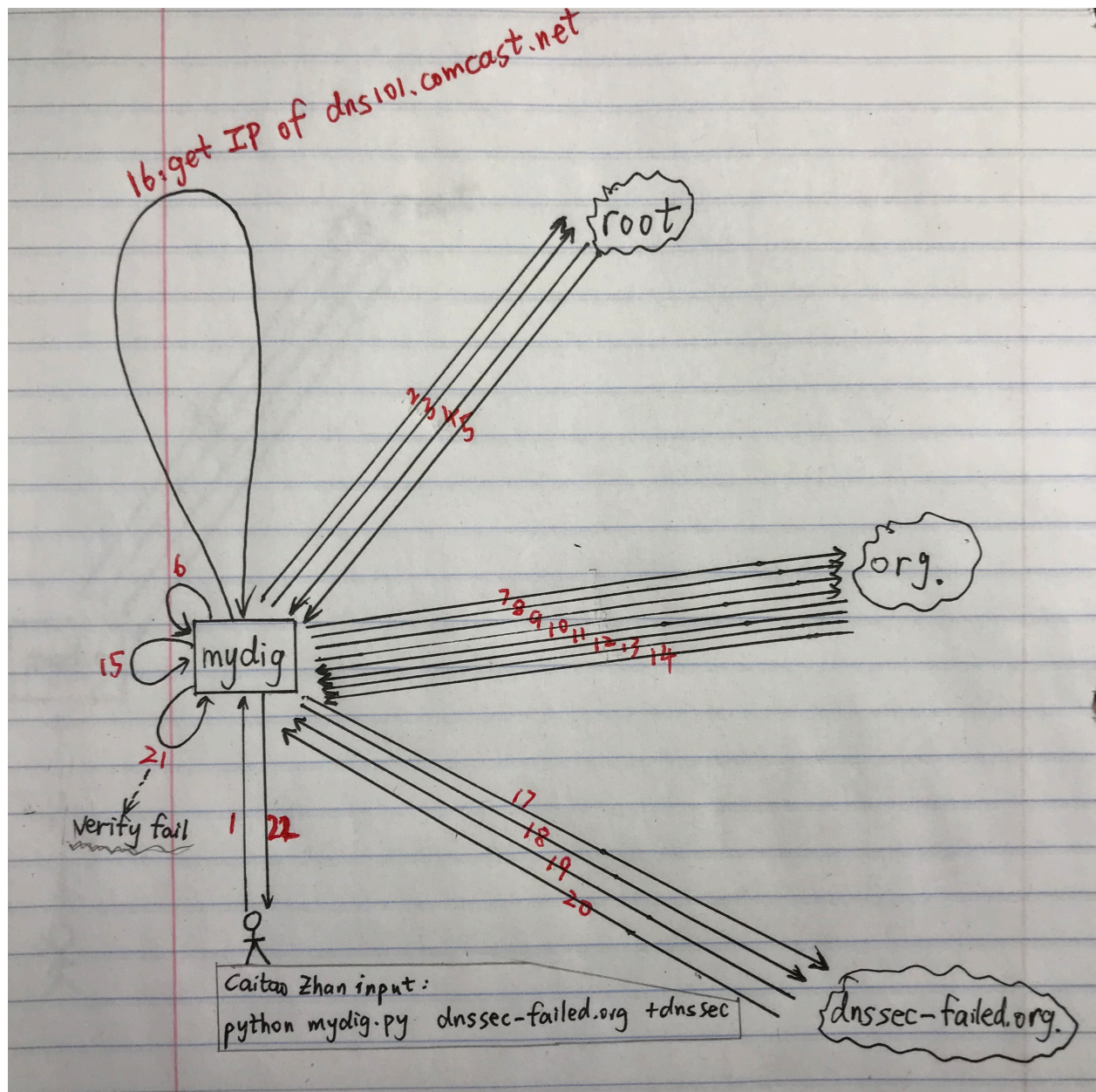


## DNSSEC Implementation

In a nutshell, I implemented my DNS resolver with DNSSEC *exactly the way it should be*.

My two main references are: <https://www.cloudflare.com/dns/dnssec/how-dnssec-works/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MvuFcdZU>. The YouTube video is extraordinary, and I followed every single step in the video.

When using the test case **dnssec-failed.org**, getting the **right output** with **right intermediate steps** is not easy. The following figure shows all the right steps.



I will show my DNSSEC implementation by explaining the example above, 22 steps in total.

1. User input: python mydig.py dnssec-failed.org A +dnssec
2. Single\_iterative\_query (**dnssec-failed.org**, type A, root\_ip, want\_dnssec=True)
3. Single\_iterative\_query (**root**, type DNSKEY, root\_ip, want\_dnssec=True)
4. Step 2 response with org's DS, and IP of org TLD NS.
5. Step 3 response with root's DNSKEY and its RRSIG
6. Verify the root. **Success!**
7. Single\_iterative\_query (**dnssec-failed.org**, type A, org\_ip, want\_dnssec=True)
8. Single\_iterative\_query (**org**, type DNSKEY, org\_ip, want\_dnssec=True)
9. **Step 8 returns nothing.** There may be some issues with the org TLD NS. I found out that I can only get the DNSKEYs and their RRSIGs by querying them **separately**. Also, there are 4 DNSKEYs for org, but I **cannot get all four of them at once**. I need to query **many** times until you can all four. Single\_iterative\_query (org, type DNSKEY, org\_ip, want\_dnssec=**False**)  $\times N$ . By experiment, **expected value of  $N$  is 4**.
10. Single\_iterative\_query (**org**, type RRSIG, org\_ip, want\_dnssec=**False**). Get org's RRSIG of DNSKEY. Note that this query occasionally returns nothing.
11. Step 7 response with dnssec-failed.org's DS. **However, IP for its authoritative NS is not found.** This leads to step 16.
12. Step 8 response which is empty. Suppose to be org's DNSKEYs and their RRSIG.
13. Step 9 response. Actually, is the **union of many responses** so that all four org's DNSKEYs is fetched.
14. Step 10 response with org's RRSIG of DNSKEYs.
15. Verify the org zone. **Success!**
16. Get the IP address of dnssec-failed.org's authoritative NS (for example, dns101.comcast.net). *Use the Part-A of homework-1 to do this.*
17. Single\_iterative\_query (**dnssec-failed.org**, type A, root\_ip, want\_dnssec=True)
18. Single\_iterative\_query (**dnssec-failed.org**, type DNSKEY, root\_ip, want\_dnssec=True)
19. Step 17 response with dnssec-failed.org's IP address and its RRSIG
20. Step 18 response with dnssec-failed.org's DNSKEYS
21. Verify dnssec-failed.org zone. **Failure!**
22. Recursively return the outputs to user.

The above 22 steps take around **700~800 msec**. If unluckily a timeout occurred somewhere, then it will take more than one second.

The output of those 22 steps are:

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Congrats! . DNSKEYs are verified
Congrats! org. DS is verified
Congrats! Root verified
Congrats! org. DNSKEYs are verified
Congrats! dnssec-failed.org. DS is verified
Congrats! Zone org. verified
Congrats! dnssec-failed.org. DNSKEYs are verified
Congrats! A records are verified
Sorry! None of the 2 public key signing keys of dnssec-failed.org. can be verified by its DS in
parent's zone! Thus, zone dnssec-failed.org. is NOT verified

Query time: 726 msec
WHEN: Mon Feb 19 12:28:24 2018

DNSSEC Verification failed
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Note that the **cnn.com** and **palpay.com** have fewer steps. These two don't have to do step 9 and 10 because their step 8 return the desired DNSKEYS and RRSIG. Also, they are lucky and don't need to do step 16.