## **DNSSEC / Privacy**

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### **Today's Lecture**

- Finish discussion of DNSSEC
  - Ensuring that DNS results indeed match those from the corresponding authority

- A look at privacy
  - -Mechanisms & practices that subvert it
  - -Technical measures to obtain it

### **Securing DNS Lookups**

- How can we ensure that when clients look up names with DNS, they can trust the answers they receive?
- Idea #1: do DNS lookups over TLS
  - (assuming either we run DNS over TCP, or we use "Datagram TLS")
  - Issues?
    - Performance: DNS is very lightweight. TLS is not.
    - Caching: crucial for DNS scaling. But then how do we keep authentication assurances?
- Idea #2: make DNS results like certs
  - I.e., a verifiable signature that guarantees who generated a piece of data; signing happens off-line

## **Operation of DNSSEC**

- DNSSEC = standardized DNS security extensions currently being deployed
- 1. Suppose we look up mail.google.com
  - We get an answer from google.com nameserver (NS)
  - Plus: signature for answer (in Additional section) purportedly signed by google.com NS
- 2. Look up public key for google.com NS
  - That answer is signed by .com NS
- 3. Look up public key for . com NS

– That answer is signed by root ('.') NS

- 4. Root NS's public key is wired into our resolver
- All of these keys are *cacheable*

(simplified)





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### **Issues With DNSSEC ?**

- Issue #1: Replies are Big
  - E.g., "dig +dnssec berkeley.edu" can return 2100+ B
  - DoS amplification
  - Increased latency on low-capacity links
  - Headaches w/ older libraries that assume replies < 512B</li>
- Issue #2: Partial deployment
  - Suppose .com not signing, though google.com is
  - Major practical concern. What do we do?
  - Can wire additional key into resolver (doesn't scale)
  - Or: outsource to trusted third party ("lookaside")
    - Wire their key into resolver, they sign numerous early adopters

### Issues With DNSSEC, con't

- Issue #3: Partial deployment
  - What do you do with unsigned/unvalidated results?
  - If you trust them, weakens incentive to upgrade
  - If you don't trust them, a whole lot of things break
- Issue #4: Negative results ("no such name")
  - What statement does the nameserver sign?
  - If "gabluph.google.com" doesn't exist, then have to do dynamic key-signing (expensive) for any bogus request

DoS vulnerability

- Instead, sign (off-line) statements about order of names
  - E.g., sign "gabby.google.com followed by gabrunk.google.com"
  - Thus, can see that gabluph.google.com can't exist
- But: now attacker can enumerate all names that exist :-(

### Issues With DNSSEC, con't

- Issue #5: Who do you really trust?
  - For your laptop, say, who does all the "grunt work" of fetching keys & validating DNSSEC signatures?
- Convenient answer: your laptop's local resolver
  - ... which you acquire via DHCP in your local coffeeshop
  - I.e., exactly the most-feared potentially untrustworthy part of the DNS resolution process!
- Alternatives?

 $\Rightarrow$  Your laptop needs to do all the validation work itself

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# **Defining Privacy**

- Privacy = right to control who knows certain aspects about you / your communications / your activities
  - Control over disclosure
  - And ideally over subsequent use
- How much of an issue is this?
   E.g., how much information about you do web sites learn as you surf?

# **Privacy & Web Surfing**

- The sites you visit learn:
  - The URLs you're interested in
    - Google/Bing also learns what you're searching for
  - Your IP address
    - Thus, your service provider & geo-location
    - Can often link you to other activity including at other sites
  - Your browser's capabilities, which OS you run, which language you prefer
  - Which URL you looked at that took you there
    - Via "Referer" header

# Privacy & Web Surfing, con't

- Oh and also cookies.
- Cookies = state that server tells browser to store locally
  - Name/value pair, plus expiration date
- Browser returns the state any time visiting the same site
- Where's the harm in that? And are these used much anyway?

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# **Third-Party Cookies**

- How can a web site enable a third party to plant cookies in your browser & later retrieve them?
  - Answer: using a "web bug"
  - Include on the site's page (for example):
    - <img src="http://doubleclick.net/ad.gif" width=1
      height=1>
- Why would a site do that?
  - Site has a business relationship w/ DoubleClick<sup>\*</sup>
  - Now DoubleClick sees all of your activity that involves their web sites (each of them includes the web bug)
    - Because your browser dutifully sends them their cookies for any web page that has that web bug
    - Identifier in cookie ties together activity as = YOU

\* Owned by Google, by the way

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# **Google Analytics**

- Any web site can (anonymously) register with Google to instrument their site for *analytics* 
  - Gather information about who visits, what they do when they visit
- To do so, site adds a small Javascript snippet that loads http://www.google-analytics.com/ga.js
  - You can see sites that do this because they introduce a "\_\_utma" cookie
- Code ships off to Google information associated with your visit to the web site
  - Shipped by fetching a GIF w/ values encoded in URL
  - Web site can use it to analyze their ad "campaigns"
  - Not a small amount of info ...

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## Values Reported via **Google Analytics**

Affiliation Billing City Billing Region Browser Lang. Page Title Complete URL Product Code Cookie Values Current Page Event Tracking Flash Version Grand Total

Host Name Java-enabled Billing Country Language Encoding Order ID Product Name Profile Number Repeat Campaign Visit Quantity Screen Color Depth

Screen Resolution Shipping Cost Special Event Start Campaign Sess. Tax Tracking Code Version Unique GIF ID Unit Price User Defined Var Variations on an Item

### Still More Tracking Techniques ...

 Any scenario where browsers execute programs that manage persistent state can support tracking by cookies

-Such as .... Flash ?

M http://www.macromedia.com/support/documentation/en/flashplayer/help/settings\_manager06.html

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#### Flash Player Help

#### Website Privacy Settings panel

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#### Flash Player Help

#### Settings Manager

- Global Privacy Settings Panel
- Global Storage Settings Panel
- Global Security Settings Panel
- Global Notifications Settings Panel
- Website Privacy Settings Panel
- Website Storage Settings Panel

#### Display Settings Local Storage Settings Microphone Settings Camera Settings Privacy Settings Local Storage Pop-Up Question Privacy Pop-Up Question Security Pop-Up Question About Updating Adobe Flash Player

Some Flash cookies "respawn" regular browser cookies that you previously deleted!

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#### Website Privacy Settings

For websites you have already visited, view o settings for access to your camera and / or micro

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8	d.scribd.com	2 KB	100 KB	
83	mail.google.com	1 KB	100 KB	
-0	static.usnews.com		100 KB	

Note: The Settings Manager that you see above is not an image; it is the actual Settings Manager. Click the tabs to see different panels, and click the options in the panels to change your Adobe Flash Player settings.

The list of websites above is stored on your computer o My browser had or change your privacy settings or local storage settings to this list, or to any of the information that the websites your computer.

Flash cookies from 67 sites!

Sure, this is where you'd

think to look to analyze

what Flash cookies are

stored on your machine

Use this panel to specify privacy settings for any of the

requested permission to use your camera or microphone or to store information on your computer.

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 Surely though something as innocuous as cut-and-paste is safe though, right? (demo)

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#### Keep Your Users

tynt keywords

Find out what outbound keywords are causing your users to leave.

#### Improve Search Rank

tynt seo (formerly insight) Generate more search engines visible links back to your content.

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#### Measure Social Impact tynt social

Understand what social channels are most effective.

#### tynt. labs / api

See how Tynt is showcasing the most engaging content on the web. ...more -->

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Login Join Twitter!

### My baby girl.... http://t.co/5qLfLV6

2 minutes ago via Twitter for Android

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### twitpic

Click here to login or create an account >

Sign in with Twitter

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**@BritBangert** Brittany Bangert April 5, 2011

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Login to leave a comment

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# **Privacy - What's the Big Deal?**

- Cookies etc. form the core of how Internet advertising works today
  - Without them, arguably you'd have to pay for content up front a lot more
    - (and payment would mean you'd lose anonymity anyway)
  - A "better ad experience" is not necessarily bad
    - Ads that reflect your interests; not seeing repeated ads
- But: ease of gathering so much data so easily ⇒ concern of losing control how it's used
  - Mission creep ...
    - Consider how ordering a pizza in the near future might work (http://www.aclu.org/ordering-pizza)
  - Content shared with friends doesn't just stay with friends …

### **Careerbuilder.com** More Employers Screening Candidates via Social Networking Sites

Five tips for creating a positive online image Rosemary Haefner, Vice President of Human Resources at CareerBuilder

![](_page_41_Picture_2.jpeg)

When you interview, they Know What You've Posted

Gone are the days when all job seekers had to worry about were their résumés and cover letters. Today, those documents remain a staple of the <u>job-search</u> process, but they are joined by a growing phenomenon: social networking.

Forty-five percent of employers reported in a June 2009 CareerBuilder survey that they use social networking sites to screen potential employees, compared to only 22 percent of employers last year. Eleven percent of employers plan to start using <u>social</u> <u>networking</u> sites for the screening process. More than 2,600 hiring managers participated in the survey.

#### Why employers disregard candidates after screening online

Thirty-five percent of employers reported they have found content on social networking sites that caused them not to hire the candidate, including:

- Candidate posted provocative or inappropriate photographs or information --53 percent
- Candidate posted content about them drinking or using drugs -- 44 percent
- Candidate bad-mouthed their previous employer, co-workers or clients -- 35 percent
- Candidate showed poor communication skills -- 29 percent
- Candidate made discriminatory comments -- 26 percent
- Candidate lied about qualifications -- 24 percent
- Candidate shared confidential information from previous employer -- 20 percent

## **How To Gain Better Privacy?**

- Force of law
  - Example #1: web site privacy policies
    - US sites that violate them commit false advertising
    - But: policy might be "Yep, we sell everything about you, Ha Ha!"

## THE NEW YORKER's Privacy Policy (when you buy their archives)

7. Collection of Viewing Information. You acknowledge that you are aware of and consent to the collection of your viewing information during your use of the Software and/or Content. Viewing information may include, without *limitation, the time spent viewing specific pages,* the order in which pages are viewed, the time of day pages are accessed, IP address and user ID. This viewing information may be linked to personally identifiable information, such as name or address and shared with third parties.

# How To Gain Better Privacy?

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- But: policy might be "Yep, we sell everything about you, Ha Ha!"
- Example #2: SB 1386
  - Requires an agency, person or business that conducts business in California and owns or licenses computerized 'personal information' to disclose any breach of security (to any resident whose unencrypted data is believed to have been disclosed)
  - Quite effective at getting sites to pay attention to securing personal information

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Home > News > Security

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May 8, 2009 1:53 PM PDT

### UC Berkeley computers hacked, 160,000 at risk

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This post was updated at 2:16 p.m. PDT with comment from an outside database security software vendor.

Hackers broke into the University of California at Berkeley's health services center computer and potentially stole the personal information of more than 160,000 students, alumni, and others, the university announced Friday.

At particular risk of identity theft are some 97,000 individuals whose Social Security numbers were accessed in the breach, but it's still unclear whether hackers were able to match up those SSNs with individual names, Shelton Waggener, UCB's chief technology officer, said in a press conference Friday afternoon.