

ENS War Stories:

Protecting Web3 from Web2-Based Attacks



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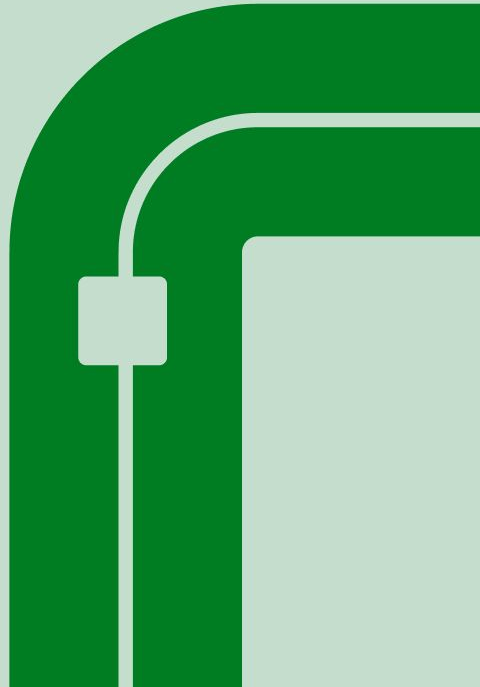
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The DNS is Dangerous



Bad Guys Abound

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| ENSxxx.TLD | 1 new hits | 14:14 |  
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1. ens-send15.com
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| xxx-ENS.TLD | 1 new hits | 14:14 |  
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1. airdrop-ens.domains
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| ENS + Strings | 2 new hits | 14:14 |  
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1. airdrop-ens.domains
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2. ens-send15.com
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Created a DNS-based threat intel system

We identify malicious domains daily

Cloudflare → Hiding the Host

Attacks / fraud persist

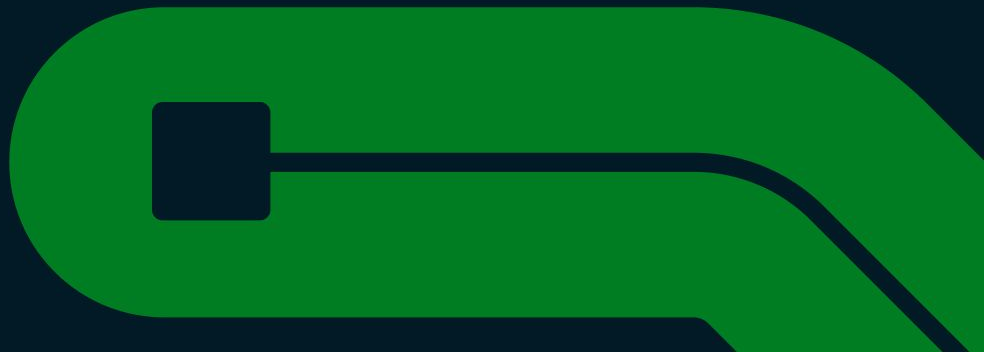
Volume and velocity are alarming

Propelled on X / Twitter

Linktree usage is common

Wallet drainer smart contract

Attacks stood up surprisingly quickly



The Attacks

Pernicious and persistent

Can cause significant losses

Security threat coming
from web2 domains

An onboarding issue for web3

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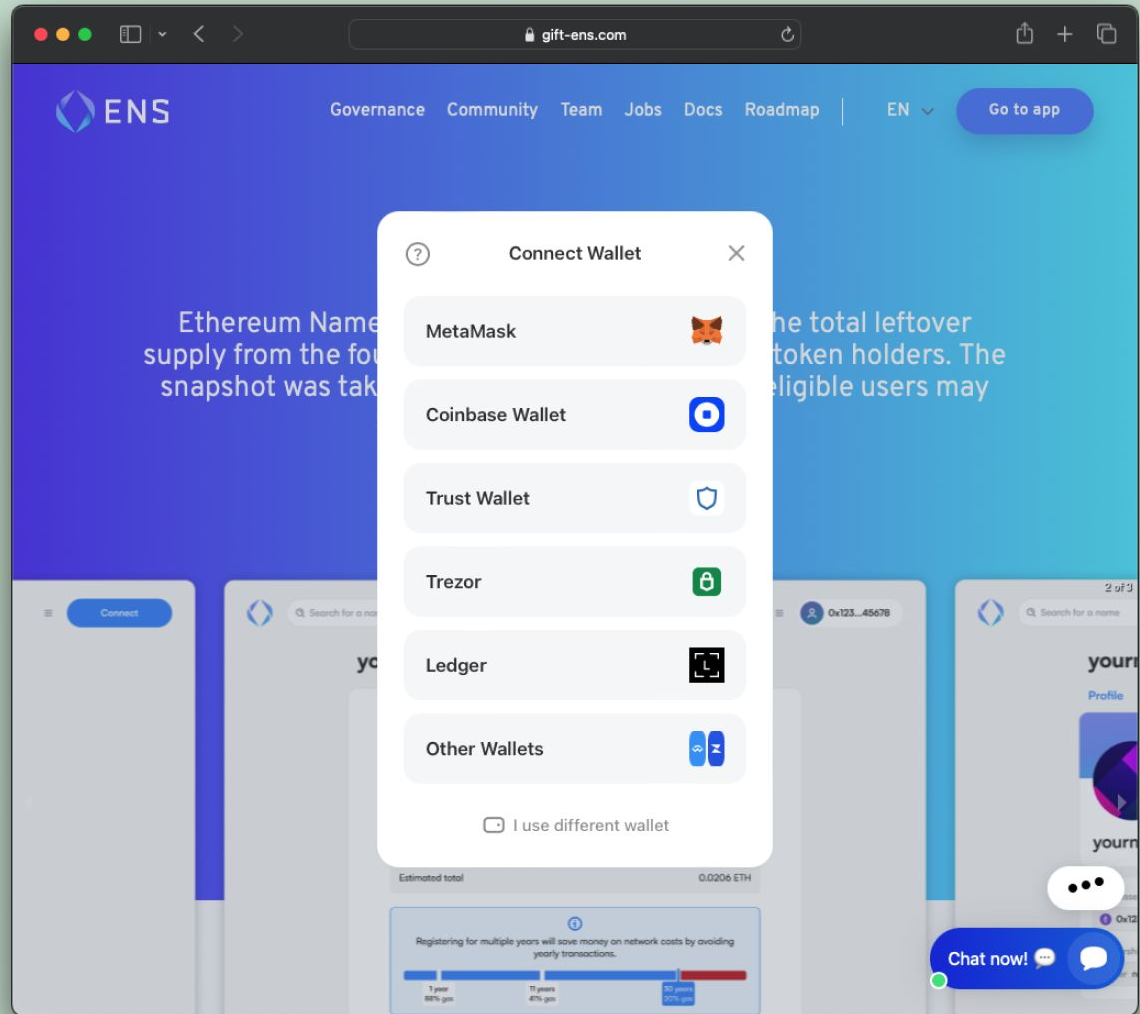
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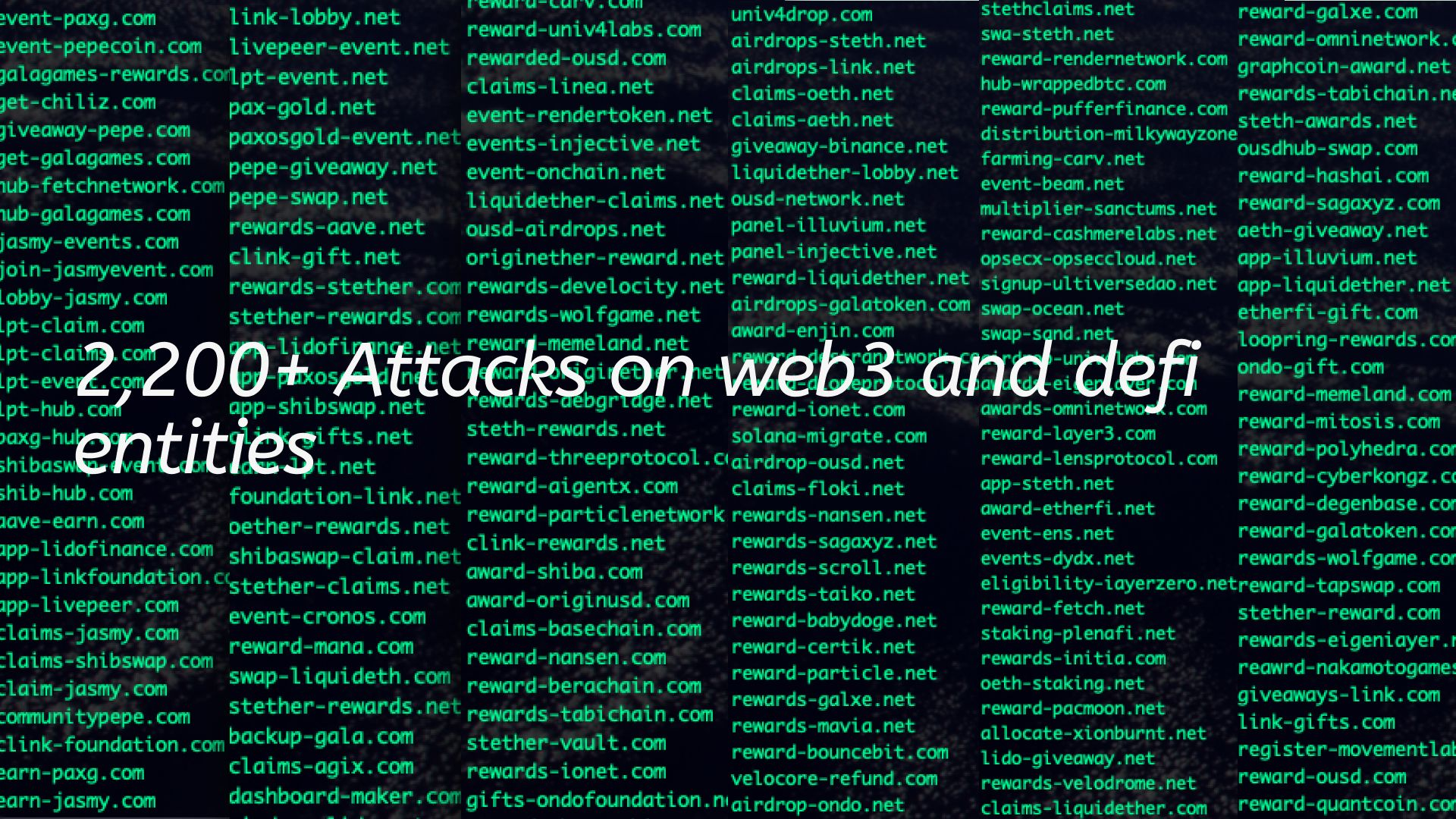
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|_| event-ens[.]net |_|

Consistent Thread

[-] Registrant Name: No Data Available
[-] Creation Date: 2024-05-27T04:36:56Z
[-] Registrar: NICENIC INTERNATIONAL GROUP CO., LIMITED
[-] Registrant Organization: lolita llc
[-] Location: US
[-] Host: CLOUDFLARENET
[-] IP Address: 172.67.131.246
[-] NS Records: dina.ns.cloudflare.com
[-] MX Records: No MX Records
[-] Certificate Authority: Google Trust Services LLC



2,200+ Attack on web3 and defi entities

Tracking & Threat Detection

Consistent infrastructure

Consistent DNS configuration

Wrote bash script to track NS record changes every ten minutes

NS records → Cloudflare = attack

wget -m [target domain]

Evidence and indicators

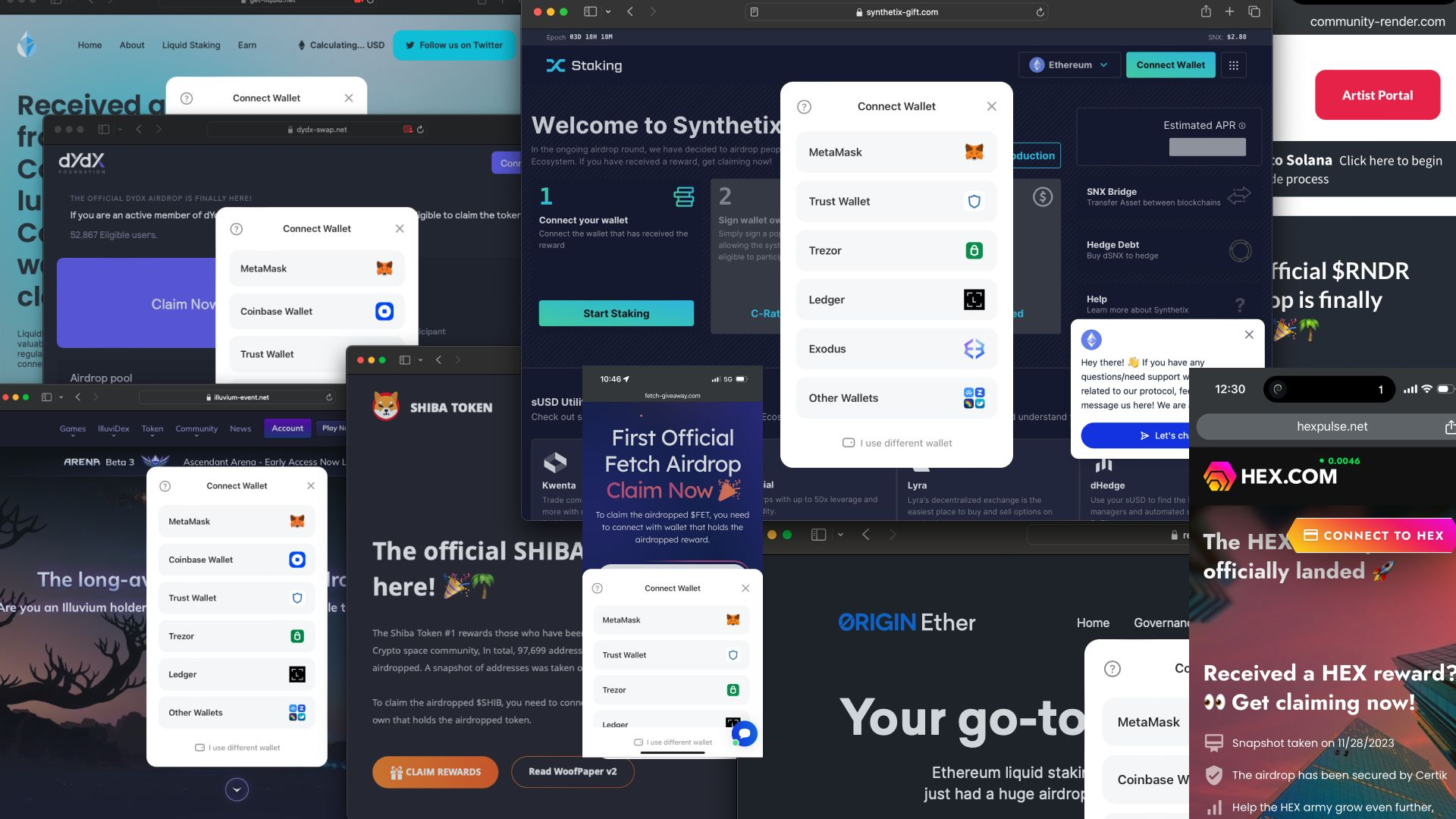
Reliable early warning system

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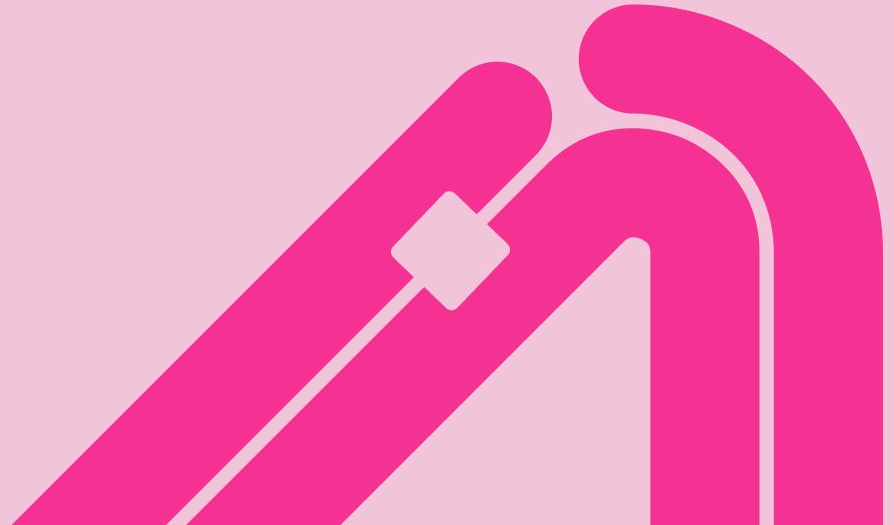
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104.21.37.204
2089 / 2241 | gift-livepeer.com | yolanda.ns.cloudflare.com | 104.21.41.1
172.67.164.46
2090 / 2241 | reward-zknation.com | ----- | -----
2091 / 2241 | dashboard-realio.com | lee.ns.cloudflare.com | 104.21.29.97
172.67.148.188
2092 / 2241 | gifts-shib.com | desiree.ns.cloudflare.com | 172.67.175.45
104.21.40.38
2093 / 2241 | allocation-orbiterfinance.net | -----
2094 / 2241 | allocation-zapper.net | ----- | -----
2095 / 2241 | allocation-azuro.net | ----- | -----
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2097 / 2241 | allocation-nostrafinance.net | ----- | -----
2098 / 2241 | launchpad-axondao.net | ----- | -----
2099 / 2241 | vote-kelp.net | ----- | -----
2100 / 2241 | dashboard-livepeer.com | rene.ns.cloudflare.com | 104.21.84
172.67.185.5
2101 / 2241 | exchange-illuvium.com | tate.ns.cloudflare.com | 104.21.6.1
172.67.135.2
2102 / 2241 | exchange-livepeer.com | olivia.ns.cloudflare.com | 104.21.7
172.67.171.144
2103 / 2241 | events-stether.com | ----- | -----
2104 / 2241 | reward-agixtoken.com | ----- | -----
2105 / 2241 | reward-hamsterkombat.com | ----- | -----
2106 / 2241 | reward-kinzafinance.com | ----- | -----
2107 / 2241 | reward-kontos.com | ----- | -----
2108 / 2241 | reward-origineth.com | saarvi.ns.cloudflare.com | 172.67.21
104.21.24.96
2109 / 2241 | token-livepeer.com | trevor.ns.cloudflare.com | 172.67.209.
104.21.53.53
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What to do about all this?



UDRPs / Takedowns / Blacklists / Reports /



Ethereum Name Service Labs Limited,)

38 North Canal Road)

Singapore 059294)

(Complainant))

v.)

Host Master /1337 Services LLC)

P.O. Box 590)

Charlestown, KN)

(Respondent))

Domain Names In Dispute:

enscom.domains

manage-ens.domains

config-ens.domains

ipfs-ens.domains

ens-domains-drop.com

claims-ens.com

tokens-ens.com

ensesp.net

cens.domains

ens-token.claims

ens.solar

my-ens.domains

governance-ens.exchange

ensaidrops.com

ensgiveway.com

sens.domains

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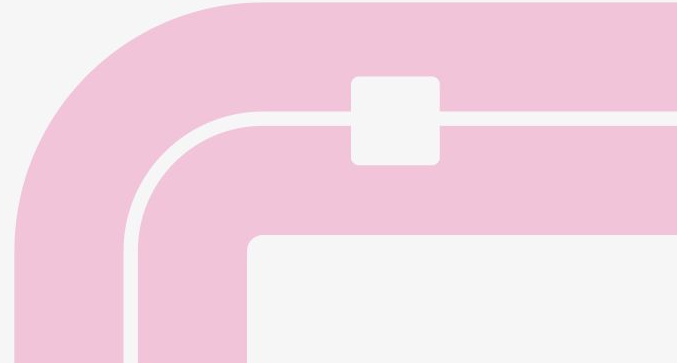
A Modest Proposal

Share intel amongst the ecosystem

Pool resources

Reclaim every domain

Change the law



Web3 on the Offense

Come together and file the largest UDRP Complaint ever

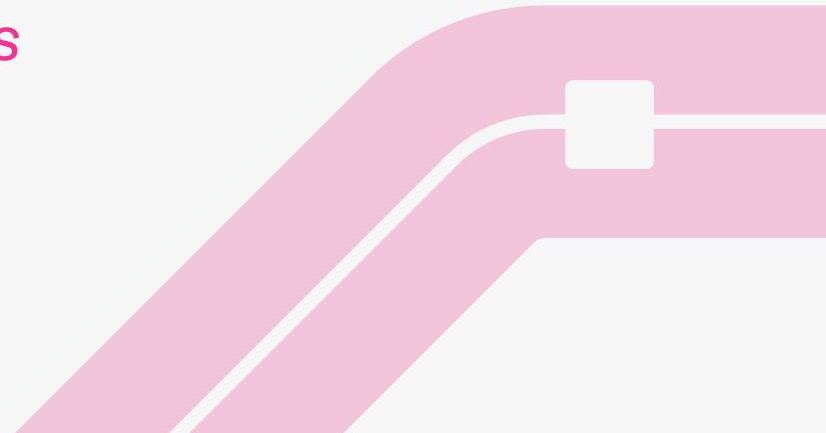
Common grievance / Registration pattern / Same rights at issue

Reclaim all 2,200+ threat actor domains

Gather intel from registrations / domains

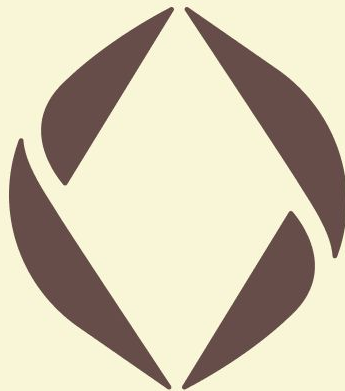
Warning shot to threat actors

Community is safer together



Thank You for Listening

Let's share intelligence be in touch



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