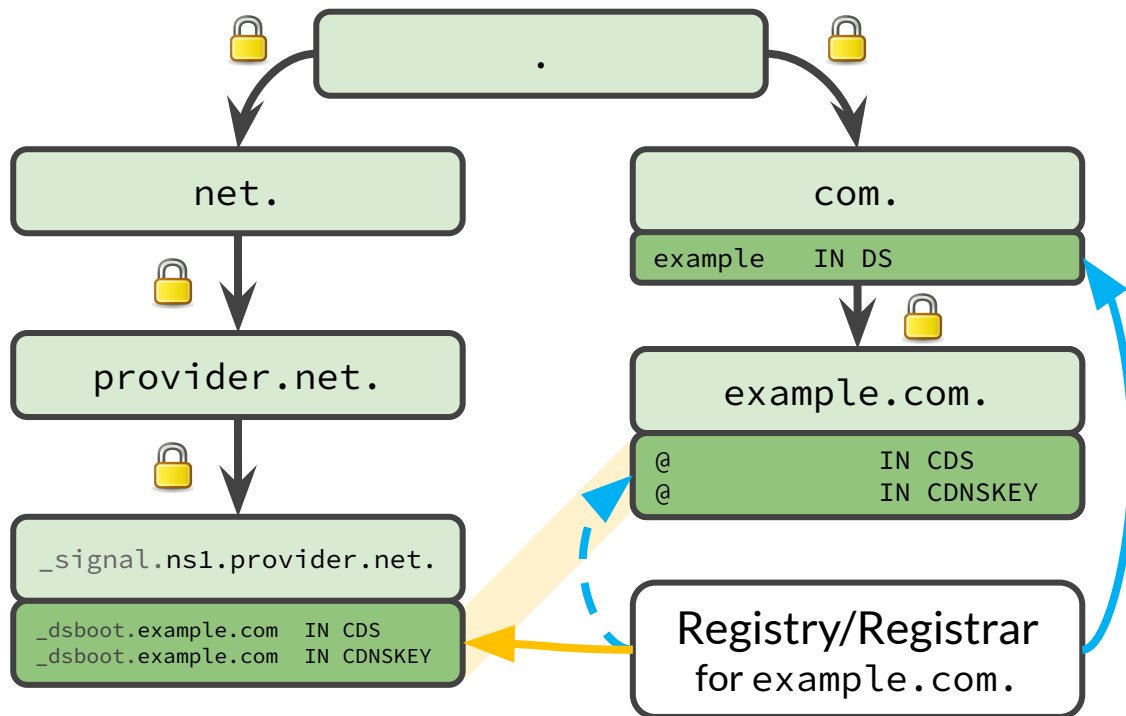
- No manual dealing with cryptographic parameters
- Authentication? 🤔

CDS/CDNSKEY Processing from Insecure Child



- Accept after delay (RFC 8078 Section 3.3)
- Trust on first use (“TOFU”)

CDS/CDNSKEY Processing with Authentication



💡 Use an **established chain of trust** (left) to take a detour

- identically co-published
- authenticated, immediate
- no active on-wire attacker

Extends RFC 8078 to add authentication for initial DS

Protocol Status

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- Passed IETF Last Call and about to finish IESG review → RFC expected soon
- Parent side (processing signaling records):
 - Implementations at .ch/.li
 - Some gTLDs working towards deployment
- Child side (publishing signaling records)
 - Operators: Cloudflare, Glauca HexDNS, deSEC
 - Authoritative servers: **Knot DNS 3.3.5** (released) and **PowerDNS 5** (projected)

Knot DNS Implementation: authsignal module

zone:

- domain: example.com
 dnssec-signing: on
- domain: ...
- domain: ...

Knot DNS Implementation: authsignal module

mod-onlinesign:

- id: *authsignal*
- nsec-bitmap: [CDS, CDNSKEY]

zone:

- domain: **_signal.ns1.provider.net**
- module: [mod-authsignal,
mod-onlinesign/*authsignal*]
- domain: *example.com*
- dnssec-signing: on
- domain: ...
- domain: ...

PowerDNS Implementation: domain metadata flag

- [Implementation available](#), currently slated for PowerDNS 5
 - Still deciding between two config approaches
 - (Meanwhile, LUA available → backup slide)

```
export nshost=ns1.example.net
pdnsutil create-zone _signal.$nshost $nshost
```

- 1)

```
pdnsutil secure-zone _signal.$nshost
pdnsutil set-nsec3 _signal.$nshost "1 0 0 -" narrow
pdnsutil rectify-zone _signal.$nshost
pdnsutil set-meta _signal.$nshost SIGNALING-ZONE 1
```
- 2)

```
pdnsutil set-signaling-zone _signal.$nshost
```

Vendor-agnostic Implementation (no online synthesis)

- Some auths don't do online synthesis → requires static signaling zone
- [dsboot_generate](#) is a generator for this purpose
 - Accepts NS records or CLI arguments to determine names of signaling zone
 - Accepts CDS/CDNSKEY records, constructs signaling records by their owner name
 - `-w`: write signaling zones to `_signal.$NS.zone` (or stdout); `-r`: read zonefiles for update
 - Available on PyPI in June (needs docs, tests)

```
dsboot_generate -r -w ns1.desec.io ns2.desec.org <<<EOF
thomassen.io 3600 IN CDNSKEY 257 3 13 24w5jL63Q4b+buCmSiR6ZZ4UPcbZXA...
thomassen.io 3600 IN CDS 50421 13 4 04e0cf24d5dfdcad3bcf2f1f400bbabb7ee3...
thomassen.io 3600 IN CDS 50421 13 2 bb207d421bf9f4ec7ae976c1886b23da3e09...
deleted.test 3600 IN NS ns1.desec.io.
deleted.test 3600 IN NS ns2.desec.org.
EOF
```

Upcoming developments: DS Notifications

- CDS/CDNSKEY processing usually implemented via daily scan
 - Inefficient: lots of traffic, but things rarely change
 - Uncertain timing
- Better: have the operator of `example.com` send NOTIFY to the parent
 - But: where exactly?
- Look for DSYNC record at `example._signal.com` (or `_signal.com`)
`example._signal.com. IN DSYNC CDS 1 51 target.registrar.`
- Can point to endpoint run by registry or registrar
- [draft-ietf-dnsop-generalized-notify](#) (plan to implement at IETF hackathon)

Thank you!

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Questions?



PowerDNS Implementation via LUA Interface

1. Enable LUA in config: `enable-lua-records=yes`

2. Download synthesis script:

```
curl https://raw.githubusercontent.com/desec-io/desec-ns/f3b561d43213d9e2b5c82dc7c2a8ed1fe7ea198d/ns/lua/signaling.lua \  
> /usr/share/lua/5.1/authsignal.lua
```

3. Hook up to signaling zone:

```
ZONE=_signal.ns1.provider.net # assuming zone already exists  
pdnsutil replace-rrset $ZONE * LUA 1 \  
  CDS      ";require('authsignal') return signal('$ZONE', 'CDS')" \  
  CDNSKEY ";require('authsignal') return signal('$ZONE', 'CDNSKEY')"
```