

RPKI drop invalids – one year later

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RPKI Basics

Outgoing RPKI

- Cryptographically signs your prefixes
- “Binds” prefix to Origin AS and maximum CIDR length

Validated ROAs

Show 10 entries

Search: 213.95.0.0/16

ASN	Prefix	Max Length	Trust Anchors	URI of ROA
12337	213.95.0.0/16	24	RIPE NCC RPKI Root	🔗

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Incoming RPKI

- RPKI Validator software – Validates cryptographic signatures
- Result of validation transferred via RTR protocol to routers
- Routers use validation results in routing policy

What we did

Create ROAs

- RIPE NCC makes this very easy
- Available at the LIR portal <https://lirportal.ripe.net/>
- End Users: your sponsoring LIR can do this for you!

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RPKI Dashboard 13 CERTIFIED RESOURCES ALERTS ARE SENT TO 2 ADDRESSES

 25 BGP Announcements
19 Valid 0 Invalid 0 Unknown

 10 ROAs
10 OK 0 Causing problems

Install Validator Software

- Two servers with different software
- RIPE NCC RPKI Validator (v2, later v3)
<https://github.com/RIPE-NCC/rpki-validator-3>
Java will eat your memory :(but has a webinterface
- Routinator 3000
<https://github.com/NLnetLabs/routinator>
Smaller memory footprint but Rust toolchain neccessary
- ARIN TAL is special somehow and needs to be installed separately

Configure Routers

- We use Juniper MX
- Feature “Origin validation for BGP” – Available since JunOS 12.2R1
- Peering routers need TCP session with RPKI Validator
- You need to explicitly set BGP validation-state in route policies
- Here you need to finally decide: Just mark invalid prefixes or drop them!

Why do it?

Why did we implement RPKI?

- Security is important to our customers
- It's good for the Internet
- Because we can

D-Day

Drop Invalids

2018-10-08 10:00 CEST



Impact

- 5000 invalid prefixes dropped
- 2000 not covered by less-specific prefix



Aftermath

First Impact

- Two days later
- /22 unreachable
- Contacted by provider
- Fixed ROA three hours later

Difficulties with reports

- Identification of root cause difficult
- Many people not familiar with RPKI
- Customers report problems with DNS or e-Mail
- Traceroute from other provider looks like blackholing (which it kinda is)
- Own traceroutes end when reaching network core (without default route)

Difficulties when communicating with providers and customers

- Support does not know RPKI
- Support does not know whom to contact
- Mailserver is affected by RPKI invalid
- Customer does not understand why it works “everywhere else”

Lessons for communication

- Brief colleagues on RPKI and create SOPs
- Templates for communicating with customers and providers
 - Explanations on what RPKI is
 - How customer/provider can check RPKI status themselves
- Search for missed cases (“unreachable”, “connectivity issue”, “DNS problem”)

Individual Cases

Case 1 – Biggest Breakage

- Unitymedia / Vodafone
- /16, /17 and /19 invalid
- Announced with AS6830 (Liberty Global / UPC)
- ROAs had AS29562 (KabelBW / Unity Media) as origin
- Three separate customer reports in the first hour
- ROAs fixed in three hours

Case 2 – No Exceptions! (Maybe just one)

- Customer was unable to reach API endpoint
- Detected on Thursday, provider informed
- Planned change on weekend with 20+ people
- Exception for /24 was created on Friday
- ROA was fixed 45 minutes after that

Case 3 – Contact Lost

- All nameservers for domain in one /24
- No reaction from announcing AS or AS in ROA
- No reaction from prefix owner
- Company in prefix description does not know prefix
- Real hijack? – Turns out it wasn't.



Conclusions

Summary for the last year

- 13 known reports
 - 3 by affected providers
 - 10 by customers
 - Last report in April 2019



Happy End

- All reports were resolved in one way or another
 - 12 ROAs fixed
 - 1 ROA deleted (but fixed some time later)
- Most people fix ROAs fast (maximum 10 days)
- Some people lose interest (providers and customers)
- (Our?) customers are cooperative if you explain RPKI



Happy End – Part 2

- We're still filtering!
- You should, too!



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