



DNS-AS

Done with SDN and
Tired of Dealing with Snowflake Network Complexity?
Change the Game with a Simple TXT String

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- Self-employed as an in-depended consultant in the Networking and IT space
- 2001, Joined CISCO
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 - ✓ CSE – DC EMEA (2006 - 2008) -> DC with Campus attached
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 - ✓ PE – ARND (2011 – 2013)
 - ✓ PE – CTO Team ENG (2013 - 2014)
 - ✓ PE – Architecture Team ENG (2014 – 2017)
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- **Stuff I am currently working on:**

- [DNS-AS](#) (two patents pending)
- Consulting for some very special customers ;-)

Agenda

1. Introduction – What is DNS-AS
2. What is Network Metadata
3. Network Metadata within DNS RR's
4. How to manage “foreign” domains
5. DNS-AS Operations
6. Actually, what can we do with it?
7. DNS-AS Demo
8. Program Plans & Milestones
9. A Few Conclusions and Q&A, if we have time

Core Message:
Network Metadata

Warning:
A good portion of this session is about DNS
and DNS functionalities we use.
This is not about DNS-AS it's just supposed
to be a re-fresher for those of us which
forgot about it ;-)

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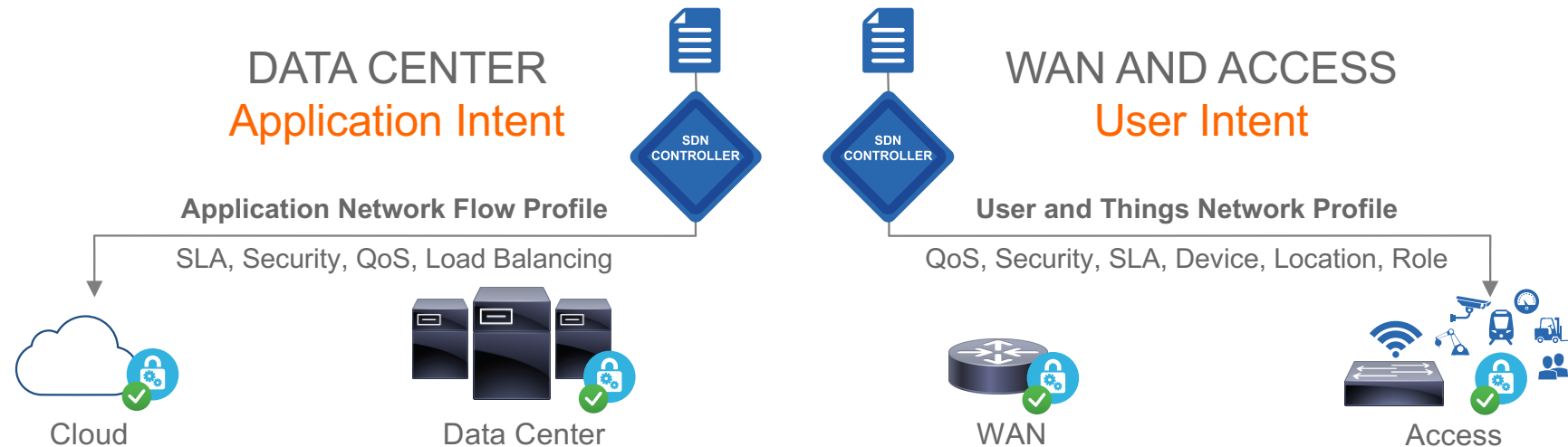
1. Introduction

What is DNS-AS ???

End2End Common Policy Model

The big SDN question in October 2013

Policy Intent (Common Namespace for Business Intent)



BROWNFIELD AND
GREENFIELD

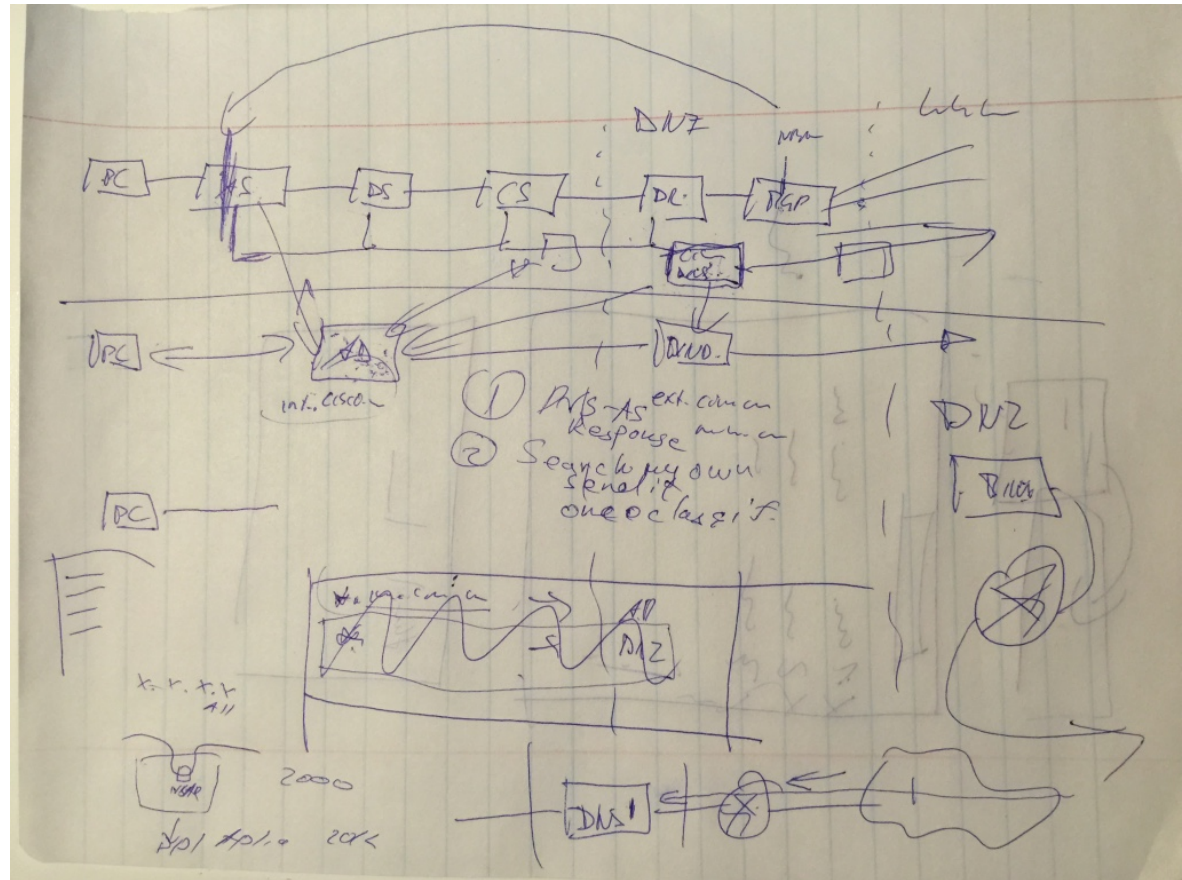
END TO END

POLICY FRAMEWORK: FOCUS ON
APPLICATION AND USER ENABLEMENT

DNS-AS – The idea in 17.10.2013

Mike Herbert, Mark Montanez and Wolfgang Riedel @ a Sushi place in SJC

Sorry, no
napkin this
time...



DNS-AS - Tenets



Application Visibility

How
can you keep
unambiguous visibility
if the majority of traffic
is encrypted?



Metadata Driven

How
can you holistically
program the network
so it behaves like a
self driving car.



Centralized Control

How
to use DNS as a cross
domain application
intent policy
controller?

DNS-AS - Problem Statement

❑ Application Visibility

Today many applications operate in **clear text** and therefore it is possible to identify these by the use of Deep Packet Inspection (DPI) methods. Tomorrow applications communicate in a confidential way by the use of end2end **encryption** which renders **DPI methods** ineffective as a means of application identification and Application Visibility and Control.

❑ Metadata Driven

Metadata is information about applications that describes them. Instead of **guessing** device by device we holistically **program** the network via metadata, no matter if the traffic is encrypted or not. Suddenly your network behaves like a self driving car.

❑ Centralized Control

The Promise of SDN had been “Decoupling Policy from Configuration” in means of Policy Intent Networking. While the industry is busy trying to agree on Cross Domain Policy (NIC, GBP, NEMO) we simply utilize the most scalable and proven controller out there which is **already available across all admin domain boundaries**.
The **DNS** infrastructure!

❑ Control without admin access

Furthermore customers may **no longer own a network** at all as everything is up in the **cloud** and they may just have a small network inside the data-center which needs to take control over network devices spread across the whole internet which may **not be under direct administrative control** of them. With the proliferation of digitization in the context of IOT and IOE with **thousands to millions of devices and sensors** it becomes apparent that present controller approaches cannot scale to such exceptional numbers.

DNS-AS - The Burj Khalifa Elevator Pitch

DNS-AS leverages DNS as an Authoritative Source to publish metadata as a key for common policy across networks, without the need for a dedicated (SDN) controller.

DNS-AS is a **control and data plane separation** solution where we leverage the **Domain Name System** as an **Authoritative Source** to publish **metadata** at large scale as a key for **common policy** across enterprise and worldwide distributed networks **without** the need for a dedicated (**SDN**) controller.

While the application of policies to network devices, applications and **services** stays **local to the device**, DNS-AS is able to simplify network operations at large scale without the need of steady reconfiguration of these. Not all network devices have to be capable of supporting DNS-AS which enables **phased deployment**.

DNS-AS-Client addresses how we enable network elements or applications to retrieve **metadata** from the **DNS Database**. We use this metadata to **express policy intent** and associate this metadata locally and leverage it for **local policy enforcement** and **decision making**.

DNS-AS-Proxy will be able to **generate metadata** in the case an authoritative DNS Server is unable to provide metadata or may not be considered as a trusted source.

A person with dark hair, seen from the back, is looking through a blue telescope. They are wearing a grey jacket with a backpack strap visible. The background shows a cityscape across a river, with a bridge and various buildings under a bright sky. A semi-transparent white box contains the text.

1.1 Industry Trends

10 minutes on SDN relevance

Industry trends in Networking

Cloud (2008)

 **OpenFlow** Networking (Stanford clean slate) (2011)

Software Defined Networking (2012)



Open Daylight Project (2013)

DevOps, The API Driven Datacenter (2013)

Network Function Virtualization (2013)

Managing Networks through abstractions (2014)

Metadata Driven Networking (2016)

Micro Services (2018)

Managing the network through abstractions

There are two approaches to Control Systems

IMPERATIVE CONTROL



Baggage handlers follow sequences of simple, basic instructions

DECLARATIVE CONTROL



Air traffic control tells where to take off from, but not *how* to fly the plane

Managing the network through abstractions

There are two approaches to Control Systems

IMPERATIVE CONTROL



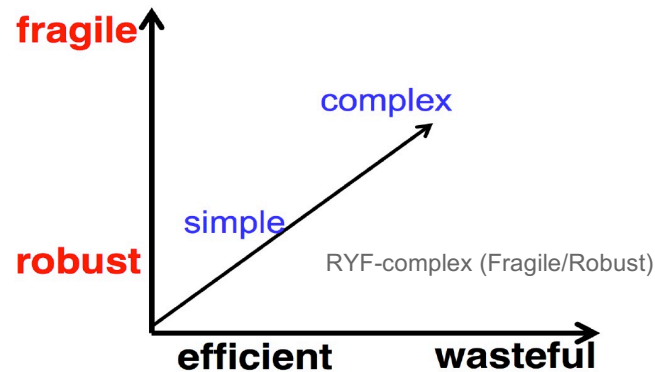
DECLARATIVE CONTROL



**It's 2017 and network admins still enjoy being
“masters of complexity”**

SDN Controllers – Types

Start with the End in Mind - the RYF-complex (Fragile/Robust)



Five dimensions of robustness in complex systems

- (1) Reliability
- (2) Efficiency
- (3) Scalability
- (4) Modularity
- (5) Evolvability

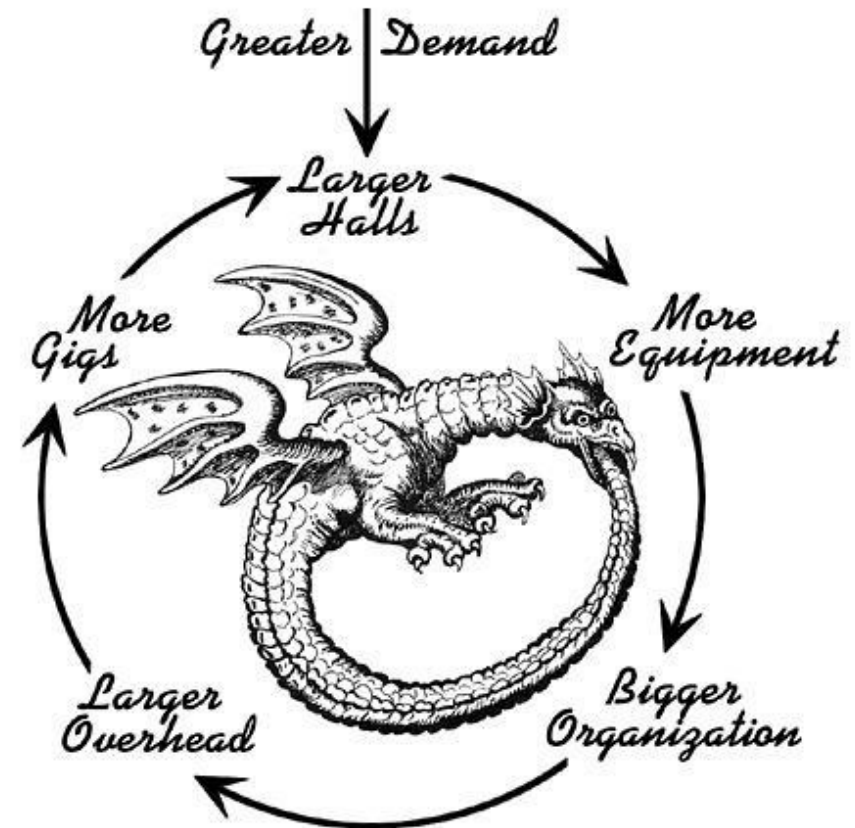
See J. Doyle, et. al.,
"Robustness and the Internet:
Theoretical Foundations"

Alderson and Doyle identify four kinds
of constraints on system robustness:

- (1) Component-level
- (2) System-level
- (3) Protocols
- (4) Emergent constraints

Complex systems science as conflicting constraints
John C. Doyle, HOT and SF networks

[\(Giga Exponentia](#)



DNS server as a SDN controller?

It's a pretty proven and awesome system, right?



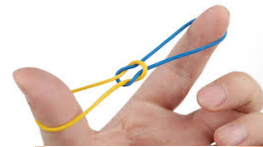
Reliability

Using DNS - the most proven, used and scalable system of the Internet, to Distribute Metadata



Efficiency

DNS well proven for it's efficiency – Light weight & Distributed with Tree Architecture



Scalability

DNS is a fully distributed system- scales well for the whole Internet!



Modularity

Decoupled DNS Network Infra and Agent running on Device (No endpoint requirements)



Evolvability

Has the capacity of Adaptive Evolution – Metadata not just limited to Network Devices

Performance

Hardware Acceleration possible – Potential for applications beyond QoS (security, etc ...)

How About DNS Granularity?

Is DNS granular enough? - IP Address Explosion

Networks continue to grow in size, importance, and complexity, organizations need to implement network services that are secure, scalable and fault tolerant

- ✧ One IP per service is the new norm
- ✧ IP Address Explosion:
 - ✧ VM Sprawl
 - ✧ M2M
 - ✧ My Own Private Internet
- ✧ IPv6 without DNS is impossible to manage
- ✧ IPv6 also replaces DSCP in some ISP networks
- ✧ DHCP makes the task of network configuration a breeze
- ✧ DNS is still key

DNS Security? – Pretty Bad Privacy

Threats: Monitoring and Surveillance (Haya Shulman, [irtfopen](#) @ IETF93)

DNS packets:

- Clear text is *per se insecure* (monitored, collected, logged)
- DNS data is *public*
- Research
- Operational purposes
- Financial gain: tailored ads
- Intelligence collection
- Censorship

Attackers:

- Eavesdroppers
- DNS/ network operators
- Third party service providers
- URI dialing for VoIP (looking up phone number)

Privacy for DNS?

Large effort within research and operations communities to protect DNS

Question:

Is this really of concern for Enterprise Network?

DNS Data Integrity

Privacy ./ AVC

Security ./ User Experience

End2End Encryption ./ Company Policies

Security Audits?

DNS poisoning or spoofing, or similar vulnerabilities generally requires the attacker to take advantage of poorly configured or vulnerable DNS servers.

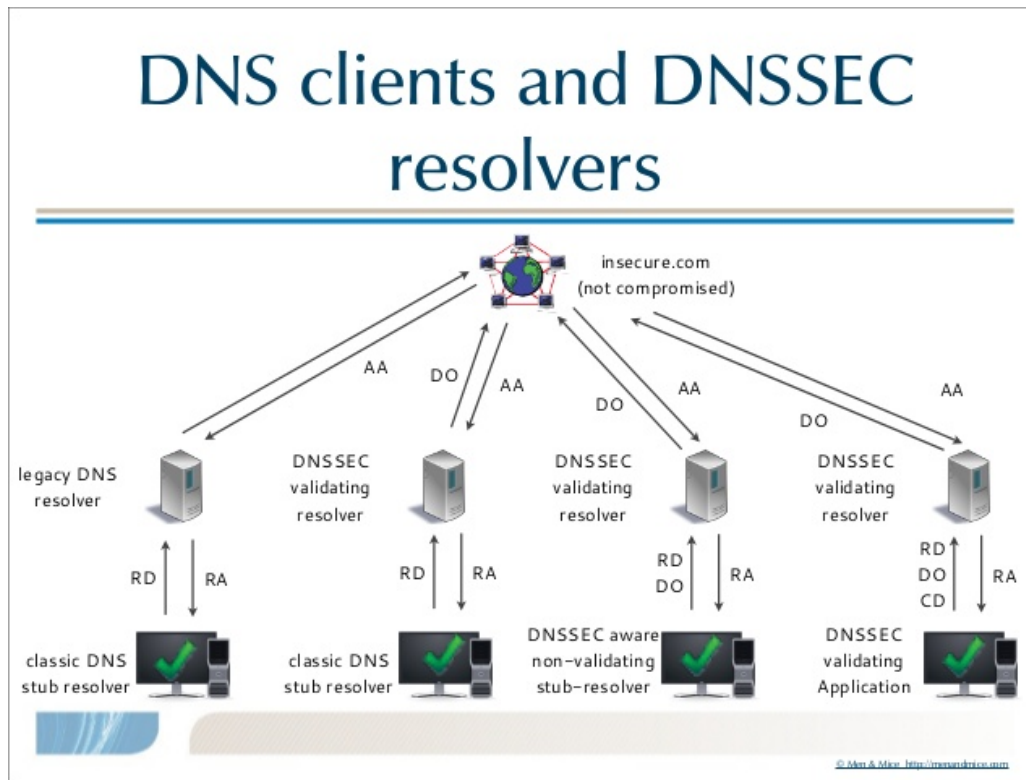


• DNSSEC for data integrity

- Signing DNS resource records using PKI

How About DNS Authenticity **DNSSEC** :

Singing DNS resource records using PKI



- **DNSSEC** works by digitally signing each DNS record so that any **tampering** of that record can be detected.
- The digital signatures, and keys used to create them, are distributed just like any other records in the DNS making DNSSEC backward compatible.
- Keys in each layer in the DNS hierarchy are signed by keys from the preceding layer which effectively vouches for them just like domain names are delegated from one layer to the next.
- This "chain of trust" is used to **validate** the digital signatures accompanying DNSSEC protected records to **detect changes**.

Controllers – Types

There's nothing like “the SDN controller”

- SDN **Config-Pusher**
 - Orchestration (robot micromanaging manual to-do's)
 - NCM (Network Configuration Management)
 - Customers may see or edit any part of the config
 - ✓ Prime Infrastructure, Action Packed, Solarwinds
 - ✓ Puppet, Chef
 - ✓ Openstack
 - ✓ Netconf
- SDN **Policy-Compiler**
 - Customer is never exposed to nor has access to nor influence over direct snippets of configuration elements.
 - They express their intent and the conversion to machine language is invisible.
 - ✓ Cisco APIC-EM
- SDN **Policy-Enabler**
 - ✓ Cisco APIC-DC
- SDN **Overlay Controller**
 - ✓ VMWare: VCS, VCD, NSX
 - ✓ VSM (N1kv), EVP, VTS
 - ✓ Windows Server, Microsoft System Center)
- SDN **Open Flow Controller**
 - ✓ Primary for research

Cross Controller Domain Policy
(NIC, GBP, NEMO)

Cross Domain Application Policy (DNS-AS)

DNS-AS

- leverages **DNS** as an **Authoritative Source** to publish metadata as a key for common policy across networks without the need for a dedicated (SDN) controller.
- <https://dns-as.org>

NIC

- **Network Intent Composition (Open Daylight)**
- Manage and direct network services and network resources
- describing the “Intent” for network behaviors and network policies.
- Abstracted policy semantics instead of Openflow-like flow rules

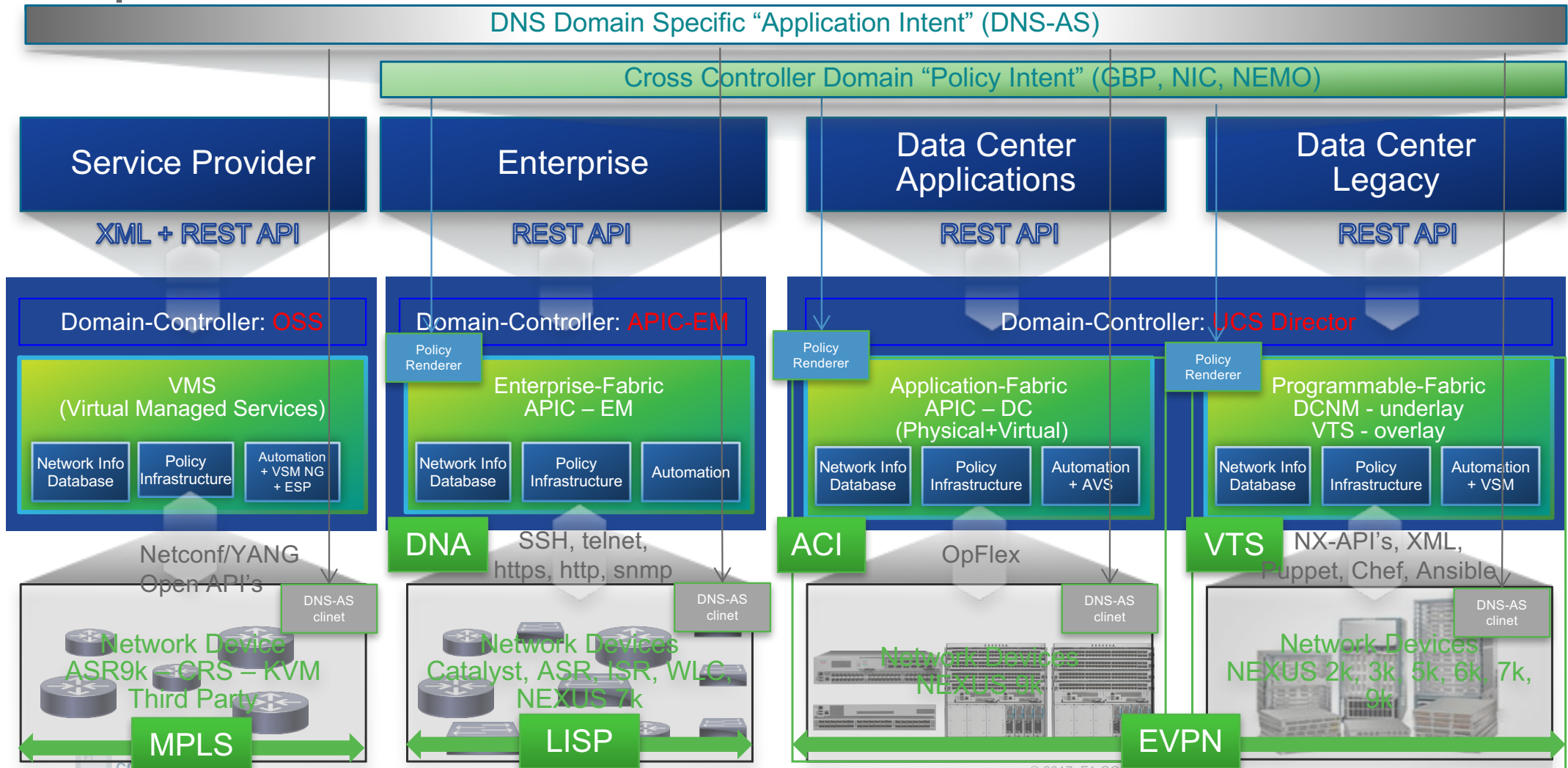
GBP

- **Group Based Policy**
- Placing endpoints into groups (EPGs) that share the same semantics
- Defining how these endpoints need to communicate.
- Represent the requirements of the application and then force the infrastructure to figure out how to meet these requirements,
- Rather than defining the policy in terms of the underlying infrastructure.

NEMO

- **Network Modeling Language**
- Allows applications to use intent-based policy to create virtual networks comprised of nodes with policy-controlled flows.
- Intent based policy is prescriptive
- Leaving the details to the network

Span of Control - Cross Controller Architecture



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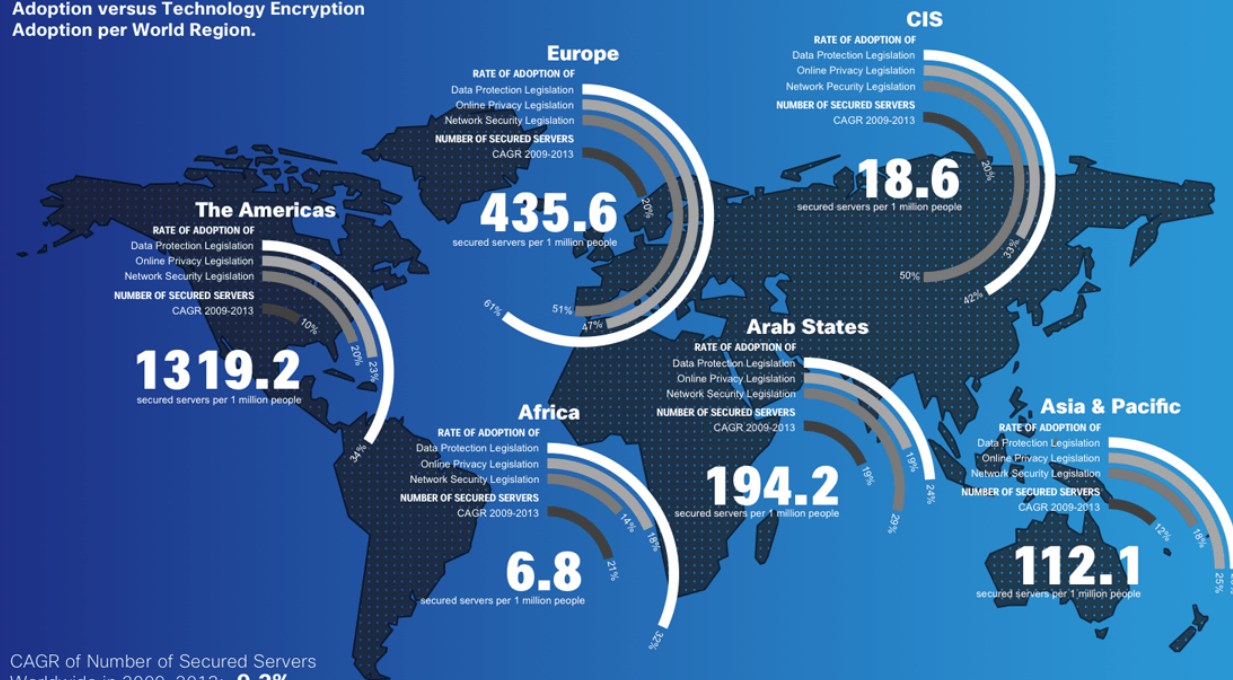
1.2 Application and Protocol challenges

The World After “Snowden”

Growth of Encrypted Network Traffic

Encryption is Growing Across the World Regions at Different Speeds.

2013 Rates of Cyber-Security Legislation Adoption versus Technology Encryption Adoption per World Region.



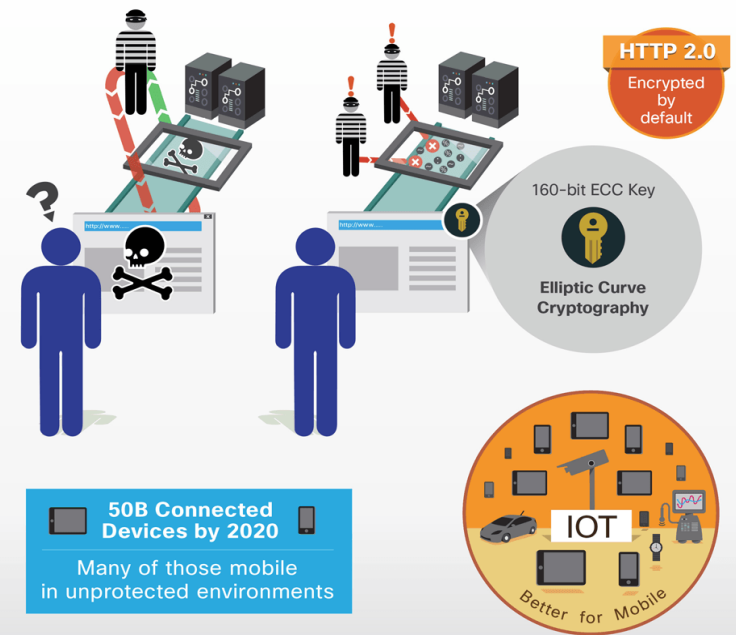
CAGR of Number of Secured Servers Worldwide in 2009-2013: **9.2%**

Cisco Technology Radar / Data sources: Cisco Corporate Technology Group, ITU, World Bank

<http://techradar.cisco.com>

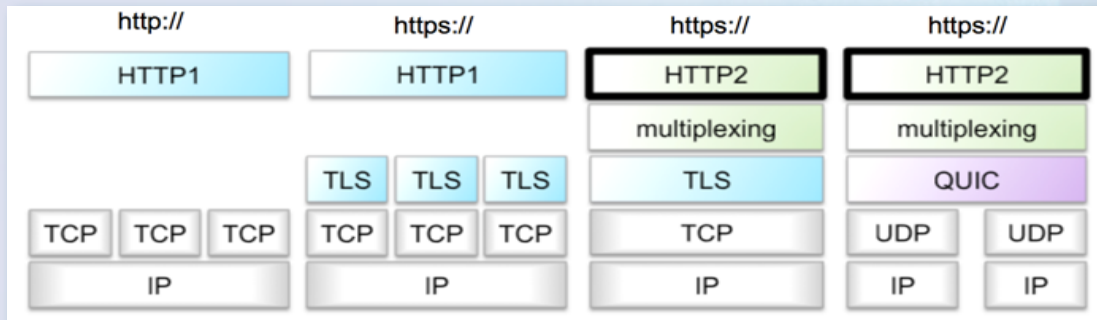
In **2014** Approx. 1B websites

Only 10% Encrypted Traffic

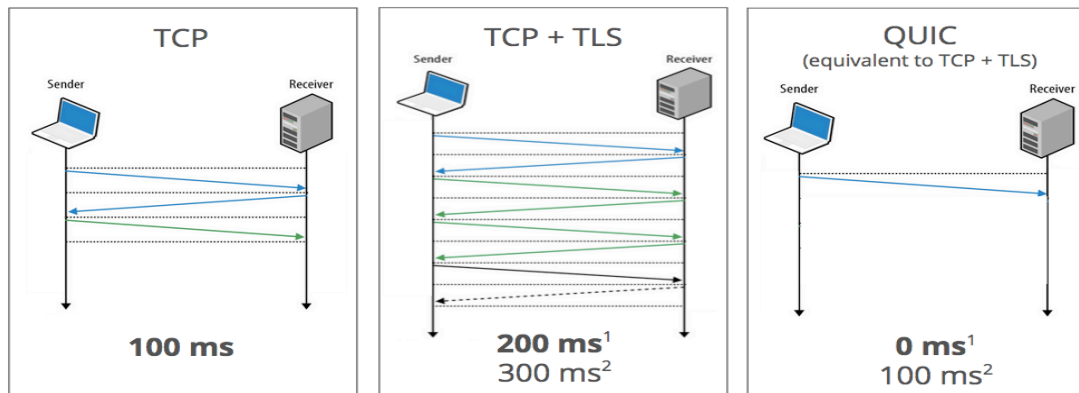


The World After “Snowden”

Protocol Evolution – HTTP/1, SPDY, QUIC, HTTP/2



Zero RTT Connection Establishment



1. Repeat connection
2. Never talked to server before

- HTTP/1.0 was pioneered in the late 80's
- TCP + TLS requires 2 to 3 round trips
- [HTTP/2](#) February 2015 IETF steering group announced completion
- Real performance improvement over TCP
- zero-round-trip connection establishment
- **encryption capability by default**
- [QUIC](#): bundles streams over the same UDP connection
- If your firewalls block bi-directional UDP traffic, [QUIC](#) is blocked also.
- How to differentiate your could delivered QUIC app from an UDP attack?
- How about ICMP to the host

Living in a after “Snowden” world

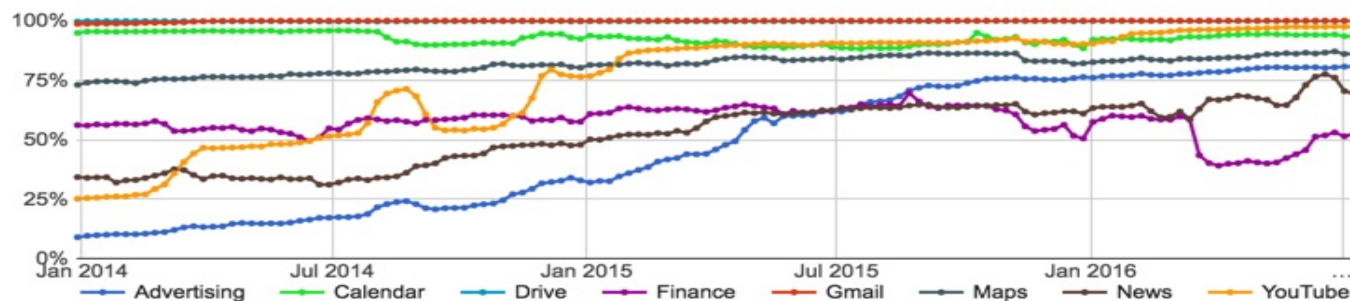
Google Shame All Websites That Are Unencrypted - [Motherboard](#)



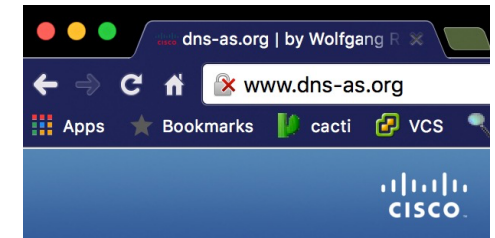
Google's Eric Schmidt: 'the solution to government surveillance is to encrypt everything'

By Nathan Ingraham on November 21, 2013 02:50 pm [Email](#) [@NateIngraham](#)

- Google wants everything on the web to be travelling over a secure channel.
- Google Announces 97 Percent of YouTube Traffic is Now Encrypted
- More important is to understand some implications:
 - Prevent content tampering, deny last mile SP to replace, add or filter out advertisement
 - Eliminating the ability of transparent proxies to muck up streaming protocols
 - Prevent last mile SP analytics, monitoring and monetization of user behavior
 - Net-Neutrality, Peering Agreements

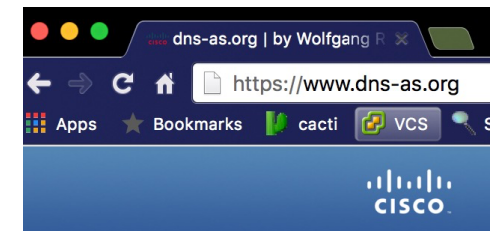


This is an approximate number that represents most of Google traffic for the given product.



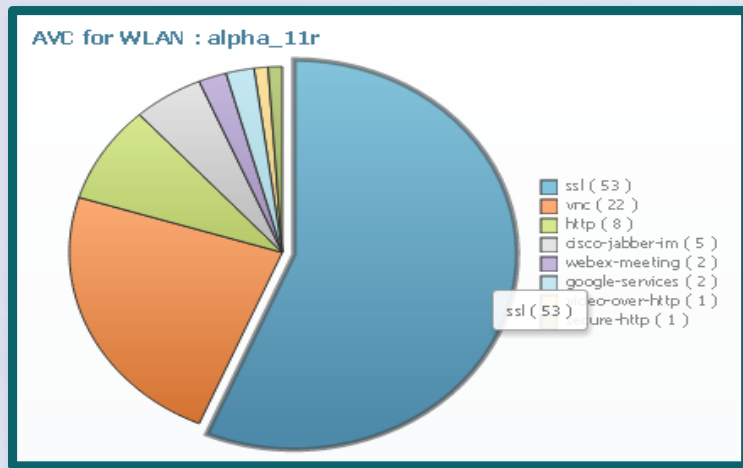
- Chrome: “[chrome://flags](#)”
- navigate to “mark non-secure as” and selecting “mark non-secure origins as non-secure.”

Mark non-secure origins as non-secure Mac, Windows, Linux, Chrome OS, Android
Mark non-secure origins as non-secure, or as 'dubious', #mark-non-secure-as
Mark non-secure origins as non-secure.



Living in a after “Snowden” world

It becomes harder and harder for us to “guess”



Bottom line: It becomes harder and harder for us to look into traffic streams in order to “guess” what the apps are based on snooping traffic.

A close-up photograph of a silver electronic device, possibly a digital camcorder or a high-end smartphone. The device features a large, prominent lens with a black barrel and a silver ring. A small green light is visible on the lens assembly. To the right of the lens is a small, horizontal silver button. Further right is a circular power button with a black power symbol. The device has a sleek, metallic finish.

1.3 Evolution of AVC

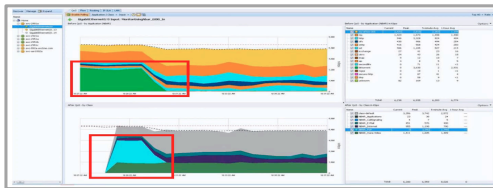
AVC - Use Cases

Know Applications (includes Growing Encrypted apps) In Your Network Granularly



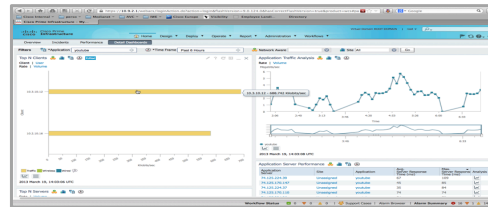
Needs Support across various PINS - Wireless, UA, WAN/Internet edge, Core, DC, Security

Business Level Policy Enforcement



E2E QoS & ACL (any Policy) enforcement – Drop “selectively”, Access Marking & Core/WAN Queuing

Application Level Reporting



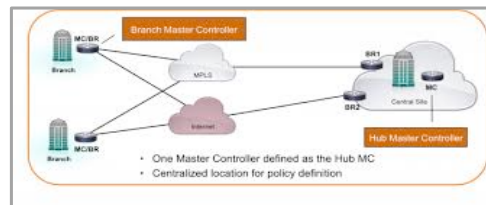
Visibility, Capacity Planning, Reporting on LAN & WAN

Network Data Analytics



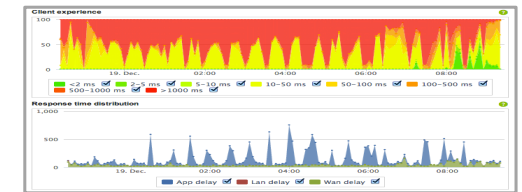
Use Application Information to Drive Network Data Analytics – e.g. CMX/ wireless scenarios

App-Aware “Domain Based” Routing



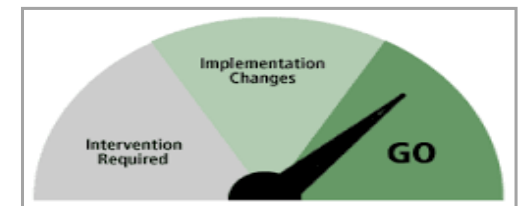
To support cloud apps breakouts to the Internet based on app-aware Routing policies

Application Level Troubleshooting & Easy Fault Isolation



Zoom in on “Where The Problem Is” for business applications – could be ANYWHERE!

Network Readiness for Application Deployment



“Readiness Assessments” – Determine readiness for Application Deployment at planned scale

AVC – End to End – How?

Requirements for Future Application Identification:

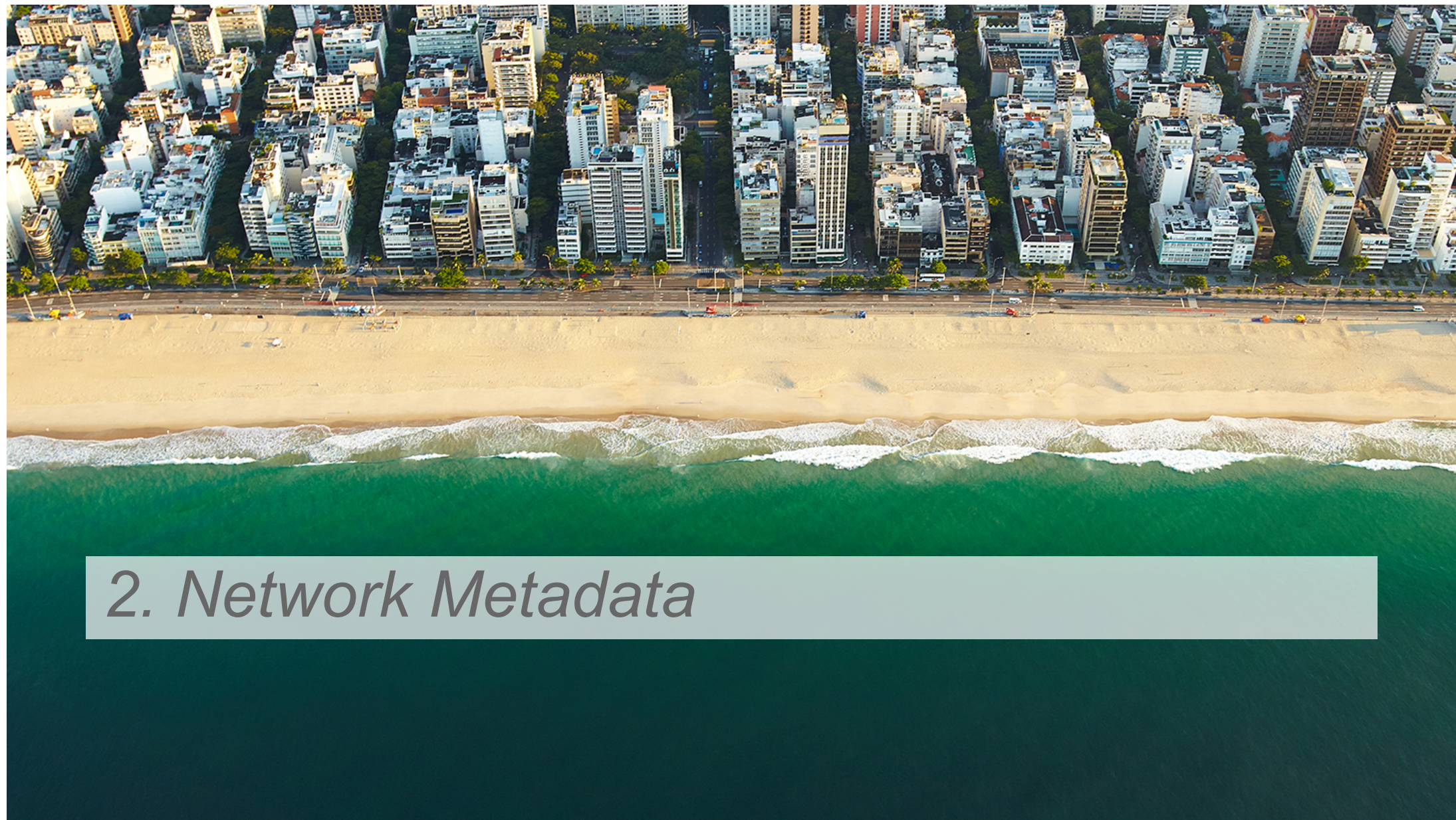
We need an
Authoritative
Light-Weight
Unambiguous

way to identify applications.

We then need to be able to
link that Application Identity to Organizational Policy
for enforcement, accounting, etc.

How can we do this while addressing the challenges noted?

Network Metadata



2. Network Metadata

Network Metadata

What is it? Why do we need it?



- literally, “data about the data”
- Identify Enterprise Applications
- Describe what the application **IS**
- Describe what the application **NEEDS**
- No longer any guessing



**Instead of guessing device by device,
we holistically program the network via DNS-AS
metadata**

Network Metadata – possible sources of truth

Multiple Application ID's out there

- **SEC: Snort Open App ID**
- SourceFire
- FireSIGHT eStreamer Application Protocol
- NBAR
- Meraki
- Simple DNS Matches
- Application Information in IP Flow Information Export (IPFIX)
- **AVC: Global Application ID assignment model**
<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc6759.txt>



Application Network Metadata – DNS-AS

[RFC6759](#) Metadata Components

Attributes	Short Name	Comments
Application Name	app-name	custom names are possible, minimum length to be 3 chars
Application ID	app-id	RFC 6759 based application ID names
Application Category	app-category	
Application Sub-Category	app-sub-category	
Traffic Class (QoS)	app-traffic-class	RFC 4594 based short names
Business Relevance	business	[YES NO DEFAULT]
Next Hop	next	NSH - Service Chaining Next Hop
Attributes (tunneled, encrypted, p2p)	tunneled, encrypted, p2p	tunneled, encrypted, p2p
Server Port Range	port-range	to identify an application by ports
IP Protocol Specifier	ip-protocol	
IP Version Specifier	ip-version	
Min/Avg/Max Bandwidth consumption	min-bw, avg-bw, max-bw	
Max. Possible Packet Loss	max-pkt-loss	In %
Max. Possible Jitter	max-jitter	In ms
Max. Possible Latency	max-latency	In ms
Metadata derived from	source	NBAR2, DNS-AS-server, DNS-AS-proxy, RPZ

DNS-AS Application Metadat

[RFC1035](#) Metadata Components within TXT and AVC RTYPEs

TXT RDATA format

```
+-----+
/          TXT-DATA          /
+-----+
```

TXT-DATA One or more <character-string>'s

- **deprecated** for [DNS-AS](#)
- to be used for backward compatibility reasons
- with not so current [DNS servers](#)
- before BIND 9.9.9b1

General DNS-AS TXT record syntax:

"CISCO-CLS=<option>:<val>{ |<option>:<val>}*"

AVC RDATA format

```
+-----+
/          AVC-DATA          /
+-----+
```

AVC-DATA One or more <character-string>'s

- the official **IANA assigned** mnemonic
- preferred RR going forward if the authoritative [DNS server already supports this new RR](#)
- Starting with BIND 9.9.9b1 / BIND 9.10.4b2

General DNS-AS TXT record syntax:

"<option>:<val>{ |<option>:<val>}*"

- You may have multiple "strings" in a single resource record
- Each "string" may be up to 255 characters in length
- RDATA itself may not exceed 65535 bytes in total
- That 64K limit is a general restriction on DNS records of all types
- Any DNS response which exceeds 512 bytes is slightly undesirable, or use EDNS0
- Responses which exceed 512 bytes will signal truncation and prompt a retry via TCP, optimal to stay within 512 bytes if possible.
- General DNS-AS RR record syntax: '**<option>:<val>{ |<option>:<val>}***'
- Option-value pairs may appear in the same record, separated by a pipe character '|'
- Example for a TXT record with app metadata would be: **"CISCO-CLS=app-name:wolfgang|app-id:CU/67244"**
- Example for a AVC record with app metadata would be: **"app-name:wolfgang|app-id:CU/67244"**

DNS-AS Application Metadata

Metadata Lookup Sequencing with mixed TXT and AVC RTYPEs

Default RDATA Lookup Sequence:

```
1. query for AVC RDATA
   QTYPE=AVC for wolfgang.dns-as.org
   -> "app-name: dns-as-wolfgang|app-class: TD|business: YES|app-id: CU/28203"
   if NODATA or ANCOUNT=0 then goto 2

2. query for RPZ RDATA
   QTYPE=AVC for _avc.wolfgang.dns-as.org
   -> "app-name: dns-as-wolfgang|app-class: TD|business: YES|app-id: CU/28203"
   if NODATA or ANCOUNT=0 then goto 3

3. query for TXT RDATA
   QTYPE=TXT for wolfgang.dns-as.org
   -> "CISCO-CLS=app-name: dns-as-wolfgang|app-class: TD|business: YES|app-
   id: CU/28203"
   if NODATA or ANCOUNT=0 then goto 4

4. no DNS-AS related metadata available
   -> NBAR
```

Override options by trusted-domains:

```
!
avc dns-as client enable
!
avc dns-as client trusted-domains
domain ^.*f1.*$ AVC RPZ TXT
domain ^.*cisco.*$ TXT RPZ AVC
domain *.toocoolforyou.net AVC RPZ TXT
domain *.blackberry.net TXT
domain *.dns-as.org AVC
domain *.nbar2web.org
domain *.f1-consult.com RPZ
domain *.f1-consult.de
domain *.f1-online.net
domain *.f1v4.net
domain *.f1v6.net
!
```

We need to accommodate:

- Zones that provide their own AVC information
- Zones who don't provide any AVC information
- Zones whose provided AVC information you want to override locally
- All other DNS lookups passing unimpeded/unaltered

- Query in that sequence and just sent the QTYPEs been listed behind the trusted-domain label.
- If there is no QTYPE listed, just follow the default lookup sequence.

Network Metadata – AVC Components

Metadata Components for Application Visibility

Important Application Visibility Attributes:

- ✓ Application Name ([app-name](#))
- ✓ Application ID ([app-id](#))

Optional Application Visibility Attributes:

- Attributes (tunneled, encrypted, p2p)
- Server Port Range (to identify an application with ports)
- IP Protocol Specifier
- IP Version Specifier
- Source of Metadata (NBAR2, DNS-AS server etc.)



TXT Example:

"CISCO-CLS=app-name:smtp|app-id:IL4/25|server-port:TCP/25,UDP/25"

AVC Example:

"app-name:smtp|app-id:IL4/25|server-port:TCP/25,UDP/25"

Network Metadata – AVC Components

Metadata Components for Application Policy Intent

Important Application Intent Attributes:

- ✓ Traffic Class ([app-class](#))
- ✓ Business Relevance ([business](#))

Optional Application Intent Attributes:

- Application Category
- Application Sub-Category
- Server Port Range (to identify an application with ports)
- Min/Avg/Max Bandwidth consumption
- Max. Possible Packet Loss (in %)
- Max. Possible Jitter (in ms.)
- Max. Possible Latency (in ms.)



TXT Example:

"CISCO-CLS=app-name:smtp|app-class:bulk-data|business:YES|app-id:IL4/25|server-port:TCP/25,UDP/25"

AVC Example:

"app-name:smtp|app-class:bulk-data|business:YES|app-id:IL4/25|server-port:TCP/25,UDP/25"

NBAR and DNS-AS

Different Tools for Different Problems

Starting Nmap 5.51 (<http://nmap.org>) at 2016-07-04 18:03 CEST
map scan report for exchange.toocoolforyou.net (192.168.168.240)
Host is up (0.00042s latency).

Not shown: 976 closed ports

PORT	STATE	SERVICE
25/tcp	open	smtp
80/tcp	open	http
110/tcp	open	pop3
135/tcp	open	msrpc
139/tcp	open	netbios-ssn
143/tcp	open	imap
443/tcp	open	https
445/tcp	open	microsoft-ds
587/tcp	open	submission
593/tcp	open	http-rpc-epmap
808/tcp	open	ccproxy-http
993/tcp	open	imaps
995/tcp	open	pop3s
1025/tcp	open	NFS-or-IIS
1026/tcp	open	LSA-or-nterm
1027/tcp	open	IIS
1688/tcp	open	nsjtp-data
3389/tcp	open	ms-term-serv
5357/tcp	open	wsdapi
5666/tcp	open	nrpe
6001/tcp	open	X11:1
6002/tcp	open	X11:2
6003/tcp	open	X11:3
6004/tcp	open	X11:4

Search Example: (site = Honolulu site = Chicago) & wan & flow.app = webex-meeting						
Protocol	Src IP Addr	Src Port	Dst IP Addr	Dst Port	Application	Application name
UDP	192.168.254.111	55,328	192.168.111.14	5,060	sip*	cisco-phone
UDP	192.168.254.111	50,125	192.168.111.20	5,060	sip*	cisco-phone
ICMP	192.168.160.111	0	192.168.111.21	0	(13:81)	cisco-phone
ICMP	192.168.160.111	0	192.168.111.23	0	(13:81)	cisco-phone
TCP	192.168.160.111	50,054	193.34.28.205	443	secure-http*	dns-as-assi
ICMP	192.168.160.111	0	193.34.29.241	0	(0:0)	dns-as-rr01
ICMP	192.168.160.111	0	193.34.28.241	0	(0:0)	dns-as-rr02
TCP	192.168.160.111	50,055	193.34.28.204	443	secure-http*	dns-as-sarav
TCP	192.168.160.111	1,017	192.168.162.232	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-even
TCP	192.168.160.111	1,019	192.168.162.232	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-even
TCP	192.168.160.111	1,018	192.168.162.232	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-even
TCP	192.168.160.111	1,016	192.168.162.232	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-even
TCP	192.168.165.222	825	192.168.161.231	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-odd
TCP	192.168.165.223	794	192.168.161.231	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-odd
TCP	192.168.160.111	1,014	192.168.161.231	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-odd
TCP	192.168.160.111	1,012	192.168.161.231	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-odd
TCP	192.168.160.111	1,013	192.168.161.231	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-odd
TCP	192.168.160.111	1,011	192.168.161.231	2,049	nfs*	dns-as-tank-odd
TCP	192.168.160.111	49,870	193.34.29.250	7,000	vdolive*	dns-as-thor-odd
TCP	192.168.160.111	50,056	193.34.28.203	443	secure-http*	dns-as-wolfgang
TCP	192.168.160.111	50,056	193.34.28.203	443	secure-http*	dns-as-wolfgang
TCP	192.168.160.111	50,053	193.34.28.202	443	secure-http*	dns-as-www
TCP	192.168.160.111	50,059	193.34.28.141	80	http*	dns-as-www
TCP	192.168.160.111	50,057	193.34.28.47	80	http*	dns-as-www
TCP	192.168.160.111	50,053	193.34.28.202	443	secure-http*	dns-as-www
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,177	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,179	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,182	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,181	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,183	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,184	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,165	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,180	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,178	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.15	49,162	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange
TCP	192.168.160.11	63,189	192.168.168.240	443	secure-http*	exchange

DNS-AS ./ NBAR

Application Name ./ Protocol the Application is delivered over

```
mingla#show avc dns-as client binding-table
```

Protocol name	Vrf	Ip List	Host	Age [min]	Text record	TTL [min]	Time to Expire [min]
dns-as-proxy-srv0	<default>	193.34.28.245	proxy2.f1-online.net	47	app-name:dns-as-proxy-srv02 app-class:BD business:YES app-id:CU/28245	188	163
dns-as-proxy-srv0	<default>	193.34.29.245	proxy1.f1-online.net	47	app-name:dns-as-proxy-srv01 app-class:BD business:YES app-id:CU/29245	185	163
dns-as-smtp-mx02	<default>	193.34.28.11	mx2.f1-online.net	48	app-name:dns-as-smtp-mx02 app-class:BD business:YES app-id:CU/28011	322	300
dns-as-smtp-mx01	<default>	193.34.29.11	mx1.f1-online.net	48	app-name:dns-as-smtp-mx01 app-class:BD business:YES app-id:CU/29011	322	300
dns-as-ns02	<default>	193.34.28.244	ns2.f1-online.net	48	app-name:dns-as-ns02 app-class:NC business:YES app-id:CU/28244	807	785
dns-as-ns01	<default>	193.34.29.244	ns1.f1-online.net	48	app-name:dns-as-ns01 app-class:NC business:YES app-id:CU/29244	808	786
dns-as-ns00	<default>	193.34.28.240	ns0.f1-online.net	48	app-name:dns-as-ns00 app-class:NC business:YES app-id:CU/28240	322	300
dns-as-rr02	<default>	193.34.28.241	rr2.f1-online.net	48	app-name:dns-as-rr02 app-class:NC business:YES app-id:CU/28241	778	756
dns-as-rr01	<default>	193.34.29.241	rr1.f1-online.net	48	app-name:dns-as-rr01 app-class:NC business:YES app-id:CU/29241	808	786
dns-as-wolfgang	<default>	193.34.28.203	wolfgang.dns-as.org	48	app-name:dns-as-wolfgang app-class:TD business:YES app-id:CU/28203	325	299
dns-as-thor-odd	<default>	193.34.29.250	thor-odd.f1-online.net	52	app-name:dns-as-thor-odd app-class:NC business:YES app-id:CU/29250	323	295
dns-as-adc-2	<default>	192.168.168.241	adc2.toocoolforyou.net	113	app-name:dns-as-adc-2 app-class:NC business:YES app-id:CU/68241	60	48
dns-as-ntp2	<default>	192.168.168.244	ntp2.toocoolforyou.net	114	app-name:dns-as-ntp2 app-class:NC business:YES app-id:CU/68241	60	22
dns-as-ntp1	<default>	192.168.167.244	ntp1.toocoolforyou.net	114	app-name:dns-as-ntp1 app-class:NC business:YES app-id:CU/67241	60	22

URL parsing ./ DNS-AS Metadata

A much less expensive way to achieve 80% of the goal

<http://username:password@www.dns-as.org:443/path/file.name?query=string#anchor>

```
{  
  scheme: "http://"  
  user: "username",  
  password: "password",  
  host: "www.dns-as.org",  
  port: "8080",  
  path: "/path/file.name",  
  query: "?query=string",  
  fragment: "#anchor"  
}
```

- As of today to we need to parse the whole URL to get application specific granularity
- At a fraction of the cost in terms of CPU and Hardware requirements you get similar results
- You get 80% of the goal for 100% consistency
- From a technical feasibility point of view a key enabler for common policy across our product portfolio

**Keep it
SIMPLE
STUPID**



An aerial photograph of a dense urban landscape, likely São Paulo, Brazil, during the golden hour of sunset. The sky is a warm, hazy orange, and the sun is visible on the horizon, casting a soft glow over the city. The foreground and middle ground are filled with a multitude of high-rise apartment buildings and commercial structures, packed closely together. The buildings vary in height and architectural style, with some featuring balconies and others having more modern, glass-fronted facades. The overall scene conveys a sense of a bustling, densely populated metropolis.

3. Network Metadata within DNS RR's

Network Metadata – How to Generate

<https://www.dns-as.org/support/avc-rdata/>

Define a TXT record for your Application based on NBAR2 Protocol Pack Taxonomy

Two options:

- **Generate Predefined** use this for well know applications using our best practice defaults
- **Generate Custom** use this for for your own applications using our own values

Domain Name	www.dns-as.org
Existing Application Name	HyperText Transfer Protocol
Custom Application Name (minimum 3 characters)	dns-as-www
Selector ID	28202
Port Range	TCP/80,TCP/443
QoS Classification based on RFC4594	
Traffic Class	TRANSACTIONAL-DATA
Business Relevance	yes

www.dns-as.org IN TXT "CISCO-CLS=app-name:dns-as-www|app-class:TD|business:YES|server-port:TCP/80,TCP/443|app-id:CU/28202"

Network Metadata – BIND

```
$ORIGIN .
$TTL 3600      ; 1 hour
dns-as.org     IN SOA  ns1.f1-online.net. hostmaster.f1-online.net. (
                    2016020101 ; serial ; serial
                    14400      ; refresh (3 hours)
                    3600       ; retry (1 hour)
                    604800     ; expire (2 weeks)
                    3600       ; minimum (1 hour)
                    )
               NS    ns2.f1-online.net.
               NS    ns1.f1-online.net.
               A      193.34.28.202
               TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:HTTP|app-class:TD"
               MX      10 mx1.dns-as.org.
               MX      10 mx2.dns-as.org.
               TXT    "v=spf1 mx a ip4:193.34.28.0/24 ip4:193.34.29.0/24 ~all"
```



```
$ORIGIN dns-as.org.
assi      A      193.34.28.205
          TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:ASSI|app-class:NC"
mail      A      193.34.28.201
          A      193.34.29.201
          TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:MX00|app-class:BD|business=yes"
mx1       A      193.34.29.201
          TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:MX01|app-class:BD|business=yes"
mx2       A      193.34.28.201
          TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:MX02|app-class:BD|business=yes"
ns1       A      193.34.29.200
          TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:DNS-AS|app-class:OAM|business=yes"
ns2       A      193.34.28.200
          TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:DNS-AS|app-class:OAM|business=yes"
sarav     A      193.34.28.204
          TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:SARAV|app-class:NC"
wolfgang  A      193.34.28.203
          TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:WOLFGANG|app-class:OAM"
www       A      193.34.28.202
          TXT    "CISCO-CLS=app-name:DNS-AS-WWW|app-class:TD"
```

Network Metadata – How to verify

Forward Zone:

```
$ dig TXT +short www.dns-as.org
"CISCO-CLS=app-name:dns-as-www|app-class:TD|business:YES|app-id:CU/28202"

$ dig TXT +short wolfgang.dns-as.org
"CISCO-CLS=app-name:dns-as-wolfgang|app-class:TD|business:YES|app-id:CU/28203"

$ dig TXT +short smtp.cisco.com
"CISCO-CLS=app-name:smtp|app-class:bulk-data|business:YES|app-id:IL4/25|server-port:TCP/25,UDP/25"

$ dig TXT +short inception.toocoolforyou.net
"CISCO-CLS=app-name:dns-as-exchange|app-class:BD|business:YES|app-id:CU/28111"

$ dig TXT +short topic.cisco.com
"CISCO-CLS=app-name:cisco-topic|app-class:transactional-data|business:YES|app-id:CU/111|server-port:TCP/80,TCP/443"
```

Reverse Zone:

```
$ dig TXT +short 202.28.34.193.in-addr.arpa.
"CISCO-CLS=app-name:dns-as-www|app-class:TD|business:YES|app-id:CU/28202"

$ dig TXT +short 111.28.34.193.in-addr.arpa.
"CISCO-CLS=app-name:dns-as-exchange|app-class:BD|business:YES|app-id:CU/28111"
```

Network Metadata – Microsoft Active Directory

The image shows a screenshot of the Microsoft DNS Manager console and the 'Inception Properties' dialog box.

DNS Manager Console:

- Left Pane (Tree View):** Shows the hierarchy of DNS zones. The 'toocoolforyou.net' zone is selected, showing sub-zones like '_msdcs', '_sites', '_tcp', '_udp', 'DomainDnsZones', 'ForestDnsZones', 'guest', 'mgmt-A', 'net', 'voice', 'Reverse Lookup Zones', 'Conditional Forwarders', and 'Global Logs'.
- Right Pane (List View):** Displays a list of DNS records for the selected zone. The records are as follows:

Name	Type
inception	Text (TXT)
mx1	Text (TXT)
mx2	Text (TXT)
www	Text (TXT)
(same as parent folder)	Start of Authority (SOA)
(same as parent folder)	Name Server (NS)
(same as parent folder)	Name Server (NS)
(same as parent folder)	Mail Exchange (MX)
IRIEDEL-W7k-PAR	IPv6 Host (AAAA)
JRIedel-mbp	IPv6 Host (AAAA)
JRIedel-mbp	IPv6 Host (AAAA)
WRIEDEL-MBP15-W7	IPv6 Host (AAAA)
WRIEDEL-MBP15W7	IPv6 Host (AAAA)
WRIEDEL-MBP17W7	IPv6 Host (AAAA)
WRIEDEL-W7K-PAR	IPv6 Host (AAAA)
(same as parent folder)	Host (A)
(same as parent folder)	Host (A)
adc-even	Host (A)
adc-odd	Host (A)
APC-Smart-UPS-A	Host (A)
APC-Smart-UPS-B	Host (A)
c240-b-tsm	Host (A)
C240M3-even	Host (A)
C240M3-odd	Host (A)

Inception Properties Dialog Box:

- Text (TXT) Tab:** The 'Record name (uses parent domain if left blank):' field contains 'inception'. The 'Fully qualified domain name (FQDN):' field contains 'inception.toocoolforyou.net'. The 'Text:' field contains the value 'CISCO-CLS=app-name:EXCHANGE|app-class:TD'.
- Security Tab:** The 'Delete this record when it becomes stale' checkbox is unchecked.
- Record time stamp:** A text box for entering a timestamp.
- Time to live (TTL):** The 'Time to live (TTL):' field is set to '0 :1 :0 :0' (DDDD:HH.MM.SS).
- Buttons:** 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons are at the bottom.

Network Metadata – Abstractions

Microsoft Office 365 with and without DNS-AS

without DNS-AS

```
*.outlook.com
*.microsoftonline.com
*.microsoftonline-p.com
*.microsoftonline-p.net
*.microsoftonlineimages.com
*.microsoftonlinesupport.net¹
*.msecnd.net
*.office365.com
*.live.com
*.portal.microsoftonline.com
*.passwordreset.microsoftonline.com
*.msn.com
*.osub.microsoft.com
```

Ports 80/443
Protocols TCP and HTTPS
Rule must apply to all users
HTTPS/SSL time-out set to 8 hours

In reality, more then 140 entries

A full listing can be found here:
<http://www.dns-as.org/support/das-as-cloud-apps/>

with DNS-AS

DNS-AS metadata provided by MS:

```
AVC "app-name:ms-update |app-class:BD|business=yes"
AVC "app-name:ms-office365-web |app-class:BE|business=yes"
AVC "app-name:ms-office365-outlook |app-class:BE|business=yes"
AVC "app-name:ms-office365-live |app-class:MMS|business=yes"
AVC "app-name:ms-office365-lync |app-class:VO|business=yes"
AVC " ... "
```

DNS-AS metadata consumed by customers

```
avc dns-as client trusted-domains
domain ^.*outlook.*$
domain ^.*microsoft.*$
domain ^.*lync.*$
domain ^.*sway.*$
```

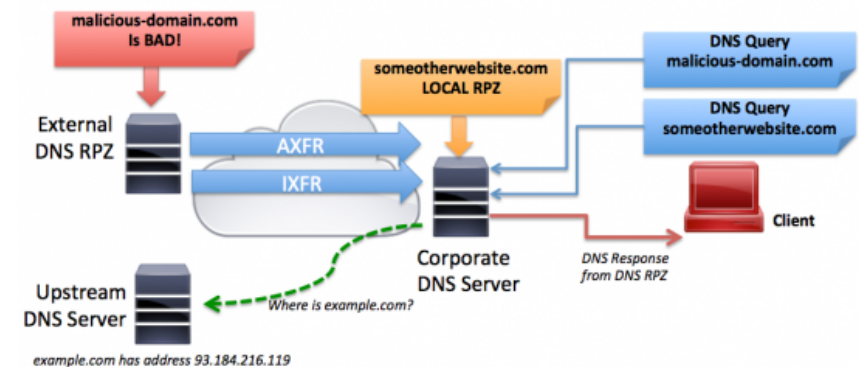


4. How to control “foreign” domains

DNS Firewall Response Policy Zones (RPZ)

BIND Response Policy Zones

- Most modern electronic crime and network abuse relies on the Domain Name System (DNS)
- A DNS firewall can selectively intercept DNS resolution for known-malicious network assets including domain names, IP addresses, and name servers.
- Interception can mean rewriting a DNS response to direct a web browser to a "walled garden", or simply making the malicious network assets invisible and unreachable.
- Policies are applied only on DNS requests that ask for recursion (RD=1) and which either do not request DNSSEC metadata (DO=0) or for which no DNSSEC metadata exists.



A response policy in DNS RPZ can be **matched** as follows:

- by the query name (QNAME)
- by an address which would be present in a truthful response
- by the name or address of an authoritative name server responsible for publishing the original response.

A response policy **action** can be one of the following:

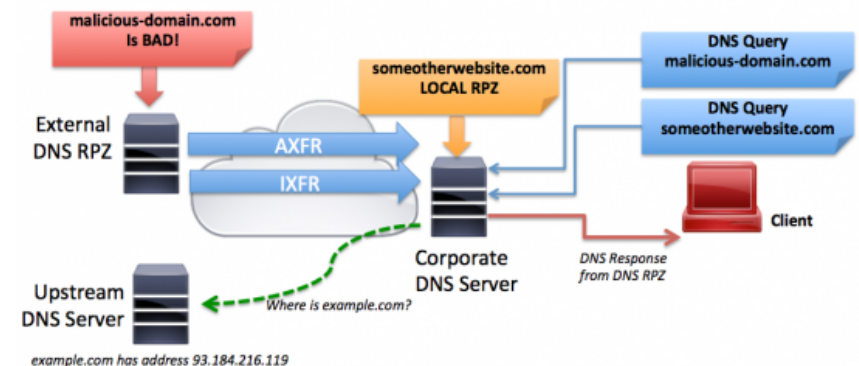
- to synthesize a "domain does not exist" response
- to synthesize a "name exists but there are no records of the requested type" response.
- to replace the response with specified data.
- to exempt the response from further policy processing.

DNS Firewall Response Policy Zones (RPZ)

In a DNS RPZ firewall, the policy rule set is contained in a DNS "zone", which can be transferred using normal "zone transfer" mechanisms. The master copy of your DNS firewall policy can be a DNS "zone file" which you either edit by hand, or which you generate from a database. You can also edit a DNS zone indirectly using DNS dynamic updates (for example, using the "nsupdate" shell level utility.)

RPZ is not a standard DNS feature defined by an IETF RFC. It is, however, an **Open** specification (currently Format 3) whose [authors have made it freely available](#).

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The RPZ specification defines the use of standard zone files whose RR definition invoke [Policy Actions by using Policy Triggers](#) in what one may call a Policy Rule Set (though this term is not used in the specification). RPZ is invoked (and its behavior controlled) in BIND9 using a [response-policy](#) statement (in named.conf) which is unique to BIND9 and is not defined within the RPZ specification - other implementations will use their own configuration styles and parameter sets. RPZ, by default, does not invoke policy processing on DNSSEC responses (though this can be modified with the [break-dnssec](#) parameter). For those familiar with the technology, it is similar to, but more complex than, [DNS Black Lists \(DNSBL\)](#) - a reputational anti-spam technique.

A very helpful configuration guide can be found here: <http://www.zytrax.com>

DNS Firewall dnsrcp.info

Providers of reputation data	Service	Services Supported
DissectCyber	rpzone.us	
FarsightSecurity	Newly Observed Domains and example	
InternetIdentity	DNS firewall	
SpamHaus	Several of their popular blocklists are available via RPZ. Article Pricing	
SURBL	Data Feed	
ThreatStop	DNS firewall and announcement	
SecurityZones	Provider	Provides product marketing and sales for some of the providers above
Deteque	Provider	Has provided integration consulting for some of the DNS RPZ providers above
OpenDNS		Integrated, Management Overlay, Managed Services

[Comparison of DNS blacklists](#)

RPZ - response-policy statement

The response-policy statement controls the behavior of RPZ policy processing

```
response-policy { zone zone-name
    [ policy (given|disabled|passthru|drop|nxdomain|nodata|tcp-only| cname domain-name)
    [ recursive-only yes_or_no ]
    [ max-policy-ttl number ] ; }
    [ max-policy-ttl number ]
    [ break-dnssec yes_or_no ]
    [ min-ns-dots number ]
    [ qname-wait-recurse yes_or_no ] ;
# example
response-policy {zone "dontlike" ; zone "likeless" policy passthru;} recursive-only yes;
```

Policy Triggers:

[QNAME](#) Trigger on query name.
[CLIENT-IP](#) Trigger on DNS client IP.
[IP](#) Trigger on query response IP.
[NSDNAME](#) Trigger on NS name during delegation.
[NS-IP](#) Trigger on NS IP during delegation.

Policy Actions:

[NXDOMAIN](#) Return name does not exist.
[NODATA](#) Return name exists but with no answer data.
[PASSTHRU](#) Do nothing - normally defines an exception in a range.
[TCP-Only](#) Force use of TCP. [not in Format 3]
[DROP](#) Causes client timeout. [not in format 3]
[Local-Data](#) Response data defined by RR and target-name/left-hand expression.

Policy Trigger:

Any Policy Trigger can be used with any Policy Action while the table shows only the most common types used with each Policy Action.

Policy Actions:

Policy Actions define the required outcome or result and are relatively straightforward. They are defined using the RR type and target-name (left-hand-name) of the RR as shown in the table on the next slide:

RPZ - configuration

```
options { forward first;
    forwarders {
        208.67.222.222; // opendns.org
        208.67.220.220; // opendns.org
        8.8.8.8; //google-public-dns-a.google.com.
        8.8.4.4; //google-public-dns-b.google.com.
    };
    response-policy { zone "rpz.f1-online.net"; zone "rpz.spamhaus.org"; zone "rpz.surbl.org";
    "rpz.ph.surbl.org"; }; }
```

1. response-policy
option

2. local RPZ slave
zone

3. remote RPZ
slave zone's

```
zone "rpz.f1-online.net" { type slave; file "rpz.f1-online.net.zone"; masters { 193.34.28.244; 193.34.29.244; }; check-names ignore; };
zone "rpz.spamhaus.org" { type slave; file "dbl.rpz.spamhaus.org.zone"; masters { 199.168.90.51; 199.168.90.52; 199.168.90.53; }; check-names ignore; };
zone "rpz.surbl.org" { type slave; file "rpz.surbl.org.zone"; masters { 94.228.131.210; 94.228.131.211; }; check-names ignore; };
zone "rpz.mw.surbl.org" { type slave; file "rpz.mw.surbl.org.zone"; masters { 94.228.131.210; 94.228.131.211; }; check-names ignore; };
zone "rpz.ph.surbl.org" { type slave; file "rpz.ph.surbl.org.zone"; masters { 94.228.131.210; 94.228.131.211; }; check-names ignore; };
```

named.conf

```
[...]
; return NXDOMAIN for facebook.com
www.facebook.com 666 CNAME .
*.facebook.com 666 CNAME .

; redirect to walled garden IP's
www.badguys.org 666 A 10.10.10.1
*.badguys.org A 10.10.10.1
rpz.dns-as.org A 10.0.2.21
wolfgang.cisco.com A 193.34.28.108

; do not rewrite www.cisco.com (so, PASSTHRU) but add or override DNS-AS metadata
www.cisco.com CNAME rpz-passthru.
*.cisco.com CNAME rpz-passthru.
www.cisco.com TXT "CISCO-CLS=app-name:HTTP|app-class:TD"
*.cisco.com TXT "CISCO-CLS=app-name:HTTP|app-class:TD"

; rewrite A and add DNS-AS metadata
www.bradreese.com A 72.163.4.161
www.bradreese.com TXT "CISCO-CLS=app-name:HTTP|app-class:SCV"
```

4. local RPZ
master zone
DNS-AS
overrides

passthru for A/AAAA
would be great but does
not work, today.
Working with ISC on
this!

A + TXT
works today

rpz.f1-online.net

A photograph of two young children, a girl and a boy, playing on a sandy beach. The girl, on the left, has braided hair and is wearing a light blue shirt. The boy, on the right, is wearing a blue and white striped shirt. They are both leaning over, focused on something in the sand. The background shows the ocean and a clear sky. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text '5. DNS-AS Operations'.

5. *DNS-AS Operations*

BIND and DNS

What Constitutes an Authoritative Source

The [BIND software distribution](#) has three parts:

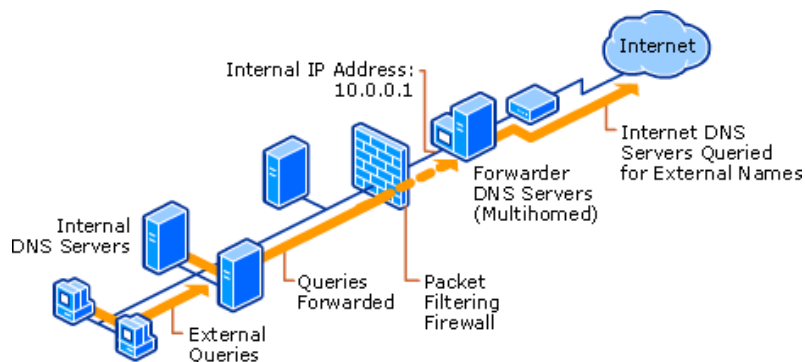
- Domain Name Resolver
- Domain Name Authority server
- Tools

Domain Name Authority server

- An **authoritative DNS server** answers requests from resolvers, using information about the domain names it is authoritative for
- There can just be **ONE ZONE** being authoritative per domain

Domain Name Resolver

- A resolver is a program that resolves questions about names by sending those questions to appropriate servers and responding appropriately to the servers' replies.
- In the most common application, a web browser uses a **local stub resolver** library on the same computer to look up names in the DNS. That stub resolver is part of the operating system.
- The stub resolver usually will forward queries to a **caching resolver**, a server or group of servers on the network dedicated to DNS services. Those resolvers will send queries to one or multiple **authoritative servers** in order to find the IP address for that DNS name.



The DNS-AS Acronym Decoder Ring

Split-DNS

An enterprise typically has different authoritative servers for internal and external clients, and publish some zones on the internal servers only.

- ✓ Internal zones, managed from an Active Directory
- ✓ External zones, managed from a single 'master' BIND system (DMZ)
- ✓ Caching recursive resolvers for "external" domains (DMZ)

Response Policy Zones

[RPZ](#) is a BIND mechanism to selectively override foreign zones we are not authoritative for

DNS-AS-RR

A DNS TXT record inside a forward or reverse ZONE file

TXT "CISCO-CLS=app-name:HTTP|app-class:TD"

DNS-AS-client (Enterprise: client -> application server)

A client side Network Element running a DNS stub resolver for resolving DNS-AS-RR by using the client DNS request as a trigger for a forward lookup with a fallback to a reverse lookup

DNS-AS-client (Datacenter: application server -> client)

An application server side Network Element running a DNS stub resolver for resolving DNS-AS-RR by using the application IP as a trigger for a reverse lookup

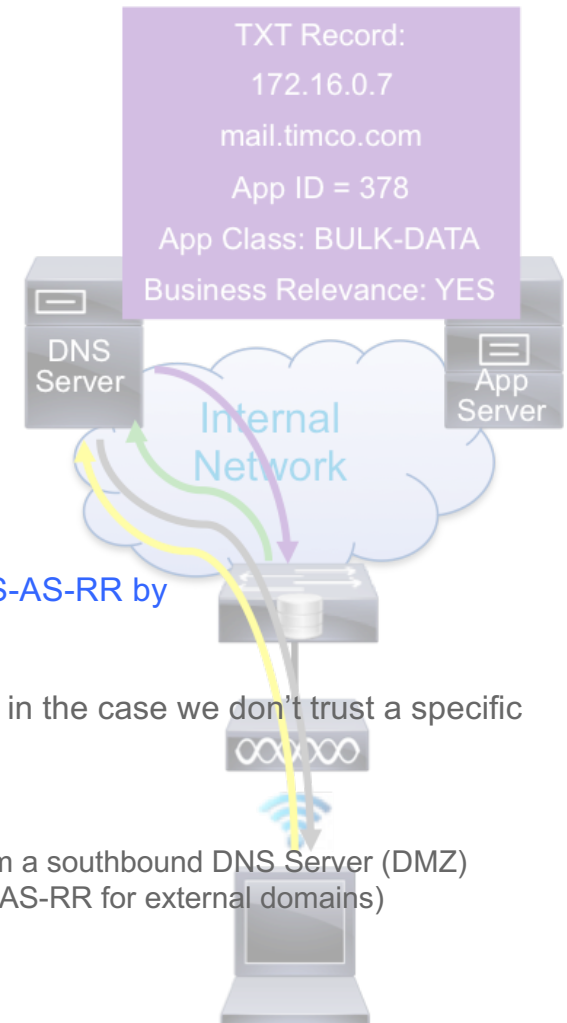
DNS-AS-proxy

Inserts metadata (DNS-AS-RR) in case not being provided by a northbound DNS server or in the case we don't trust a specific domain (malware, porn,...)

DNS-AS-edge

Internet facing Border Routers running two DNS-AS functions

- ✓ DNS-AS-client (even if running a DNS-AS-proxy on the same box) derives it's DNS-AS-RR from a southbound DNS Server (DMZ)
- ✓ DNS-AS-proxy (ensures that the southbound DNS servers (DMZ BIND) have meaningful DNS-AS-RR for external domains)



Enterprise DNS Deployment

Internal Namespace
INTRANET - Full Trust
MS Active Directory Integrated



Active Directory
Domain
Windows 2012
Server

authoritative for internal resolvers
adc0.toocoolforyou.net (192.168.168.240)
adc1.toocoolforyou.net (192.168.167.244)
adc2.toocoolforyou.net (192.168.168.244)

DMZ Hybrid Namespace
EXTRANET DMZ - Medium Trust
My authoritative Named
Recursive Resolvers (RPZ)

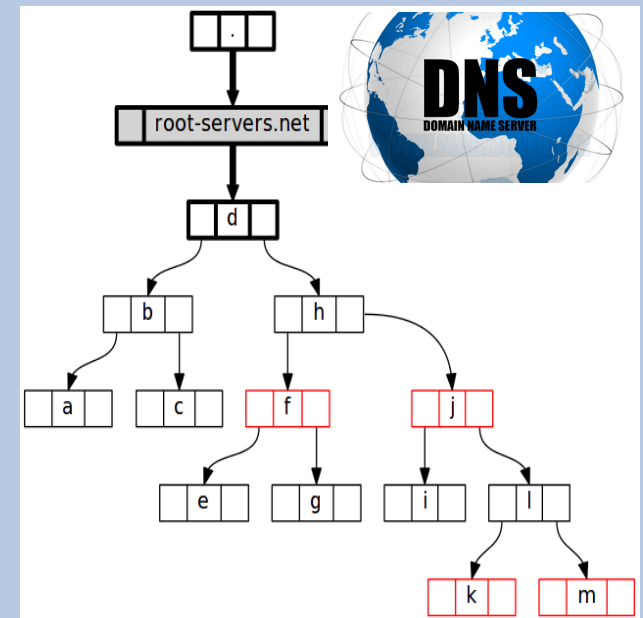


ISC BIND
DNS Server
Fedora 24
BIND 9.10.4

Authoritative Hidden Master
dnssec-enable (TXT + AVC)
ns0.f1-online.net (193.34.28.240)
Authoritative Public Master
dnssec-enable (TXT + AVC)
ns1.f1-online.net (193.34.29.244)
ns2.f1-online.net (193.34.28.244)

Recursive Caching Resolvers (RPZ)
dnssec-validation (TXT + AVC + RPZ)
rr1.f1-online.net (193.34.29.241)
rr2.f1-online.net (193.34.28.241)

Public Namespace
INTERNET - No Trust
External authoritative Named
ROOT Server



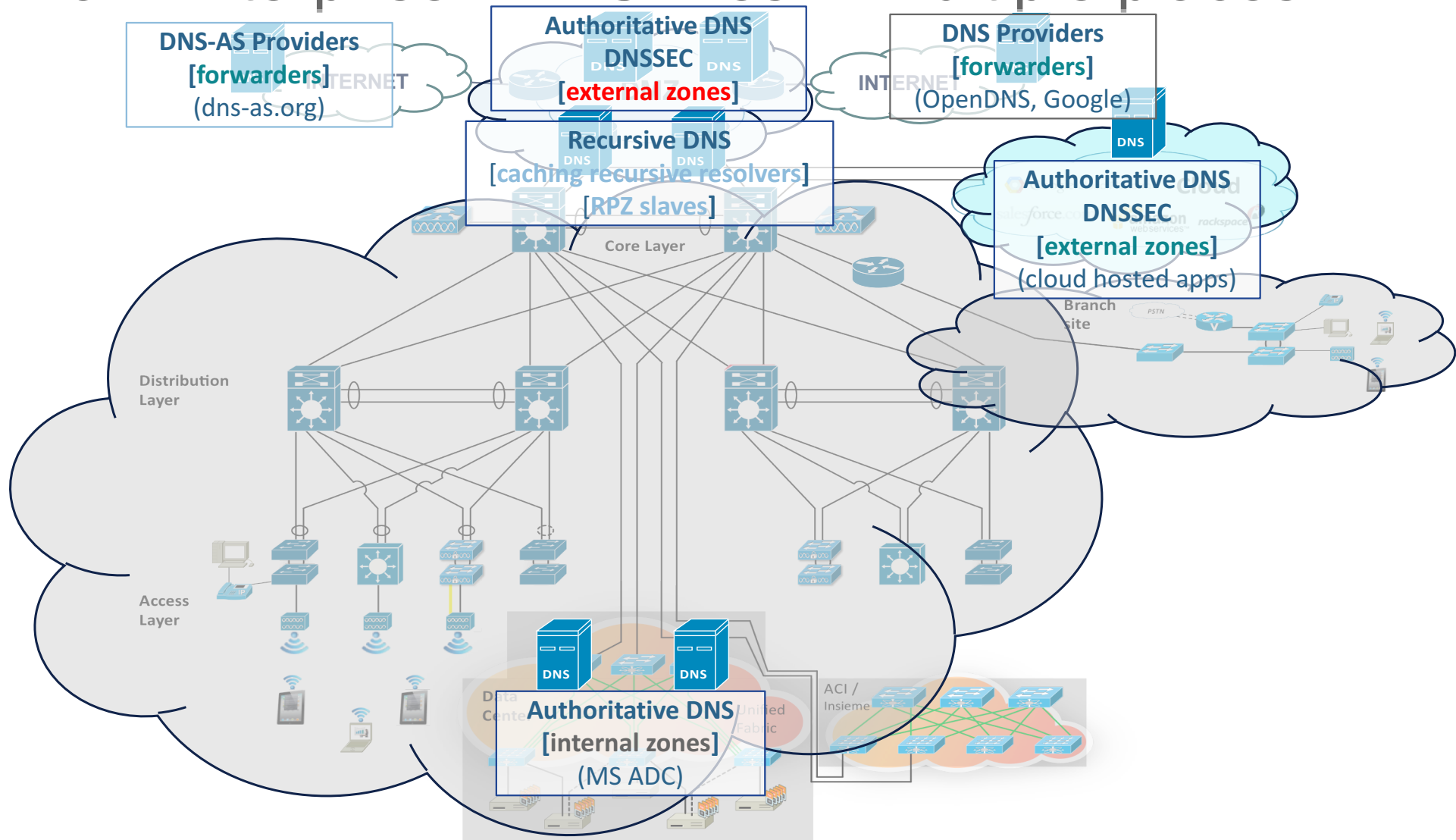
Recursive Lookup

Recursive Lookup

Recursive Lookup

Authoritative Lookup

In an Enterprise - DNS lives in multiple places



DNS-AS-Client - Operations

DNS-AS Client (APs, Switches, Routers)



C3PL Policy Enforcement
based on AVC Binding Table

SRC-IP: 192.168.160.10

DST-IP: 193.34.28.202

"CISCO-CLS=app-name:HTTP|app-class:TD"

query
query



⊖ A | 193.34.28.202

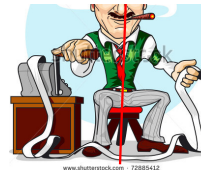
⊖ TXT | "CISCO-CLS=app-name:HTTP|app-class:TD"

User



192.168.160.10

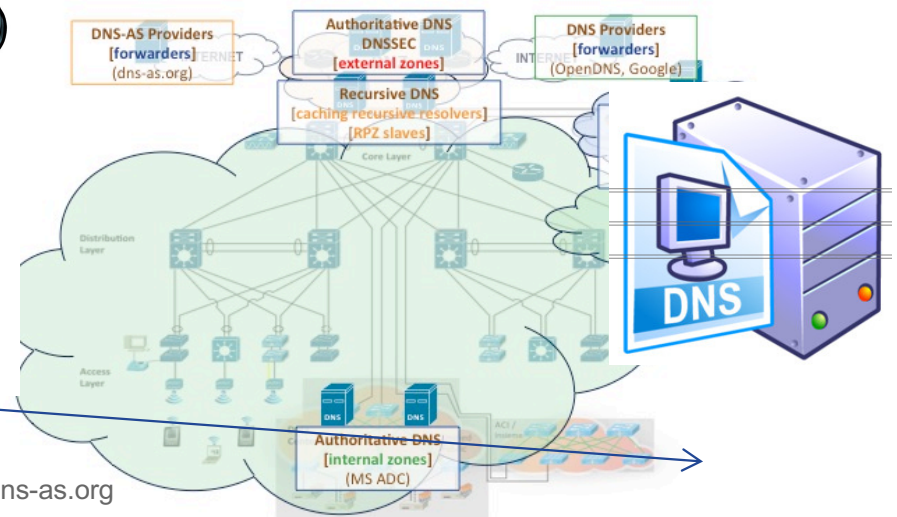
DNS-AS
Client
192.168.254.100



DNS
snooping

standard query | type A | www.dns-as.org

standard query response | type A | 193.34.28.202

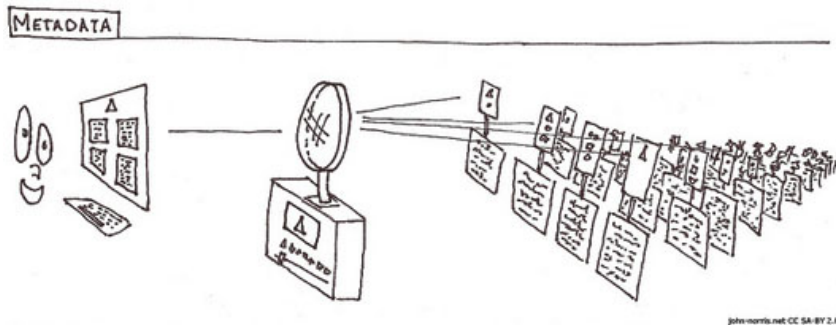


A close-up photograph of a person's hand, wearing a light blue shirt, interacting with a large, tilted digital display. The display shows a vibrant, abstract image of a cityscape at night, with golden light trails and reflections. A small, white, dome-shaped camera is mounted on the top left corner of the display. The background is a bright, out-of-focus window.

6. Actually, what can we do with it?

DNS-AS Use Case Matrix

Everywhere you want to match on Metadata



- Reporting via FNF even if encrypted
- Easy QoS
- Troubleshooting
- SPAN
- Martian ACL's
- IPSLA
- Domain Based Routing
- ZBF (Zone Based Firewalls)
- NSH (Service Chaining)

DNS-AS Use Case Matrix

DNS-AS **<metadata>** as a variable to match within C3PL MQC

1) QoS

```
class-map match-all NETWORK-CONTROL
match protocol attribute traffic-class network-control
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
match protocol <metadata>
```

2) Zone Based Firewalls

```
class-map type inspect match-all class-in-ssh
match access-group name ACL-IPv4-ssh-in
match protocol ssh
match protocol <metadata>
```

3) Security ACL's

```
ip access-list extended ACL-IPv4-Minecraft-in
remark ----- minecraft.f1-online.net -----
permit tcp any host 193.34.29.143 eq 25565
permit protocol <metadata>
```

```
ip access-list standard ACL-IPv4-NMS
remark ----- NOC DMZ -----
permit aaa.bb.ccc.ddd
permit protocol <metadata>
remark ---- deny everything else -----
deny any log
```

4) Object Group

```
object-group service port-proxy-server
tcp eq 8080
match protocol <metadata>
```

5) Domain Based Routing

```
track 104 match protocol <metadata>
ip route 192.168.168.0 255.255.255.0 192.168.252.114 111 track 104
```

Easy QoS Integration

DNS-AS Shortcuts for Cisco's (RFC 4594-Based) 12-Class QoS Model

APPLICATION CLASS	APPLICATION CLASS long	APPLICATION CLASS short	BUSINESS-RELEVANCE	DSCP	COS	WMM	QUEUING & DROPPING	APPLICATION EXAMPLES
(RFC 4594)	DNS-AS-RR (LONG)	DNS-AS-RR(SHORT)	DNS-AS-RR(SHORT)			802.11e		
VoIP Telephony	app-class:VOIP-TELEPHONY	app-class:VO	business:yes	EF			Priority Queue (PQ)	Cisco IP Phones (G.711, G.729)
Broadcast Video	app-class:BROADCAST-VIDEO	app-class:BV	business:yes	CS5			(Optional) PQ	Cisco IP Video Surveillance / Cisco Enterprise TV
Real-Time Interactive Multimedia Conferencing	app-class:REALTIME-INTERACTIVE app-class:MULTIMEDIA-CONFERENCING	app-class:RTI app-class:MMC	business:yes	CS4			(Optional) PQ	Cisco TelePresence
Multimedia Streaming	app-class:MULTIMEDIA-STREAMING	app-class:MMS	business:yes	AF4			BW Queue + DSCP WRED	Cisco Jabber, Cisco WebEx
Network Control	app-class:NETWORK-CONTROL	app-class:NC	business:yes	AF3			BW Queue + DSCP WRED	Cisco Digital Media System (VoDs)
Signaling	app-class:SIGNALING	app-class:CS	business:yes	CS6			BW Queue	EIGRP, OSPF, BGP, ISIS, HSRP, IKE
Ops / Admin / Mgmt	app-class:OPS-ADMIN-MGMT	app-class:OAM	business:yes	CS3			BW Queue	SCCP, SIP, H.323
Transactional Data	app-class:TRANSACTIONAL-DATA	app-class:TD	business:yes	CS2			BW Queue	SNMP, SSH, Syslog
Bulk Data	app-class:BULK-DATA	app-class:BD	business:yes	AF2			BW Queue + DSCP WRED	ERP Apps, CRM Apps, Database Apps
Best Effort	app-class:BEST-EFFORD	app-class:BE	business:default	AF1			BW Queue + DSCP WRED	E-mail, FTP, Backup Apps, Content Distribution
Scavenger	app-class:SCAVENGER	app-class:SCV	business:no	DF	0		Default Queue + RED	Default Class
				CS1	0		Min BW Queue (Deferential)	YouTube, Netflix, iTunes, BitTorrent, Xbox Live

Easy QoS Integration

```
class-map match-all VOICE
  match protocol attribute traffic-class voip-telephony
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all BROADCAST-VIDEO
  match protocol attribute traffic-class broadcast-video
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all INTERACTIVE-VIDEO
  match protocol attribute traffic-class real-time-interactive
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all MULTIMEDIA-CONFERENCING
  match protocol attribute traffic-class multimedia-conferencing
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all MULTIMEDIA-STREAMING
  match protocol attribute traffic-class multimedia-streaming
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all SIGNALING
  match protocol attribute traffic-class signaling
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all NETWORK-CONTROL
  match protocol attribute traffic-class network-control
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all NETWORK-MANAGEMENT
  match protocol attribute traffic-class ops-admin-mgmt
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all TRANSACTIONAL-DATA
  match protocol attribute traffic-class transactional-data
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all BULK-DATA
  match protocol attribute traffic-class bulk-data
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all SCAVENGER
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-irrelevant
```

"CISCO-CLS=app-name:WOLFGANG|app-class:NC"

magically allows "wolfgang.dns-as.org" to sneak underneath
class-map
NETWORK-CONTROL
With ZERO configuration

```
policy-map MARKING
  class VOICE
    set dscp ef
  class BROADCAST-VIDEO
    set dscp cs5
  class INTERACTIVE-VIDEO
    set dscp cs4
  class MULTIMEDIA-CONFERENCING
    set dscp af41
  class MULTIMEDIA-STREAMING
    set dscp af31
  class SIGNALING
    set dscp cs3
  class NETWORK-CONTROL
    set dscp cs6
  class NETWORK-MANAGEMENT
    set dscp cs2
  class TRANSACTIONAL-DATA
    set dscp af21
  class BULK-DATA
    set dscp af11
  class SCAVENGER
    set dscp cs1
  class class-default
    set dscp default
```

DNS-AS Metadata:

www.dns-as.org
wolfgang.dns-as.org

TXT "CISCO-CLS=app-name:HTTP|app-class:TD"
TXT "CISCO-CLS=app-name:WOLFGANG|app-class:NC"



7. Proxy Server Implications

DNS-AS and Proxy Servers

Don't tunnel If you care about quality of experience

```
// proxy.pac JavaScript
// Wolfgang Riedel wolfgang@cisco.com

localdomain = "*.toocoolforyou.net";
dmz_odd_net = "193.34.29.0";
dmz_odd_mask = "255.255.255.0";
dmz_even_net = "193.34.28.0";
dmz_even_mask = "255.255.255.0";

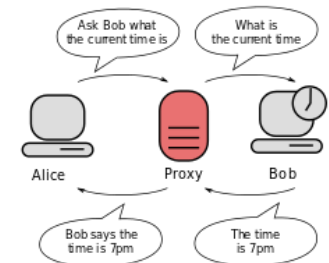
function FindProxyForURL(url,host)
{
    // If the hostname matches, send direct.
    if (shExpMatch(host, "*.toocoolforyou.net"))
        return "DIRECT";

    if (dnsDomainIs(host, "localhost") ||
        dnsDomainIs(host, localdomain))
        return "DIRECT";

    if (
        shExpMatch(host, "*.local") ||
        isPlainHostName(host) ||
        isInNet(dnsResolve(host), "10.0.0.0", "255.0.0.0") ||
        isInNet(dnsResolve(host), "172.16.0.0", "255.240.0.0") ||
        isInNet(dnsResolve(host), "192.168.0.0", "255.255.0.0") ||
        isInNet(dnsResolve(host), "127.0.0.0", "255.255.255.0") ||
        isPlainHostName(host) ||
        !isResolvable(host)
    )
        return "DIRECT";
}
```

What to classify?

- Outer (proxy traffic)
- Inner (application traffic)



Typically exclude intranet traffic

Code Snippets: findproxyforurl.com

```
if (url.substring(0, 5) == "http:") {
    return "PROXY proxy.f1-online.net:8080; DIRECT";
}
else if (url.substring(0, 4) == "ftp:") {
    return "PROXY proxy.f1-online.net:2121; DIRECT";
}
else if (url.substring(0, 6) == "https:") {
    return "DIRECT";
}
else if (url.substring(0, 7) == "gopher:") {
    return "DIRECT";
}
else {
    return "DIRECT";
}
}
```




9. *DNS-AS – Switches (no NBAR)*

Catalyst 4k / Catalyst 2k

DNS-AS Classification & Marking Policy Example (Part 1 of 3)

```
!
class-map match-all VOICE
  match protocol attribute traffic-class voip-telephony
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all BROADCAST-VIDEO
  match protocol attribute traffic-class broadcast-video
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all REAL-TIME-INTERACTIVE
  match protocol attribute traffic-class real-time-interactive
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all MULTIMEDIA-CONFERENCING
  match protocol attribute traffic-class multimedia-conferencing
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all MULTIMEDIA-STREAMING
  match protocol attribute traffic-class multimedia-streaming
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all SIGNALING
  match protocol attribute traffic-class signaling
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
!
policy-map INGRESS-MARKING
  class-map match-all AUTOQOS_VOIP_VIDEO
    match cos 4
  class-map match-all AUTOQOS_VOIP_VOICE
    match cos 5
  class-map match-all AUTOQOS_VOIP_SIG
    match cos 3
!
match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant
class-map match-all SCAVENGER
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-irrelevant
!
```

Same 'holy grail'
classification policy
as on other
router/switch
platforms

Same 'holy grail'
marking policy as
on other
router/switch
platforms

Small extension of
the trust boundary
for voice and video

```
!
policy-map INGRESS-MARKING
  class VOICE
    set dscp ef
  class BROADCAST-VIDEO
    set dscp cs5
  class REAL-TIME-INTERACTIVE
    set dscp cs4
  class MULTIMEDIA-CONFERENCING
    set dscp af41
  class MULTIMEDIA-STREAMING
    set dscp af31
  class SIGNALING
    set dscp cs3
  class NETWORK-CONTROL
    set dscp cs6
  class NETWORK-MANAGEMENT
    set dscp cs2
  class TRANSACTIONAL-DATA
    set dscp af21
  class BULK-DATA
    set dscp af11
  class SCAVENGER
    set dscp cs1
  class class-default
    set dscp default
!
```

Catalyst 4k / Catalyst 2k

DNS-AS Classification & Marking Policy Example (Part 2 of 3)

```
!  
interface GigabitEthernet2/14  
  description IP-Phone  
  switchport access vlan 165  
  switchport mode access  
  switchport voice vlan 111  
  switchport port-security maximum 3  
  switchport port-security violation restrict  
  switchport port-security aging time 2  
  switchport port-security aging type inactivity  
  switchport port-security  
  load-interval 30  
  power inline police  
  power efficient-ethernet auto  
  auto qos voip cisco-phone  
  storm-control broadcast level 10.00  
  storm-control action trap  
  qos trust device cisco-phone  
  spanning-tree portfast edge  
  spanning-tree bpduguard enable  
  service-policy input INGRESS-MARKING  
  service-policy output EGRESS-QUEUEING-1P7Q1T  
!
```

In case trust boundary is extended to cisco-phone

Allow DSCP marking through the ingress policy-map

```
!  
policy-map INGRESS-MARKING  
  class AUTOQOS_VOIP_VOICE  
    set dscp ef  
    police cir 128000 bc 8000 conform-action  
    transmit exceed-action set-dscp-transmit cs1  
    violate-action set-cos-transmit 1  
  class AUTOQOS_VOIP_VIDEO  
    set dscp af41  
    police cir 10000000 bc 8000 conform-action  
    transmit exceed-action set-dscp-transmit cs1  
    violate-action set-cos-transmit 1  
  class AUTOQOS_VOIP_SIG  
    set dscp cs3  
    police cir 32000 bc 8000 conform-action  
    transmit exceed-action set-dscp-transmit cs1  
    violate-action set-cos-transmit 1  
!
```

Catalyst 4k / Catalyst 2k

DNS-AS Classification & Marking Policy Example (Part 3 of 3)

```
!  
ip domain round-robin  
ip domain-list toocoolforyou.net  
ip domain-lookup source-interface Loopback0  
ip domain-name toocoolforyou.net  
ip name-server 192.168.167.244  
ip name-server 192.168.168.244  
!
```

Configures basic DNS info

DNS-AS snooping capability enabled by service-policy input

```
!  
interface range TenGigabitEthernet2/1-40  
  service-policy input INGRESS-MARKING  
  service-policy output EGRESS-QUEUEING-1P7Q1T  
!
```

```
!  
avc dns-as client enable  
!  
avc dns-as client trusted-domains  
domain ^.*f1.*$  
domain ^.*cisco.*$  
domain *.toocoolforyou.net  
domain *.dns-as.org  
domain *.nbar2web.org  
domain *.f1v4.net  
domain *.f1v6.net  
!
```

Enables DNS-AS client

Whitelisted domains for which metadata may be queried and used for policy-purposes

A photograph of two women in an office setting. The woman on the left has short blonde hair and is wearing a mustard yellow sweater over a white collared shirt. She is leaning over a desk, looking at a document. The woman on the right has long brown hair and is wearing a teal zip-up sweater. She is also leaning over the desk, looking at the same document. The desk is white and has various office supplies on it, including a black telephone, a yellow binder, and some papers. In the background, there are office cubicles and computer monitors.

10. DNS-AS – Routers (with NBAR)

ASR1k / ISR4k / CSR1kv

DNS-AS Classification & Marking Policy Example (Part 1 of 2)

```
!  
class-map match-all VOICE  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class voip-telephony  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all BROADCAST-VIDEO  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class broadcast-video  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all REAL-TIME-INTERACTIVE  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class real-time-interactive  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all MULTIMEDIA-CONFERENCING  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class multimedia-conferencing  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all MULTIMEDIA-STREAMING  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class multimedia-streaming  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all SIGNALING  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class signaling  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all NETWORK-CONTROL  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class network-control  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all NETWORK-MANAGEMENT  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class ops-admin-mgmt  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all TRANSACTIONAL-DATA  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class transactional-data  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all BULK-DATA  
  match protocol attribute traffic-class bulk-data  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-relevant  
class-map match-all SCAVENGER  
  match protocol attribute business-relevance business-irrelevant  
!
```

Same 'holy grail'
classification policy
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Same 'holy grail'
marking policy as
on other
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```
!  
policy-map INGRESS-MARKING  
  class VOICE  
    set dscp ef  
  class BROADCAST-VIDEO  
    set dscp cs5  
  class REAL-TIME-INTERACTIVE  
    set dscp cs4  
  class MULTIMEDIA-CONFERENCING  
    set dscp af41  
  class MULTIMEDIA-STREAMING  
    set dscp af31  
  class SIGNALING  
    set dscp cs3  
  class NETWORK-CONTROL  
    set dscp cs6  
  class NETWORK-MANAGEMENT  
    set dscp cs2  
  class TRANSACTIONAL-DATA  
    set dscp af21  
  class BULK-DATA  
    set dscp af11  
  class SCAVENGER  
    set dscp cs1  
  class class-default  
    set dscp default  
!
```

ASR1k / ISR4k / CSR1kv

DNS-AS Classification & Marking Policy Example (Part 2 of 2)

```
!  
ip domain round-robin  
ip domain-list toocoolforyou.net  
ip domain-lookup source-interface Loopback0  
ip domain-name toocoolforyou.net  
ip name-server 192.168.167.244  
ip name-server 192.168.168.244  
!
```

Configures basic DNS info

DNS-AS snooping combined with NBAR

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0  
ip nbar protocol-discovery  
service-policy input ingress-MARKING  
service-policy output egress-hqos-95000
```

```
!  
avc dns-as client enable  
!  
avc dns-as client trusted-domains  
domain ^.*f1.*$  
domain ^.*cisco.*$  
domain *.toocoolforyou.net  
domain *.dns-as.org  
domain *.nbar2web.org  
domain *.f1v4.net  
domain *.f1v6.net  
!
```

Enables DNS-AS client

Whitelisted domains for which metadata may be queried and used for policy-purposes

DNS-AS snooping without NBAR

```
interface GigabitEthernet0/0/0  
avc dns-as learning  
service-policy input ingress-MARKING  
service-policy output egress-hqos-95000
```


8. Demo

Cisco *live!*

BRKRST-3004

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DNS-AS Visualization

DNS-AS Binding table into Prime Infrastructure and LiveAction

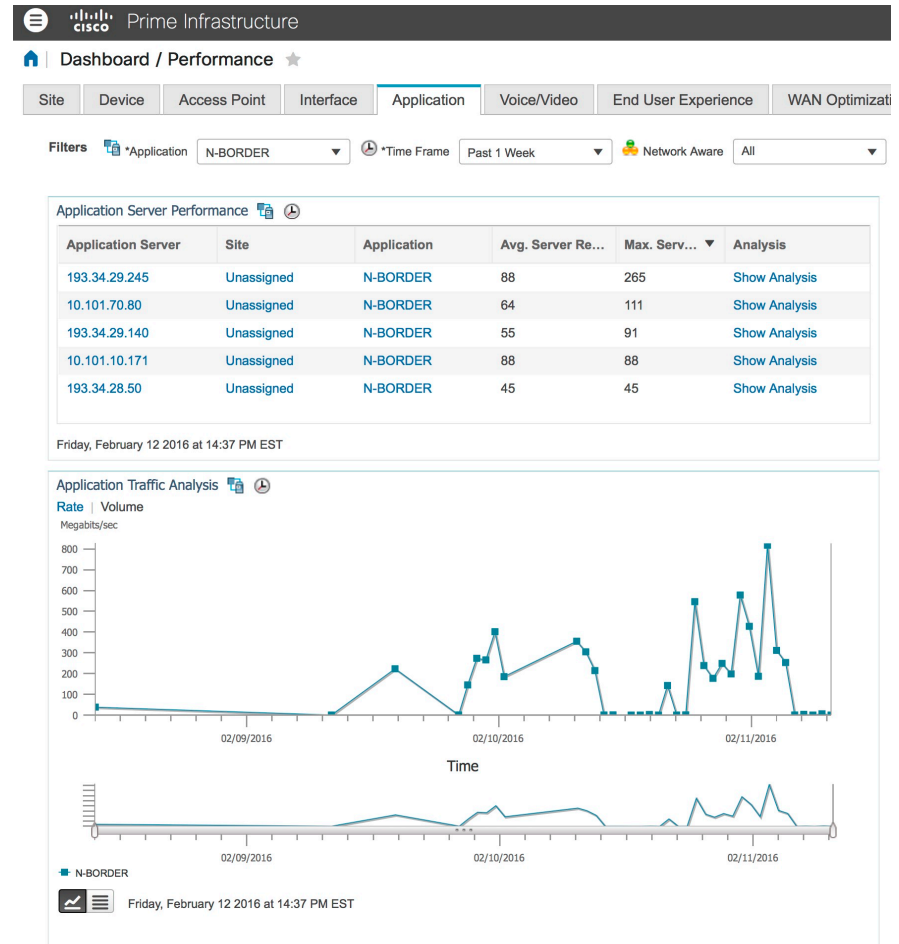
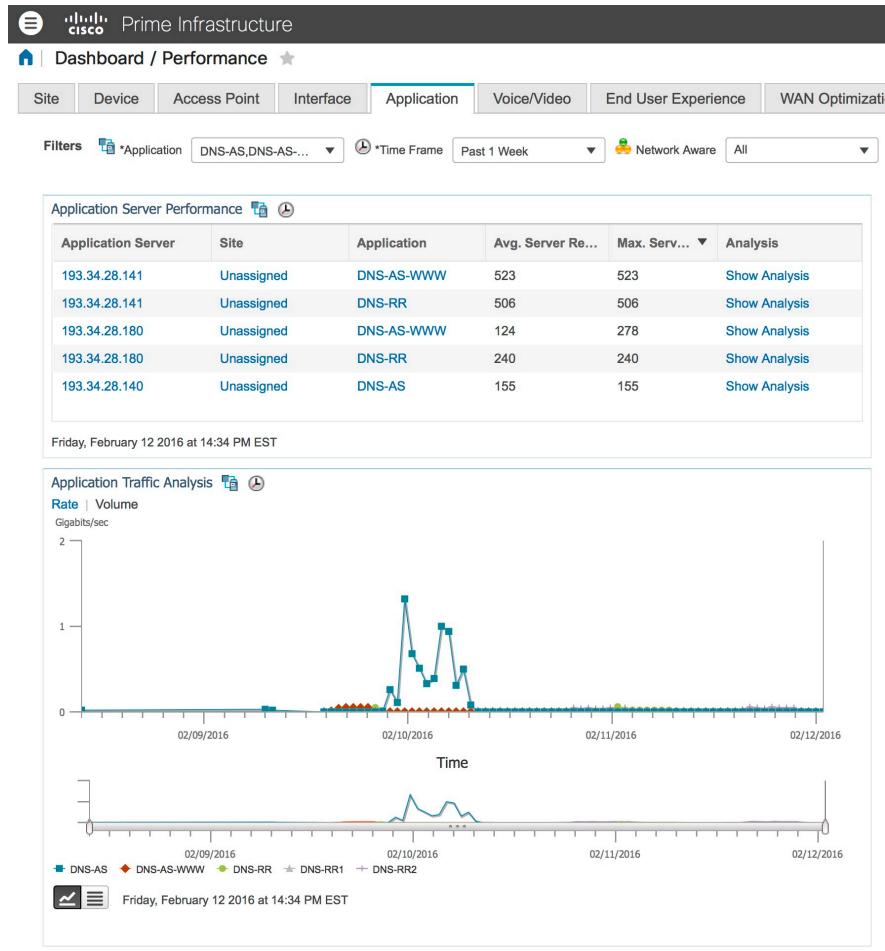
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stealth-odd#show avc dns-as client binding-table
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DNS-RR2	<default>	193.34.28.241	rr2.f1-online.net	4136	app-name:DNS-RR2 app-class:NC business:yes	2879	919
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WWW0	<default>	193.34.29.161	www.dns-as.org	1767	app-name:WWW0 app-class:TD	2879	1112
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N-BORDER	<default>	193.34.28.50	border.dns-as.org	733	app-name:N-BORDER app-class:TD business:yes	2879	2145
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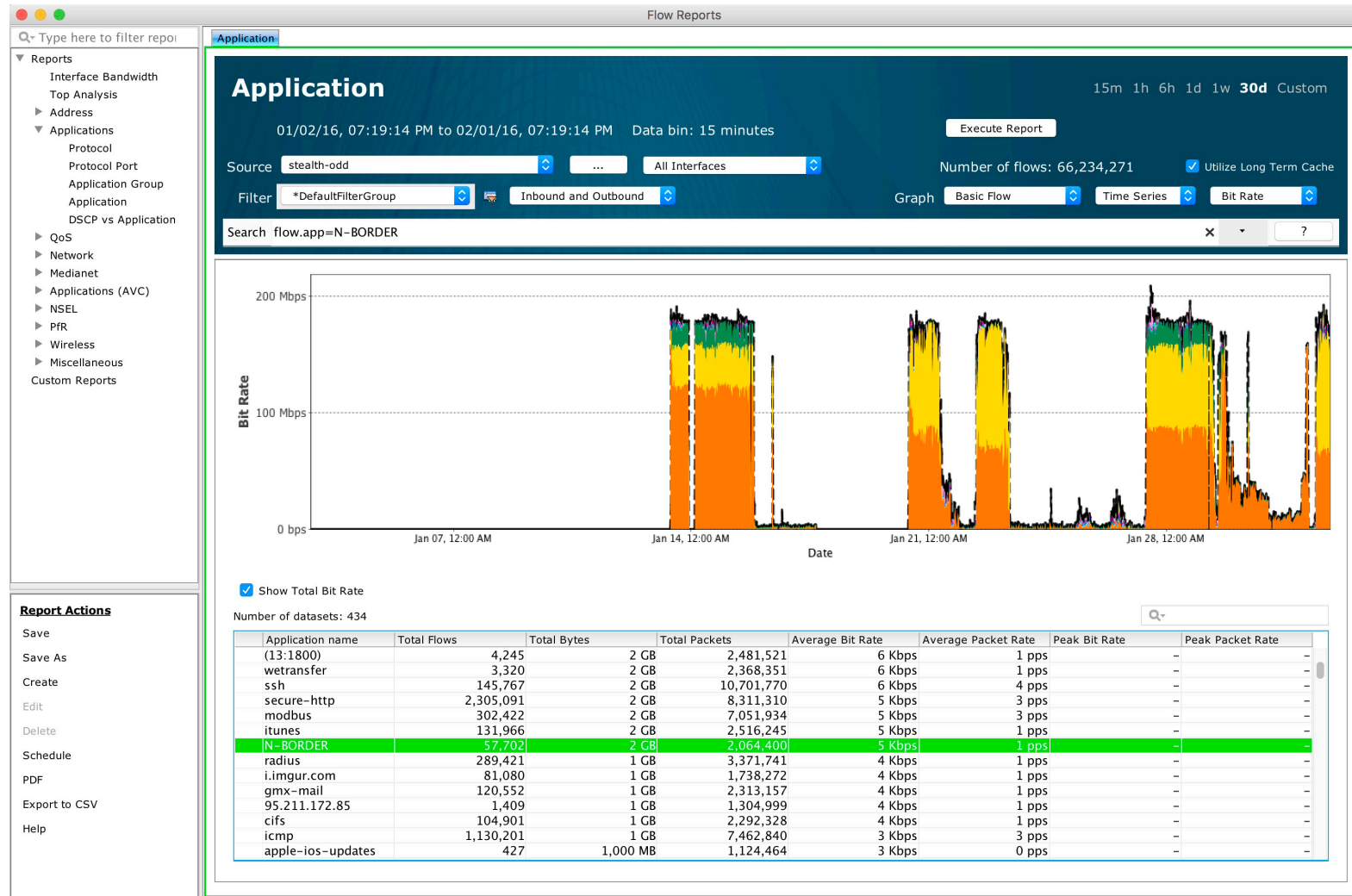
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Protocol name	Vrf	Ip List	Host	Age [min]	Text record	TTL [min]	Time to Expire [min]
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WWW0	<default>	193.34.28.47	www.dns-as.org	3560	app-name:WWW0 app-class:TD business:yes	400	37
VPN-GW-odd	<default>	193.34.31.242	vpn-gw-odd.f1-online.net	3542	app-name:VPN-GW-odd app-class:BD business:yes	1297	723
N-BORDER	<default>	193.34.28.153	border.dns-as.org	868	app-name:N-BORDER app-class:TD business:yes	802	764
MX00	<default>	193.34.29.140, 193.34.28.140	mail.dns-as.org	430	app-name:MX00 app-class:BD business:yes	2880	2437

DNS-AS & PI Visualization per https app



DNS-AS & LiveAction Visualization per https app





11. Conclusion and Open Discussion

We have come a Mile... but still a Way to Go!

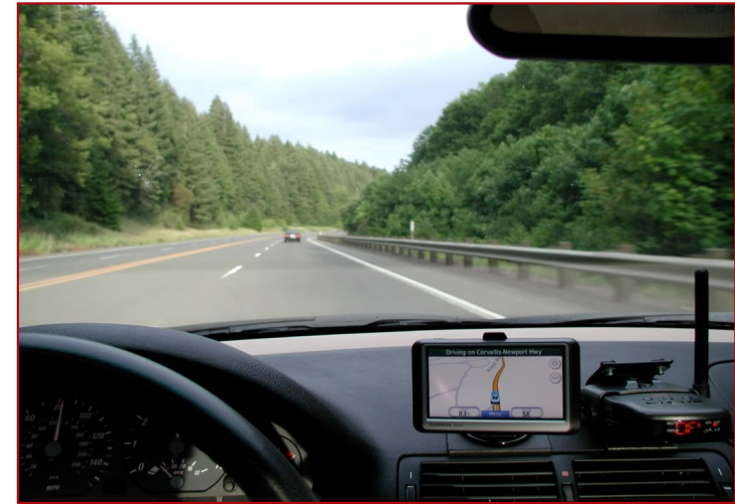
Stages in the Application Assurance Lifecycle



Blindfolded ☹️



Some Light...



Clear View 😊

DNS - Summary

DNS, as it's today already gives us a bunch of options

- Don't fix what's not fundamentally broken, don't develop a new protocol and controller for every new use case, utilize what we already use today
- We can assume that DNS really scales well, right ;-)
- Incremental steps
- RPZ allows us to fix others shortcomings (forward and reverse)
- How about DNS Security?
 - OK, don't let me get started on that one ;-)
 - Follow Best Practice's
 - If DNS is screwed we have a much bigger problem
 - VRF's
 - Autonomic Networking (self-managed PKI + ACP)
 - DNSSEC
 - MACSEC
 - BIND-CHROOT, SE-linux
 - Split DNS: MS AD, DMZ RR's, DMZ AS
 - Did I already mention, follow Best Practice's



Summary - Why DNS-AS ?

- Done with SDN?
 - Tired of Dealing with Snowflake Network Complexity?
 - More info: <http://dns-as.org>
 - Why would I want to make a best guess if I can know?
 - As more CPU cycles you could fire up your DNS-AS proxy, you have left for running DPI
 - DPI will have a hard time working with encrypted traffic
 - DPI can never work at wire rate and as more throughput we need as less feasible DPI methods become
 - DPI as all other current methods just work if you have direct admin control over the box
 - Emerging protocols like SPDY, HTTP/2, which makes it impossible to have a clear AVC view
 - DNS-AS is single point of administration without the need for having admin control over the network's in between.
 - It's all about METADATA
- Questions:**
- ✓ **Do you like the idea?**
- ✓ **Are you interested to help?**
- ✓ **IETF related work?**
- ✓ **IETF DNS-AS AVC RDATA implementation guide**
- ✓ **DNS-AS Proxy?**
- ✓ **LINUX nftables implementation?**
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