

BORDER GATEWAY PROTOCOL ATTACK —

Suspicious event hijacks Amazon traffic for 2 hours, steals cryptocurrency

Almost 1,300 addresses for Amazon Route 53 rerouted for two hours.

DAN GOODIN - 4/24/2018, 2:00 PM



University Security

86% of Education Industry Experienced DNS Attack in Past Year

BIZ & IT —

“Suspicious” event routes traffic for big-name sites through Russia

Google, Facebook, Apple, and Microsoft all affected by “intentional” BGP mishap.

DAN GOODIN - 12/13/2017, 4:43 PM

BIZ & IT —

Russian-controlled telecom hijacks financial services’ Internet traffic

Visa, MasterCard, and Symantec among dozens affected by "suspicious" BGP mishap.

DAN GOODIN - 4/27/2017, 3:20 PM

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UNCATEGORIZED —

Insecure routing redirects YouTube to Pakistan

A black hole route to implement Pakistan's ban on YouTube got out into the ...

ILJITSCH VAN BEIJNUM - 2/25/2008, 3:31 AM

'Carpet-bombing' DDoS attack takes down South African ISP for an entire day

Carpet bombing - the DDoS technique that's just perfect for attacking ISPs, cloud services, and data centers.



By Catalin Cimpanu for Zero Day | September 24, 2019 -- 19:30 GMT (12:30 PDT) | Topic: Security

Network Security

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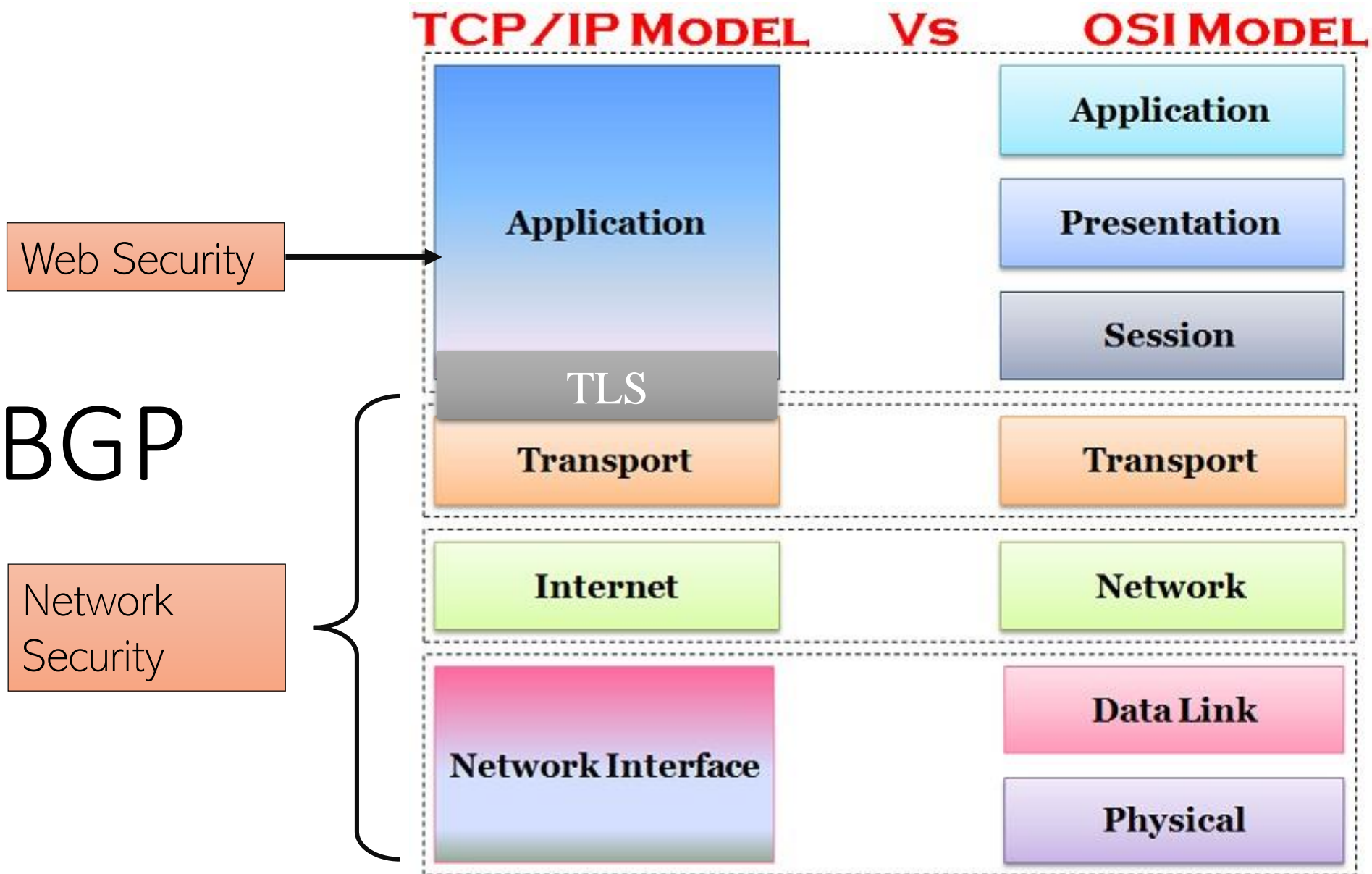
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DNS and BGP

Oct 8, 2019



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We don't want to have to remember IP addresses

```
earlence@earlence-surface3:/mnt/c/Users/earle$ nslookup www.earlence.com
Server:          128.104.254.254
Address:         128.104.254.254#53

Non-authoritative answer:
www.earlence.com canonical name = earlence-uwm.github.io.
Name:   earlence-uwm.github.io
Address: 185.199.109.153
```

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manually managed hosts.txt

served from single computer at SRI



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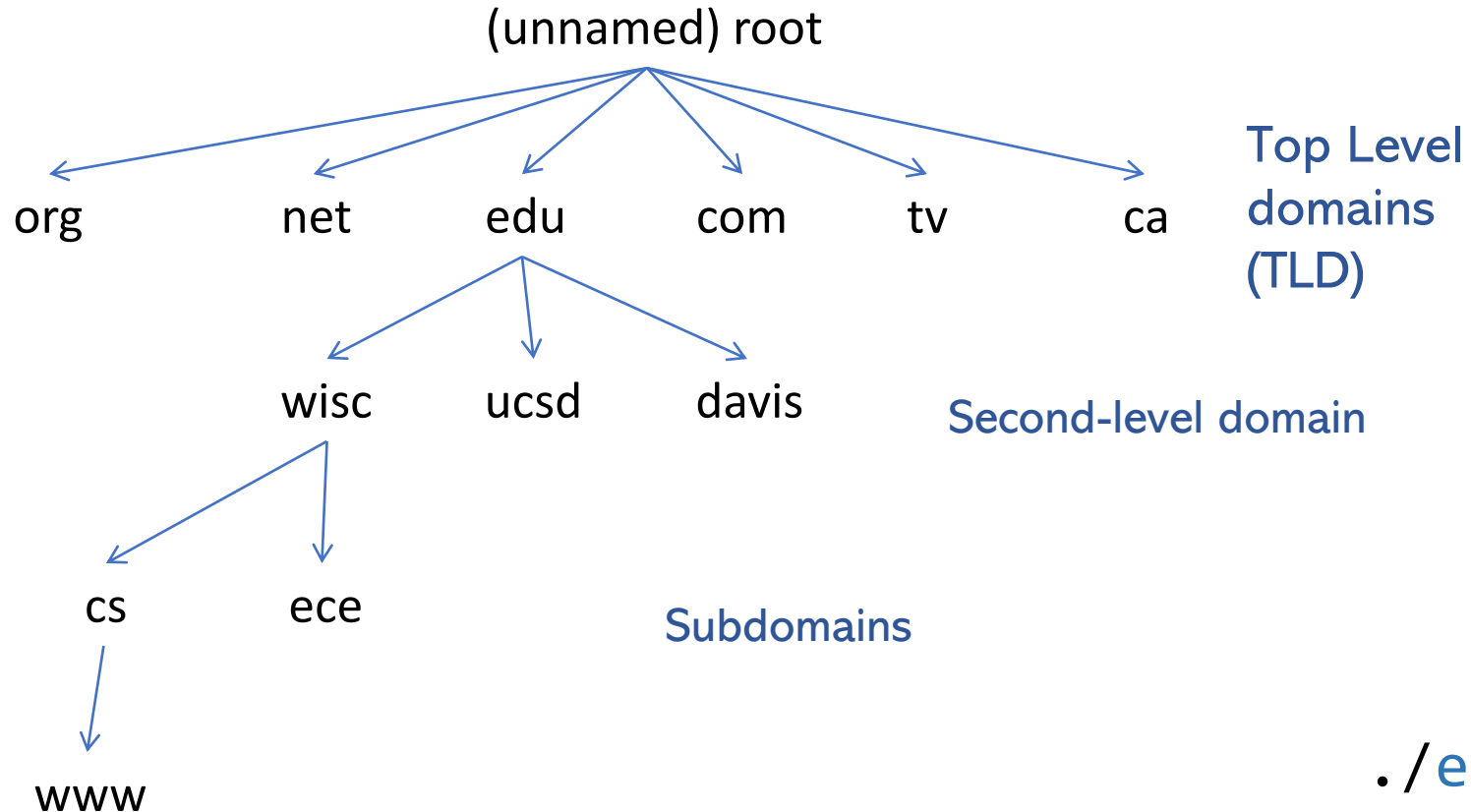
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user@box:~$ cat /etc/hosts
127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.1.1 box.localdomain box
127.0.0.1 zoobar.org
127.0.0.1 www.zoobar.org
127.0.0.1 zoomail.org

# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1 localhost ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0 ip6-localnet
ff00::0 ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1 ip6-allnodes
ff02::2 ip6-allrouters
ff02::3 ip6-allhosts
```

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Hierarchical domain namespace



Separated by ‘.’

FQDN: Fully qualified domain name

seclab-1.cs.wisc.edu

Hostname Subdomain Domain TLD

./edu/wisc/cs/seclab-1

max 63
characters



Internet-wide namespace

- **ICANN** (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers)
- **DNS Servers**
 - **DNS resolver**
 - **root nameservers** – 13 of them worldwide **A** through **M**
 - **authoritative nameservers** – authorized to provide IP for a (sub)domain / hostname
- **Zone**: a contiguous portion of **domain namespace**
 - A subtree

```
A.ROOT-SERVERS.NET. IN A 198.41.0.4
B.ROOT-SERVERS.NET. IN A 192.228.79.201
C.ROOT-SERVERS.NET. IN A 192.33.4.12
...
M.ROOT-SERVERS.NET. IN A 202.12.27.33
```

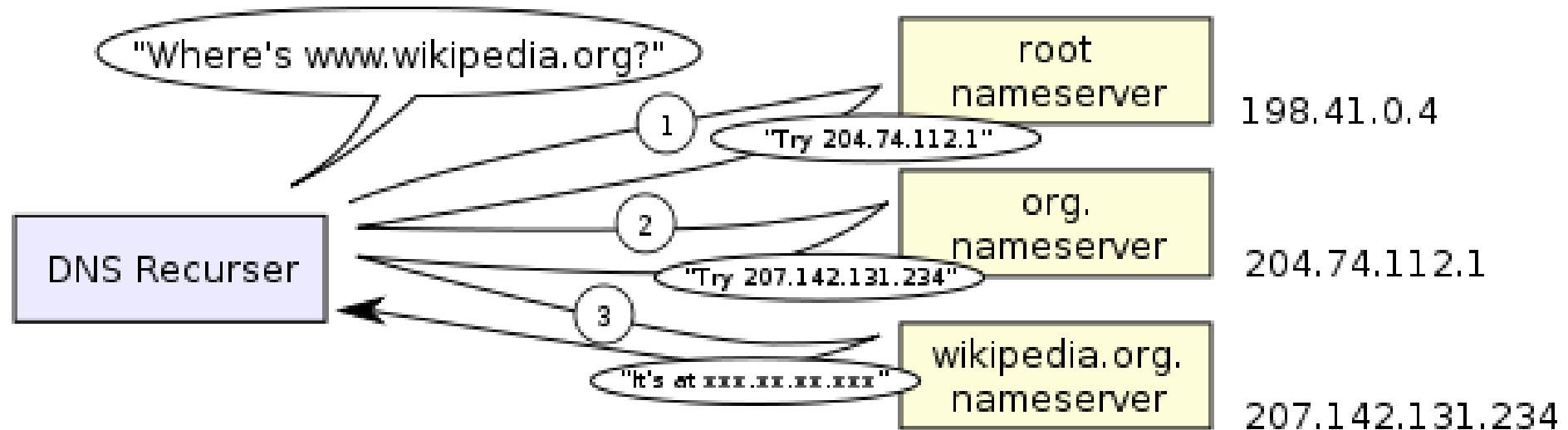
9.NET referrals

```
/* Authority section */
NET.                IN  NS  A.GTLD-SERVERS.NET.
                   IN  NS  B.GTLD-SERVERS.NET.
                   IN  NS  C.GTLD-SERVERS.NET.
                   ...
                   IN  NS  M.GTLD-SERVERS.NET.

/* Additional section - "glue" records */
A.GTLD-SERVERS.net. IN  A  192.5.6.30
B.GTLD-SERVERS.net. IN  A  192.33.14.30
C.GTLD-SERVERS.net. IN  A  192.26.92.30
...
M.GTLD-SERVERS.net. IN  A  192.55.83.30
```



Resolving names



From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:An_example_of_theoretical_DNS_recursion.svg



Example DNS record (and query) types

A	Address mapping record (get me an IPv4 address)
AAAA	Same for IPv6 address
NS	name server, the DNS zone
TXT	machine readable text data, has been used for many things, including encryption mechanisms, policy
MX	mail exchange (SMTP mail server for the domain)
CNAME	Canonical name, alias of a domain



Caching

- DNS servers will cache responses
 - Both negative and positive responses
 - Speeds up queries
 - periodically times out. TTL set by data owner



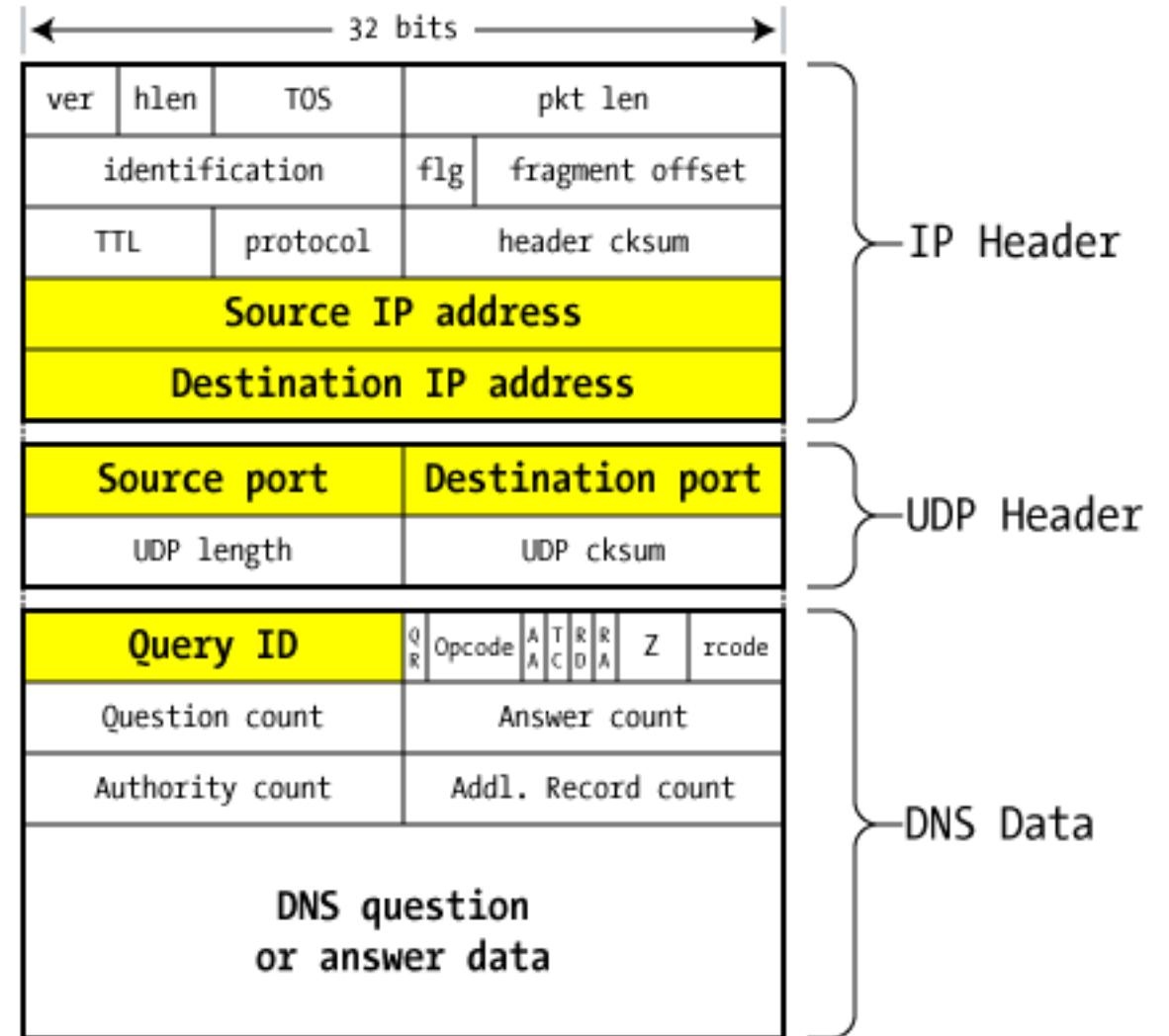
DNS packet on wire

We'll walk through the example from Friedl's document (on Canvas)

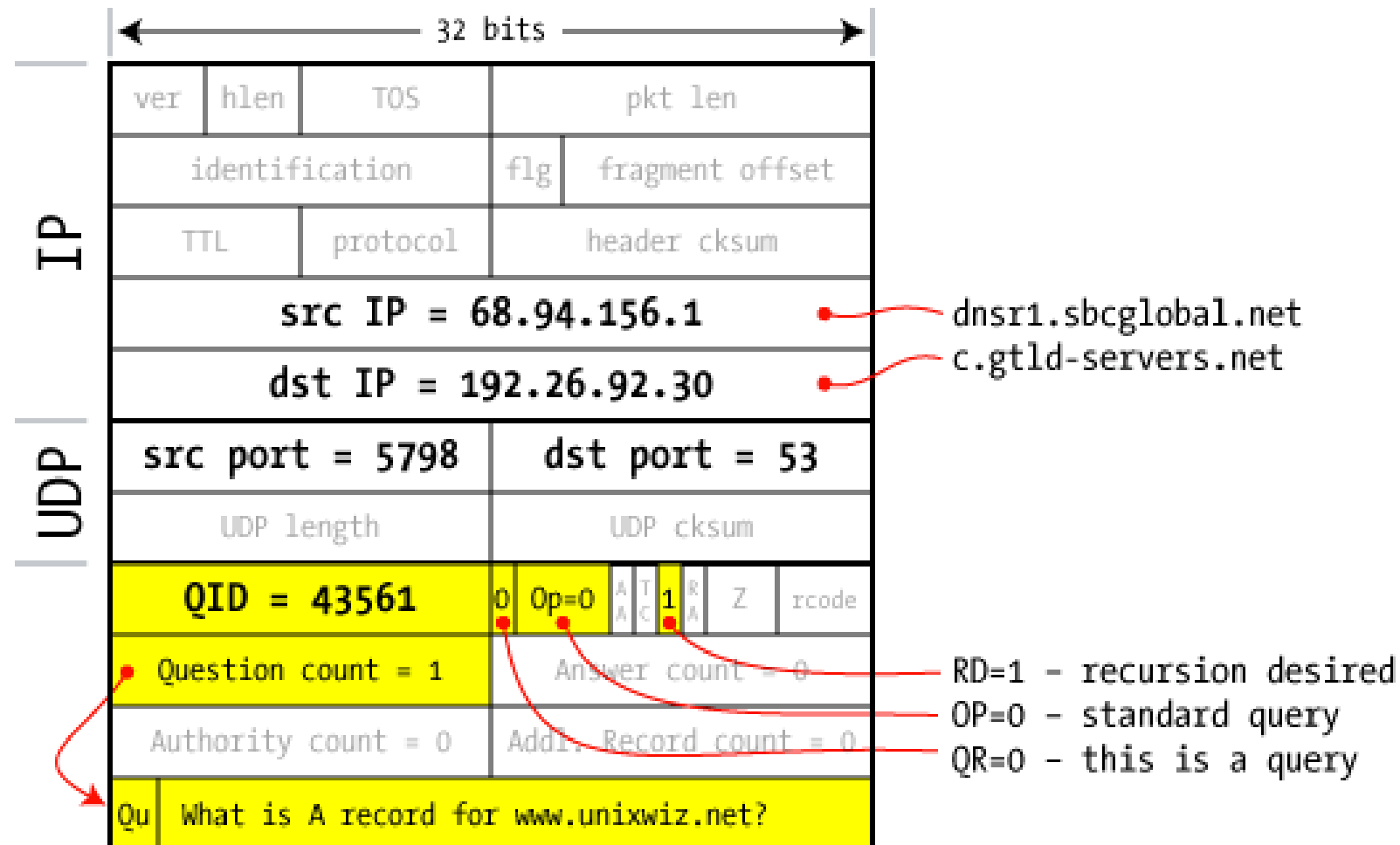
`www.unixwiz.net`

Query ID is 16-bit value

From Friedl explanation of DNS cache poisoning, as are following diagrams



Query from resolver to NS



Reply from NS to Resolver

IP	TTL	protocol	header cksum								
	src IP = 192.26.92.30			c.gtld-servers.net							
	dst IP = 68.94.156.1			dnsr1.sbcglobal.net							
UDP	src port = 53		dst port = 5798								
	UDP length		UDP cksum								
	QID = 43561		1	Op=0	0	T	R	0	0	Z	rc=ok
	Question count = 1		Answer count = 0								
	Authority count = 2		Addl. Record count=2								
	Qu	What is A record for www.unixwiz.net?									
	Au	unixwiz.net NS = linux.unixwiz.net 2 dy									
Au	unixwiz.net NS = cs.unixwiz.net 2 dy										
Ad	linux.unixwiz.net A = 64.170.162.98 1 hr										
Ad	cs.unixwiz.net A = 8.7.25.94 1 hr										

Glue Records

TTL

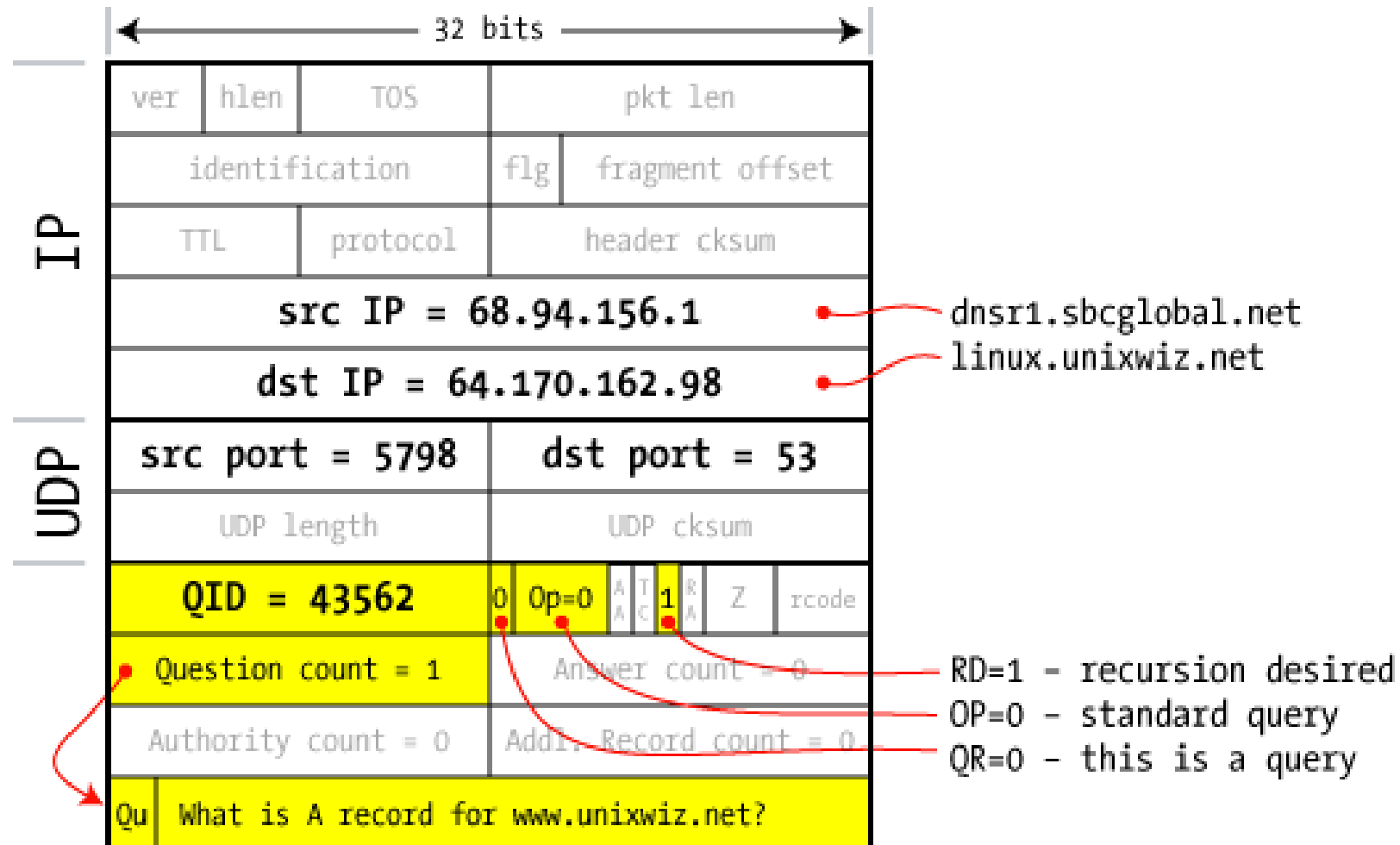
QR=1 - this is a response
AA=0 - not authoritative
RA=0 - recursion unavailable

Response contains IP addr of next NS server (called "glue")

Response ignored if unrecognized QueryID



Query to Second NS

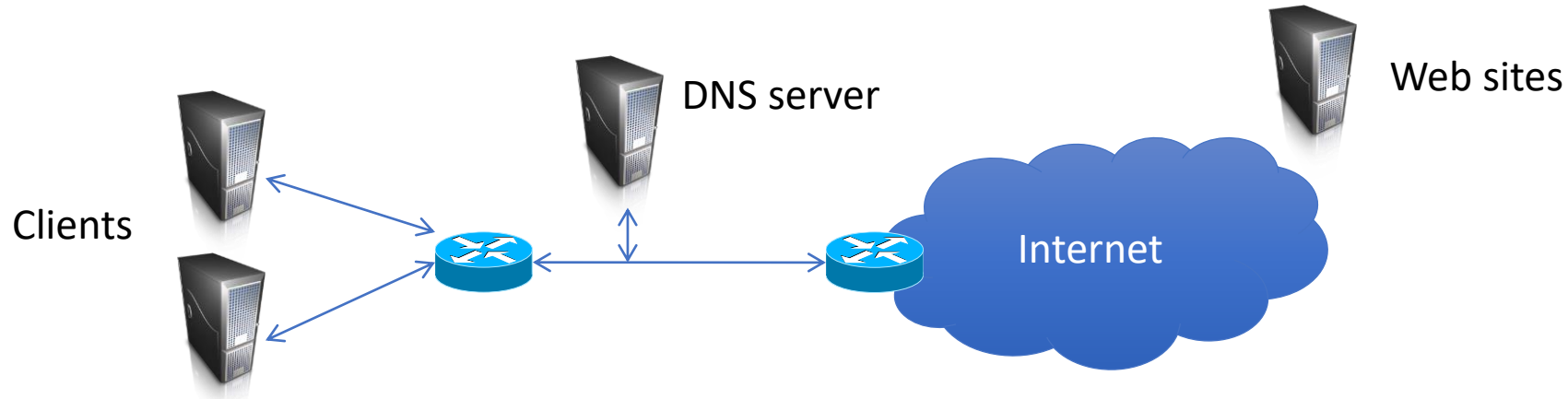


Caching is the key

- DNS servers are queried trillions of times, though they seem fast, doing it again and again could
 - burden the network
 - slowdown everything
- Therefore, authoritative responses are cached for limited amount of time
 - Both **NS** and **A** records are cached
 - TTL – how long to keep the DNS record in cache
- bailiwick checking response is cached if it is within the same domain of query
 - i.e. ns.a.com cannot set NS for b.com



Attacks against DNS?



- Corrupted nameservers
- Intercept & manipulate requests
- DDoS
- Cache poisoning
- Phishing / typo squatting / piggy-backing



DDoS against DNS

- Denial of Service
 - take down DNS server, clients can't use Internet
 - Attack against root servers:

- DoD purportedly has interesting response:

*“In the event of a massive cyberattack against the country that was perceived as originating from a foreign source, the United States would consider launching a **counterattack or bombing the source of the cyberattack**, Hall said. But he noted the preferred route would be warning the source to shut down the attack before a military response.”*

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9010921/RSA_U.S._cyber_counterattack_Bomb_one_way_or_the_other

Massive DDoS Attack Hit DNS Root Servers

By Ryan Naraine,

Posted October 23, 2002

Data Centre ► **Networks**

Internet's root servers take hit in DDoS attack

Who's testing the limits of the DNS system?

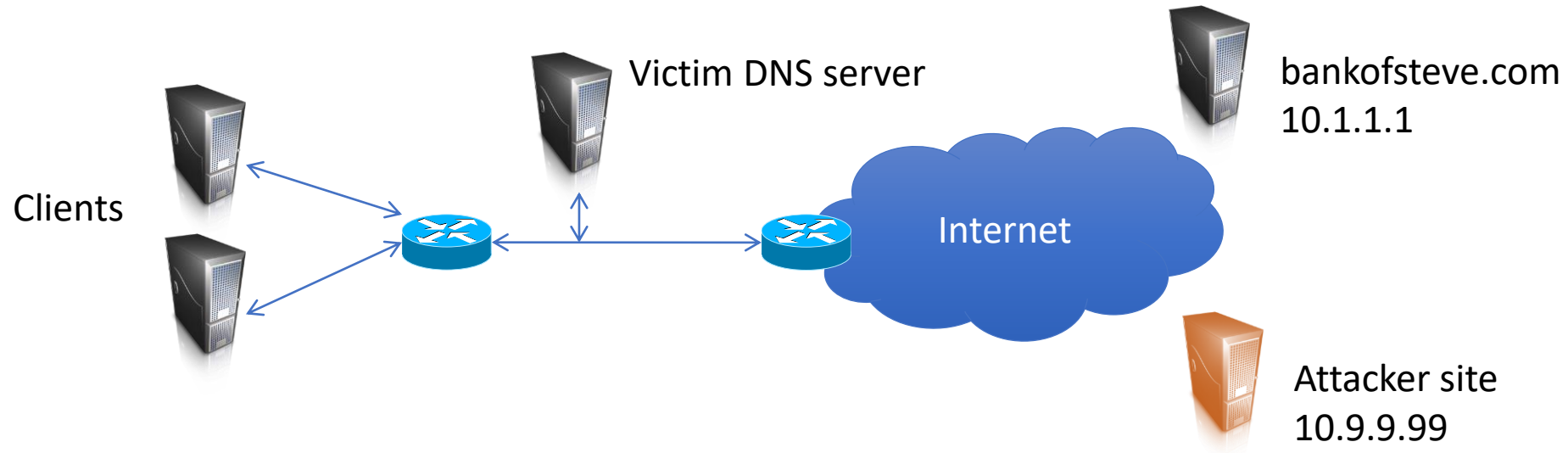
By Kieren McCarthy in San Francisco 8 Dec 2015 at 23:10

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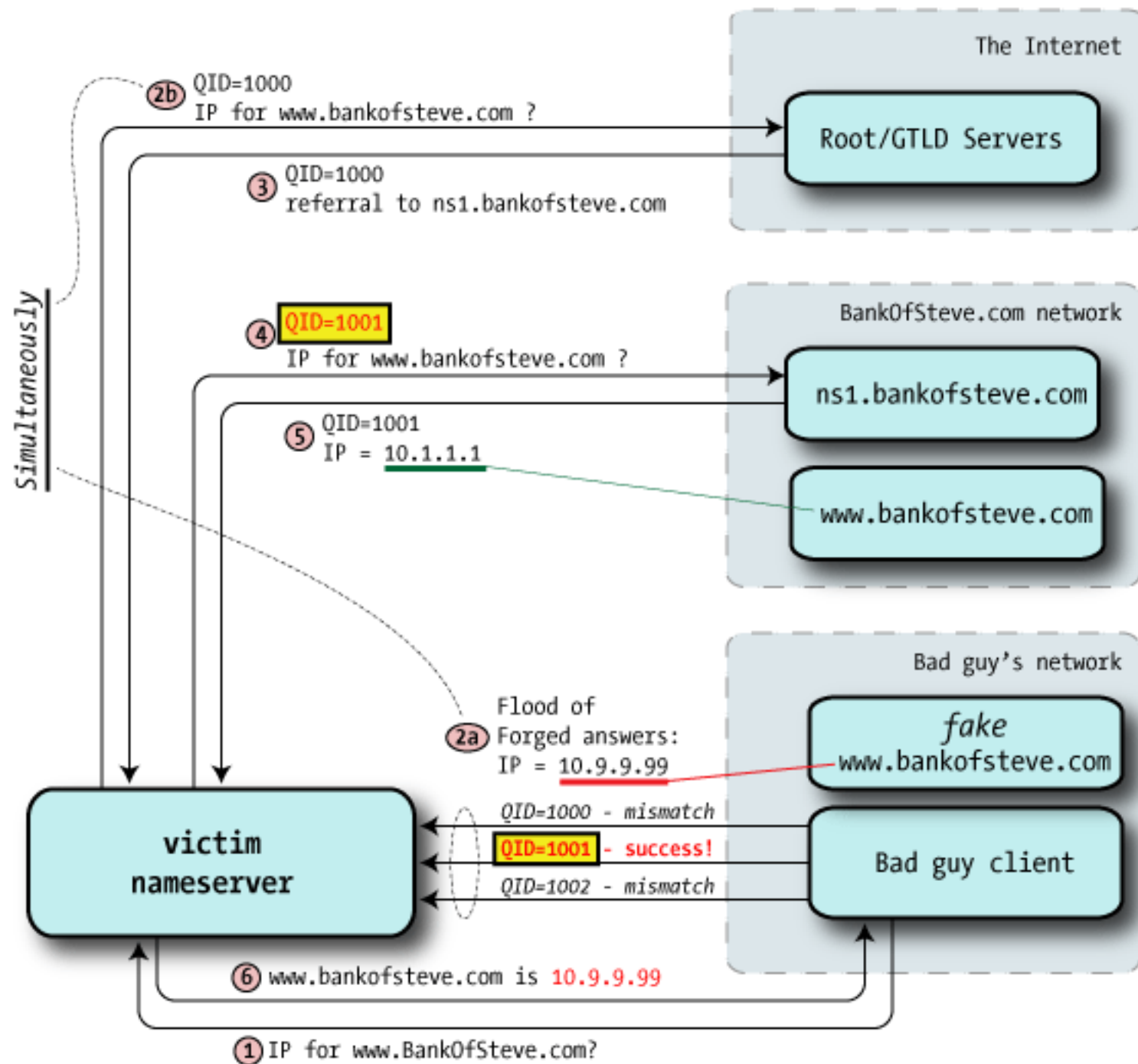
DNS cache poisoning



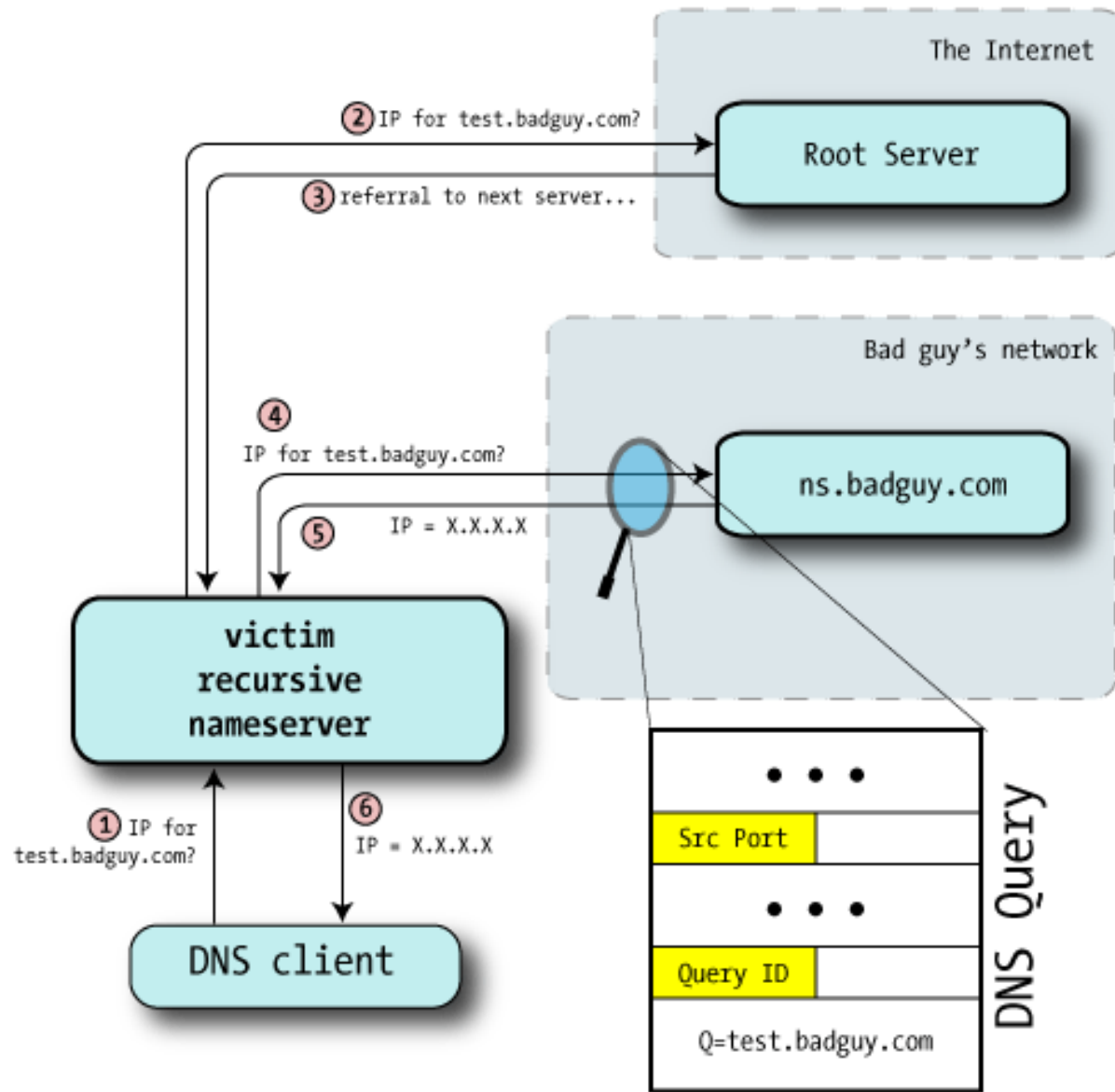
How might an attacker do this?

Assume DNS server uses predictable UDP port





How to predict the query ID?

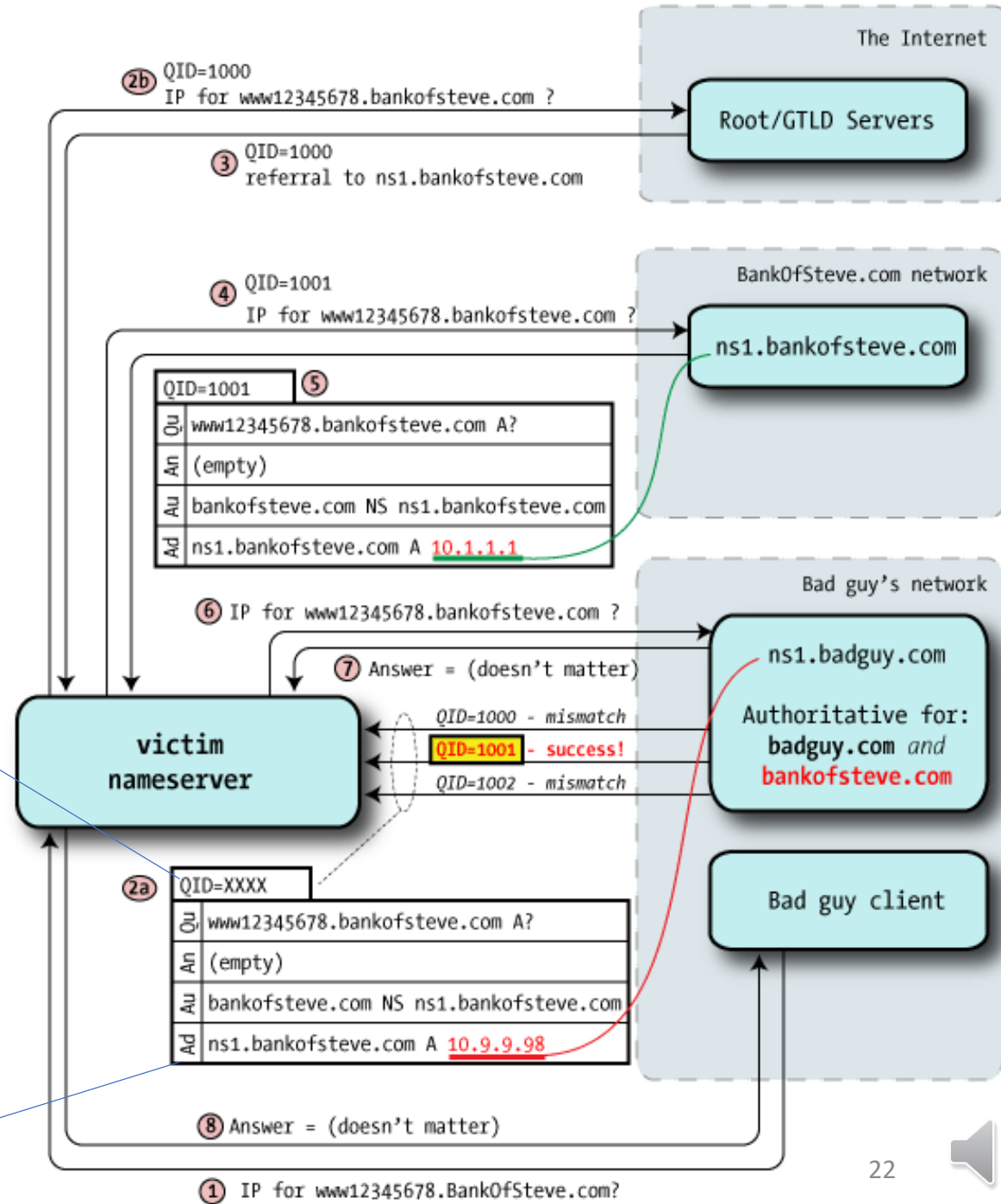
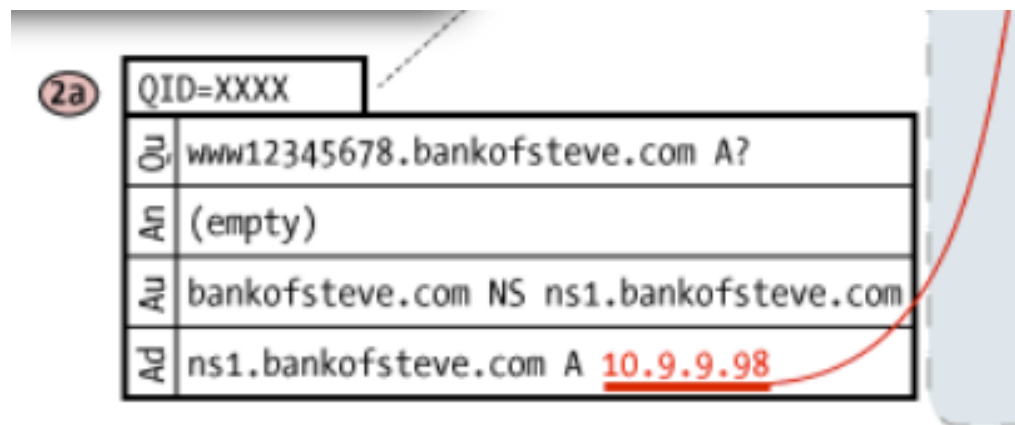


Another idea (Dan Kaminsky's attack):

- Poison cache for NS record instead
- Now can take over all of second level domain

How many tries does this require?

- 16 bit query id field
- If choosing randomly: 256 (birthday)
- If predictable, choose in range



Does happen in the wild

HD Moore pwned with his own DNS exploit, vulnerable AT&T DNS servers to blame

By Dancho Danchev | July 30, 2008, 8:08am PDT

Summary: *A week after |)ruid and HD Moore release part 2 of DNS exploit, HD Moore's company BreakingPoint has suffered a traffic redirection to a rogue Google site, thanks to the already poisoned cache at AT&T servers to which his company was forwarding DNS traffic : "It happened on Tuesday morning, when Moore's company, BreakingPoint had some [...]"*

<http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/hd-moore-pwned-with-his-own-dns-exploit-vulnerable-at-t-dns-servers-to-blame/1608?tag=content;siu-container>



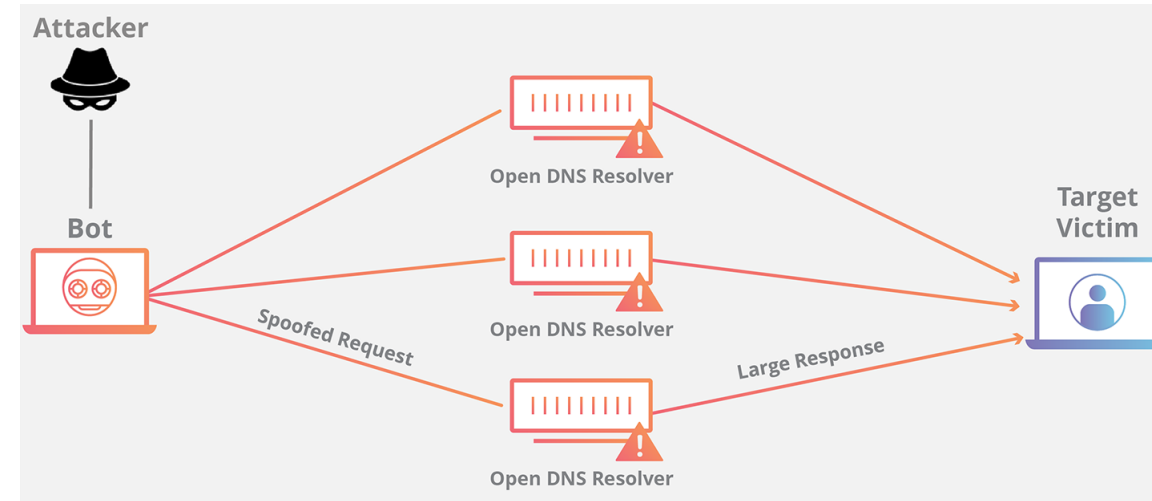
Defenses (and attacks)

- Query ID size is fixed at 16 bits
- Repeat each query with fresh Query ID
 - (randomize)
- Randomize UDP ports: not enough randomness in query ID only
- DNSsec
 - Cryptographically sign DNS responses, verify via chain of trust from roots on down



... but DNSSEC
vulnerable to DDoS

- Create large amount traffic from the DNS resolvers to the victim computer/server



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September 18, 2019

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DNSSEC fueling new wave of DNS amplification attacks

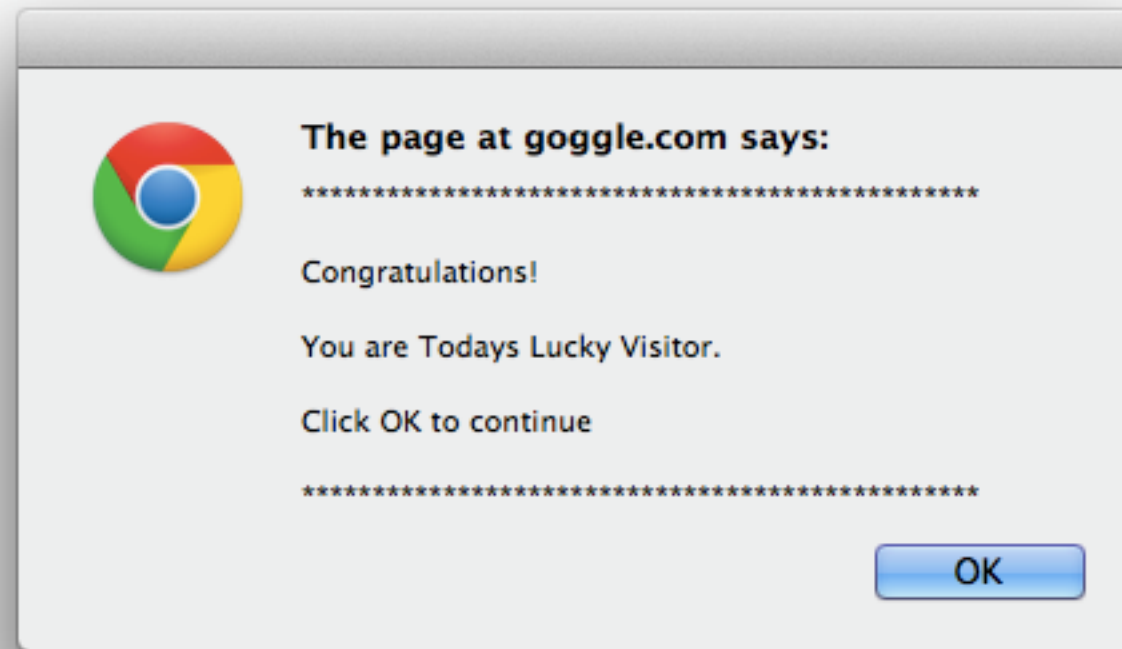
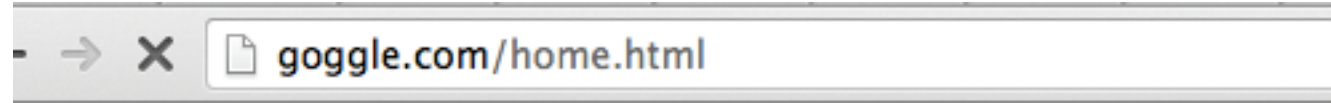
DNS amplification attacks swelled in the second quarter of this year, with the amplified attacks spiking more than 1,000% compared with Q2 2018, according to Nexusguard.



Phishing is common problem

- Typo squatting:
 - www.qpple.com
 - www.goggle.com
 - www.nytmes.com
- Other shenanigans:
 - [www.badguy.com/\(256 characters of filler\)/www.google.com](http://www.badguy.com/(256%20characters%20of%20filler)/www.google.com)
- Phishing attacks
 - These just trick users into thinking a malicious domain name is the real one







WARNING!

YOUR COMPUTER MAY BE INFECTED:

System detected (2) Potentially Malicious Viruses.
The data on your computer is **NOT SAFE!**

Your Personal & Financial Information **IS NOT SAFE**
To Remove Viruses, Call Tech Support Now:

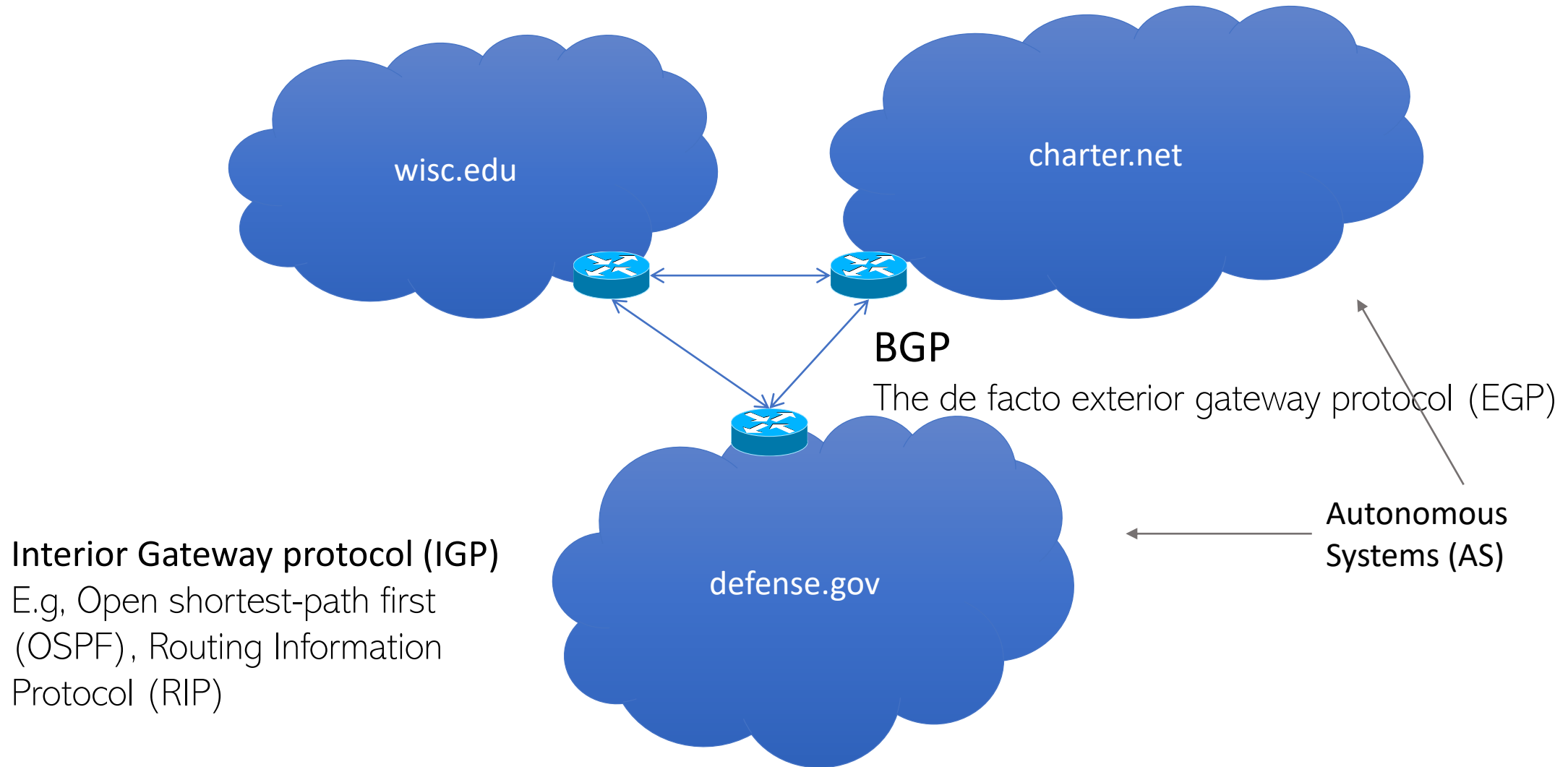
855-521-0242

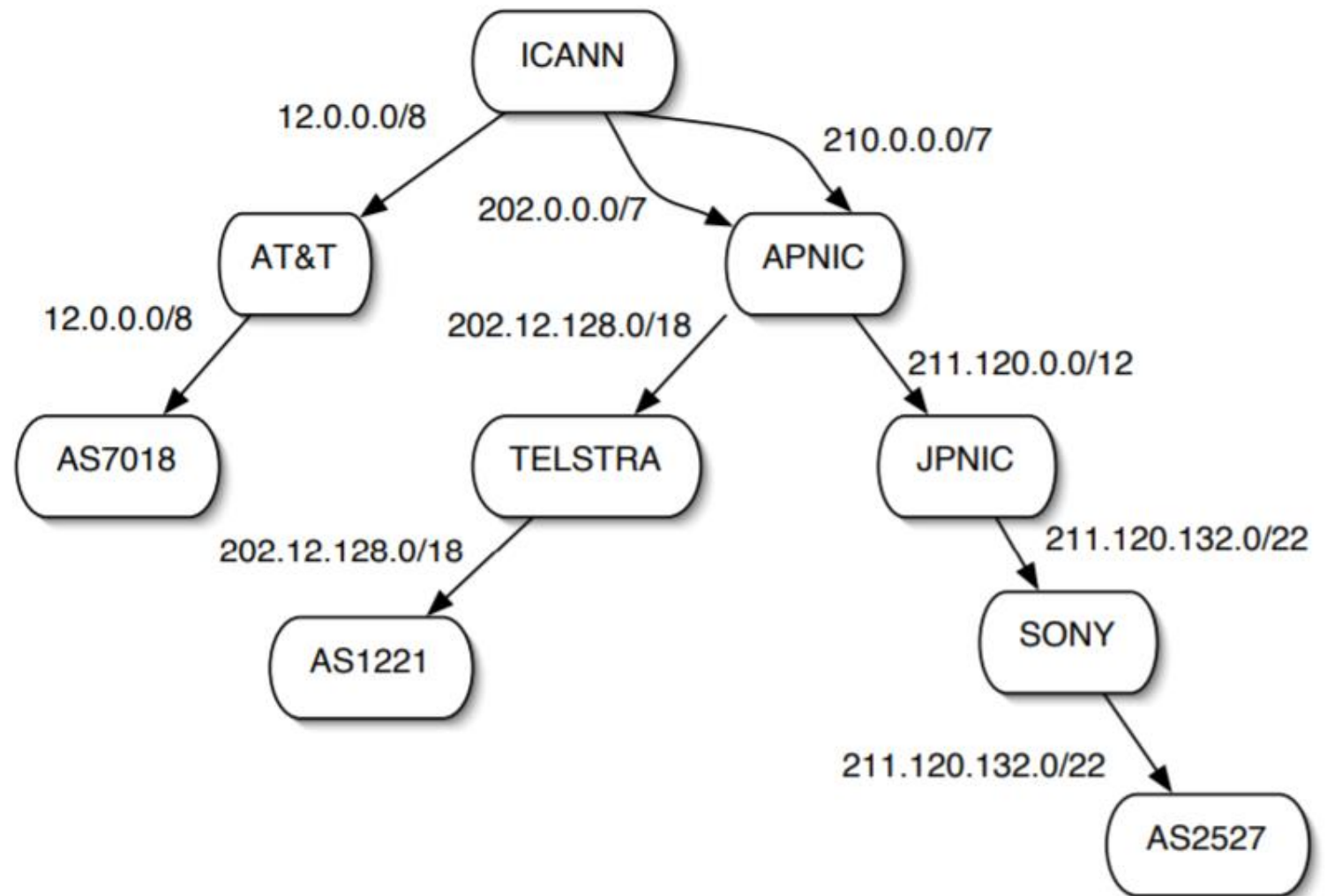
(24/7 - Toll free- High Priority Virus & Spyware Removal Call Line for Your
IP Address: 128.105.35.160)

Clean Now!



BGP and routing





Source:
<http://patrickmcdaniel.org/pubs/td-5ugj33.pdf>



BGP

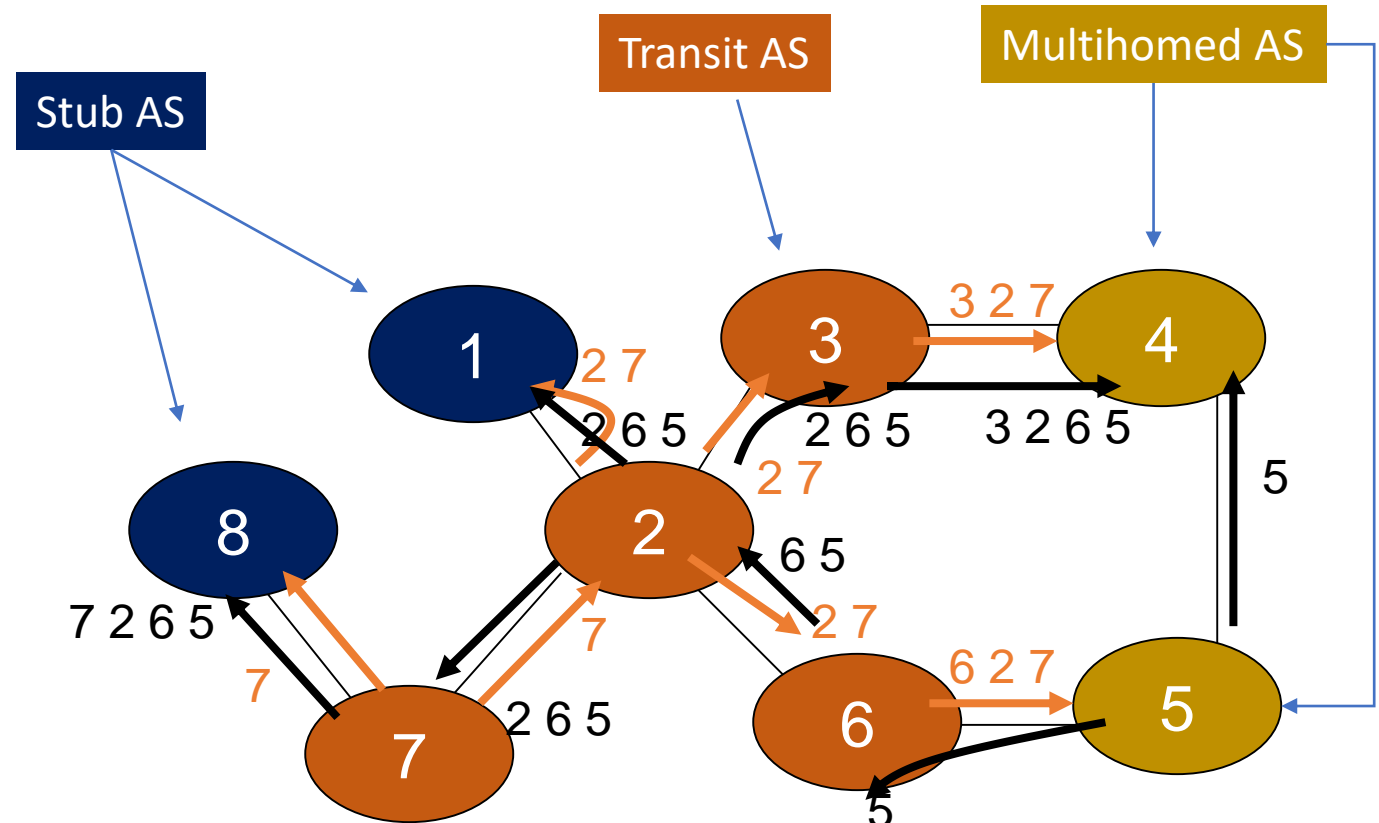
- Policy-based routing
 - AS can set policy about how to route
 - economic, security, political considerations
- BGP routers use TCP connections to transmit routing information
- Iterative announcement of routes



BGP example

[D. Wetherall]

- Algorithm seems to work OK in practice
 - BGP does not respond well to frequent node outages



IP hijacking

- BGP is unauthenticated
 - Anyone can advertise any routes
 - False routes will be propagated
- This allows IP hijacking
 - AS announces it originates a prefix it shouldn't
 - AS announces it has shorter path to a prefix
 - AS announces more specific prefix



Malicious or misconfigurations?

- AS 7007 incident in 1997
 - “Okay, so panic ensued, and we unplugged *everything* at 12:15PM almost to the second.” [sic]
 - <http://www.merit.edu/mail.archives/nanog/1997-04/msg00444.html>
- China Telecom hijacks large chunks of Internet in 2010
 - <http://bgpmon.net/blog/?p=282>

<https://www.bgpmon.net>



BGPmon monitors the routing of your prefixes and alerts you in case of an 'interesting' path change.



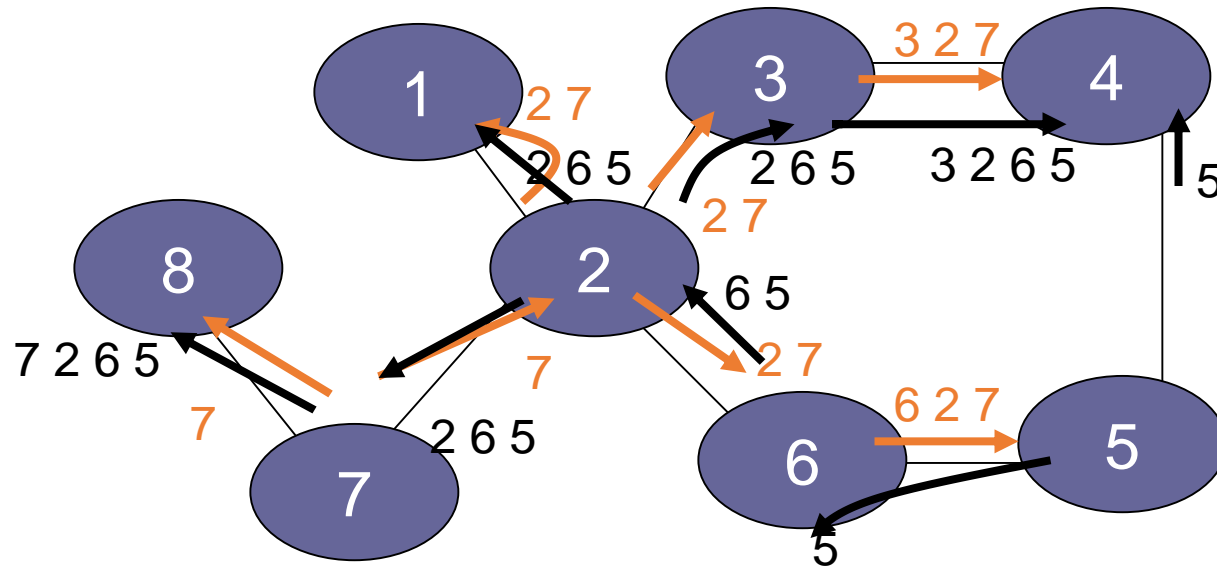
YouTube incident (2008)

- Pakistan attempts to block Youtube
 - youtube is 208.65.152.0/22
 - youtube.com = 208.65.153.238
- Pakistan ISP advertises 208.65.153.0/24
 - more specific, prefix hijacking
- Internet thinks youtube.com is in Pakistan!
- Outage resolved in 2 hours...



BGPsec

[D. Wetherall]



- Route announcements must be cryptographically signed
 - AS can only advertise as itself
 - AS cannot advertise for IP prefixes it does not own
- Requires a public-key infrastructure (PKI)

Deploy360 16 October 2017

BGPsec – A reality
now

[RFC 8205](#)

Need to wait for ASes to catch up!



Summary: Internet Security

- Recurring themes:
 - Built without any authenticity mechanisms in mind
 - Functionality mechanisms (sequence #'s) become implicit security mechanisms
 - New attempts at (somewhat) backwards-compatible security mechanisms
 - IP -> IPsec
 - DNS -> DNSsec
 - BGP -> BGPsec

