#### NCAP Discussion Group | 20 January 2021

#### Agenda:

- 1. Welcome and roll call
- 2. Update to SOI
- 3. Update on Study 2
- 4. Name Collision Outreach Efforts
- 5. .INTERNAL Case Study Review: <u>https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qJB2GuYvEKfCdGwJ7wRPfVR4Ji8yODxFS0</u> <u>9FzvmOTsg/edit#slide=id.p</u>
- 6. JAS Refresher
- 7. AOB

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### Name Collision Outreach Efforts:

started inclusion outreach endeavor looking to identify and remediate high query volume strings.



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While this unilateral outreach effort resulted in significant and successful name collision remediation, it is broader DNS community engagement, education, and participation that offers the potential to address many of the remaining name collision problems. Verisign hopes its successes will encourage participation by other organizations in similar positions in the DNS community.

Verisign is proud to be the operator for two of the world's 13 authoritative root servers. Being a root server operator carries with it many operational responsibilities. Ensuring the security, stability and resiliency of the DNS requires proactive efforts so that attacks against the root name servers do not disrupt DNS resolution, as well as the monitoring of DNS resolution patterns for misconfigurations, signaling telemetry, and unexpected or unintended uses that, without closer collaboration, could have unforeseen consequences (e.g. Chromium's impact on root DNS traffic).

Monitoring may require various forms of responsible disclosure or notification to the underlying parties. Further, monitoring the root server system poses logistical challenges

because any outreach and remediation programs must work at internet scale, and

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Verisign: took A and J data and ranked top leaking tld strings by 2 factors: first was # of queries coming out of it; 2<sup>nd</sup> was looking at cumulative distribution function of # of ASNS for that string, look at what percentile the top 3 ASNS would be at becomes a gating mechanism to identify high query high concentrated strings of particular vendors. Look at Q names and IP addresses identify what kinds of systems were causing queries. Then did outreach to see if these entities had direct contests. Used DNS OARK. Sent emails to these people and people were open to working with us and they helped make many issues disappear.

But some strings were associated with home networking equipment. Some tied to vendors. In these cases too time consuming to fix quickly.

Common causes: Suffix search list where sting was applied in a separate search list and appended on all queries.

#### Appendix A: Horizontal Study

Representative Regular Expressions across NXDOMAIN Responses



#### **Global Advisors Study**

Jeff Schmidt: refresher on analysis work done 5 yrs ago, on Jazz (??) horizontal and vertical study on DNS OARC data.

We did outreach to 200 firms. Meaningful engagement with 20 that resulted in improvements. Horizontal study effort to understand strings and query types across all name servers based on DNS OARK digital data. Across all queries that was in top level domain that was requested

Some interesting things that stood out in the data:

What kind of software generates a query that starts with AD Route (strings that start with AD route and have some stuff at the end accout for 1.3% of queires). Or software that generates a query that starts with compatibility additions or add ons......this lead us to discovering that Microsoft Active Directory has a big roleits queries start with them as DCS

.internal Case Study

# .internal case study

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# .INTERNAL Analysis :: Daily Query Volume



Graph on J, old J an dA route

#### Slide 2: Qtype Distribution

# .INTERNAL Analysis :: Qtype Distribution



# .INTERNAL Analysis :: Qtype Dist. of Strings



various delegated and non delegated strings on comparing their que types.

- Regular delegated seem to have a standardized mixture, but you will notice with .Corp, .home, .local and .mail as more of a Prevalence of SRT your service records, so maybe there is a little bit of a bias in some of these strings.
- Why as to why those strings are leaking in the first place. It's because they are DNS service discovery oriented type queries and just automatically getting sent out to find these new services and you have things like something search list depending to them and they're coming out.

### .INTERNAL Analysis :: Unique Daily Source IPs



Increase in distinct iP addresses - transient devices have been taken home due to quarantine, so .internal no longer resolving in enterprise resolution systems but going to residential ISPs

#### Slide 5: Geographical Distribution

### .INTERNAL Analysis :: Geographical Distribution





US, then Ireland for .internal Different geo distribution then .mail

Slide 6: ASN Distribution

### .INTERNAL Analysis :: ASN Distribution



**85% or 86% of all of the queries for .internal are coming from 2 autonomous systems that are** actually the same company. It's just they have two different ASes. So there is one company out there that is responsible for upwards of 80 some percent of the leakage of .internal

graph on the right is the cumulative distribution of those as isn't the percentage of traffic that they're leaking out.

Have been in contact with the "company" mentioned and working with them to fix it.

Slide 7: ASN Distribution .mail/.internal

### .INTERNAL Analysis :: ASN Distribution MAIL/INTERNAL



#### Fewer # of sources responsible for much more of the traffic

#### Slide 8: Label Analysis



### .INTERNAL Analysis :: Label Analysis

the graph on the left is looking at the percentage of the number of labels contained within the key name. vs .mail with 60% having only 1 label, .internal has more context in terms of labels and content within query name



### .INTERNAL Analysis :: Label Analysis

web page for Cooper Nettie technology that is Called rancher and it suggests putting your DNS under a suffix search list for rancher .internal ee're seeing a change that the rancher software is probably very likely the the root cause of many of these others. So I have made it a item to submit a ticket to GitHub and disclose this

Warren: believe this issue was with an older version of .rancher; ended in 2018 with new version. The fact that this is still seen gives us a metric for expectations at how quickly a software related issue ends even after software is changed.

### .INTERNAL Analysis :: SVC Segway and Kubernetes

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This is for .svc, which started getting 127million queries per day. Looks similar to .internal.....85% came from a company whose cloud infrastructure was using a Kubernetes configuration leaking out svc queries.

# Data Sensitivity Analysis

Slide 11:



Different than .mail.

Slide 13: Root ASN Overlap and IP Growth 2

# .INTERNAL Analysis :: Root ASN Overlap and IP growth



#### Slide 14: SLD Overlap Analysis

### .INTERNAL Analysis :: SLD Overlap Analysis



The catchment of A and J differ. 80% of SLDs only seen once in the month.