

getdns

API implementation

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API is:

- ▶ A *DNS API* specification (for resolving)
by and for application developers (for applications)



- ▶ First implementation by VERISIGN[™] LABS and



From Verisign:

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Neel Goyal, Angelique Finan,
Craig Despeaux, Shumon
Huque, Duane Wessels, Gowri
Visweswaran*

From NLnet Labs:

*Willem Toorop, Wouter
Wijngaards, Olaf Kolkman*

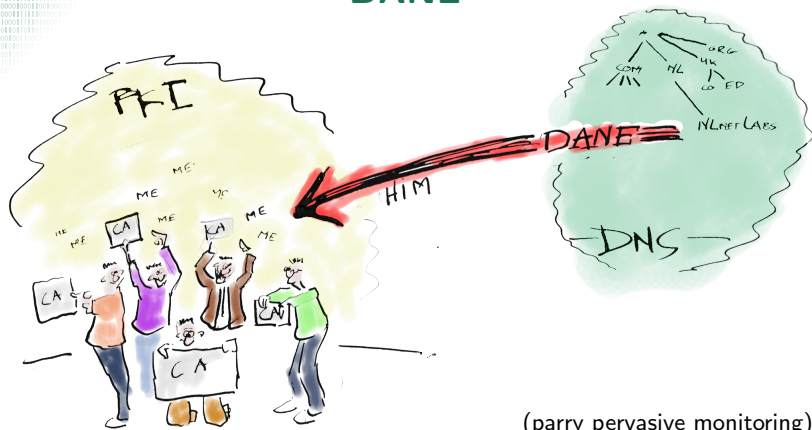
From No Mountain Software:

Melinda Shore

From Sinodun:

John & Sara Dickinson

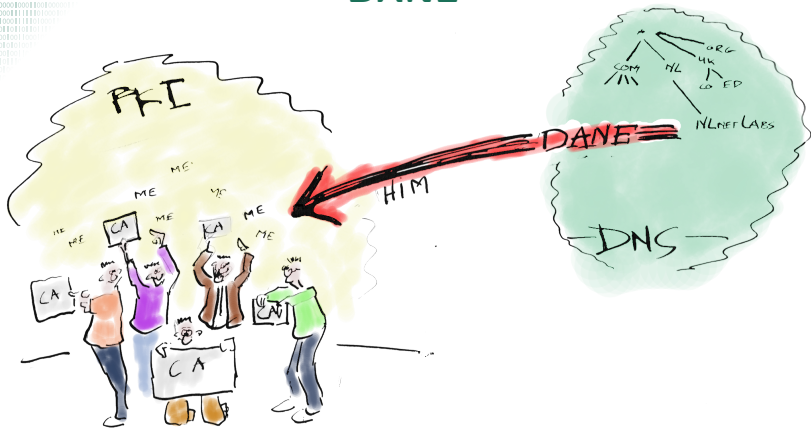
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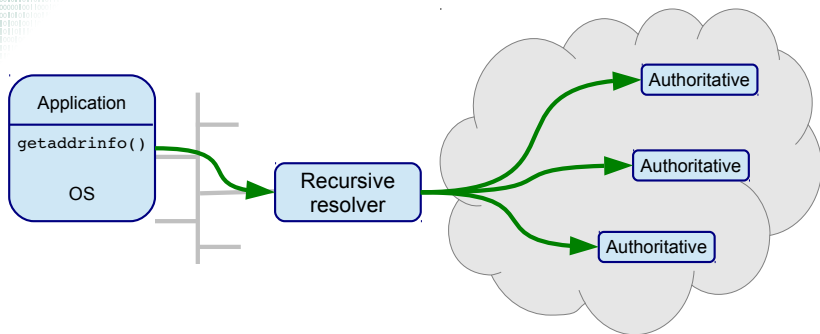
- ▶ To set up encrypted channels between applications, the other side needs to be authenticated. (against MiM)
- ▶ Current PKIX is clumsy.
 - ▶ Certificate Authority repository with the application (or OS)
 - ▶ All CA's are authorized to authenticate for **any** name

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- ▶ A DNSSEC enabled resolver protects against cache poisoning by giving authenticated answers (origin authentication)
- ▶ Enabling **D**NS-based **A**uthentication of **N**amed **E**ntities
- ▶ Trust only self chosen TLD (+ the root) instead of ... 50? ... 500? ... more?

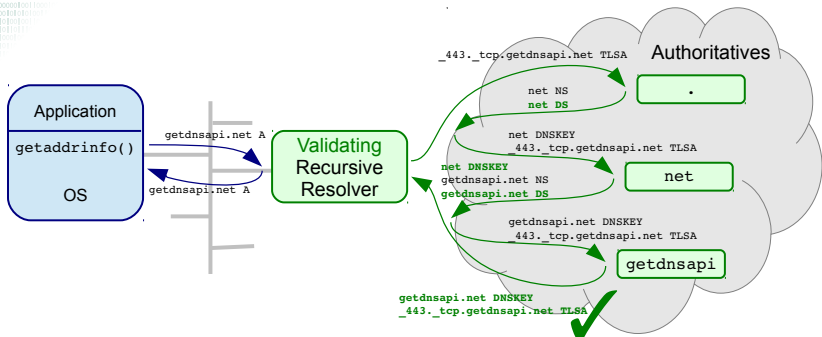
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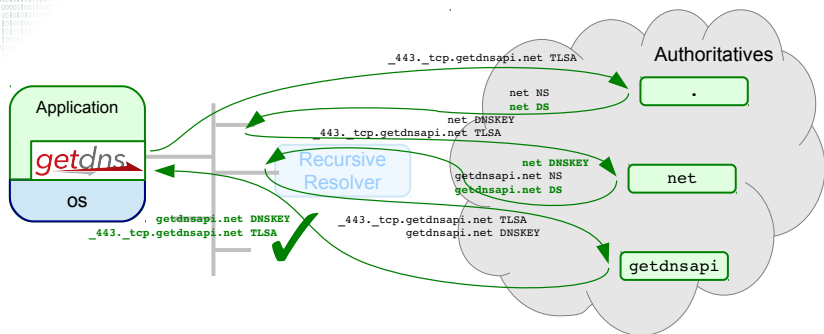
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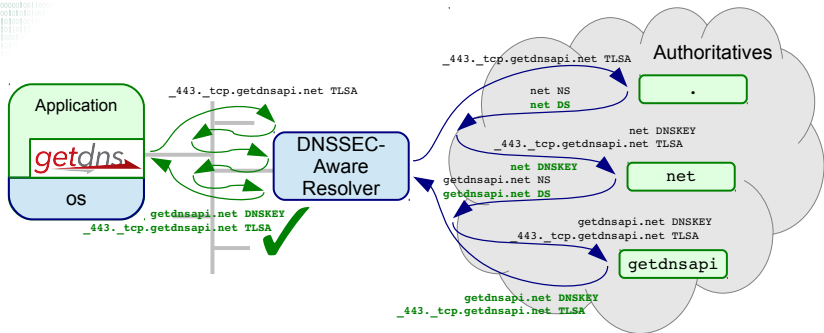
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How to ask for TLSA or SSHFP? (or TXT or SRV)
- ▶ `getaddrinfo()` doesn't tell you if the AD bit is set

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- ▶ Bypass resolver completely
- ▶ Or do DNSSEC iteration as a stub!

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- ▶ <http://www.vpnc.org/getdns-api/>
- ▶ Edited by Paul Hoffman
- ▶ First publication April 2013
- ▶ Updated in February 2014
(after extensive discussion during implementation)
- ▶ Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported License

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- ▶ Implemented by Verisign Labs & NLnet Labs together
- ▶ <http://getdnsapi.net/>
- ▶ 0.1.0 release in February 2014, 0.1.1 in March, 0.1.2 & 0.1.3 in June
- ▶ **nodejs** and **python** bindings
- ▶ BSD 3-Clause License


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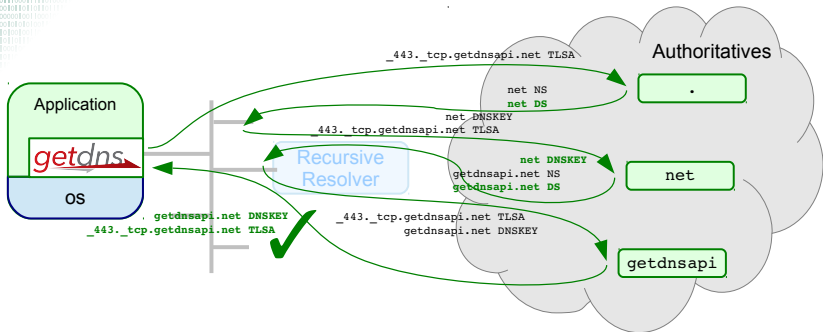
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- ▶  delivers a generic data structure ...(response dict)
 - ▶ lists, dicts, data, integers... ubiquitous in modern scripting languages.
 - ▶ Very suitable for inspection
 - ▶ Trial and error style programming (resolve, have a look, decide how to proceed)
 - ▶ Suitable for scripting language bindings; **nodejs** and **python**

Why - Simple functions - Full recursion



```
from getdns import *
```

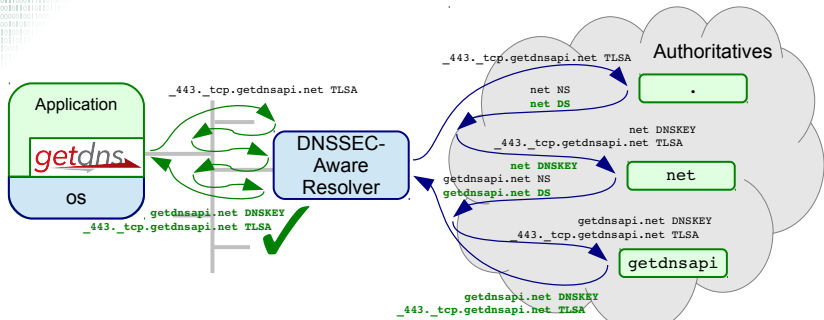
```
ctx = context_create()
```

```
ext = { "dnssec_return_only_secure": GETDNS_EXTENSION_TRUE }
```

```
res = general( ctx, '_443._tcp.getdnsapi.net'  
              , GETDNS_RRTYPE_TLSA, ext)
```

```
if res['status'] = GETDNS_RESPSTATUS_GOOD:  
    # Process TLSA RRs
```

Why - Simple functions - Stub mode



```
from getdns import *
```

```
ctx = context_create()
```

```
context_set_resolution_type(ctx, GETDNS_RESOLUTION_STUB)
```

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              GETDNS_RRTYPE_TLSA, ext)
```

Why - Simple functions - Fall back

```
from getdns import *

ctx = context_create()
context_set_resolution_type(stub, GETDNS_RESOLUTION_STUB)

ext = { "dnssec_return_only_secure": GETDNS_EXTENSION_TRUE }
res = general(ctx, '.', GETDNS_RRTYPE_DNSKEY, ext)
if res['status'] != GETDNS_RESPSTATUS_GOOD:
    ctx = context_create()

res = general( ctx, '_443._tcp.getdnsapi.net',
              , GETDNS_RRTYPE_TLSA, ext)

if res['status'] == GETDNS_RESPSTATUS_GOOD:
    # Process TLSA RRs
    tlasas = [ answer for reply in res['replies_tree']
              for answer in reply['answer']
              if answer['type'] == GETDNS_RRTYPE_TLSA ]
```

Why - The response dict

```
"answer_type": GETDNS_NAMETYPE_DNS,
"status": GETDNS_RESPSTATUS_GOOD,
"canonical_name": <bindata of "www.getdnsapi.net.">,
"just_address_answers":
[
  {
    "address_data": <bindata for 185.49.141.37>,
    "address_type": <bindata of "IPv4">
  },
  {
    "address_data": <bindata for 2a04:b900:0:100::37>,
    "address_type": <bindata of "IPv6">
  }
],
"replies_full":
[
  <bindata of 0x00008180000100020004000103777777...>,
  <bindata of 0x00008180000100020004000903777777...>
],
"replies_tree":
[
  { ... first reply ... },
  { ... second reply ... },
```

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```
"replies_tree":
[
  { "header" : { "qdcoun": 1, "ancount": 2, "rd": 1, "ra": 1,
                "opcode": GETDNS_OPCODE_QUERY,
                "rcode" : GETDNS_RCODE_NOERROR, ... },

    "question": { "qname" : <bindata for www.getdnsapi.net.>,
                  "qtype" : GETDNS_RRTYPE_A
                  "qclass": GETDNS_RRCLASS_IN, },

    "answer" : [ { "name" : <bindata for www.getdnsapi.net.>,
                   "type" : GETDNS_RRTYPE_A
                   "class": GETDNS_RRCLASS_IN,
                   "rdata": { "ipv4_address": <bindata for 185.49.141.37>,
                              "rdata_raw": <bindata of 0xb9318d25> },
                   }, ...

    "authority": [ ... ],
    "additional": [],
    "canonical_name": <bindata of "www.getdnsapi.net.">,
    "answer_type": GETDNS_NAMETYPE_DNS
  },
  { "header" : { ...
```


Why - The response dict - Have a look

<http://getdnsapi.net/query.html>

getdnsapi.net A Query verzenden

return_both_v4_and_v6
 dnssec_return_status
 dnssec_return_only_secure
 dnssec_return_validation_chain

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      "address_type": <bindata of "IPv6">
    }
  ]
},
```

Implementation - Supported platforms

We support

- ▶ Debian 7.0, 7.3
- ▶ FreeBSD 8.4, 9.2, 10.0
- ▶ RHEL/CentOS 6.4, 6.5
- ▶ OSX 10.8, 10.9
- ▶ Ubuntu 12.04, 13.10

We provide binary packages for

- ▶ CentOS/RHEL 6.5
- ▶ MacOS X

Packages are available for

FreeBSD Via ports

MacOS X Via homebrew

Packages in the make

Debian Ondřej Surý

Fedora Paul Wouters

MS-Windows and Android in the future

Implementation - Building / Dependencies

- ▶ Get the tarball:

`http://getdnsapi.net/dist/getdns-0.1.3.tar.gz`

- ▶ or git `clone http://github.com/getdnsapi/getdns`

libunbound For resolving

(Currently both recursive and stub)

libldns For parsing and constructing wire-format DNS data

(Will do the stub resolving in future releases)

libidn1 For `getdns_convert_ulabel_to_alabel()`

and `getdns_convert_alabel_to_ulabel()`

Pluggable event library extensions

One or more of: **libevent 1**, **libevent 2**, **libuv**, **libev**

- ▶ Build dependency: **doxygen**
- ▶ Install dependency: **unbound-anchor**

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- ▶ Arvind Narayanan, Bhavna Soman & Ruslan Mavlyutov
- ▶ Plugin for Thunderbird gives information on the DNSSEC credentials of DKIM records associated with e-mail



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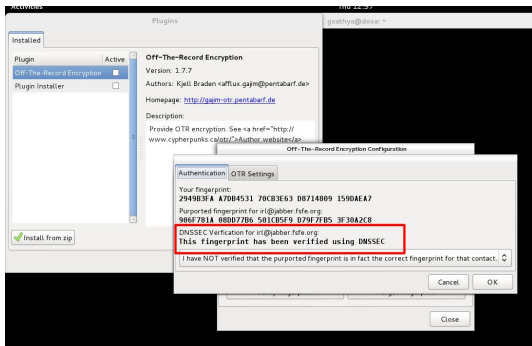
- ▶ Hynek Schlawack and Richard Wall
- ▶ Diagnostics webapp for DANE
- ▶ DANE enabled TLS client API to the asynchronous event framework Twisted.
- ▶ <https://github.com/hynek/tnw>

Bootstrapping Trust with DANE

- ▶ Sathya Gunasekaran and Iain Learmonth.
- ▶ Adds DNSSEC secured OTR-key lookups to Gajim XMPP client
- ▶ <https://github.com/irl/dnskeys>
- ▶ <https://github.com/gsathya/gotr>



- ▶ interview @ tweakers.net
- ▶ slides deck



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DNSSEC name and shame



- ✗ sendgrid.com
- ✗ deezer.com
- ✓ labs.verisigninc.com
- ✗ www.spotify.com
- ✓ blueprint.paypal.com
- ✗ www.pearson.com
- ✗ twitter.com
- ✗ mashery.com
- ✗ push.co



- ▶ Joel Purra & Tom Cuddy
- ▶ Shame the non DNSSEC APIs
- ▶ <http://dnssec-name-and-shame.com/>
- ▶ <https://github.com/joelpurra/node-dnssec-name-shame>

Security starts with a name



- website <http://getdnsapi.net>
- github repo <http://github.com/getdnsapi/getdns>
- python repo <http://github.com/getdnsapi/getdns-python-bindings>
- node repo <http://github.com/getdnsapi/getdns-node>
- mailing-list <http://getdnsapi.net/mailman/listinfo/users>
- API website <http://www.vpnc.org/getdns-api>
- API list <http://www.vpnc.org/mailman/listinfo/getdns-api>
- blog post http://blogs.verisigninc.com/blog/entry/introducing_getdns_a_mode
- TNW Hackathon <https://www.hackerleague.org/hackathons/kings-of-code-hack-battl>
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