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**How to detect that your domains are being
abused for phishing attacks by using DNS**

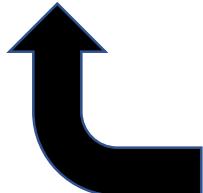
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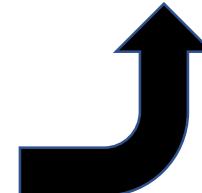
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What can we do to combat phishing attacks?

- Why is fighting phishing so important?
 - Damage for citizens and businesses;
 - Losing trust in the relationship between the Taxpayer and the Dutch Tax and Customs Administration.
- Important to discover phishing campaigns as soon as possible.
- Break the money circle, it's all about money.



Some phishing examples

Van: Belastingdienst <belastingaangifte@belastingdienst.nl>

Datum: 23-08-2015 11:05:10 CEST

Aan: xxxxxx@planet.nl

Onderwerp: Belastingaangifte 2014

Bij controle van onze administratie hebben wij geconstateerd dat er een betalingsachterstand is ontstaan van uw belastingaangifte 2014. Wij hebben geprobeerd om het openstaande bedrag te incasseren, helaas is dit niet gelukt op het rekeningnummer dat bij ons bekend staat. Het huidige openstaande bedrag bedraagt 83,04 euro. U ontvangt ook een schriftelijke herinnering die vandaag per post is verstuurd. Thans verzoeken wij u vriendelijk om dringend het openstaand bedrag van ...

Te betalen u kunt het bedrag overmaken naar bankrekeningnummer NL62ABNA XXXXXXXXXX tnv "belastingdienst" onder vermelding van betalingskenmerk BTW038372293N Als u deze betaling heeft voldaan kunt u de brief als niet verzonden beschouwen. Als u binnen acht dagen deze rekening niet heeft voldaan dan verzenden wij geen aanmaning en hierbij worden incasso kosten gerekend Ik hoop u voldoende geinformeerd te hebben. Wij zien uw betaling graag tegemoet en danken u voor uw medewerking.

Met vriendelijke groet,

Robert Versteegen

Directeur Belastingdienst

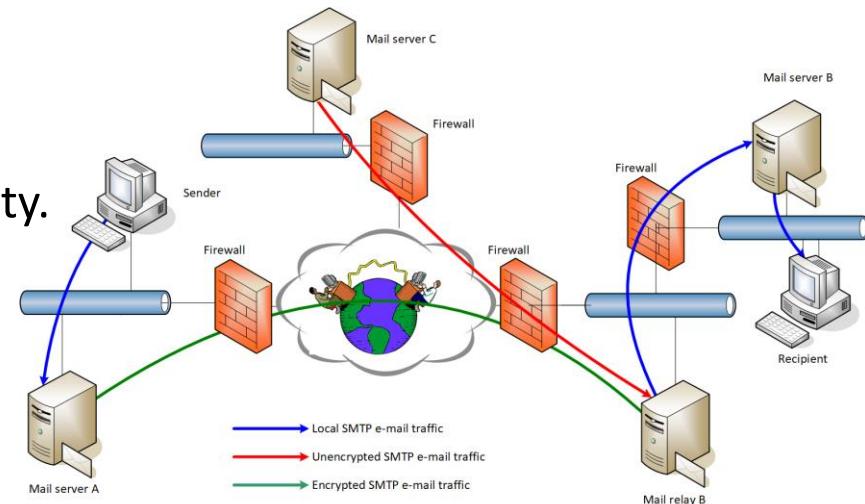
N.B. Dit is een automatisch verzonden e-mail, het is niet mogelijk deze e-mail te beantwoorden.

And now!

- Starting points:
 - Change may not impact the business.
 - Using standards:
 - STARTTLS;
 - DNS-based Authentication of Named Entities;
 - SMTP MTA Strict Transport Security;
 - Sender Policy Framework;
 - DomainKeys Identified Mail;
 - Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting and Conformance.

STARTTLS

- STARTTLS is used to upgrade an un-secure connection to a secure connection.
- Used between mail servers to communicate over un-secure networks.
- Adding encryption to the un-secure connection.
- More info:
 - RFC3207 - SMTP Service Extension for Secure SMTP over Transport Layer Security.



DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities

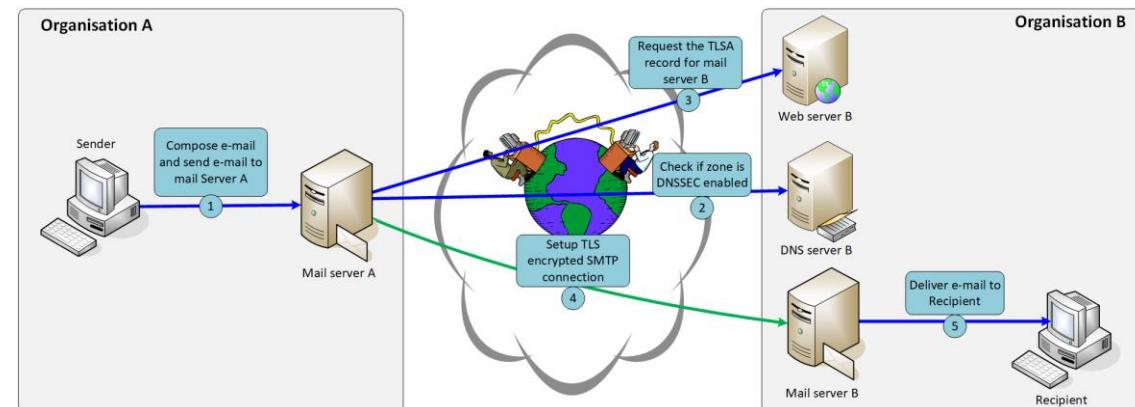
- DANE = DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities.
- DANE allows to advertise TLS support through a TLSA TXT resource record.
- More info:
 - RFC6698 - DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities;
 - RFC7672 - DANE for SMTP.

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Don't count on STARTTLS to automatically encrypt your sensitive e-mails

TLS stripping and DNS attacks allow eavesdropping on protected messages.



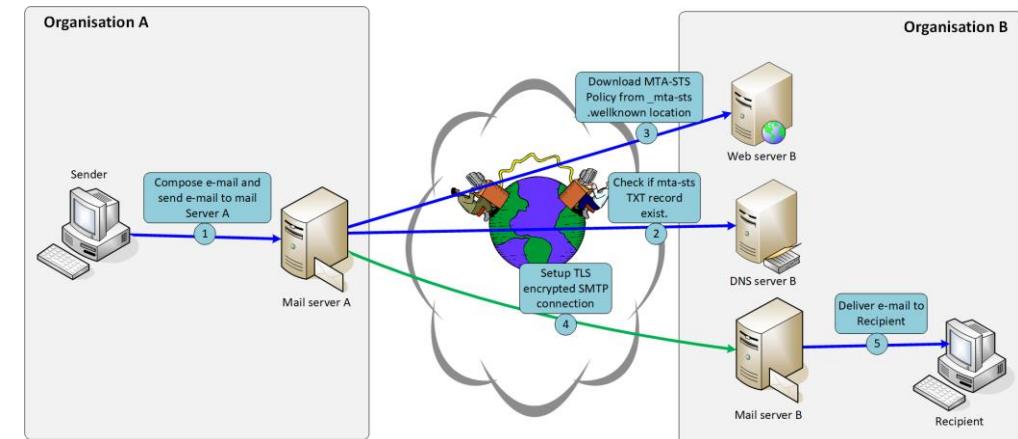
DNS-Based Authentication of Named Entities

- Example: belastingdienst.nl
- TLSA TXT resource record:

```
_25._tcp.smtp1.belastingdienst.nl. IN TLSA 3 1 1
    b169456b9f12cecc88bfdc9e82dc4f2546a779e6cad0be9751d12e51654e898a
_25._tcp.smtp2.belastingdienst.nl. IN TLSA 3 1 1
    b3c1e98bf0c76de6af8905755fcd073400d99503de9c699b4b8f232b9b36b02b
```

SMTP Mail Transfer Agent Strict Transport Security

- MTA-STS = Mail Transfer Agent Strict Transport Security.
- MTA-STS allows a receiving mail domain to publish their TLS policy.
- More info:
 - RFC8461 - SMTP Mail Transfer Agent Strict Transport Security;
 - RFC8460 - SMTP TLS Reporting.
- RFC published September 2018.
- Implementation:
 - gmail.com April 2019;
 - belastingdienst.nl June 2019.



SMTP Mail Transfer Agent Strict Transport Security

- Example: belastingdienst.nl
- MTA-STS/TLS-RPT resource records:

```
mta-sts.belastingdienst.nl.      IN A    85.159.98.22
_mta-sts.belastingdienst.nl.    IN TXT  "v=STSV1; id=20190509101840"
_smtp._tls.belastingdienst.nl.   IN TXT  "v=TLSRPTv1; \
                                         rua=mailto:mta-sts@belastingdienst.nl"
```

SMTP Mail Transfer Agent Strict Transport Security

- Example: belastingdienst.nl
- URL: <https://mta-sts.belastingdienst.nl/.well-known/mta-sts.txt>
- MTA-STS Policy file:

```
version: STSv1
mode: testing
mx: smtp1.belastingdienst.nl
mx: <additional MX records>
max_age: 86400
```



SMTP MTA-STS Reporting – The GOOD

```
{"organization-name": "Google Inc.",
  "date-range": {
    "start-datetime": "2019-05-08T00:00:00Z",
    "end-datetime": "2019-05-08T23:59:59Z"},
  "contact-info": smtp-tls-reporting@google.com,
  "report-id": "2019-05-08T00:00:00Z_belastingdienst.nl",
  "policies": [
    {"policy": {
      "policy-type": "sts",
      "policy-string": [
        "version: STSv1",
        "mode: testing",
        "mx: <MX records>",
        "max_age: 10368000"],
      "policy-domain": "belastingdienst.nl"
    },
    "summary": {
      "total-successful-session-count": 1
    }
  ]
}
```



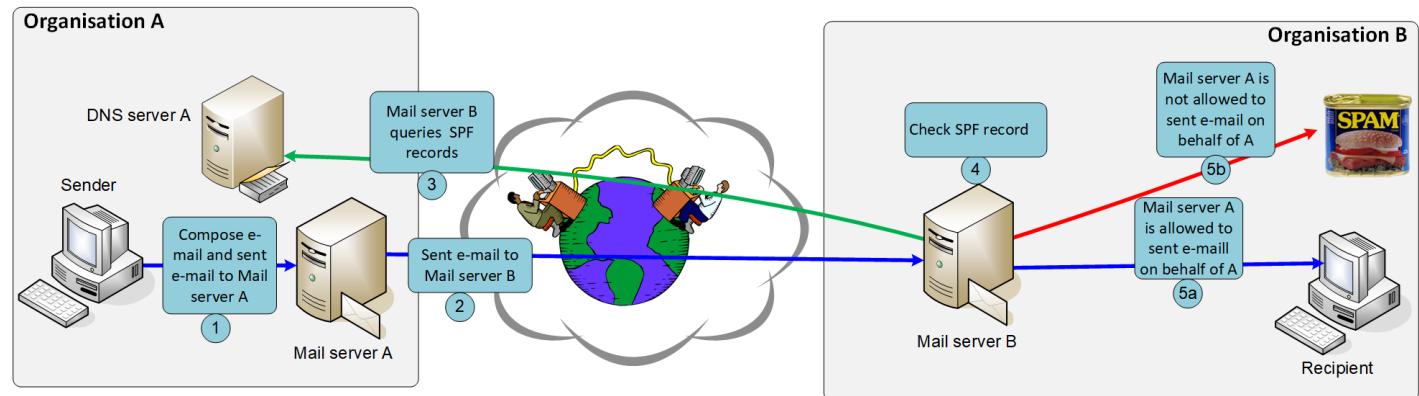
SMTP MTA-STS Reporting – The BAD

```
{"organization-name": "Google Inc.",  
 . . . . .  
 "summary": { "total-failure-session-count": 1 },  
 "failure-details": [  
     {  
         "result-type": "starttls-not-supported",  
         "sending-mta-ip": "192.51.100.45",  
         "receiving-ip": "203.0.113.90",  
         "receiving-mx-hostname": "smtp.example.com",  
         "failed-session-count": 1  
     }  
 ]  
 . . . . .  
 }
```



Sender Policy Framework

- SPF = Sender Policy Framework.
- Validates if an e-mail is sent from a valid IP address or domain.
- Check is done against SPF TXT resource records in the DNS.
- More info: RFC7208 - Sender Policy Framework (SPF), Version 1.

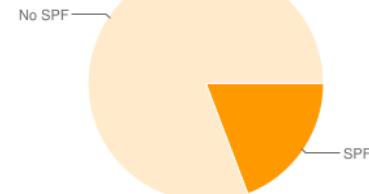


Sender Policy Framework

- Paragraph 7.2 – Macro Definitions.
- You need access to your DNS query and response log.
- 0.049% of registered domains have macros in their SPF TXT records*.

All Domains

Total Domains	140137379	100.0%
Domains with SPF	26910393	19.2%
Domains without SPF	113226986	80.8%



Domains With SPF Record Macros

Domains with SPF	26910393	100.000%
Macros	13172	0.049%
No macros	26897221	99.951%

No macros — Macros



- Gives you an e-mail track-and-trace system.

* Source: <https://spf-all.com/stats.html>

Sender Policy Framework

- Because of the macros in the SPF TXT resource records we can see:
 - %s - Sender;
 - %h - HELO/EHLO of the sending mail server;
 - %l - Local-part of the sending e-mail address;
 - %o - Domain-part of the sending e-mail address;
 - %i - IP address of the receiving mail server.
- **Be aware:** %l and %s will introduce a privacy-issue! Mail addresses in resolver logs.

Appendix C. Further Testing Advice

Another approach that can be helpful is to publish records that include a "tracking exists;" mechanism. By looking at the name server logs, a rough list can then be generated. For example:

```
v=spf1 exists:_h.%{h}._l.%{l}._o.%{o}._i.%{i}._spf.%{d} ?all
```

This associated macro expansion would cause the sending HELO domain, local-part of the sending email address, domain part of the sending

Sender Policy Framework

- Example: `belastingdienst.nl`
- Basic SPF implementation.
- SPF TXT resource record:

```
belastingdienst.nl IN TXT v=spf1 mx a:mailer1.belastingdienst.nl
a:mailer2.belastingdienst.nl a:smtp11.belastingdienst.nl
a:smtp12.belastingdienst.nl -all
```

- Do not forget your subdomains! (and there subdomains, and there....)
 - *.`belastingdienst.nl` IN TXT "v=spf1 -all"
 - *.`acc.belastingdienst.nl` IN TXT "v=spf1 -all"

Sender Policy Framework

- Example: belastingdienst.nl
- Advanced SPF implementation with macros.
- The SPF redirect resource record:

belastingdienst.nl. IN TXT "v=spf1 redirect=_spf.belastingdienst.nl"

- The SPF exists resource record and macros:

```
_spf.belastingdienst.nl IN TXT "v=spf1 \
exists:_i.%{i}._h.%{h}._o.%{o}._spf.belastingdienst.nl -all"
_i.85.159.101.15._h.smtp2.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl. \
_spf.belastingdienst.nl. IN A 127.0.0.1
_i.85.159.101.15._h.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl. \
_spf.belastingdienst.nl. IN A 127.0.0.1
```

Sender Policy Framework – The Good

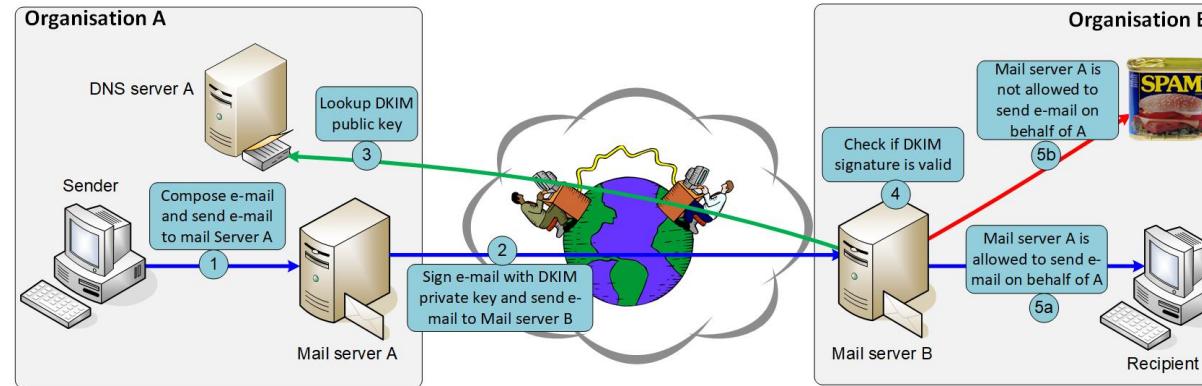


Sender Policy Framework – The Bad



DomainKeys Identified Mail

- DKIM = DomainKeys Indentified Mail.
- Signs body and selected parts of the SMTP header.
- Signature is transmitted in a DKIM-signature header.
- Public DKIM key is stored in the DNS as a TXT resource record.
- More info: RFC6376 - DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM) Signatures.



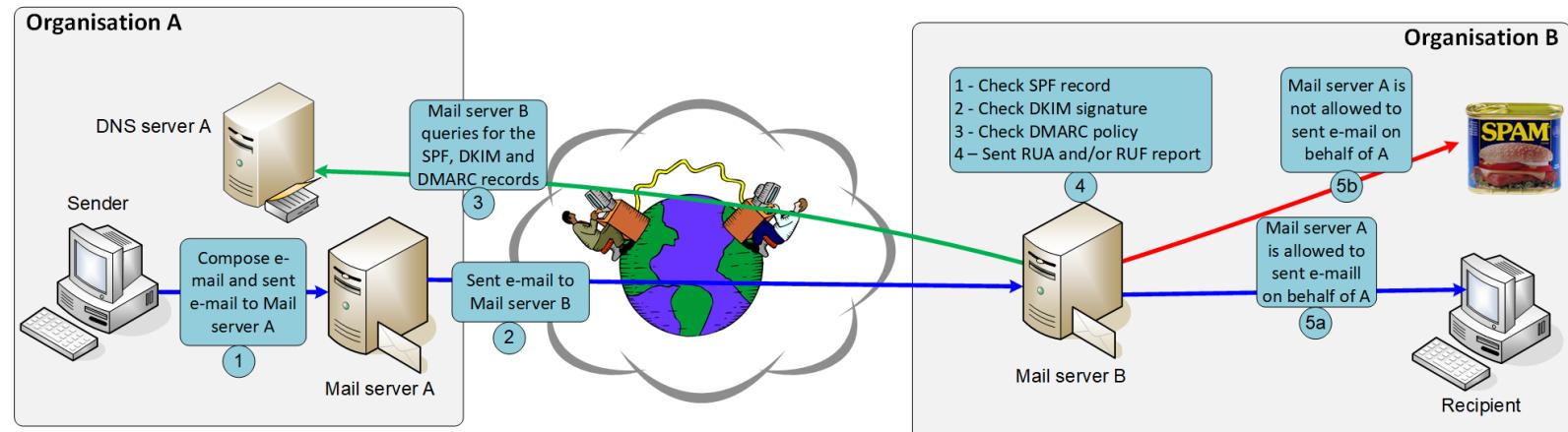
DomainKeys Identified Mail

- Example: `belastingdienst.nl:201707`
- A DKIM selector is needed. Can be found in the header of the e-mail.
- DKIM TXT resource record:

```
201707._domainkey.belastingdienst.nl IN TXT "v=DKIM1;  
p=MIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEAYzXWCOzeB5qswe  
y69WrHNeqdgnNUiFJkt/EMjm78h1zMxkr6t0VtTB4rAe39/BlwNFC0jKskE  
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Gr9g8qPnh8PDAm0QJSWAq5j1h12j7qjMLwOMEwPKwCE9HnWzeUpzxaJDHL2K  
4dHYkXF6ErRjLhtTU2Mx6/F+7Ku4wQIDAQAB;"
```

Domain-based Authentication, Reporting & Conformance

- DMARC = Domain-based Authentication, Reporting & Conformance.
- How to deal with the results of the SPF and / or DKIM checks of received e-mails.
- More info: RFC7489 - Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance.



Domain-based Authentication, Reporting & Conformance

- Example: belastingdienst.nl
- DMARC TXT resource record:

```
_dmarc.belastingdienst.nl IN TXT "v=DMARC1; p=reject;  
rua=mailto:dmarc.rua@belastingdienst.nl; sp=reject;"
```

Beware: The ruf-tag defines the e-mail address where forensics reports must be sent to. Be aware of privacy issues! RUF reports contain parts of the original mail body.

Summarization of the standards

- Implementation of these standards give you more detection and prevention capabilities.
- Implementation of these standards can be. We did it on ~550 domains.
- Both sender as recipient must implement these standards.
- Dutch governmental organization must comply to Dutch Standardization Platform comply or explain list.
- SIDN, financial incentive DMARC and STARTTLS.



Now what, with all that info?

- Great info > do something with it:
 - DMARC > more insight in to what is happening on the receiving side;
 - SPF record > where are the mails coming from.
- Don't use another tool, use what you already have => SPLUNK or Elastic.

DMARC RUA Reports

- Delivered via email as *.XML or *.XML.GZ
- The RUA e-mails are processed by Python scripts to use for dashboarding.
 - Output in key=value pair OR in JSON.
- You need to have:
 - a DMARC record in your DNS zone file;
 - network access to the RUA mail box by using POP3(s) or IMAP(s);
 - userid and password for the RUA mailbox;
 - Splunk or Elastic or

DMARC Dashboards

DMARC overview

Time Range Header from domain Group by DNS lookup Source IP

Last 24 hours ALL X Action taken No Yes

Submit Hide Filters Edit Export ...

DMARC: DKIM: SPF:

reject **relaxed** **relaxed**

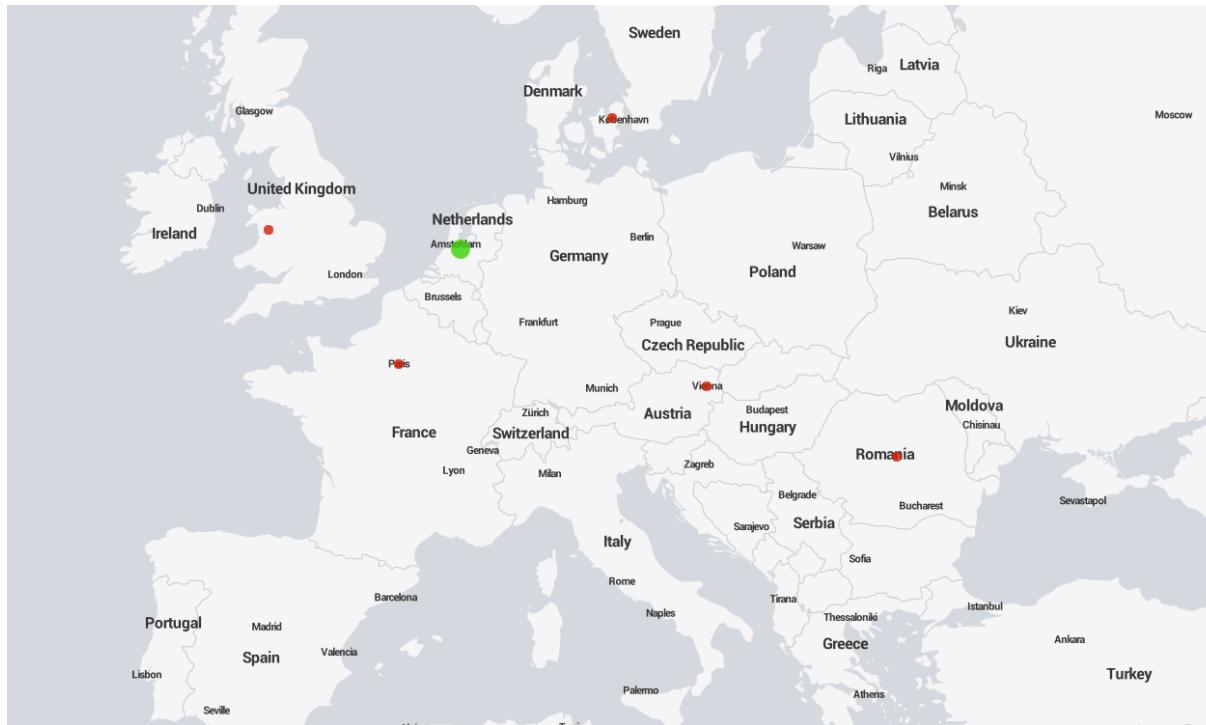
Select option

Action taken	From: domain count	Message count	IP count	SPF alignment score	DKIM alignment score
deliver	1	1212	18	99.3%	98.8%
reject	1	14	14	21.4%	21.4%

Details

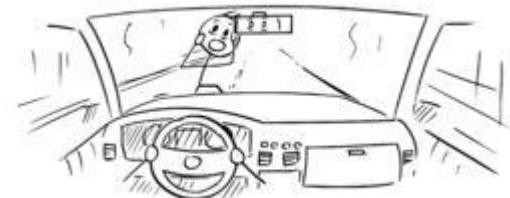
From: Domain	Source IP	PTR of source IP	Country	Messages	DKIM: Alignment	DKIM: Result	DKIM: d=	SPF: Alignment	SPF: Lookup	SPF: Domain	SPF: Scope	AS Received By	Action taken	Correct Policy?
belastingdienst.nl	85.159.97.15	smtp1.belastingdienst.nl	Netherlands	333	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	mfrom not_set	FastMail Pty Ltd, Mail.Ru + 70 more	deliver	Yes
belastingdienst.nl	85.159.101.15	smtp2.belastingdienst.nl	Netherlands	312	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	mfrom not_set	AMS-C380-01.col0.ppros.nl, AMS-C380-02.col0.ppros.nl + 61 more	deliver	Yes
belastingdienst.nl	85.159.96.4	mailer1.belastingdienst.nl	Netherlands	220	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	mfrom not_set	AMS-C380-01.col0.ppros.nl, AMS-C380-02.col0.ppros.nl + 36 more	deliver	Yes
belastingdienst.nl	85.159.100.4	mailer2.belastingdienst.nl	Netherlands	199	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	mfrom not_set	3dsystems.com, AMS-C380-01.col0.ppros.nl + 29 more	deliver	Yes
belastingdienst.nl	85.159.101.15	smtp2.belastingdienst.nl	Netherlands	54	aligned	none	belastingdienst.nl	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	not_set	actium.nl, berg-hansen.no + 2 more	deliver	Yes
belastingdienst.nl	85.159.97.15	smtp1.belastingdienst.nl	Netherlands	48	aligned	none	belastingdienst.nl	aligned	pass	belastingdienst.nl	not_set	rabobank.nl, wierden.nl	deliver	Yes

DMARC Dashboards



SPF Dashboarding

- Get even more insight in where mail is coming from and going to.
- You need:
 - to have a SPF record with macros:
_i.%{i}._h.%{h}._o.%{o}._spf.belastingdienst.nl
 - to have DNS query logging enabled;
 - to ingest your DNS log in Splunk or Elastic or;
 - to know the good DNS queries.



SPF Dashboarding (The Good)

Sending server IP	HELO/EHLO	Country	FROM email domain	SPF server?	DNS response	Querying IP	DNS Hits	note
85.159.96.4	mailer1.belastingdienst.nl	Netherlands	belastingdienst.nl	Yes	NOERROR	104. .28 104. .253 104. .225 104. .133 104. .134 + 2084 more	7510	-
85.159.100.4	mailer2.belastingdienst.nl	Netherlands	belastingdienst.nl	Yes	NOERROR	103. .250 103. .161 104. .28 104. .253 104. .225 + 2040 more	7367	-
85.159.101.15	smtp2.belastingdienst.nl	Netherlands	belastingdienst.nl	Yes	NOERROR	104. .28 104. .253 104. .225 104. .133 104. .134 + 1331 more	4588	-

SPF Dashboarding (The Badly Configured)

Sending server IP	HELO/EHLO	Country	FROM email domain	SPF server?	DNS response	Querying IP	DNS Hits	note
85.159.100.4	unknown	Netherlands	belastingdienst.nl	Yes	NXDOMAIN	104. .132 149. .249 172. .11 172. .15 172. .9 + 36 more	553	-
85.159.96.4	localhost	Netherlands	belastingdienst.nl	Yes	NXDOMAIN	173. .111 173. .75 173. .77 194. .49 208. ..21 + 16 more	94	-
85.159.97.15	localhost	Netherlands	belastingdienst.nl	Yes	NXDOMAIN	172. .10 172. .3 173. .100 173. .75 173. .77 + 21 more	83	-

SPF Dashboarding (The Evil!)

Sending server IP	HELO/EHLO	Country	FROM email domain	SPF server?	DNS response	Receiving Mail server	DNS Hits	note
91. 168	forward200.mail.yandex.net	Russia	nawjdioumqs.loopbaanlab.info	No	NXDOMAIN	94. .123	2	-
114. 128	forward90.mail.yandex.net	Taiwan	qwszcyy.loopbaanlab.info	No	NXDOMAIN	94. .126	1	-
115. 200	forward90.mail.yandex.net	Pakistan	vornfuokkaq.loopbaanlab.info	No	NXDOMAIN	94. .123	1	-
125. 72	forward80.mail.yandex.net	Taiwan	gesucxezjw.loopbaanlab.info	No	NXDOMAIN	94. .125	1	-
119. 175	forward60.mail.yandex.net	Republic of Korea	atvgvn.loopbaanlab.info	No	NXDOMAIN	94. .125	1	-

There is more?

- Python script to resolve your SPF record and fill the lookup table.
- More dashboards:
 - RFC7208, SPF info;
 - RFC7489, DMARC info;
 - Number of query's per record type;
 - DNS record help for:
 - DMARC records;
 - (Advanced) SPF record.

**THERE IS
MORE**

Adoption overview (W.I.P.)

Based on today's query's

SPF

DKIM

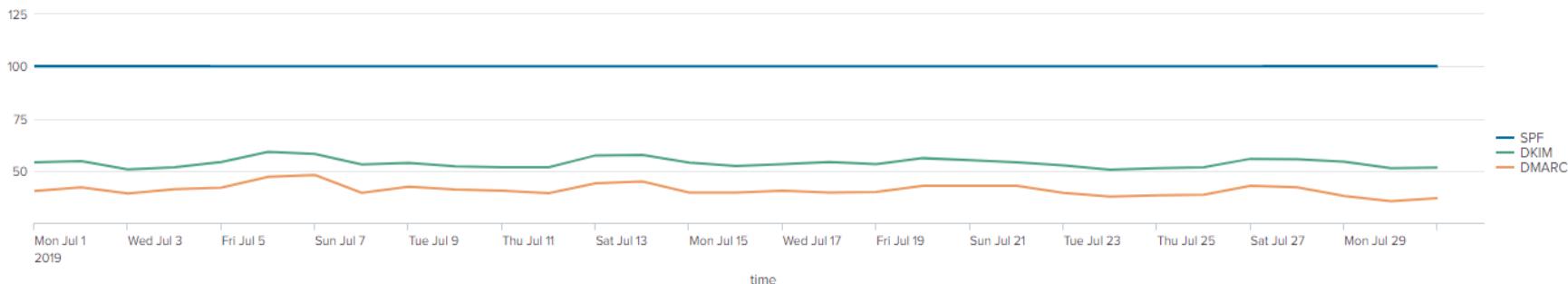
DMARC

100.00 %

51.54 %

36.87 %

Daily average % - 30 days



DMARC and SPF DNS help wizard

DMARC and SPF DNS help

Show panels

Domain Dashboard info DMARC info Hide Filters Normal SPF Advanced SPF

Dashboard info

In this dashboard all DNS records are shown that need to be created for DMARC and SPF to work correctly.

Select the dashboard panel(s) that you want to show and/or edit the settings for. If you modify a field, the information will be updated immediately and you can see the record needed in the DNS.

Note: The quotation marks in the dns record field also need to be included in the DNS record!

For DMARC details see [RFC7489](#)
For SPF details see [RFC7208](#)

DMARC info

Domain policy: The policy that you want for the domain, and if no specific subdomain policy is specified for all subdomains. (required) The available options are:

- **No Policy:** Deliver the mail and take no action if DMARC fails
- **Quarantine:** Deliver the mail but put the mail in the SPAM folder/mark as SPAM if DMARC fails
- **Reject:** Don't deliver the mail at all if DMARC fails

Subdomains policy: The policy that needs to be applied to the subdomains if that policy needs to be different than the domain policy. The available options are the same as for the domain level. (optional)

RUA mail address: A comma separated list of email addresses that you want to RUA mails to be send to. (optional)

RUF mail address: A comma separated list of email addresses that you want to RUF mails to be send to. (optional)

DKIM Alignment: The policy for the DKIM alignment that needs to be applied, default is relaxed. (See [RFC7489 Section 3.1.1](#) for more details)

- **Relaxed:** In relaxed mode, the Organizational Domains of both the [DKIM]-authenticated signing domain (taken from the value of the "d=" tag in the signature) and that of the RFC5322.From domain must be equal if the identifiers are to be considered aligned.
- **Strict:** In strict mode, only an exact match between both of the Fully Qualified Domain Names (FQDNs) is considered to produce Identifier Alignment.

SPF Alignment: The policy for the SPF alignment that needs to be applied, default is relaxed. (See [RFC7489 Section 3.1.2](#) for more details)

- **Relaxed:** In relaxed mode, the [SPF]-authenticated domain and RFC5322.From domain must have the same Organizational Domain.
- **Strict:** In strict mode, only an exact DNS domain match is considered to produce Identifier Alignment.

Normal SPF info

DNS records from the domain: Select the DNS entry's that are currently already in the DNS and allowed to send mail for this domain.

IPv4 servers: A comma seperated list of IPv4 addresses that are allowed to send emails for this domain.

DMARC and SPF DNS help wizard

DMARC and SPF DNS help

Domain Show panels

 Dashboard info[Hide Filters](#) DMARC info Normal SPF Advanced SPF[Edit](#)[Export](#) ▾

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DMARC info

Domain policy

Subdomains policy

RUA mail address (comma sep.)

RUF mail address (comma sep.)

DKIM alignment

 Relaxed Strict

SPF Alignment

 Relaxed Strict

Advanced SPF info

Redirect OR Exists record

 Exists

Add Macro prefixes

 Yes

Macro 1

Macro 2

Macro 3

Macro 4

Domainsuffix (optional)

All other systems

Mail domain (if different from Domain)

Mailserver list [see dashboard info for format]

DMARC and SPF DNS help wizard

DMARC and SPF DNS help

Domain Show panels Dashboard info DMARC info Hide Filters Normal SPF Advanced SPF

DMARC info

Domain policy	Subdomains policy	RUA mail address (comma sep.)	RUF mail address (comma sep.)	DKIM alignment	SPF Alignment
Reject	Same as domain	<input type="text" value="rua@belastingdienst.nl"/>	<input type="text" value="-"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Relaxed <input type="radio"/> Strict	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Relaxed <input type="radio"/> Strict

Advanced SPF info

Redirect OR Exists record	Add Macro prefixes	Macro 1	Macro 2	Macro 3	Macro 4	Domainsuffix (optional)
<input type="radio"/> Exists <input checked="" type="radio"/> Redirect	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="text" value="Not Used"/>	<input type="text" value="_spf.belastingdienst.nl"/>			
All other systems	Mail domain (if different from Domain)	<input type="text" value="-"/>				
<input type="text" value="Deny"/>						

DMARC and SPF DNS help wizard

DNS records

	DNS Domain	Record Type	DNS Record	Note
1	*.loopbaanlab.info.	IN TXT	"v=spf1 -all"	Default SPF record to prevent mailing from non-existing subdomains. NOTE: you also need to create a "*" record for your subdomains. e.g.: *.acc.loopbaanlab.info
2	_dmarc.loopbaanlab.info.	IN TXT	"v=DMARC1; p=reject; rua=mailto:rua@belastingdienst.nl"	DMARC policy record
3	loopbaanlab.info.	IN TXT	"v=spf1 redirect=_spf.belastingdienst.nl"	NOTE: with an redirect record the -all must NOT be added, or the redirect record will be ignored NOTE: you also need a valid SPF record on the redirect URL
4	loopbaanlab.info._report._dmarc.belastingdienst.nl.	IN TXT	"v=DMARC1"	DMARC record to allow the cross domain sending of RUA and/OR RUF mails (rfc7489 section 7.1).

DMARC and SPF DNS help wizard

DNS Domain ↴	Record Type ↴	DNS Record ↴	Note ↴
1 *.belastingdienst.nl.	IN TXT	"v=spf1 -all"	Default SPF record to prevent mailing from non-existing subdomains.
2 _dmarc.belastingdienst.nl.	IN TXT	"v=DMARC1; p=reject; rua=mailto:rua@belastingdienst.nl"	DMARC policy record
3 _i.85.159.100.246._h.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the RFC5321.MailFrom SPF check.
4 _i.85.159.100.246._h.smtp11.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the HELO/EHLO SPF check.
5 _i.85.159.100.4._h.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the RFC5321.MailFrom SPF check.
6 _i.85.159.100.4._h.mailer2.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the HELO/EHLO SPF check.
7 _i.85.159.101.15._h.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the RFC5321.MailFrom SPF check.
8 _i.85.159.101.15._h.smtp2.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the HELO/EHLO SPF check.
9 _i.85.159.96.4._h.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the RFC5321.MailFrom SPF check.
10 _i.85.159.96.4._h.mailer1.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the HELO/EHLO SPF check.
11 _i.85.159.97.15._h.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the RFC5321.MailFrom SPF check.
12 _i.85.159.97.15._h.smtp1.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the HELO/EHLO SPF check.
13 _i.85.159.97.246._h.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the RFC5321.MailFrom SPF check.
14 _i.85.159.97.246._h.smtp12.belastingdienst.nl._o.belastingdienst.nl._spf.belastingdienst.nl.	IN A	127.0.0.1	The exists option needs to have any A record to work. See RFC7208 section 5.7 This record is for the HELO/EHLO SPF check.

Lessons learned

- Investigate where all your mail servers are located. The marketing department often use different mail servers for campaigns.
- Monitor your mail server logs.
- Test, test, test your SPF policy and DMARC policy. Must be in production!
- Don't forget to create a SPF record for your (non) existing subdomains with a wildcard DNS resource record!
- Splunk Dashboards and code can be found on: <https://github.com/aholzel>



Final Thoughts

- Get more insight into who is sending e-mails pretending to be you and/or your organization.
- The information can be used to gain more visibility in the MTAs your organization is using. You will be surprised, we were!
- Implementation must be done in the production environment. And yes, it can be done, we have implemented it successfully without major issues.
- A rollout can only be successful if your MTA administrators, SOC analysts and NOC engineers work closely together. Don't forget the business!
- Please only use standards defined in RFCs to avoid compatibility issues.



Resource overview

Splunk App	https://github.com/aholzel
RFC3207 (SMTP)	https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3207
RFC6376 (DKIM)	https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6376
RFC6698 (DANE-TLSA)	https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6698
RFC7208 (SPF)	https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7208
RFC7489 (DMARC)	https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7489
RFC7672 (DANE-TLS)	https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7672
RFC8460 (TLS reporting)	https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8460
RFC8461 (MTA-STS)	https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8461
SPF statistics	https://spf-all.com/stats.html
DMARC adoption report	https://250ok.com/email-deliverability/how-has-dmarc-adoption-evolved-since-2018-its-complicated/

Thank you!

