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Abstract

This document ~~is the specification of~~specifies a DNS Resolver  
Information Key  
~~(RFC 9606-)~~ for DNSSEC validation capability, "dnssecval".

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## 1. Introduction

[RFC-9606] ~~created~~specifies a DNS resource record (RR) type RESINFO to allow resolvers to publish information about their capabilities and policies. ~~This~~Each information is unambiguously identified with a key. ~~information is encoded as {key, value} pairs.~~ Keys are ~~in-maintained~~in an IANA registry called "DNS Resolver Information Keys" under the "Domain Name System (DNS) Parameters" registry group. ~~and~~This specification adds a new key, to indicate that ~~the~~a resolver validates with DNSSEC [RFC4033][RFC4034][RFC4035]. Such key may be used, for example, by a DNS client to prefer resolvers that enable DNSSEC validation.

### 1.1. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in BCP 14 [RFC2119] [RFC8174] when, and only when, they appear in all capitals, as shown here.

## 2. "dnssecval" ~~The key~~Key

The name of the key is "dnssecval", for "DNSSEC validating [resolver]". The presence of this key indicates that the DNS resolver validates all answers with DNSSEC [RFC4033] [RFC4034] [RFC4035]. Note that, per the rules for the keys defined in Section 6.4 of [RFC6763], if there is no '=' in a key, then it is a boolean attribute, simply identified as being present, with no value.

~~The~~A resolver ~~which~~that announces this capability in a RESINFO record MAY add DNSSEC-specific EDE (Extended DNS Error Codes, [RFC8914]) to the value of the "exterr" key [RFC9606], e.g., "Unsupported DNSKEY Algorithm", "Unsupported DS Digest Type", and "DNSSEC Bogus". Refer to the "Extended DNS Error Codes" registry for a definitive list of these EDEs.

"dnssecval" is an optional attribute.

## 3. IANA Considerations

This document requests IANA ~~is requested to add the following new key to "dnssecval" and a reference to this document~~  
~~To the registry the~~ "DNS Resolver Information Keys" registry under the under the "Domain Name System (DNS) Parameters" registry group.

Name	Description	Reference
dnssecval	The presence of the key name indicates that DNSSEC validation is enabled.	This Document

4. Security Considerations

DNSSEC is a very important tool for the security of the DNS and, Therefore, it is important for users to know in advance ~~if whether~~ the resolver they consider supports DNSSEC ~~or not~~. It would be better to assume that every resolver validates (thus rendering this document useless) but it is not the case today.

~~As with any information published in the DNS, the key in the RESINFO may be wrong or outdated. They should be regarded with care. The security considerations discussed in Section 7 of [RFC9606] apply.~~

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