

Internal Domain Name Collision 2.0

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*“A **name collision** occurs when an attempt to resolve a name used in a **private name space** (e.g., short, unqualified name) results in a query to the **public Domain Name System** (DNS).*

*When the administrative boundaries of **private** and **public** namespaces **overlap**, name resolution may yield **unintended** or **harmful** results.”*

ICANN, 2013

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Introduction

- Hired to perform a RedTeam engagement for an IT Services Company



- ~300 Employees (with strong IT background)
- Limited external footprint
 - Hosted WordPress
 - Client Portal (.NET)
 - Exchange Server
 - VPN (SonicWall)

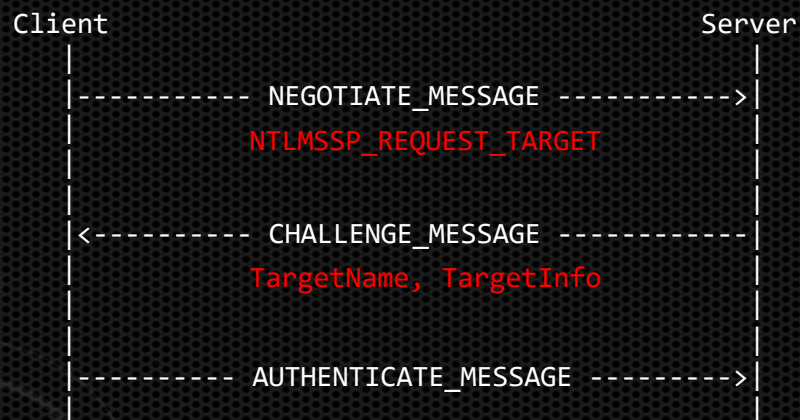
Introduction

```
L# telnet exch01.initech.com 25
Trying exch01.initech.com...
Connected to exchange.initech.com.
Escape character is '^]'.
220 mail.initech.com Microsoft ESMTP MAIL Service ready at Mon, 16 Oct 2023 17:08:49 +0200
ehlo hack.lu
250-exch01.initech.com Hello [211.219.156.149]
250-SIZE 37748736
250-PIPELINING
250-DSN
250-ENHANCEDSTATUSCODES
250-STARTTLS
250-AUTH NTLM ←
250-8BITMIME
250 BINARYMIME
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€34.07

Renews at €35.92/yr

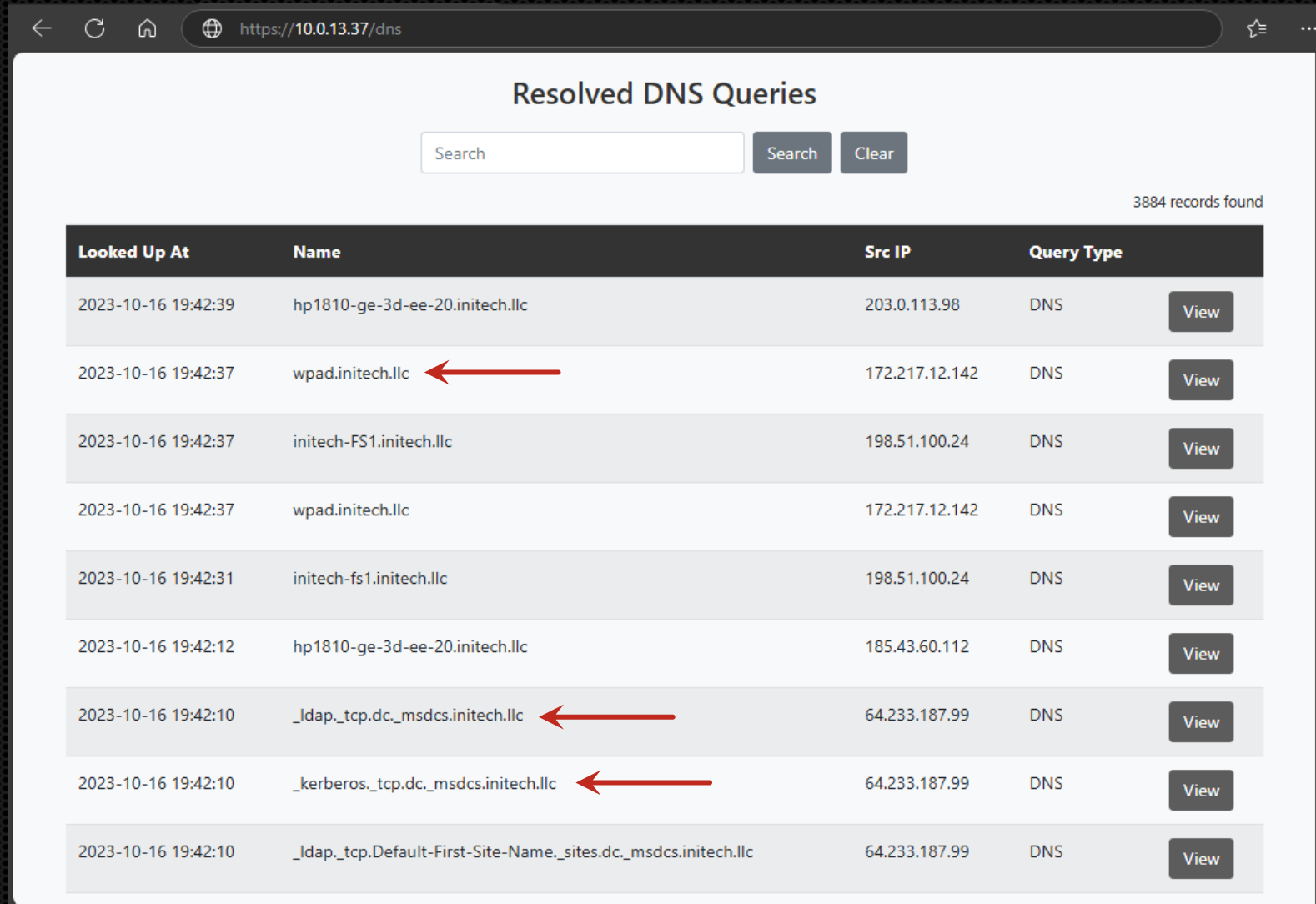


```
L# nmap -p 25 --script smtp-ntlm-info exch01.initech.com
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-10-16 17:18 EDT
Nmap scan report for exch01.initech.com (211.219.156.149)
Host is up (0.013s latency).
```

```
PORT      STATE      SERVICE
25/tcp    open      smtp

| smtp-ntlm-info:
|   Target_Name: INITECH
|   NetBIOS_Domain_Name: INITECH
|   NetBIOS_Computer_Name: EXCH01
|   DNS_Domain_Name: initech.llc ←
|   DNS_Computer_Name: EXCH01.initech.llc
|   DNS_Tree_Name: initech.llc
|_  Product_Version: 10.0.14393
```

Introduction



Resolved DNS Queries

Search Search Clear

3884 records found

Looked Up At	Name	Src IP	Query Type	
2023-10-16 19:42:39	hp1810-ge-3d-ee-20.initech.llc	203.0.113.98	DNS	View
2023-10-16 19:42:37	wpad.initech.llc	172.217.12.142	DNS	View
2023-10-16 19:42:37	initech-FS1.initech.llc	198.51.100.24	DNS	View
2023-10-16 19:42:37	wpad.initech.llc	172.217.12.142	DNS	View
2023-10-16 19:42:31	initech-fs1.initech.llc	198.51.100.24	DNS	View
2023-10-16 19:42:12	hp1810-ge-3d-ee-20.initech.llc	185.43.60.112	DNS	View
2023-10-16 19:42:10	_ldap_tcp.dc.msdc.initech.llc	64.233.187.99	DNS	View
2023-10-16 19:42:10	_kerberos_tcp.dc.msdc.initech.llc	64.233.187.99	DNS	View
2023-10-16 19:42:10	_ldap_tcp.Default-First-Site-Name_sites.dc.msdc.initech.llc	64.233.187.99	DNS	View

- Responder

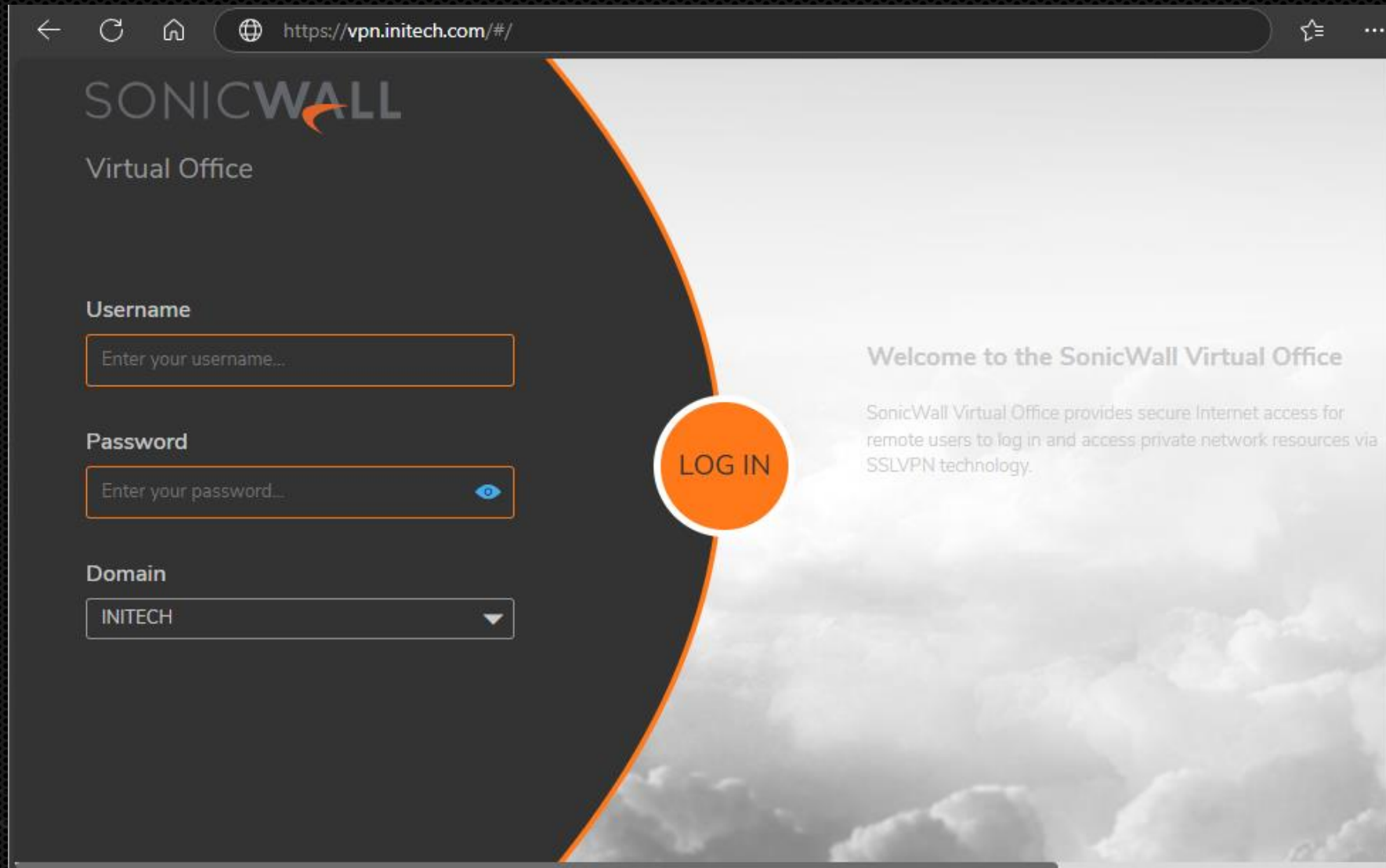
- Responder

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Started: Wed Nov 22 15:42:52 2024
Stopped: Wed Nov 22 15:42:55 2024
```

Introduction



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `https://vpn.initech.com/#/`. The page features the SonicWall logo and the text "Virtual Office". On the left, there are three input fields: "Username" with a placeholder "Enter your username...", "Password" with a placeholder "Enter your password..." and an eye icon, and "Domain" with a dropdown menu showing "INITECH". A large orange circular button with the text "LOG IN" is positioned in the center. On the right, a welcome message reads: "Welcome to the SonicWall Virtual Office" followed by "SonicWall Virtual Office provides secure Internet access for remote users to log in and access private network resources via SSLVPN technology." The background of the page is a dark grey with a large orange arc and a white circle, set against a cloudy sky image.

SONICWALL
Virtual Office

Username
Enter your username...

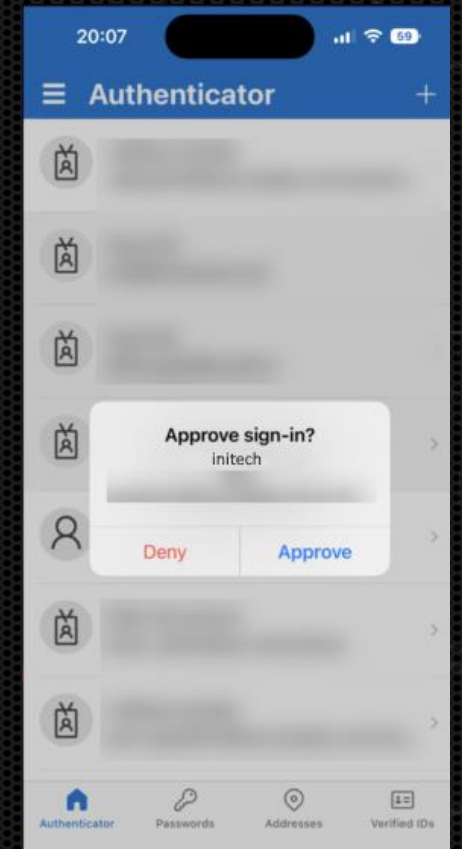
Password
Enter your password...

Domain
INITECH

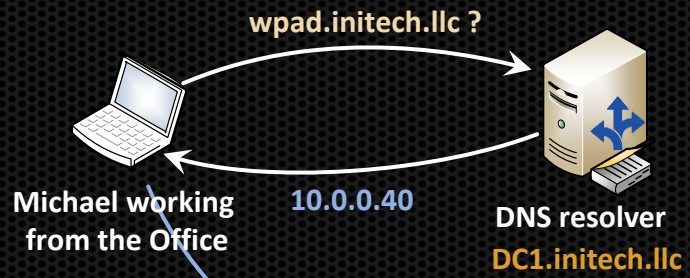
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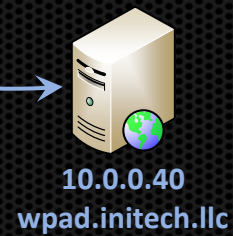


What happened ?

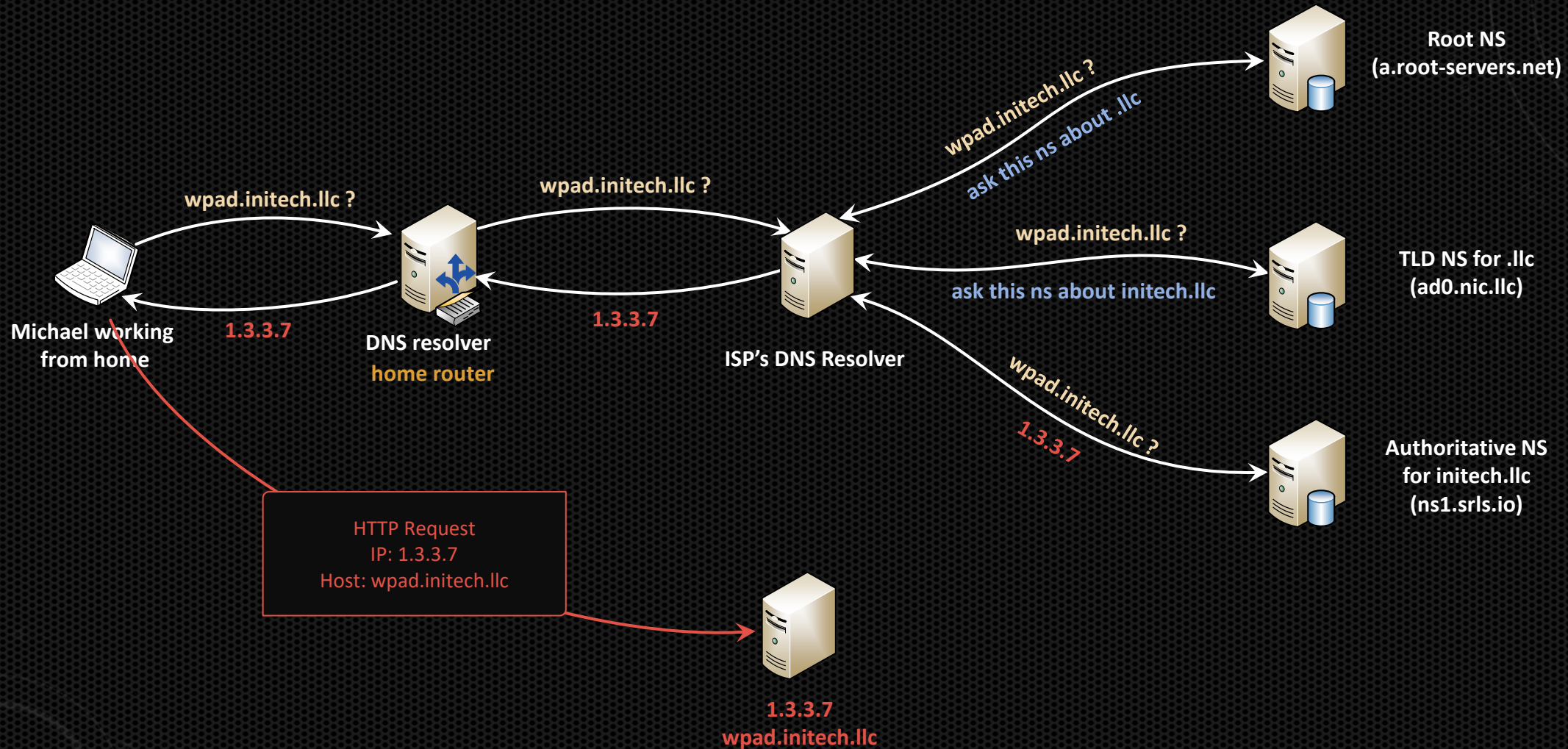


DNS Zone initech.llc		
Name	Type	Data
intranet.	A	10.0.0.41
wpad.	A	10.0.0.40
DC1.		10.0.0.10
__ldap._tcp.dc._msdcs.	SRV	[0][100][DC1.initech.llc]

HTTP Request
IP: 10.0.0.40
Host: wpad.initech.llc



What happened ?



Definitions

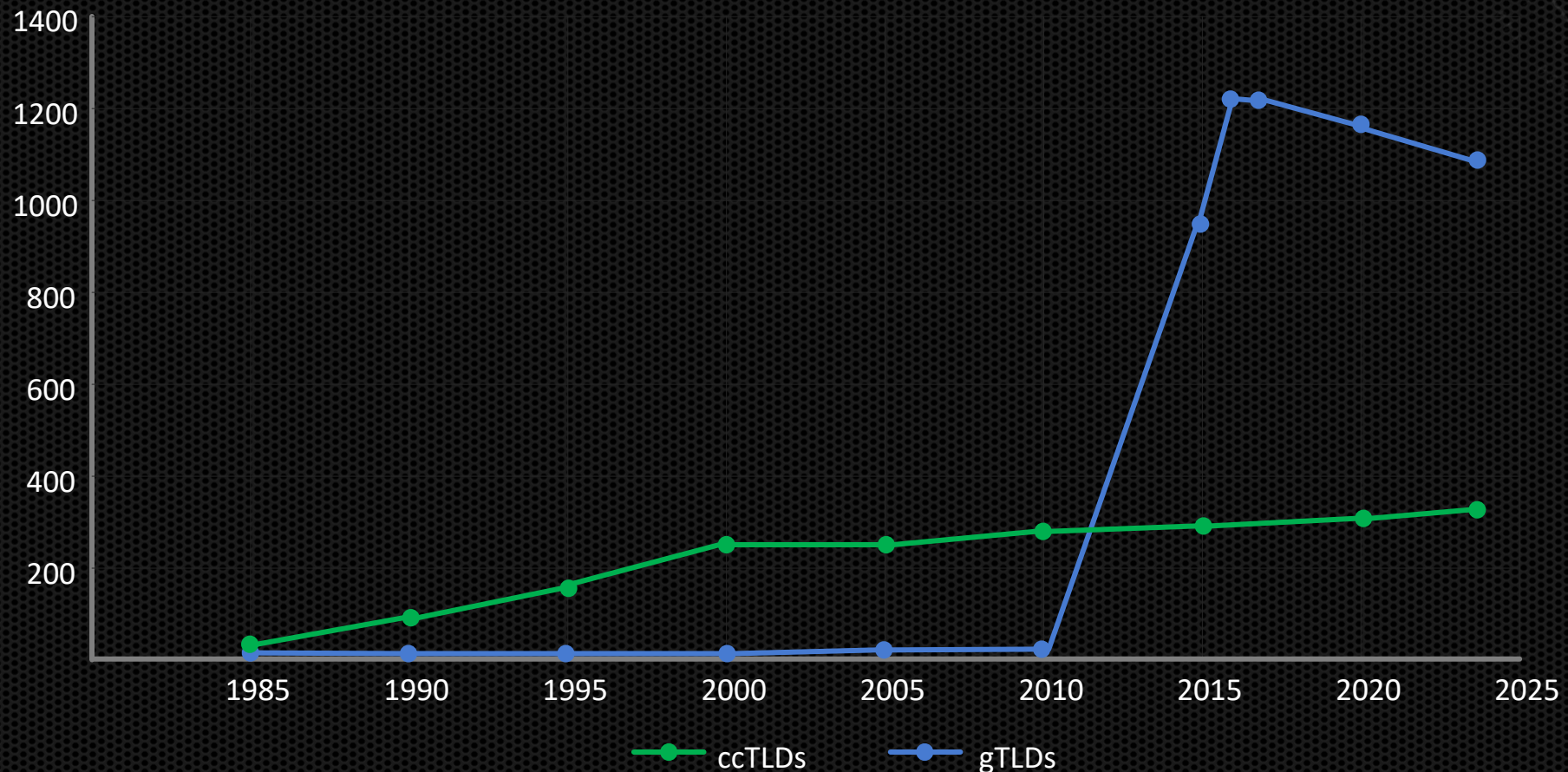
Top Level Domains (TLDs)

There are several categories of TLDs, each serving different purposes.

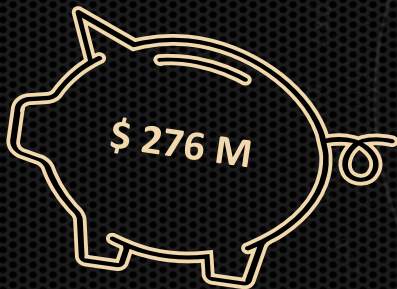
- **Generic Top-Level Domains (gTLDs)**
 - .com, .net, .org, .llc, etc.
- **Country Code Top-Level Domains (ccTLDs)**
 - .us, .fr, .de, .it, etc.
- **Sponsored Top-Level Domains (sTLDs)**
 - .edu, .gov, .mil, .int, etc.

New gTLDs

- Up until 2013, there were 8 gTLDs (.com, .net, .org, .biz, .info, .name, .pro, .mobi)
- In 2013, ICANN launched a program to allow new gTLDs to be added the Internet's root zone
- Between 2013 and 2016, over **1200** new gTLDs were introduced.



ICANN Revenue

- **One time revenue from new gTLD applicants**
 - New gTLDs application fee: **\$227,000** (non-refundable)
 - New gTLDs contention resolution (e.g., auctions for contested TLDs)
 - .shop – acquired by GMO Registry for **\$41.5 million**
 - .app – acquired by Google for **\$25 million**
 - .tech – acquired by Radix for **\$6.76 million**
 - .store – acquired by Radix for **\$5.1 million**
- **Recurring revenue from gTLD registry operators** (1,131 registry operators) 
 - Annual registry fee: **\$25,000** per year
 - Transaction fee: **\$0.25** per transaction (i.e., registrations, renewals, or transfers) after the first 50,000 transactions/ quarter
- **Recurring revenue from Registrar** (~2800 accredited registrars) 
 - Application fee: **\$3,500** (non-refundable)
 - Annual accreditation fee: **\$4,000** per year
 - Variable accreditation fee: **\$3.42 million** in 2024 (distributed among all registrar based on their market share)
 - Transaction-based fee : **\$0.18** per domain per year 

Registry Operator Revenue

- First sale (often discounted because it is a competitive market)
- Renewal = Recuring revenue
 - .com – **154 million domains** @ \$9.59 = ~\$ **1,476 million**
 - .shop – **3,4 million domains** @ \$30.00 = ~\$ **102 million**
 - .app – **730k domains** @\$15.00 = ~\$**10.95 million**
 - .tech – **470k domains** @\$45.00 = ~\$**21.15 million**
 - .store – **1,6 millions domains** @35.00 = ~\$**56 million**

Problems introduced by new gTLDs

Unintended consequences

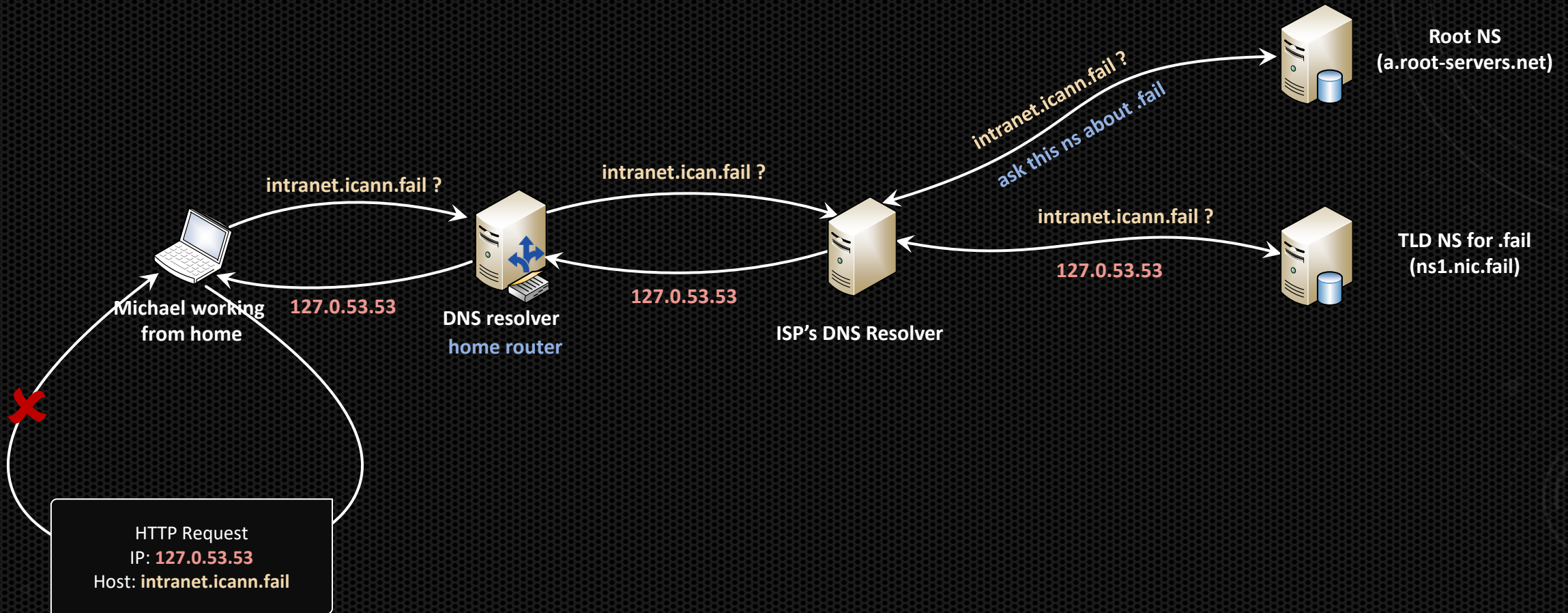
- **Brand protection**
 - Defensive registrations became costly for companies.
- **User confusion & trust issues**
 - Similar-looking domains increase phishing/social engineering risks.
- **Internal naming collisions**
 - Many enterprises had already deployed internal domains that now conflict with these new gTLDs.
 - Can't rename an Active Directory.

ICANN's effort to prevent name collision

“Name collision occurrence management framework” (© JAS Global Advisors)

- Restrict “high-risk” strings (e.g., **.home**, **.corp**, **.mail**)
 - but string like .homes, .llc, .inc or .email are “safe”
- **Controlled interruption** for a continuous period of no less than **90 days**.
- **Emergency rollback**, if high collision rate is detected.
- Registry operators must respond to ICANN's name collision reports within **24 hours**.

Controlled interruption



Controlled interruption



pot NS
servers.net)

NS for .fail
(.nic.fail)

Methodology

Methodology

- **Objective #1:** Find internal domain names **leaked externally**
- **Objective #2:** Find internal domain names that **match a valid FQDN** (i.e., SLD.TLD)
- **Objective #3:** Find internal domain with public FQDN that are **not registered**

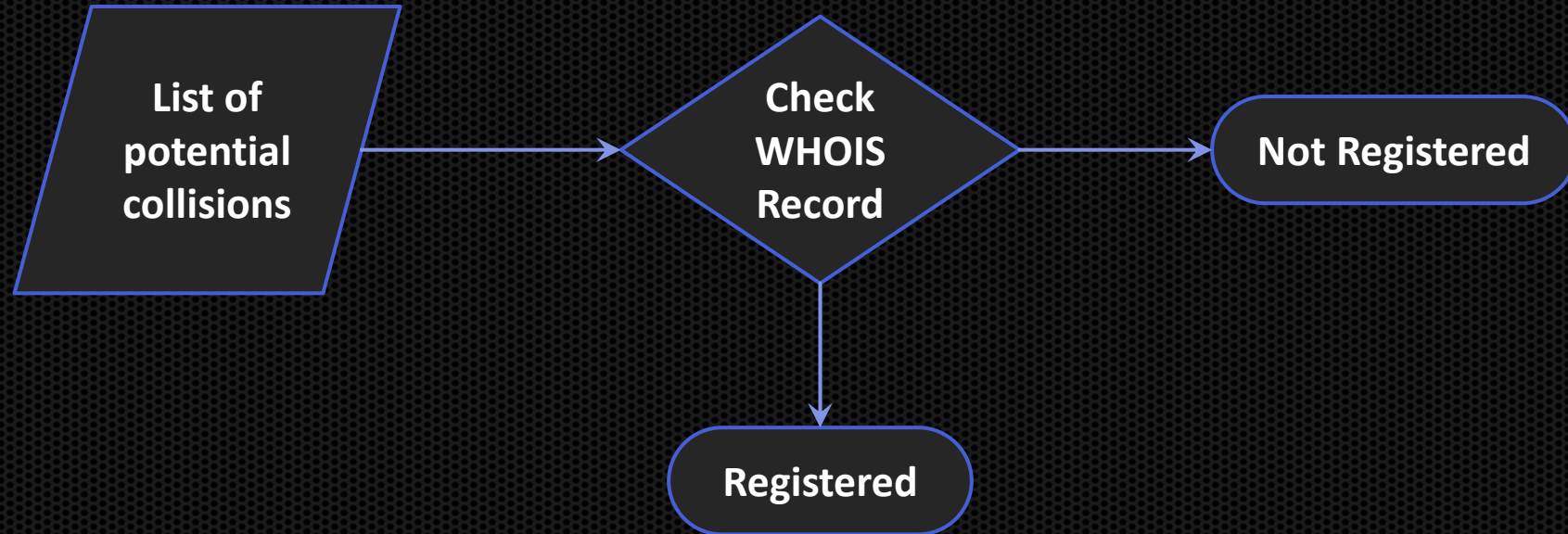
Objective #1 – Leaks of internal domain names

- Banner (e.g., Telnet, FTP, SMTP)
- SSL Self-Signed Cert
- CRL in SSL Certs
- Email Headers (e.g. Received, Message-ID)
- Content Security Policy
- NTLM Authentication
 - HTTP/HTTPS, SMTP, RDP, SQL, etc.
- TLS Services
 - RDP, SMTPS, IMAPs, FTPS, etc.

Objective #2 - TLDs prone to ~~confusion~~ collision

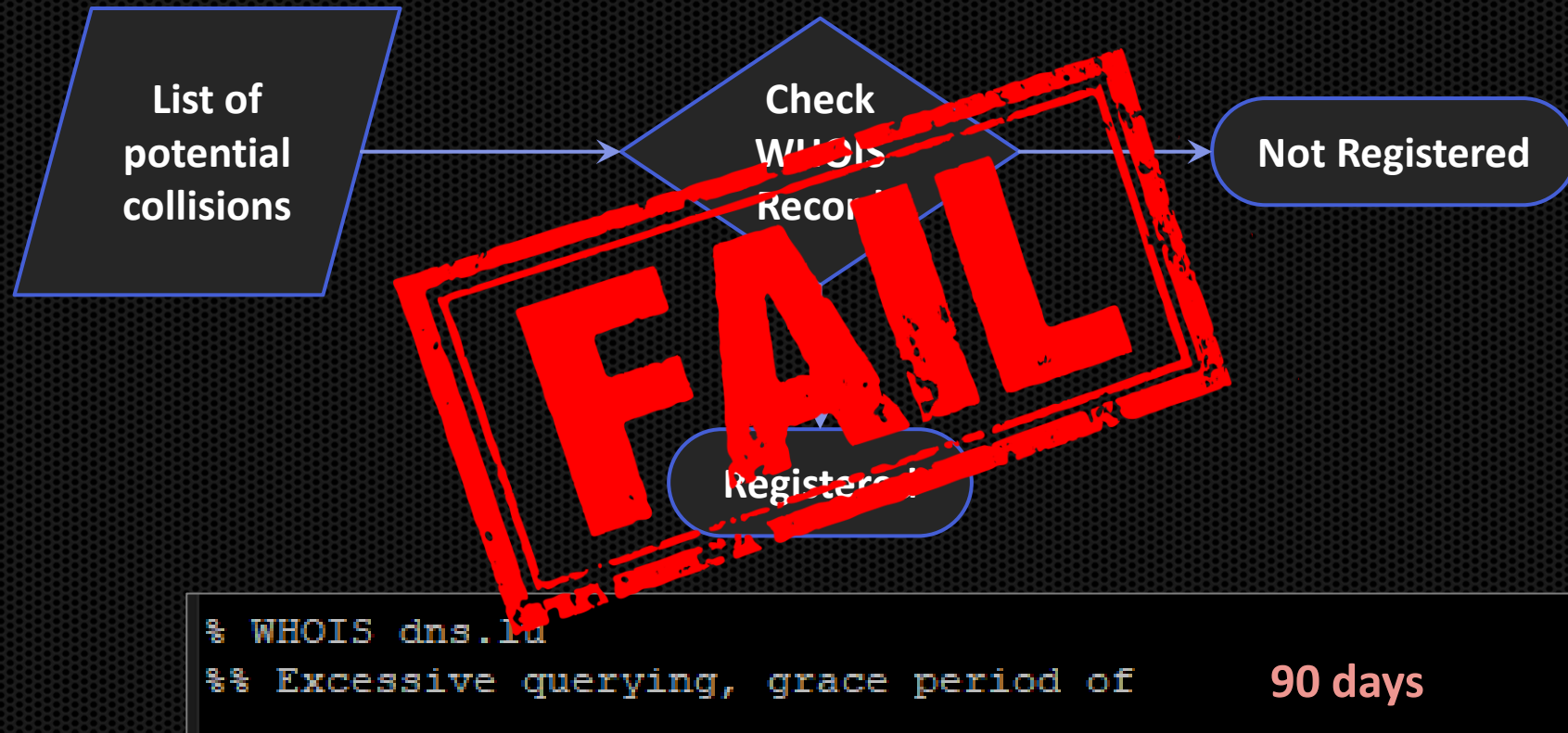
- ccTLDs
 - **.ad** = Active Directory (Andorra)
 - **.ms** = Microsoft (Montserrat)
 - **.io** = In/Out (British Indian Ocean Territory)
 - **.ai** = Artificial Intelligence (Anguilla)
 - **.ws** = Web Service (Western Samoa)
 - **.co** = Company (Colombia)
- gTLDs
 - **Generic business terms** (.company, .group, .tech, .global, .services)
 - **Common legal entities** (.inc, .llc, .ltd, .plc, .gmbh, .limited, .srl, .sarl)
 - **Ambiguous / Common technical terms** (.host, .email, .zone, .site, .dev, .box, .cloud)

Objective #3 – Check registration status

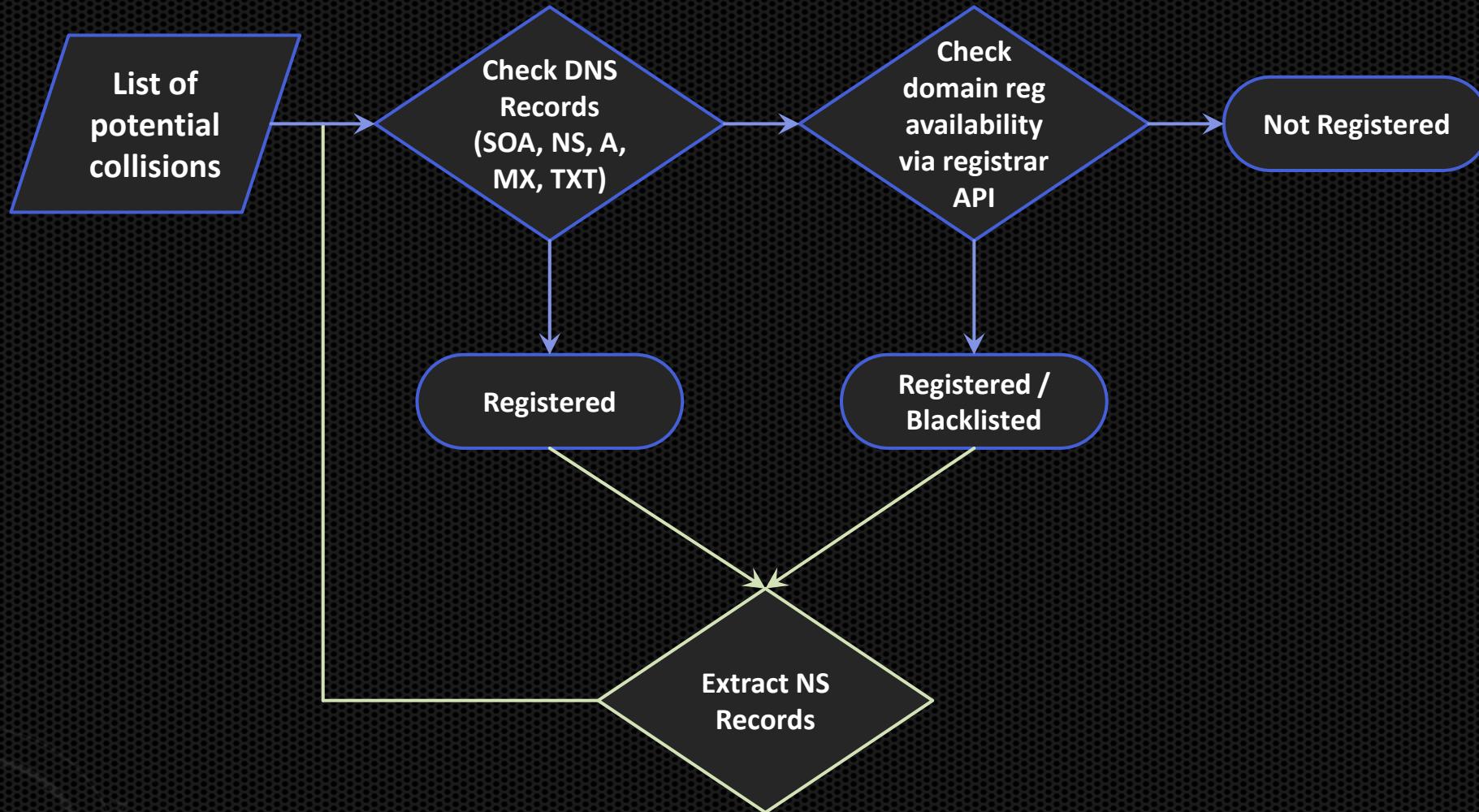


```
% WHOIS dns.lu  
%% Excessive querying, grace period of 90 days
```


Objective #3 – Check registration status



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Examples

Examples - memrtcc.ad



Certificates

names: "*.memrtcc.ad"

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Search

PC

Results

Report Docs

Certificate Filters

For all fields, see [Data Definitions](#)

Label:

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Issuer:

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Uns

Certificates

Results: 3,076 Time: 6.04s

✓ AVAILABLE

 memrtcc.ad

Domains include:  EMAIL  DNS  SSL

Duration
2 years

€69.00/year 

 [Domain info](#)

⚙ CN=P5139.memrtcc.ad

 P5139.memrtcc.ad

 2023-05-28 — 2023-11-27

 P5139.memrtcc.ad

⚙ CN=P9566.memrtcc.ad

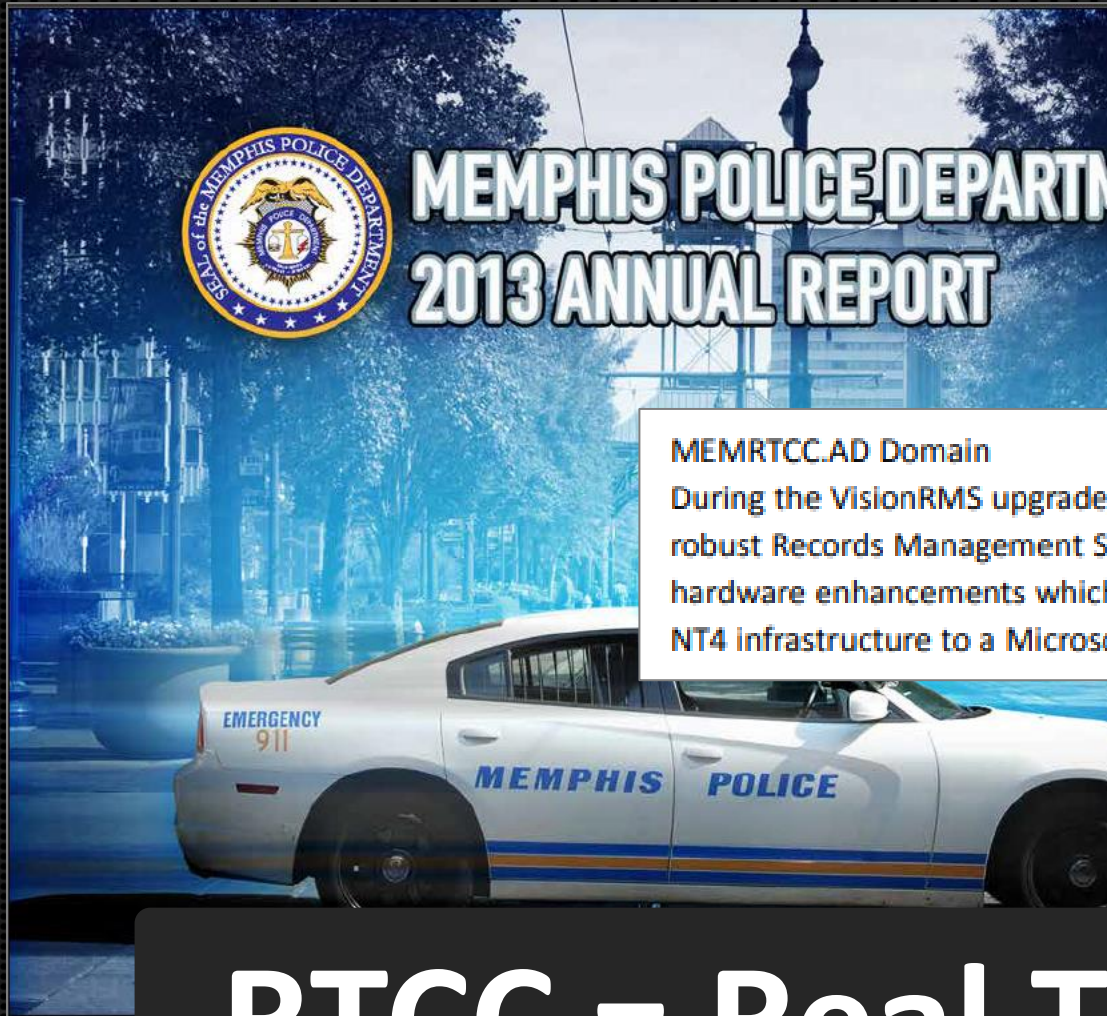
 P9566.memrtcc.ad

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 P9566.memrtcc.ad

=MPD-

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Information Systems

Mission Statement

The mission of MPD's Information Technology Division is to optimize the Department's ability to protect and serve the citizens of Memphis through the efficient and innovative use of the most advanced Information Technology (IT) available. Challenges include identifying which technologies should be incorporated to achieve the greatest public safety benefit. Responsibilities include planning, developing, implementing, and

Accomplishments for 2013

During fiscal year 2013, we made significant progress on a number of key initiatives designed to enhance services and increase operational efficiencies. Most notable were:

VisionRMS Upgrade
The IT Division of the Memphis Police Department worked with TriTech Software Systems to upgrade our 13 year old Records Management System, VisionRMS 3 TN Metro release, to Inform RMS 4.5.

MEMRTCC.AD Domain
During the VisionRMS upgrade, MPD IT enhanced its IT infrastructure to support a more robust Records Management System. Through strategic planning we were able to leverage hardware enhancements which allowed us to start migrating from an outdated Windows NT4 infrastructure to a Microsoft Windows Server Active Directory environment.

2014 Information Systems Goals

- Information Systems plans to migrate all MPD users from the antiquated, NT4 Memphis Police domain to a more robust Active Directory domain (MEM RTCC domain).
- Update the paperless Watson reporting suite from a Windows PC platform to the Android platform that allows for greater functionality.
- Complete the Vision RMS upgrade that will result in a more efficient RMS with greater functionality & storage capacity.

Plans are in place for the implementation of the new cyberwatch program, electronic FTO program and an electronic bid program.

Institute the (ACES) Automated Case Examination Service investigative protocol.

Add cameras to the Greater Memphis Greenline.

Enhancements to our Port Security program.

Additional SkyCop & SkyWatch surveillance platforms.

agency's compliance to the CJIS Security Policy and the Management Control Agreement.

MEMRTCC.AD Domain

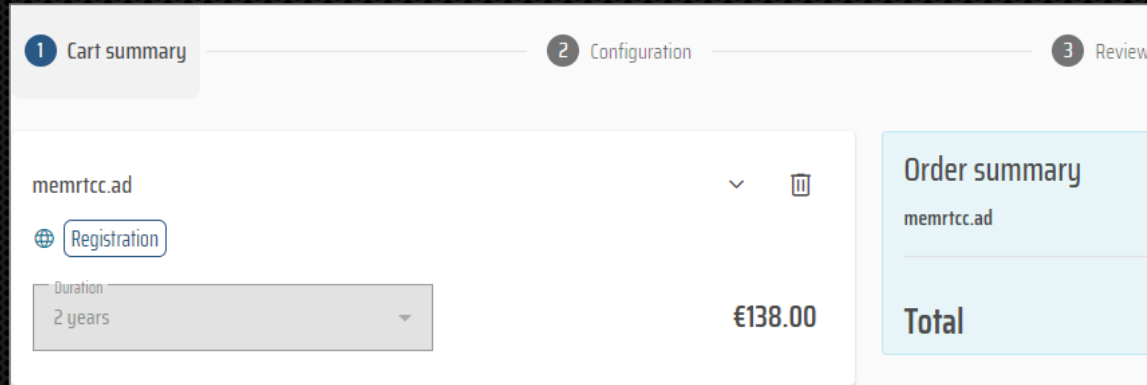
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RTCC = Real Time Crime Center

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The screenshot shows a domain registration interface for 'memrtcc.ad'. It features a progress bar at the top with three steps: '1 Cart summary', '2 Configuration', and '3 Review'. Below the progress bar, the domain 'memrtcc.ad' is displayed with a dropdown arrow and a trash icon. A 'Registration' button is visible. A 'Duration' dropdown menu is set to '2 years'. The price is shown as '€138.00'. On the right, an 'Order summary' box lists 'memrtcc.ad' and a 'Total' amount.

Dear customer,

We inform you that to proceed with the registration of an "ad" domain, the owner **must possess a local trademark in Andorra** that must be the **same as the requested domain name** or be the owner of a commercial name registered in Andorra and present the document "Register of Commerce".

Regards,
DNS Registrar



Dear Mr. Caturegli,

Thank you for contacting us.

We have a special price to **file a trademark for domain: 320,10 €** (official fees 170,10 € + agent's fees 150,00 €).

It takes **more or less 2 weeks** to get the registration certificate and the authorization.

To file the trademark, we will need the **trademark and owner's details**, and a **power of attorney** signed in the name of the trademark's owner.

Once the authorisation is obtained, we will file the primary and secondary DNS servers at the domain.ad management (nic.ad).

Regards,
Trademark attorney
Andorra

Examples - memrtcc.ad

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We inform you that to proceed with the registration of an "ad" domain, the owner must file a **trademark in Andorra** that matches the **requested domain name** or the **commercial name** registered in the document "Register of Companies".

Regards,
DNS Registrar



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I PATENTS D'ANDORRA

CERTIFICAT DE REGISTRE

1 NÚMERO DEL REGISTRE DE MARCA

(NÚMERO DEL REGISTRO DE MARCA / TRADEMARK REGISTRATION NUMBER / NUMÉRO D'ENREGISTREMENT)

46172

2 REPRODUCCIÓ DE LA MARCA

(REPRODUCCIÓN DE LA MARCA / REPRODUCTION OF TRADEMARK / REPRODUCTION DE LA MARQUE)

memrtcc

3 DATA DE REGISTRE

(FECHA DE REGISTRO / DATE OF REGISTRATION / DATE D'ENREGISTREMENT)

19-01-2024 12:40

4 DATA DE VENCIMENT DEL REGISTRE

(FECHA DE VENCIMIENTO DEL REGISTRO / DATE OF EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION / DATE D'ÉCHÉANCE DE L'ENREGISTREMENT)

19-01-2034

5 NOM DEL TITULAR

(NOMBRE DEL TITULAR / NAME OF OWNER / NOM DU TITULAIRE)

Denominació social (Denominación social / Name of company / Dénomination officielle complète)

SERALYS

Forma jurídica (Forma jurídica / Legal form of constitution / Forme juridique)

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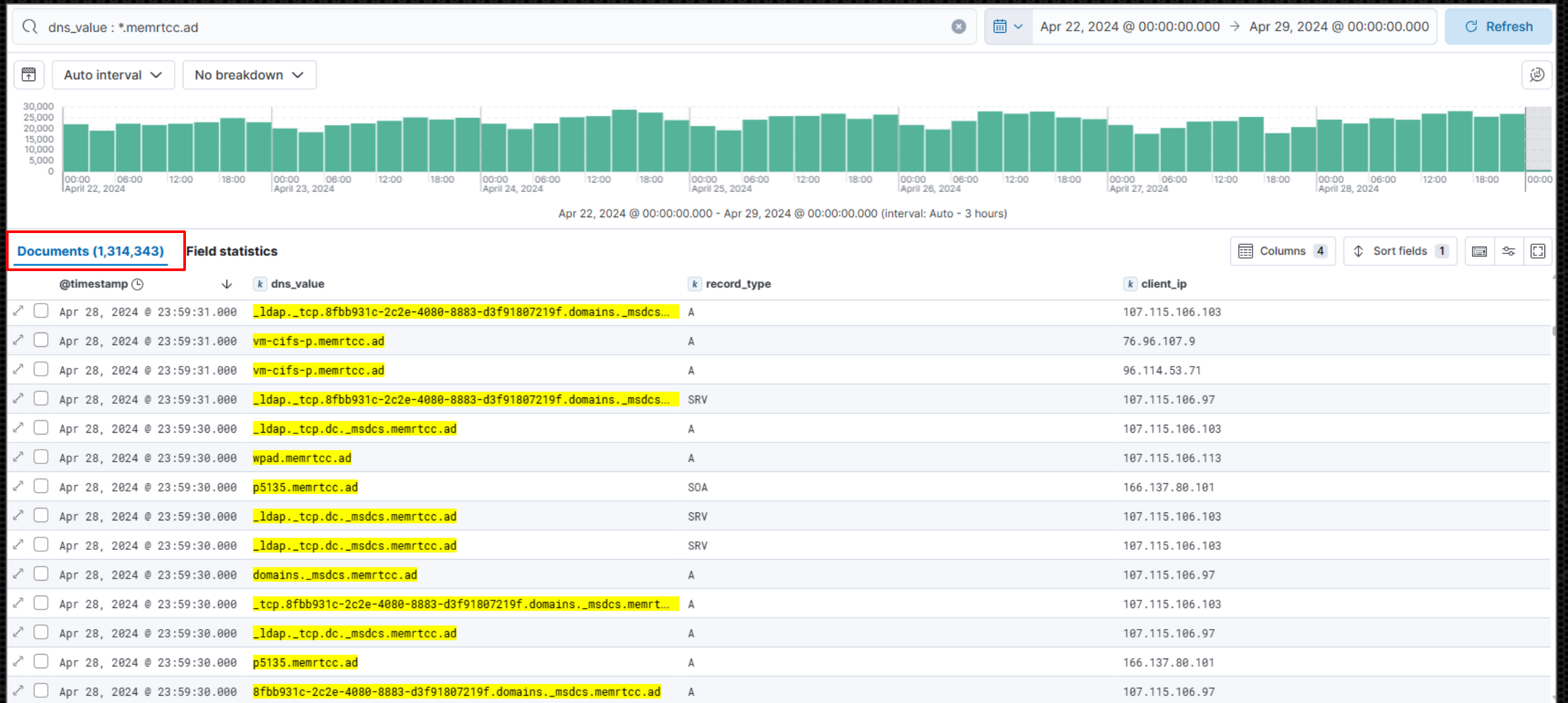
mark for domain:
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registration

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- Reported to Memphis Deputy CIO via email – (April 2nd)
- Reported to Memphis Deputy CIO via common connection – (April 3rd)
- Reported to CIO@memphistn.gov (April 17th)
- Reported to vulnerability.disclosure.prog@hq.dhs.gov (April 22nd)
- Reached out to fellow hacker in Memphis/DC901 (May 15th)
- Spoke with Memphis FBI Special Agent (June 17th)
- Spoke to Brian Krebs (August 5th)
- Memphis Information Security Manager finally reached out (Aug 13th)
- Brian Krebs published his article (August 23rd)



Examples - .ad

- 1,129 registered domain in the .ad TLD
- 3,802 trusted SSL certificates in Censys certificate database
- 25,689 self-signed certificates in Censys certificate database
- 2,795 unique sld.tld extracted
- 2,484 not registered (89%)

Examples - local.ad / internal.ad

✓ AVAILABLE

 local.ad

Domains include:  EMAIL  DNS  SSL

 [Domain info](#)

Duration
2 years ▼

€69.00/year 

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2 REPRODUCCIÓ DE LA MARCA

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INTERNAL

3 DATA DE REGISTRE

(FECHA DE REGISTRO / DATE OF REGISTRATION / DATE D'ENREGISTREMENT)

26-01-2024 11:53

4 DATA DE VENCIMENT DEL REGISTRE

(FECHA DE VENCIMIENTO DEL REGISTRO / DATE OF EXPIRATION OF REGISTRATION / DATE D'ÉCHÉANCE DE L'ENREGISTREMENT)

26-01-2034

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1 NÚMERO DEL REGISTRE DE MARCA

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43965

2 REPRODUCCIÓ DE LA MARCA

(REPRODUCCIÓN DE LA MARCA / REPRODUCTION OF TRADEMARK / REPRODUCTION DE LA MARQUE)

local

3 DATA DE REGISTRE

(FECHA DE REGISTRO / DATE OF REGISTRATION / DATE D'ENREGISTREMENT)

09-03-2022 13:09

4 DATA DE VENCIMENT DEL REGISTRE

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09-03-2032

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- Over **1,200 different domains / companies** colliding with these domains.
- In 2020, Microsoft purchased “corp.com” before the domain was put for auction.
- Reached out to Microsoft via MSRC, but didn’t even make the triage.
- Technical details relayed internally at Microsoft (thanks Dr. Nestori Syynimaa !).
- Microsoft corporate domains service group reached out.
- Reopened MSRC case and “bough” the domains from us.
- But...

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- M **Microsoft laying off about 9,000**
- Re **employees in latest round of cuts**

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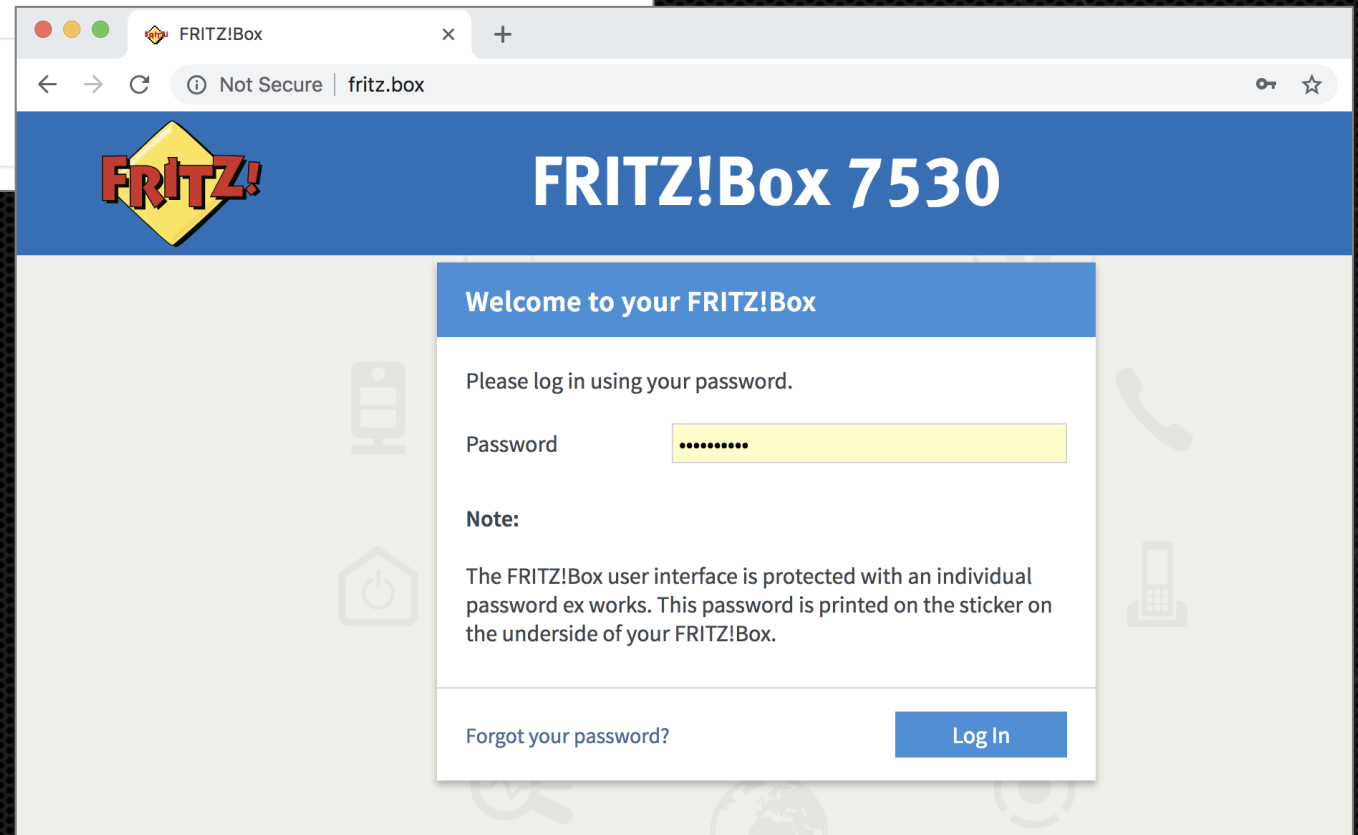


Examples - .box

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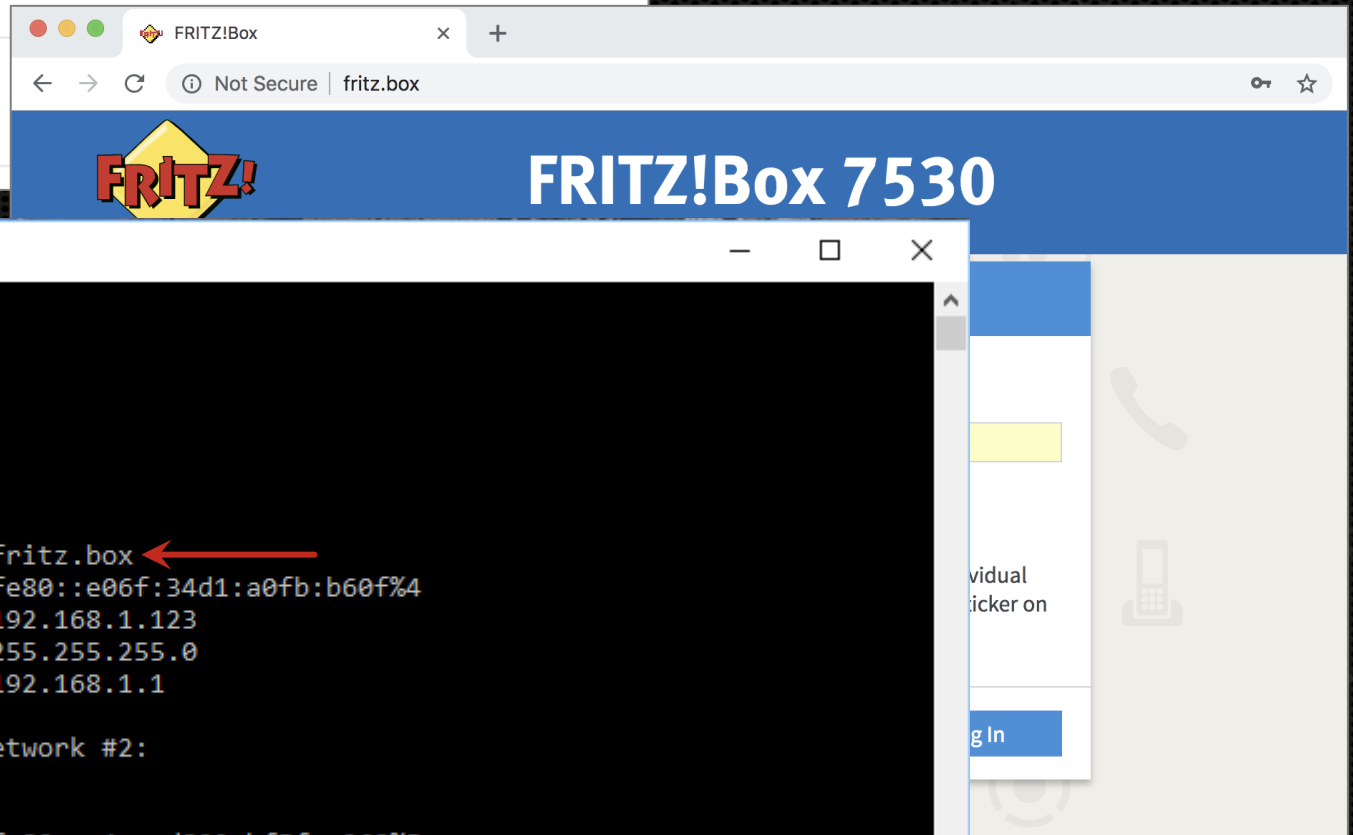


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The screenshot displays a web browser window with the address bar showing "fritz.box". The page header features the "FRITZ!" logo and the text "FRITZ!Box 7530". Below the header, there is a navigation bar with a yellow bar and a blue bar. A "Command Prompt" window is overlaid on the browser, showing the output of the "ipconfig" command. The output for the "Ethernet adapter Ethernet:" shows the "Connection-specific DNS Suffix" as "fritz.box", which is highlighted with a red arrow. The output for the "Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network #2:" shows the "Connection-specific DNS Suffix" as an empty string.

```
C:\Users\VBoxUser>ipconfig

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

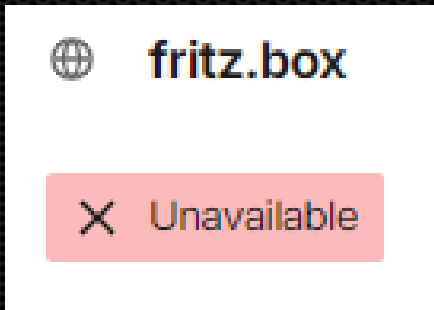
    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : fritz.box
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::e06f:34d1:a0fb:b60f%4
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.1.123
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.1.1

Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network #2:

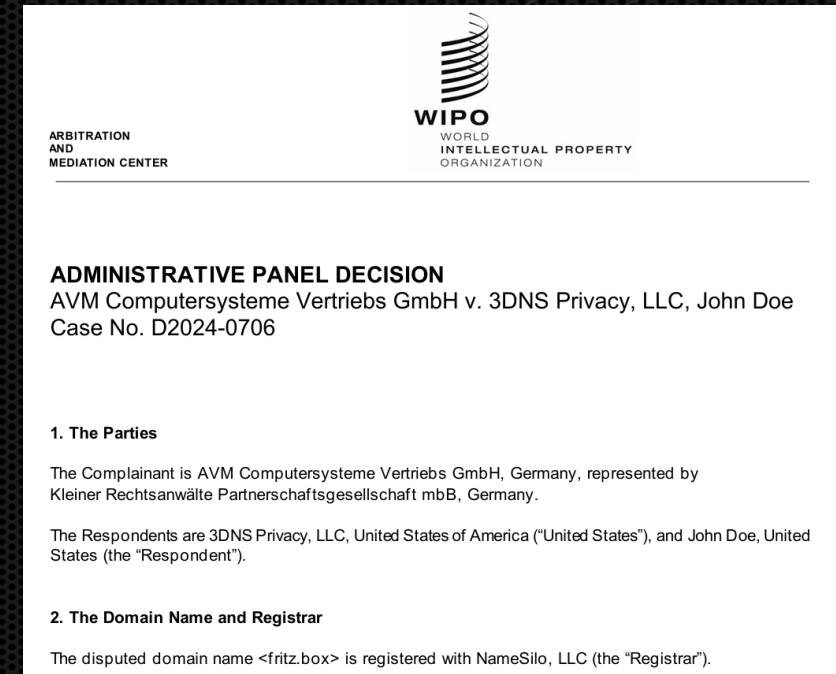
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    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::a4cc:d892:bf5f:c968%5
    IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.56.1
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . :
```



Examples - .box



- Jan 18, 2024 - .box gTLD **registration publicly opens**
- Jan 22, 2024 - **.fritz.box**, o2.box and wpad.box registered by 0xDc8c[...]Fe8B
- Jan 22, 2024 - domain fritz.box listed on opensea.io for **420 ETH** (~ \$ 1 million)
- Jan 29, 2024 - Domain fritz.box re-listed on opensea.io for **99 ETH** (\$ 250,000)
- Feb 15 , 2024 - AVM open **complaint with WIPO** (World Intellectual Property Organization)
- Apr 12, 2024 - WIPO decided to **transfer the domain to AVM**



Examples - .box

 **fritz.box**

 **Unavailable**



r/fritzbox • 2 yr. ago
Personal_Mud3182

Security issue related to DNS when accessing fritz.box url?

Hi there,

Yesterday I have noticed that if I try to access the url "[fritz.box](#)" from the browser, I get a security warning regarding the certificate. I was suspicious and I executed from the terminal, a "traceroute [fritz.box](#)". The output of the command was warning that the URL is associated with several IP addresses.

- **Apr 12, 2024** - WIPO decided to **transfer the domain to AVM**

ARBITRATION
AND
MEDIATION CENTER



ADMINISTRATIVE PANEL DECISION

AVM Computersysteme Vertriebs GmbH v. 3DNS Privacy, LLC, John Doe
Case No. D2024-0706

1. The Parties

The Complainant is AVM Computersysteme Vertriebs GmbH, Germany, represented by
Kleiner Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaftsgesellschaft mbH, Germany.

John Doe, United

(trar").

Examples – zyxel.box / sphairon.box



Certificates

names:"*sphairon.box"

✕ ↗ >_

Search

PC

Results

Report Docs

Certificate Filters

For all fields, see [Data Definitions](#)

Label:

Issuer:

Certificates

Results: 49,794 Time: 16.55s

CN=*.sphairon.box

Let's Encrypt E6

2024-09-05 — 2024-12-04

*.sphairon.box

C=DE, ST=Saxony, L=Bautzen, O=Zyxel, OU=Sphairon, CN=\ sphairon.box

Zyxel sphairon.box

2024-10-21 — 2025-10-21

sphairon.box

C=DE, ST=Saxony, L=Bautzen, O=Zyxel, OU=Sphairon, CN=\ sphairon.box

Zyxel sphairon.box

2024-10-21 — 2025-10-21

sphairon.box

C=DE, ST=Saxony, L=Bautzen, O=Zyxel, OU=Sphairon, CN=sphairon.box

Zyxel sphairon.box

2024-10-21 — 2025-10-21

sphairon.box

Examples – zyxel.box / sphairon.box

The screenshot displays the Censu domain marketplace interface. At the top, the Censu logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Search' and 'PC' are on the right. A central modal window highlights the 'sphairon.box' domain, indicating it is 'Available' for 120.00 USDC, with a prominent 'Buy Domain' button. To the left of the modal, a sidebar shows search filters for 'Certificate Filter', 'Label', and 'Issuer'. Below the modal, three certificate listings are visible, each issued by 'Zykel sphairon.box' for the domain 'sphairon.box'.

Domain Details:

- Domain: **sphairon.box**
- Status: **Available**
- Price: **120.00 USDC**
- Action: **Buy Domain →**

Search Filters:

- Certificate Filter:** For all fields, see [Data](#)
- Label:** [Filter]
- Issuer:** [Filter]

Certificate Listings:

- Certificate 1:**
 - Issuer: Lets Encrypt Co
 - Valid Until: 2024-09-05 — 2024-12-04
 - Domain: *.sphairon.box
- Certificate 2:**
 - Issuer: Zykel sphairon.box
 - Valid Until: 2024-10-21 — 2025-10-21
 - Domain: sphairon.box
- Certificate 3:**
 - Issuer: Zykel sphairon.box
 - Valid Until: 2024-10-21 — 2025-10-21
 - Domain: sphairon.box

Examples – zyxel.box / sphairon.box

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sphairon.box

✓ Available

Buy

Certificate Filter
For all fields, see [Details](#)

Label:

Issuer:

Let's Encrypt
2024-09-05 – 2024-12-04
*.sphairon.box

C=Germany, L=Saxony, O=Zyxel, OU=Sphairon, CN=sphairon.box

StartBox DSL

vodafone

Zyxel sphairon.box
2024-10-21 – 2025-10-21
sphairon.box

Eingabeaufforderung

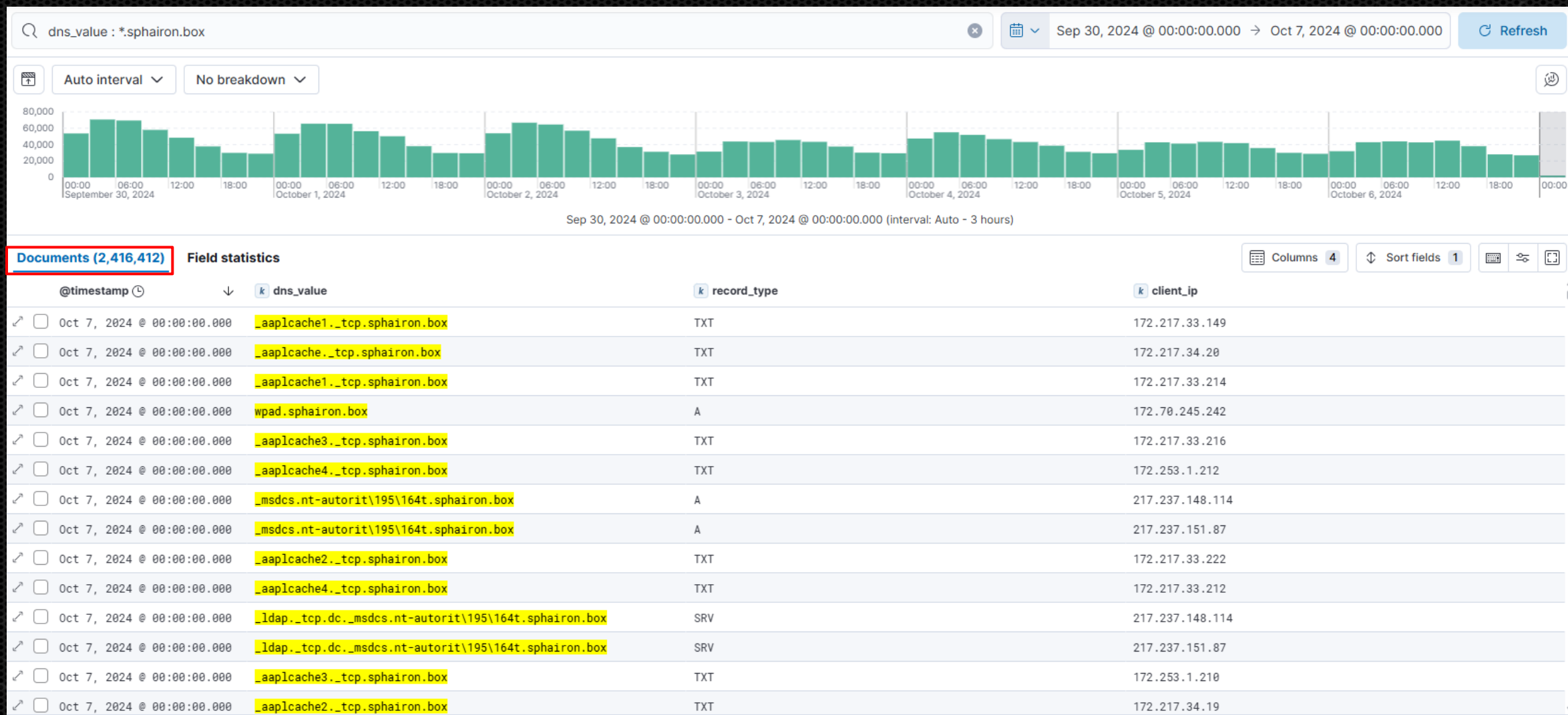
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19043.1110]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. Alle Rechte vorbehalten.

C:\Users\Sebastian>ipconfig /all

Windows-IP-Konfiguration

Hostname	: DESKTOP-MAVQ796
Primäres DNS-Suffix	:
Knotentyp	: Hybrid
IP-Routing aktiviert	: Nein
WINS-Proxy aktiviert	: Nein
DNS-Suffixsuchliste	: sphairon.box

Examples – zyxel.box / sphairon.box



Examples – zyxel.box / sphairon.box

Hi Philippe,

Thanks for reaching out. Based on the IP list you provided, we observed that zyxel.box and sphairon.box were resolved from IP addresses located all over the world. **We believe that most of the sources are not from a LAN-based host behind a Zyxel CPE** since our devices using those two domains are only deployed in some regions in Europe. Although **the level of potential risk exposure is relatively low.**

Regards,
Zyxel PSIRT

Examples – zyxel.box / sphairon.box

Hi Philippe,

Thanks for reaching out. If the information provided, we observed that the issues were resolved from the perspective of the world. **We believe that the transition from a LAN-based host to cloud-based devices using those tools is not in some regions in Europe. The risk exposure is relatively low.**

Regards,
Zyxel PSIRT

```
[HTTP] GET request from: ::ffff:217.91.154.236 URL: /wpad.dat
[HTTP] NTLMv2 Client : 217 16
[HTTP] NTLMv2 Username : DEN moeller
[HTTP] NTLMv2 Hash : moeller::DENT01.DOM:c3be3a7463e43e5e:4A5EF50C8367FB11 908C8BA:01010000
50036003200330001001E00570049004E002D004700320058005A0043003100420041004800320 1400350036003200
20058005A0043003100420041004800320033002E0035003600320033002E004C004F00430041 1400350036003200
00000200000344280E820D06A7A133827586FB76F50369BF82A9EA88E14A0F39DFDA55631DB0A 0000000000000000
E007300700068006100690072006F006E002E0062006F0078000000000000000000000
[HTTP] WPAD (auth) file sent to 217.91.154.236
[HTTP] Sending NTLM authentication request to 79.192.32.204
[HTTP] Sending NTLM authentication request to 87.164.35.34
[HTTP] Sending NTLM authentication request to 91.60.202.8
[HTTP] Sending NTLM authentication request to 79.192.32.204
[HTTP] Sending NTLM authentication request to 93.241.71.209
[HTTP] GET request from: ::ffff:93.241.71.209 URL: /wpad.dat
[HTTP] Sending NTLM authentication request to 79.192.32.204
[HTTP] NTLMv2 Client : 93 9
[HTTP] NTLMv2 Username : RE: \Reservierung2
[HTTP] NTLMv2 Hash : Re: _2::RESERVIERUNG:ca25cf4c28766b70:5FE936F 3EBC89291B31CFE:
2000800350036003200330001001E00570049004E002D004700320058005A0043003100420041 3300040014003500
D004700320058005A0043003100420041004800320033002E0035003600320033002E004C004F 4C00050014003500
000010000000002000002E762665F73A2B7F08344238269118D665F8BBCDDF359A026F72CEB9B3 1000000000000000
10064002E007A007900780065006C002E0062006F00780000000000000000000000000
[HTTP] WPAD (auth) file sent to 93.241.71.209
```


Examples – zyxel.box / sphairon.box

Hi Philippe,

Thanks for reaching out. As you provided, we observed that the requests were resolved from the public DNS world. **We believe this is from a LAN-based device** using the DNS servers in some regions in the world. **risk exposure is**

Regards,
Zyxel PSIRT

Hi Philippe,

Thanks for providing the updated PoC. Based on the traffic you captured, we believe it **could result in potential risks** if the hosts behind a Zyxel CPE configured an external DNS server/resolver rather than the CPE itself. To prevent our customers' risk exposure, **we plan to register the domain names** used in the CPE.

How can we proceed?

Regards,
Zyxel PSIRT

```
[HTTP] GET request from: ::ffff:217.91.154.236 URL: /wpad.dat
[HTTP] NTLMv2 Client : 217 16
[HTTP] NTLMv2 Username : DEN moeller
[HTTP] NTLMv2 Hash : moeller::DENT01.DOM:c3be3a7463e43e5e:4A5EF50C8367FB11 908C8BA:01010000
50036003200330001001E00570049004E002D004700320058005A0043003100420041004800320 1400350036003200
3002E004C004F004300410 1400350036003200
E14A0F39DFDA55631DB0A 0000000000000000
000000000000

204
34
8
204
209
d.dat
204

5cf4c28766b70:5FE936F 3EBC89291B31CFE:
8005A0043003100420041 3300040014003500
600320033002E004C004F 4C00050014003500
BCDDF359A026F72CEB9B3 1000000000000000
00000000
```

Examples – zyxel.box / sphairon.box

Hi Philippe,

Thanks for reaching out. The issues you provided, we observed and they were resolved from our side.

Hi Philippe,
Thanks for providing the details. The traffic you captured shows a **potential risk** as the CPE itself is not configured as a proxy. **We believe the risk exposure is** from a LAN-based device using the proxy in some regions in the world. **We believe the risk exposure is** from a LAN-based device using the proxy in some regions in the world.

Regards,
Zyxel PSIRT

Hi Philippe,
Thanks for providing the details. The traffic you captured shows a **potential risk** as the CPE itself is not configured as a proxy. **We believe the risk exposure is** from a LAN-based device using the proxy in some regions in the world. **We believe the risk exposure is** from a LAN-based device using the proxy in some regions in the world.

How can we

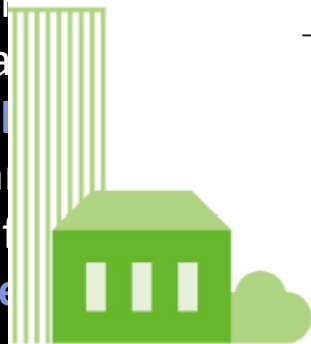
Regards,
Zyxel PSIRT

Certificate of Recognition

This is to award that

Philippe Caturegli from Seralys

has contributed to our security vulnerability reporting program to improve Zyxel's security.



ZYXEL
Your Networking Ally

Nov. 13, 2024
Certificate ID: 241101

Neko C. Y. Lee
Neko C. Y. Lee
PSIRT Lead
Zyxel Corp.

1010000
6003200
6003200
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B31CFE:
4003500
4003500
0000000

Examples – zyxel.box / sphairon.box

But...

```
$ dig @a.nic.box zyxel.box
;; BADCOOKIE, retrying.

; <<>> DiG 9.20.4-4-Debian <<>> @a.nic.box zyxel.box
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 35154
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 2, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
; COOKIE: 3e38eb2c0e81d32201000000683b6608de7ebb29b14f81d9 (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
zyxel.box.                IN      A

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
zyxel.box.                3600    IN      NS      ns1.srsls.io.
zyxel.box.                3600    IN      NS      ns2.srsls.io.

;; Query time: 0 msec
;; SERVER: 194.169.218.139#53(a.nic.box) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Sat May 31 16:26:48 EDT 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 109
```

```
$ dig @a.nic.box sphairon.box
;; BADCOOKIE, retrying.

; <<>> DiG 9.20.4-4-Debian <<>> @a.nic.box sphairon.box
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 12677
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 2, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
; COOKIE: b693cd167868afcc01000000683b6684ac6b591990be0af6 (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
sphairon.box.             IN      A

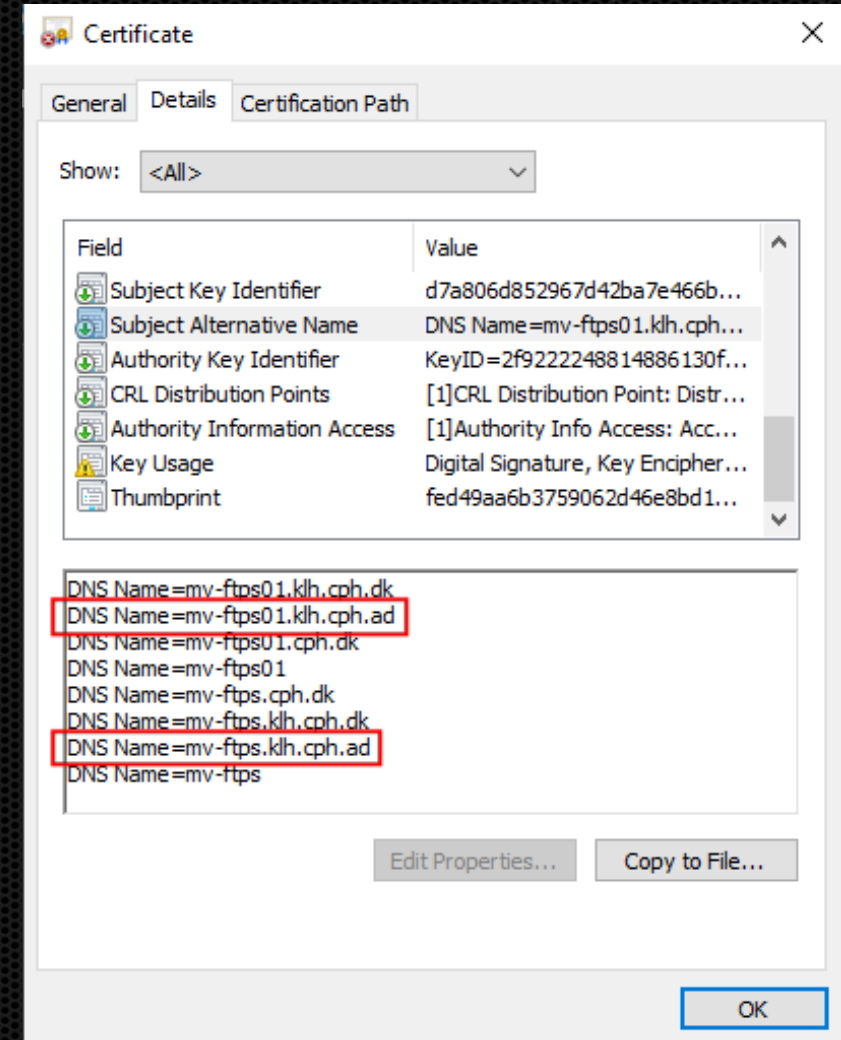
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
sphairon.box.             3600    IN      NS      ns1.srsls.io.
sphairon.box.             3600    IN      NS      ns2.srsls.io.

;; Query time: 0 msec
;; SERVER: 194.169.218.139#53(a.nic.box) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Sat May 31 16:28:52 EDT 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 112
```

FAIL

Example – ~~cph.dk~~ / cph.ad

```
$ openssl s_client -connect ftps.cph.dk:21 -starttls ftp
Connecting to 193.110.198.42
CONNECTED(00000003)
depth=1 DC=ad, DC=cph, DC=klh, CN=CPH Issuing CA SHA256-1
verify error:num=20:unable to get local issuer certificate
verify return:1
depth=0 CN=mv-ftp01.klh.cph.dk
verify return:1
---
Certificate chain
 0 s:CN=mv-ftp01.klh.cph.dk
  i:DC=ad, DC=cph, DC=klh, CN=CPH Issuing CA SHA256-1
  a:PKEY: rsaEncryption, 2048 (bit); sigalg: RSA-SHA256
  v:NotBefore: Aug 15 08:32:18 2025 GMT; NotAfter: Aug 15 08:32:18 2027 GMT
 1 s:DC=ad, DC=cph, DC=klh, CN=CPH Issuing CA SHA256-1
  i:CN=CPH Root CA SHA256-1
  a:PKEY: rsaEncryption, 2048 (bit); sigalg: RSA-SHA256
  v:NotBefore: Dec 16 09:55:58 2020 GMT; NotAfter: Dec 16 10:05:58 2030 GMT
---
Server certificate
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIFJTCCBA2gAwIBAgITXwABge0IJ0TduoW3qwAAAAGB7TANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsF
ADBGMRIwEAYKCZImiZPyLQGByCYWQxEzARBgoJkiaJk/IsZAEZFgNjcGgxZzAR
BgoJkiaJk/IsZAEZFgNrbGxkaDQwNTA4MzIxOjFoXDTI1MDg5NTA4MzIxOjFoXzEz
Ni0xMB4XDTE1MDg5NTA4MzIxOjFoXzEzMDg5NTA4MzIxOjFoXzEzMDg5NTA4MzIxOjFoXzEz
bXYtZnRwc2AxLmtsaC5jcGgxZGswZG9EiMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4IBDwAwggEK
AoIBAQTqOzgf+cn7ml3HRM7Su3IeEXfZrt53JL12qb7b+zWttRaZ+odZ2o6rGHc
31K+1FLUUGP/MtzxLO5cRuaNojaCBDpuxEo9jT631Cfqs1/n156rejkqSh1150K0
5SuVI7Fz6LUx5FoRiRRRi5uCzOnalqov4jsGoI88klWDAImBNwG62Ejn2NICP8s1
UANIpG+Dbvr3W8he12VBE6FpMLOTYC+1js5Qe0QHjfmzhNTE/WGKkBUS46kvmpHV
```



Example – ~~cph.dk~~ / cph.ad

```
$ openssl s_client -connect ftps.cph.dk:21 -starttls ftp
Connecting to 193.110.198.42
CONNECTED(00000003)
depth=1 DC=ad, DC=cph, DC=klh, CN=CPH Issuing CA SHA256-1
verify error:num=20:unable to get local issuer certificate
verify return:1
depth=0 CN=mv-ftp01.klh.cph.dk
verify return:1
---
Certificate chain
 0 s:CN=mv-ftp01.klh.cph.dk
  i:DC=ad, DC=cph, DC=klh, CN=CPH Issuing CA SHA256-1
  a:PKCS#10
  v:Not Yet Valid
 1 s:DC=ad, DC=cph, DC=klh, CN=CPH Issuing CA SHA256-1
  i:CN=CPH Issuing CA SHA256-1
  a:PKCS#10
  v:Not Yet Valid
---
Server certificate
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIFJTCCBA2gAwIBAgITXwABge0IJ0TduoW3qwAAAAGB7TANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsF
ADBGMRIwEAYKCZImiZPyLGQBGRYCYWQxEzARBgoJkiaJk/IsZAEZFgNjcGgx
BgoJkiaJk/IsZAEZFgNrbGxkaDAeBgNVBAMTF0NQCjBjc3NlaW5nIENBIFNI
Ni0xMB4XDTE1MDgxNTA4MzIxOFoXDTE1MDgxNTA4MzIxOFowHzEdMBsGA1UE
bWVtZnRwczAxLmtsaC5jcGgxZGswggEiMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4IBDwAw
AoIBAQTqOzgf+cn7ml3HRM7Su3IeEXfZrt53JL12qb7b+zWttRaZ+odZ2o6r
GHc31K+1FLUUGP/MtzzLO5cRuaNojaCBDpuxEo9jT631Cfqs1/n156rejkqSh
1150K05SuVI7Fz6LUx5FoRiRRRi5uCzOnalqov4jsGoI88klWDAImBNwG62E
jN2NICP8s1UANIpG+Dbvr3W8he12VBE6FpMLOTYC+1js5Qe0QHjfmzhNTE/WG
KkBUS46kvmPHV
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```



cph.ad

NEW

Certificate

General

Details

Certification Path

Show: <All>

Field	Value
Subject Key Identifier	d7a806d852967d42ba7e466b...
Subject Alternative Name	DNS Name=mv-ftp01.klh.cph...
Authority Key Identifier	KeyID=2f9222248814886130f...
CRL Distribution Points	[1]CRL Distribution Point: Distr...
Authority Information Access	[1]Authority Info Access: Acc...

DNS Name=mv-ftp01.klh.cph.dk

DNS Name=mv-ftp01

DNS Name=mv-ftp.cph.dk

DNS Name=mv-ftp.klh.cph.dk

DNS Name=mv-ftp.klh.cph.ad

DNS Name=mv-ftp

Edit Properties...

Copy to File...

OK

\$21.98

Renews at \$35.98/yr

Example – domenakwp.ad

```
$ openssl s_client -connect 91.229.22.179:443 -showcerts
Connecting to 91.229.22.179
CONNECTED(00000003)
---
Certificate chain
 0 s:C=PL, ST=Małopolska, L=Kraków, O=KWP, OU=Policja, CN=sveaba.domenakwp.ad, CN=files.sveaba.domenakwp.ad, CN=*domenakwp.ad
   i:DC=ad, DC=domenakwp, CN=KWPSubCA
   a:PKEY: RSA, 2048 (bit); sigalg: sha512WithRSAEncryption
   v:NotBefore: Sep  4 10:12:37 2025 GMT; NotAfter: Sep  4 10:12:37 2027 GMT
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIH0DCCBbigAwIBAgITYwADRQMBG4LlKYVYbgAAAAANFAzANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQ0F
ADBCMRIwEAYKCZImiZPyLQGByGRCYQWQxGTAXBgoJkiaJk/IsZAEZFglkb2llbmFr
d3AxETAPBgNVBAMTCEtXUFNlYkNBMB4XDTI1MDkwNDEwMTIzNloXDTI3MDkwNDEw
MTIzNlowga8xCzAJBgNVBAYTA1BMMRQwEgYDVQQIDAtNYcWCb3BvbHNrYTEQM4G
AlUEBwwHS3Jha8OzdEMMAoGA1UEChMDSldQMRAwDgYDVQQLEwdQb2xpY2phMRww
GgYDVQQDExNzdmVhYmEuZG9tZW5ha3dwLmFkMSIwIAAYDVQQDExlmaWxlcys5ZmVh
YmEuZG9tZW5ha3dwLmFkMRYwFAYDVQQDDA0qZG9tZW5ha3dwLmFkMIIBIjANBgkq
```

✓ domenakwp.ad NEW

\$21.98
Renews at \$35.98/yr

 Add to cart

Polish ▼



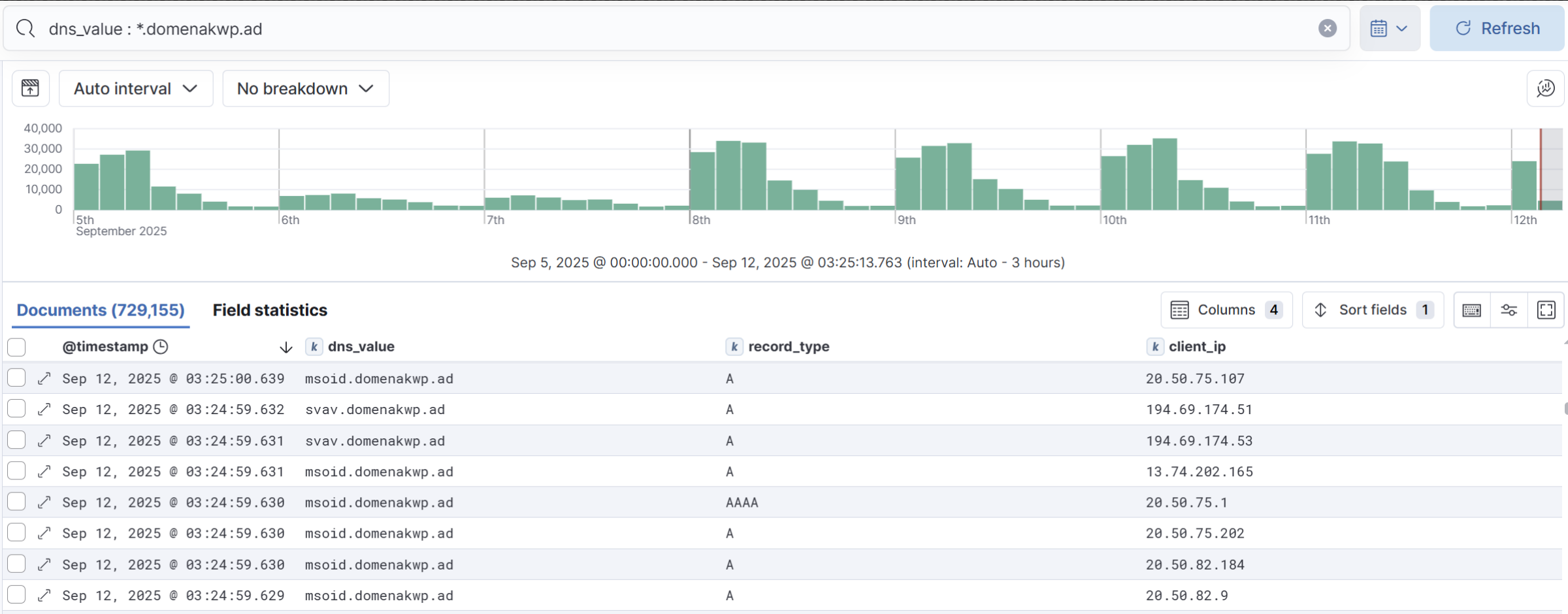
English ▼

Komenda
Wojewódzka Policja



Provincial Police
Headquarters

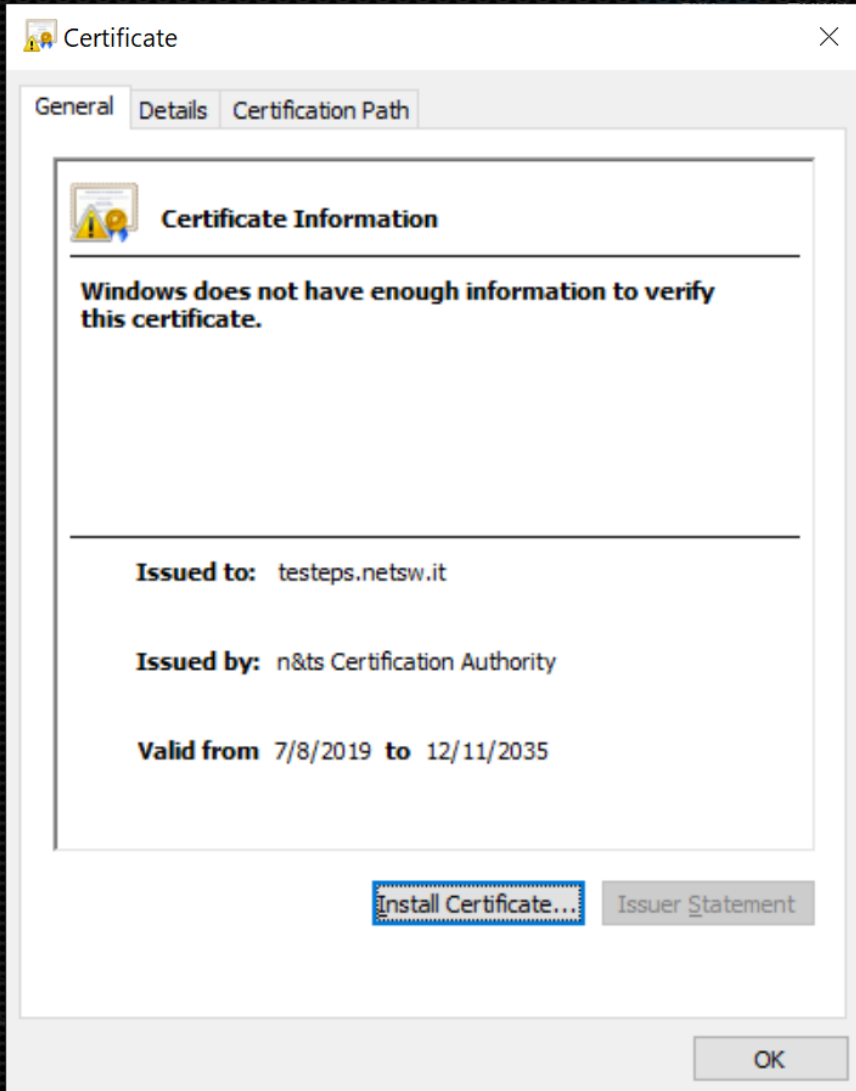
Example – domenakwp.ad



Example – domenakwp.ad

```
L$ grep -ai "X-User-Identity:" log | sort -u
X-User-Identity: Blik@malopolska.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: J...@malopolska.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: J...ierski@krakow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: M...lczyk@krakow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: M...n@malopolska.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: S...anik@krakow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: S...Michalczyk@krakow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: j...@krakow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: k...@chrzanow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: k...k@chrzanow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: l...a@oswiecim.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: m...hrzanow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: m...ior@chrzanow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: m...@tarnow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: s...ak@chrzanow.policja.gov.pl
X-User-Identity: s...yn@chrzanow.policja.gov.pl
```

Example – ~~netsgroup.com~~ / netsw.it



N&TS GROUP has been operating in the **electronic payments market for 30 years** as a technological partner. It is recognized as a leading European company in electronic payment software solutions, with a strong commitment to security and compliance within industry standards.

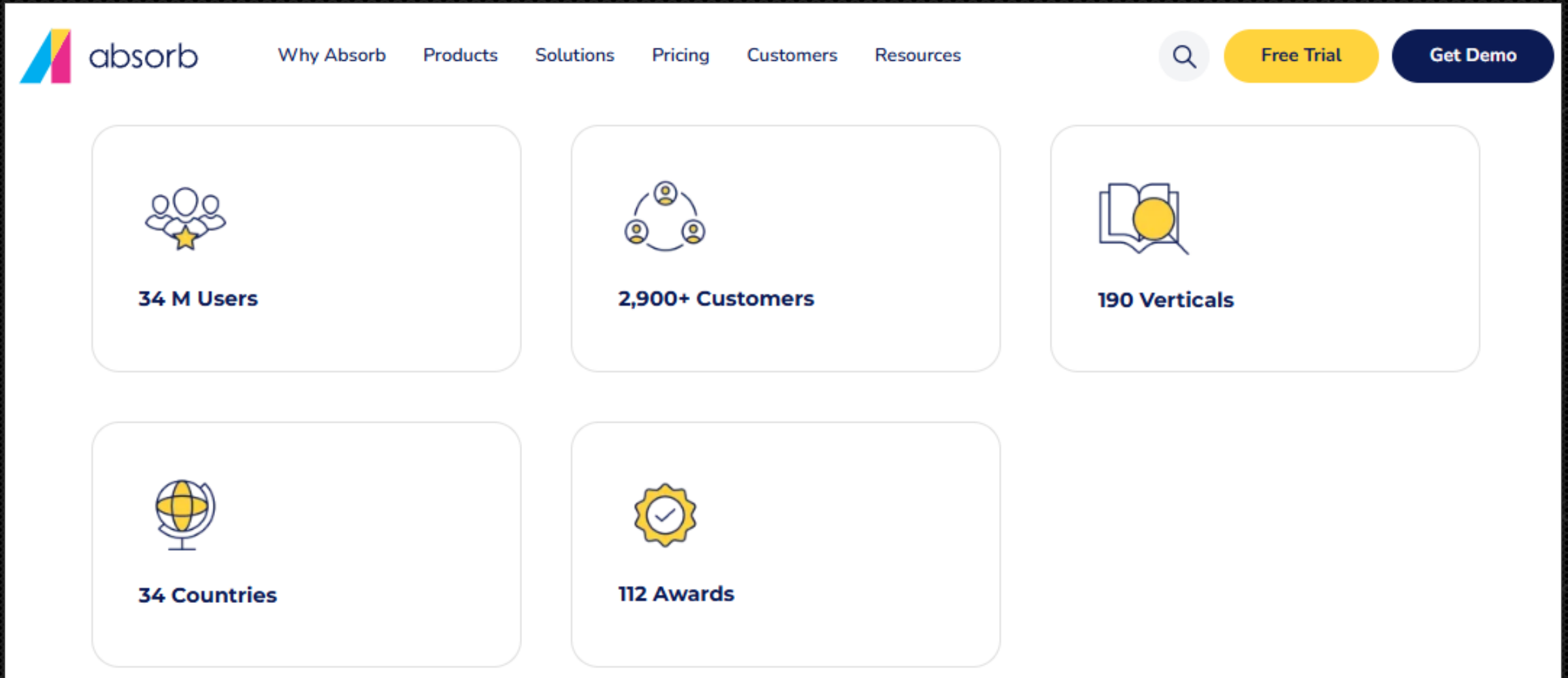
- Founded in 1995
- Domain [netsw.it](#) registered on 1999-05-04
- Domain [netsgroup.com](#) registered on 2016-10-24
- Domain [netsw.it](#) expired on 2025-06-01

Example – ~~netgroup.com~~ / netsw.it

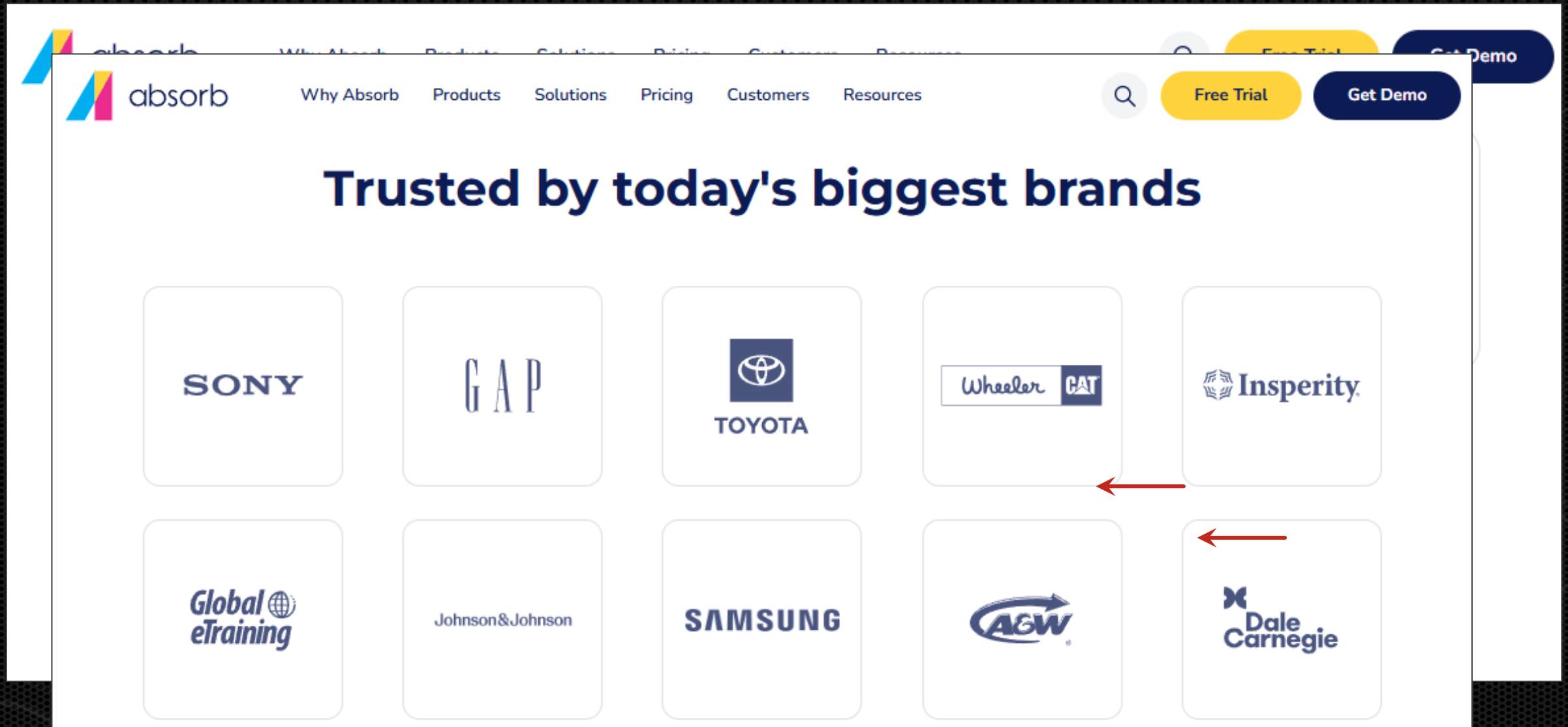
```
GET /wpad.dat HTTP/1.1  
Connection: Keep-Alive  
Accept: */*  
User-Agent: WinHttp-Autoproxy-Service/5.1  
Host: wpad.netsw.it
```

```
$ grep -a "GET /wpad.dat HTTP/1.1" log | wc -l  
19849
```

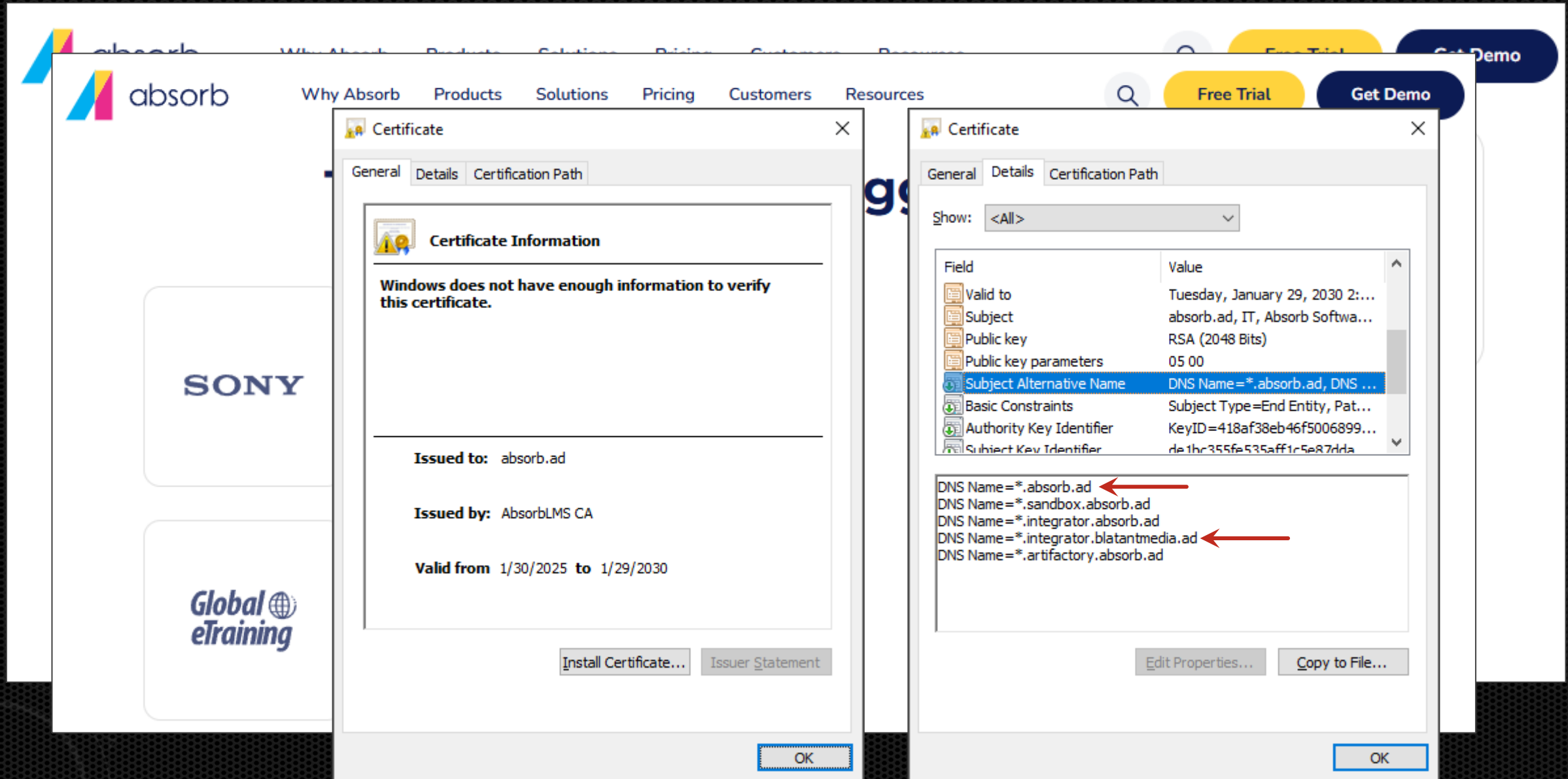
Example: Absorb LMS



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Example: Absorb LMS

The screenshot displays the Absorb LMS website with two overlapping 'Certificate' dialog boxes. The website header includes the Absorb logo, navigation links (Why Absorb, Products, Solutions, Pricing, Customers, Resources), and buttons for 'Free Trial' and 'Get Demo'. The left dialog box is for 'absorb.ad' and the right is for 'blatantmedia.ad'. Both certificates are issued by 'AbsorbLMS CA' and are valid from 1/30/2025 to 1/29/2030. The right dialog box also shows a list of DNS names with red arrows pointing to specific entries.

absorb.ad (NEW) \$21.98 (Renews at \$23.98/yr) Add to cart

blatantmedia.ad (NEW) \$21.98 (Renews at \$23.98/yr) Add to cart

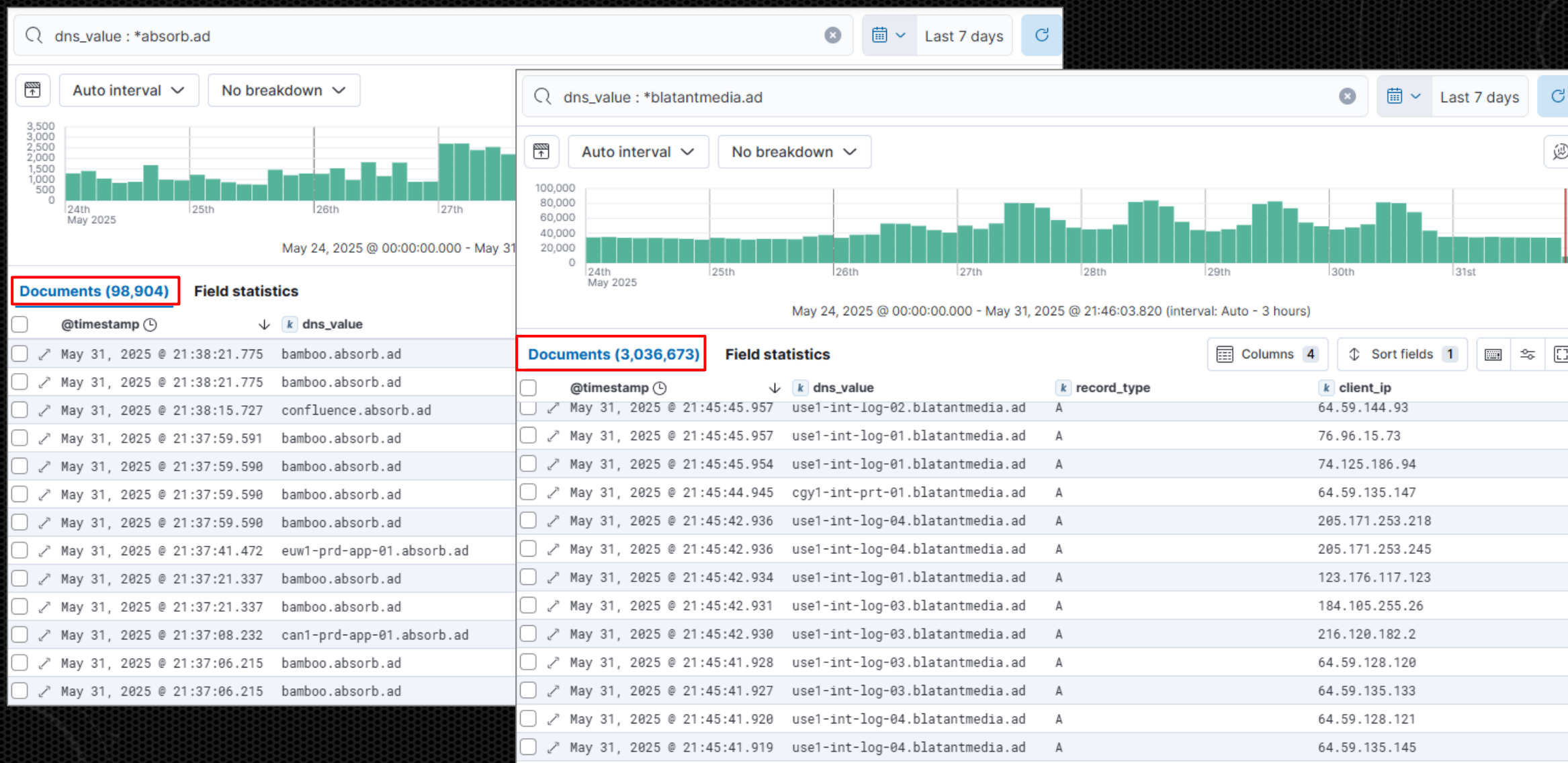
absorb.ad Certificate Details:

- Issued to: absorb.ad
- Issued by: AbsorbLMS CA
- Valid from: 1/30/2025 to 1/29/2030
- Buttons: Install Certificate..., Issuer Statement

blatantmedia.ad Certificate Details:

- Authority Key Identifier: KeyID=418af38eb46f5006899...
- Subject Key Identifier: de1hc355fe535aff1c5e87dda
- DNS Names:
 - DNS Name=*,absorb.ad
 - DNS Name=*,sandbox.absorb.ad
 - DNS Name=*,integrator.absorb.ad
 - DNS Name=*,integrator.blatantmedia.ad
 - DNS Name=*,artifactory.absorb.ad
- Buttons: Edit Properties..., Copy to File...

Example: Absorb LMS



Example: Absorb LMS (Disclosure)

- Reported to security@absorblms.com – (May 9th)
- Messaged Absorb Software's social media (LinkedIn & X) – (May 9th)
- Messaged Absorb CTO (Obaidur Rashid) via LinkedIn – (May 12th)
- Public post on LinkedIn – (May 15th)
- Emailed security@absorblms.com again... – (May 15th)
- Reported via contact form on their website – (May 19th @ 7:42pm)
 - Email from Sales - (May 19th @ 7:48pm)
 - Phone call from Sales - (May 19th @ 7:54pm)

Example: Absorb LMS

RE: [AbsorbLMS/BlatantMedia] - Internal Domain Name Collision

 Summarize



Security <security@absorblms.com>

To  Philippe Caturegli



 Reply

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Thu 8/7/2025 1:51 PM

 You replied to this message on 8/13/2025 9:02 AM.

- b. Confirm successful transfer via Admin panel of Absorb registrar
- 7. Notify the researcher once complete.

As for the identified vulnerability, we have confirmed your findings and will offer a payout of \$2000 (USD) in accordance with our bug bounty program. The payout will be processed via ACH or wire transfer, depending on your preference. Please let us know which method you would prefer, and we will follow up regarding the required payment details.

Thanks again for your collaboration and responsible handling of this issue. We look forward to resolving this together and continuing a productive relationship.

Best Regards,



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Example: Absorb LMS

RE: [AbsorbLMS/BlatantMedia] - Internal Domain Name Collision



Security <security@absorblms.com>
To ✓ Philippe Caturegli



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- 7. Notify the researcher once complete.

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Bug Bounty Program

Example: Absorb LMS



RE: [AbsorbLMS/BlatantMedia] - Internal Domain Name Collision



Security <security@absorb.com>
To: Philippe Caturegli

You replied to this message on 8/13/2020 at 10:00 AM

b. Confirm successful exploit
7. Notify the researcher of the results

As for the identified vulnerability, we have confirmed your findings and will coordinate with our bug bounty program to determine the appropriate reward and payment details. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks again for your contribution to the community and for helping us improve our security.

Best Regards,



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- **Confidentiality**

You agree to keep all details of discovered vulnerabilities confidential until they have been resolved and publicly disclosed by **Absorb**. Premature disclosure could expose users to risks and will be treated as a violation of this agreement.

- **No Public Disclosure**

Participants are prohibited from publicly disclosing vulnerabilities without prior written consent from **Absorb**. Unauthorized disclosure will result in disqualification from the Bug Bounty Program and may lead to legal action. This ensures vulnerabilities are addressed responsibly without exposing users to potential harm.

Example: Absorb LMS



RE: [AbsorbLMS/BlatantMedia] - Internal Domain Name Collision



Security <security@absorbblms.com>

• No Unauthorized Access

You replied



Security <security@absorbblms.com>

To Philippe Caturegli

Cc Karina Rudnytsky

You replied to this message on 9/4/2025 3:18 PM.



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Thu 9/4/2025 1:34 PM

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Hi Philippe,

Thank you again for your recent bug bounty submission.



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We wanted to let you know that we are actively working on the matter. Karina Rudnytsky, our VP of Legal, will be reaching out to you shortly to discuss the next steps.

Best Regards,

We appreciate your patience and the time you have taken to report this.



Best regards,

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immediately.



Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (.gov)

```
# dig NS @a.ns.gov brownsburg.gov ←

; <<>> DiG 9.19.17-2~kalil-Kali <<>> NS @a.ns.gov brownsburg.gov
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 28476
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 2, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:: udp: 1232
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;brownsburg.gov.                IN      NS

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
brownsburg.gov.      10800   IN      NS      ns51.dmaincntrol.com. ←
brownsburg.gov.      10800   IN      NS      ns51.dmaincntrol.com. ←

;; Query time: 8 msec
;; SERVER: 199.33.230.1#53(a.ns.gov) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Tue Jan 14 09:19:30 EST 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 109
```



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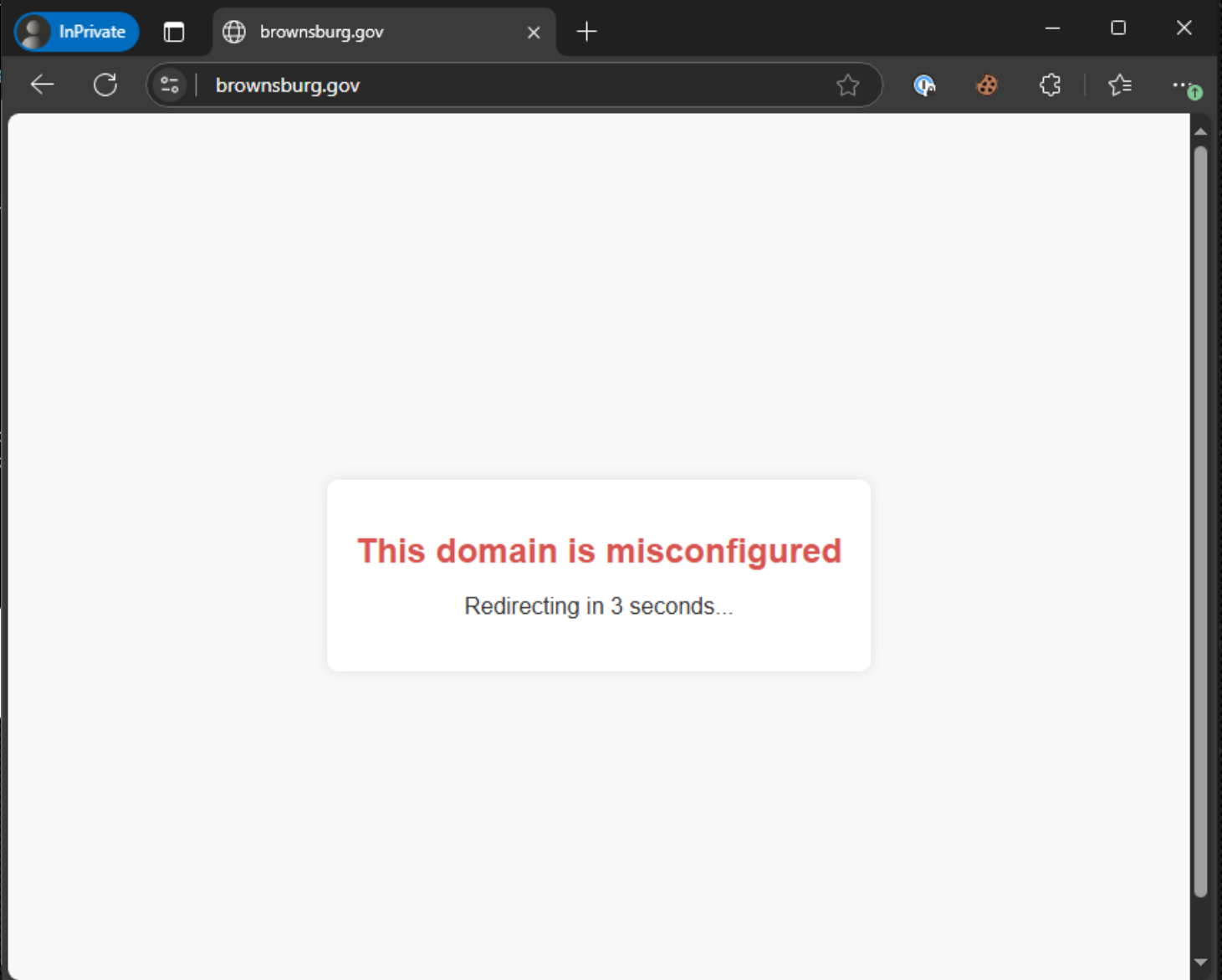
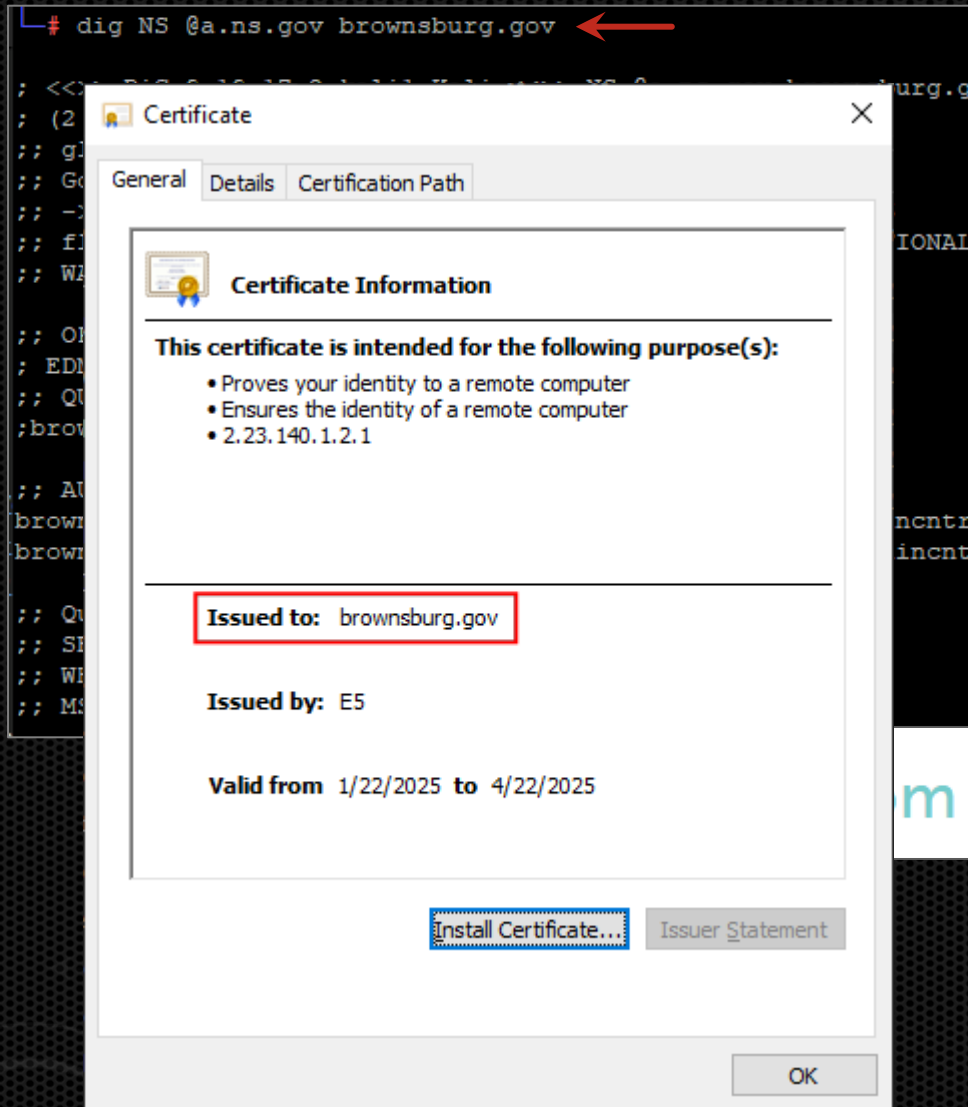
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\$11.28/yr
Retail \$14.98/yr

Add to cart

Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (.gov)



Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (.gov)

```
# dig MX @8.8.8.8 brownsburg.gov

; <<>> DiG 9.19.17-2~kalil-Kali <<>> MX @8.8.8.8 brownsburg.gov
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 58403
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:: udp: 512
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;brownsburg.gov.                IN      MX

;; ANSWER SECTION:
brownsburg.gov.                21600   IN      MX      1 smtp.google.com. ←
```

Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (.gov)

```
# dig MX @8.8.8.8 brownsburg.gov
```

```
; <<>> DiG 9.19.17-2~kalil-Kali <<>> MX @8.8.8.8 brownsburg.gov
```

```
; (1 server found)
```

```
;; global options: +cmd
```

```
;; Got answer:
```

```
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode
```

```
;; flags: qr rd ra;
```

```
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION
```

```
; EDNS: version: 0,
```

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:
```

```
; brownsburg.gov.
```

```
;; ANSWER SECTION:
```

```
brownsburg.gov.
```

```
;; Query time: 80 ms
```

```
;; SERVER: 8.8.8.8#53
```

```
;; WHEN: Tue Jan 14
```

```
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 7
```

.GOV DNS pwnage - Message (HTML)

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.GOV DNS pwnage [Summarize](#)

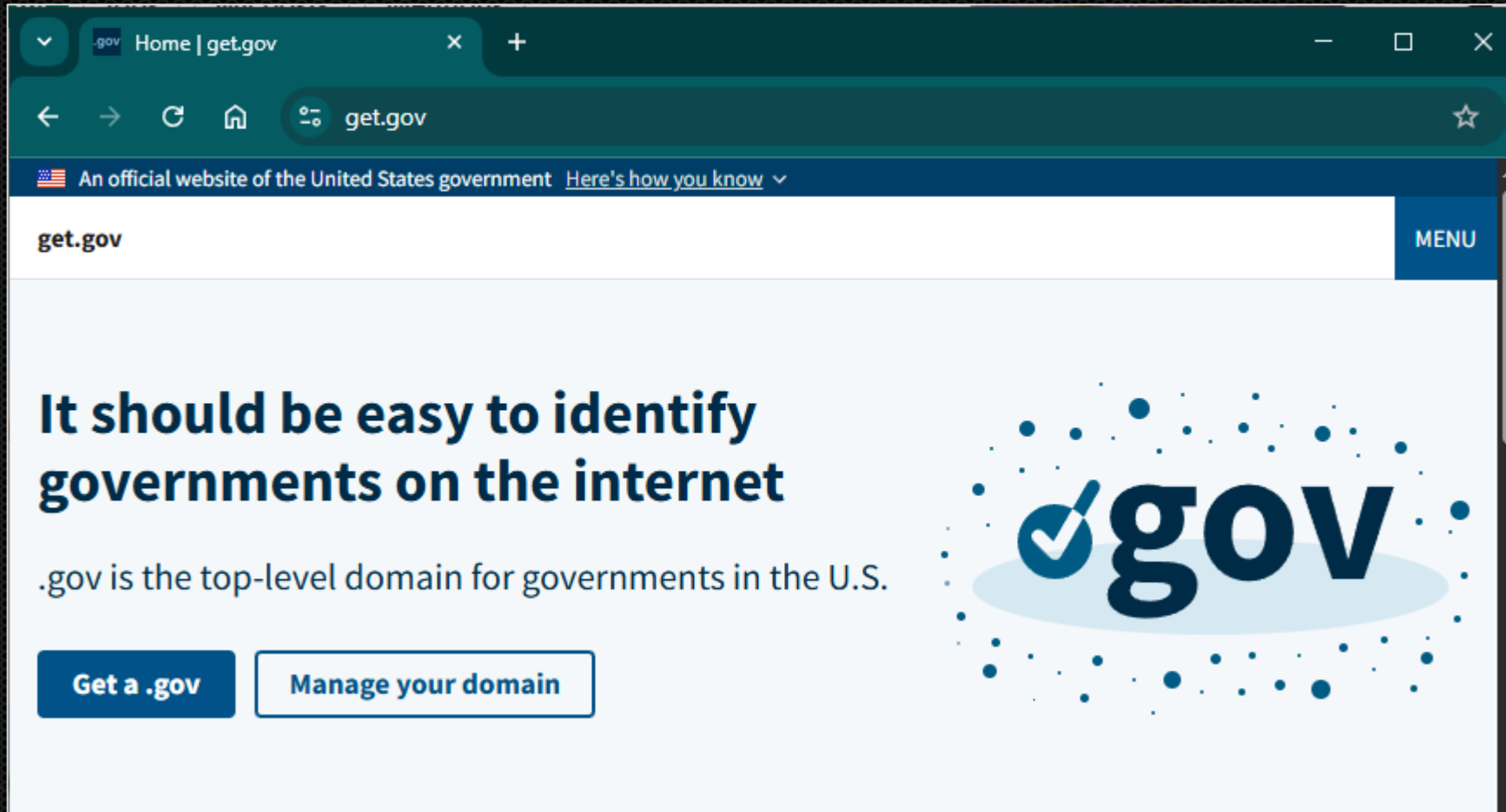
 **DNS Master** <dns@brownsburg.gov> 
To: Philippe Caturegli 9:54 AM

 If there are problems with how this message is displayed, click here to view it in a web browser.

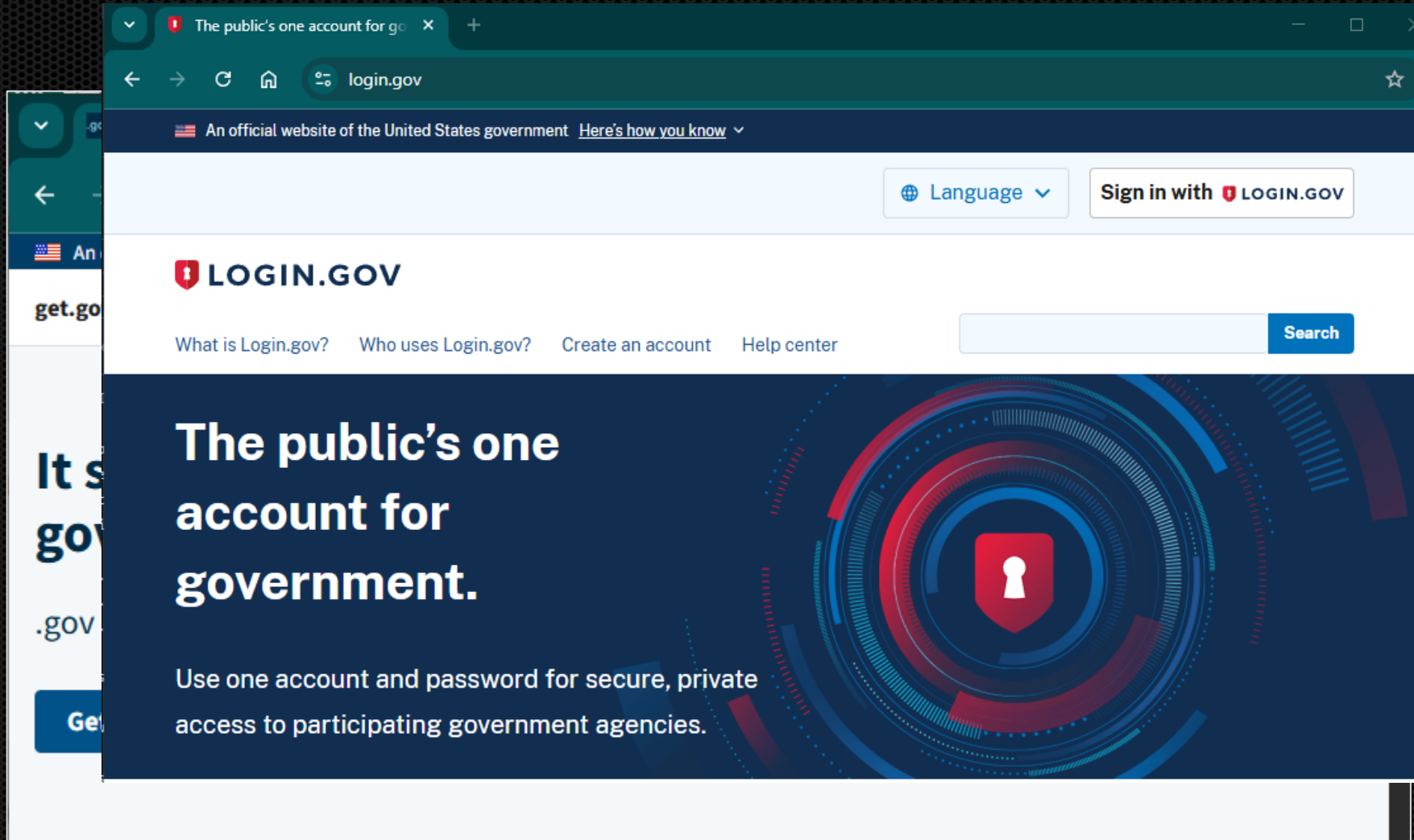
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It works !!

manage.get.gov

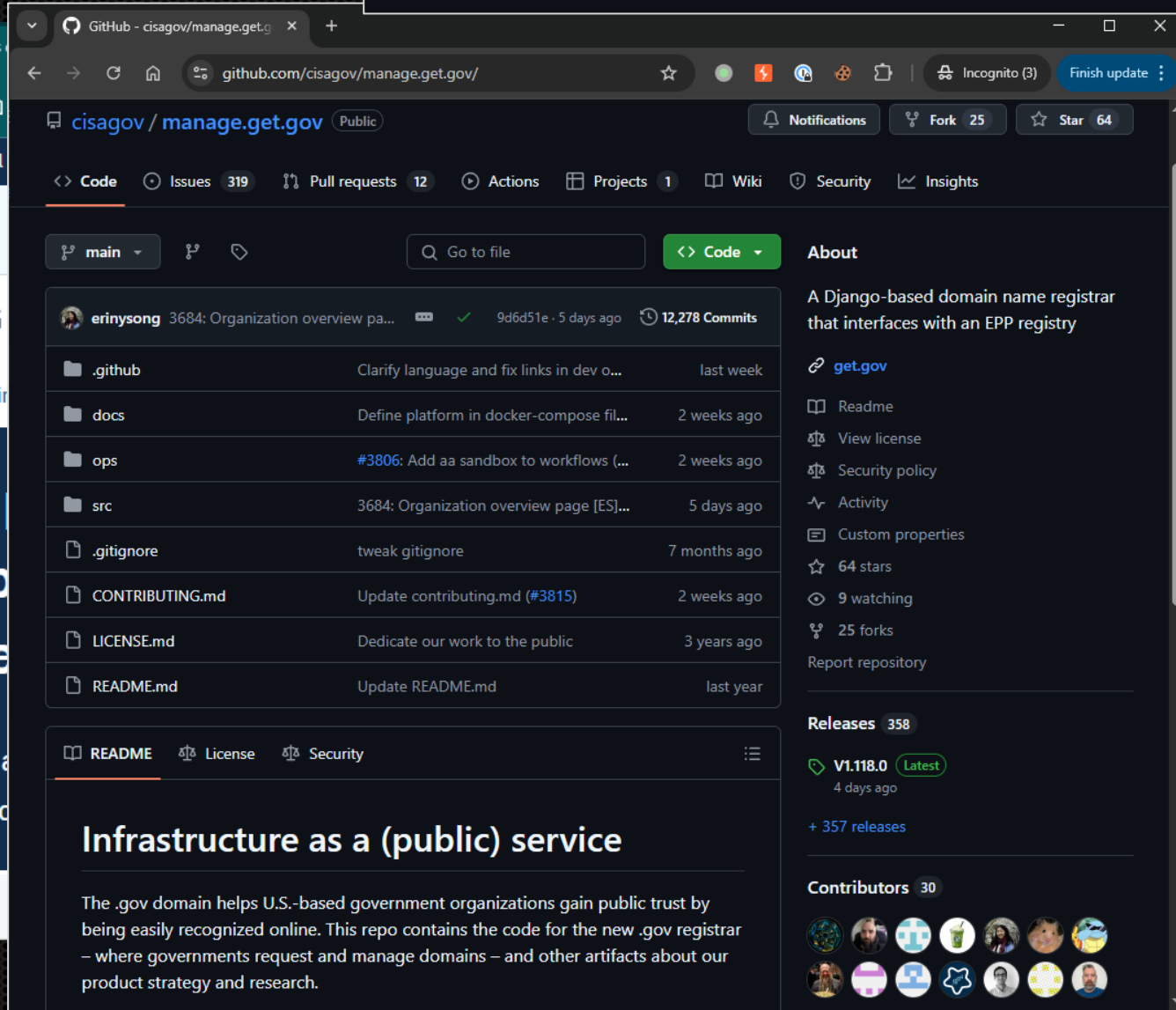


manage.get.gov



manage.get.gov

manage.get.gov / src / registrar / config / urls.py



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for `cisagov/manage.get.gov`. The repository is public and has 25 forks and 64 stars. The main branch is `main`. The repository description is "A Django-based domain name registrar that interfaces with an EPP registry". The repository contains several files and folders, including `.github`, `docs`, `ops`, `src`, `.gitignore`, `CONTRIBUTING.md`, `LICENSE.md`, and `README.md`. The `README.md` file is selected, showing the title "Infrastructure as a (public) service" and a description: "The .gov domain helps U.S.-based government organizations gain public trust by being easily recognized online. This repo contains the code for the new .gov registrar – where governments request and manage domains – and other artifacts about our product strategy and research."

Repository: `cisagov / manage.get.gov` (Public)

Navigation: `<> Code` Issues 319 Pull requests 12 Actions Projects 1 Wiki Security Insights

Files and Folders:

File/Folder	Description	Last Commit
<code>.github</code>	Clarify language and fix links in dev o...	last week
<code>docs</code>	Define platform in docker-compose fil...	2 weeks ago
<code>ops</code>	#3806: Add aa sandbox to workflows (...)	2 weeks ago
<code>src</code>	3684: Organization overview page [ES]...	5 days ago
<code>.gitignore</code>	tweak gitignore	7 months ago
<code>CONTRIBUTING.md</code>	Update contributing.md (#3815)	2 weeks ago
<code>LICENSE.md</code>	Dedicate our work to the public	3 years ago
<code>README.md</code>	Update README.md	last year

About: A Django-based domain name registrar that interfaces with an EPP registry

Links: [get.gov](#), [Readme](#), [View license](#), [Security policy](#), [Activity](#), [Custom properties](#)

Stats: 64 stars, 9 watching, 25 forks

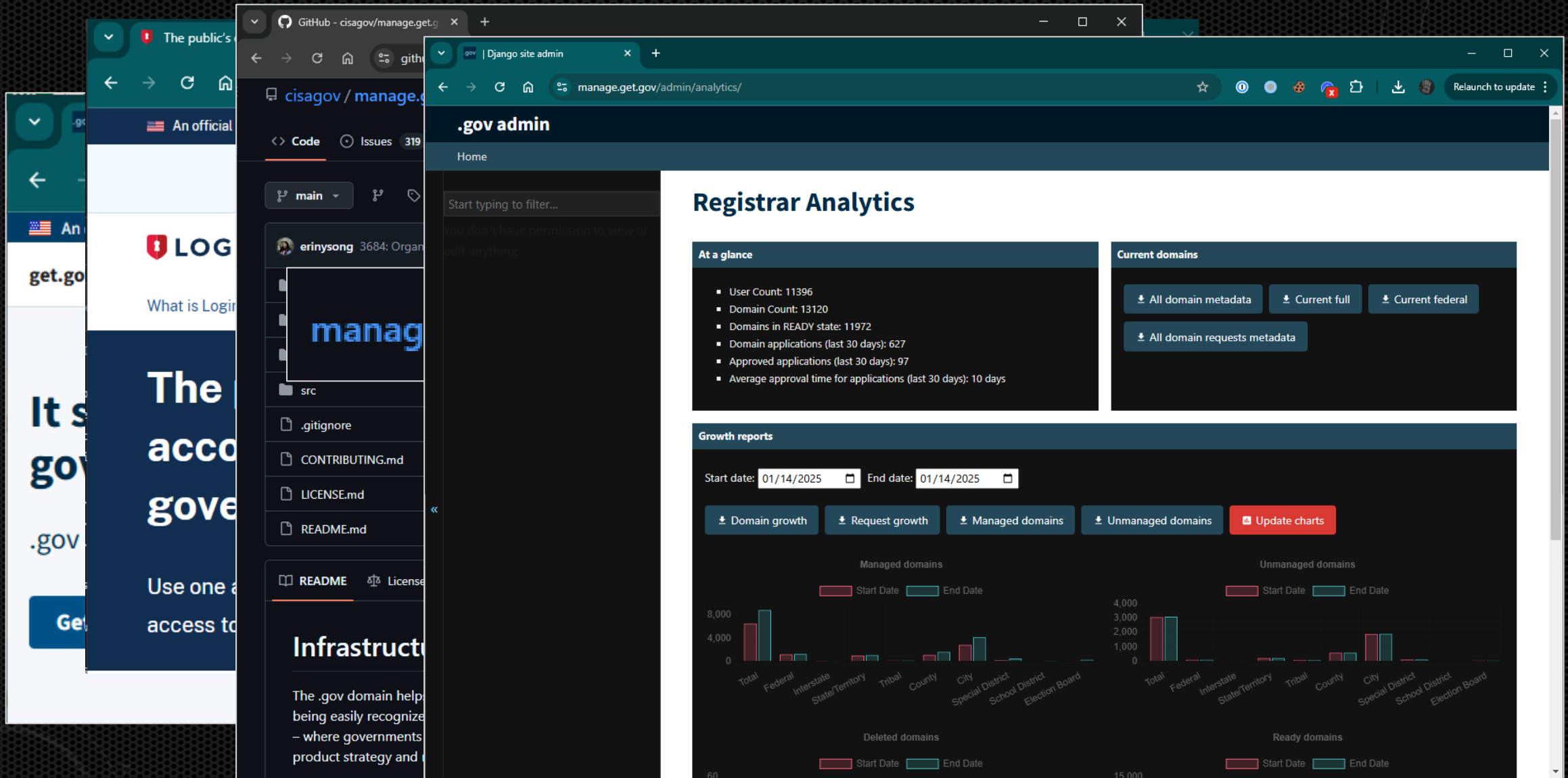
Releases: 358

Latest Release: **V1.118.0** (Latest) 4 days ago

+ 357 releases

Contributors: 30

manage.get.gov



The image is a collage of three overlapping screenshots from a web browser.

The top screenshot shows the Django admin interface for "manage.get.gov". The page title is ".gov admin" and the sub-page is "Registrar Analytics". It displays various statistics:

- At a glance:**
 - User Count: 11396
 - Domain Count: 13120
 - Domains in READY state: 11972
 - Domain applications (last 30 days): 627
 - Approved applications (last 30 days): 97
 - Average approval time for applications (last 30 days): 10 days
- Current domains:**
 - All domain metadata
 - Current full
 - Current federal
 - All domain requests metadata
- Growth reports:**
 - Start date: 01/14/2025
 - End date: 01/14/2025
 - Domain growth
 - Request growth
 - Managed domains
 - Unmanaged domains
 - Update charts

The middle screenshot shows a GitHub repository for "manage.get.gov". The commit message is "Use method_decorator and mixins on report views" by user "rachidatecs" committed on Jan 30. The commit is marked as "Verified".

The bottom screenshot shows a mobile app interface with a large yellow sad face emoji in the center.

Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (akam.ne)

```
# dig -t NS santanderconsumer.es

; <<>> DiG 9.19.17-2~kalil-Kali <<>> -t NS santanderconsumer.es
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 32481
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 8, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 512
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;santanderconsumer.es.          IN      NS

;; ANSWER SECTION:
santanderconsumer.es.  21600   IN      NS      dns02.santandergroup.net.
santanderconsumer.es.  21600   IN      NS      a11-67.akam.ne. ←
santanderconsumer.es.  21600   IN      NS      a12-65.akam.ne. ←
santanderconsumer.es.  21600   IN      NS      a2-65.akam.net.
santanderconsumer.es.  21600   IN      NS      a14-67.akam.ne. ←
santanderconsumer.es.  21600   IN      NS      a9-65.akam.net.
santanderconsumer.es.  21600   IN      NS      dns01.santandergroup.net.
santanderconsumer.es.  21600   IN      NS      a1-49.akam.net.
```

Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (akam.net)



Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (akam.ne)

[Basic Search](#) [Bulk Search](#)

Choose extension 

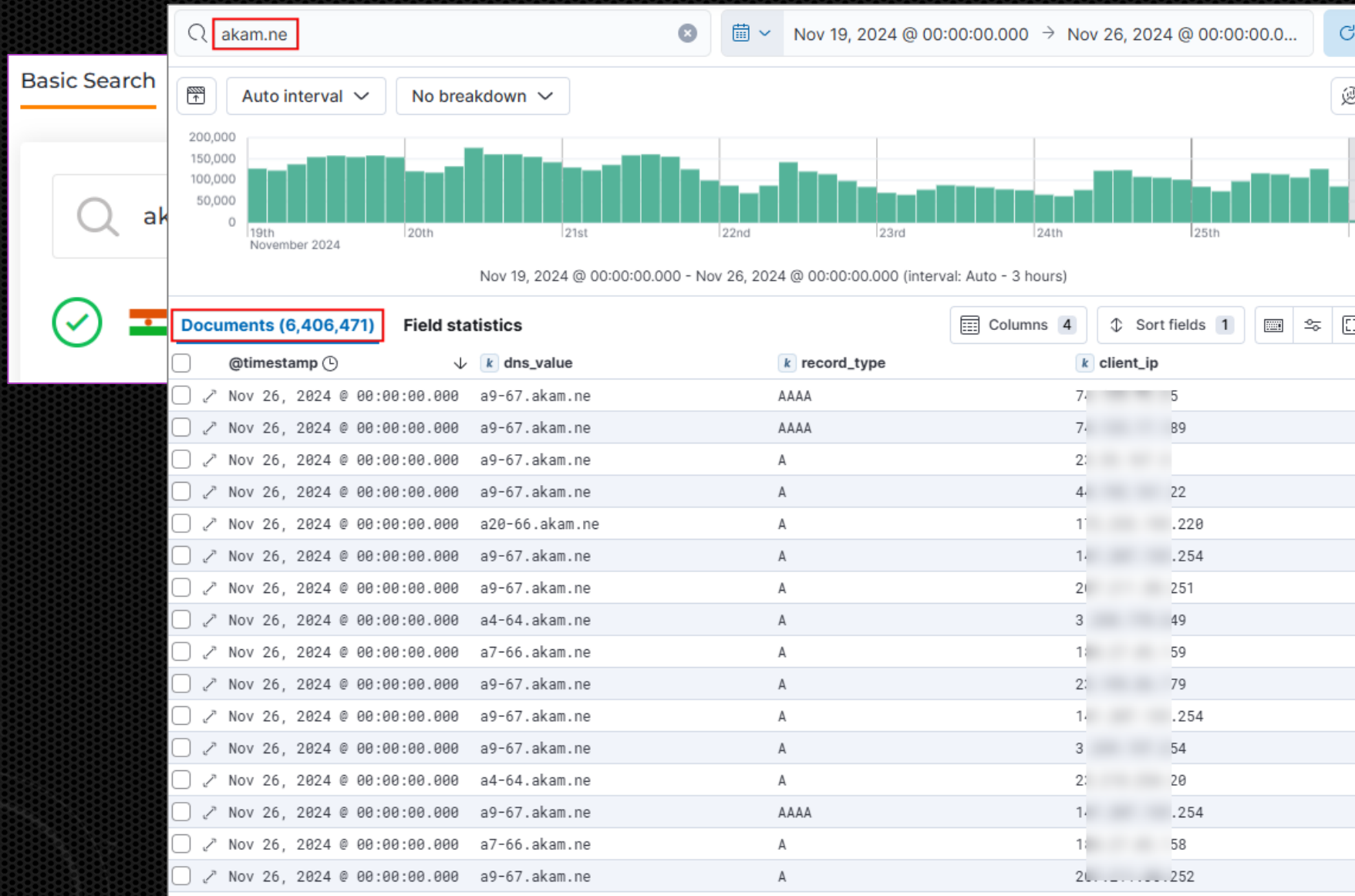
Search

  **akam.ne** is available!

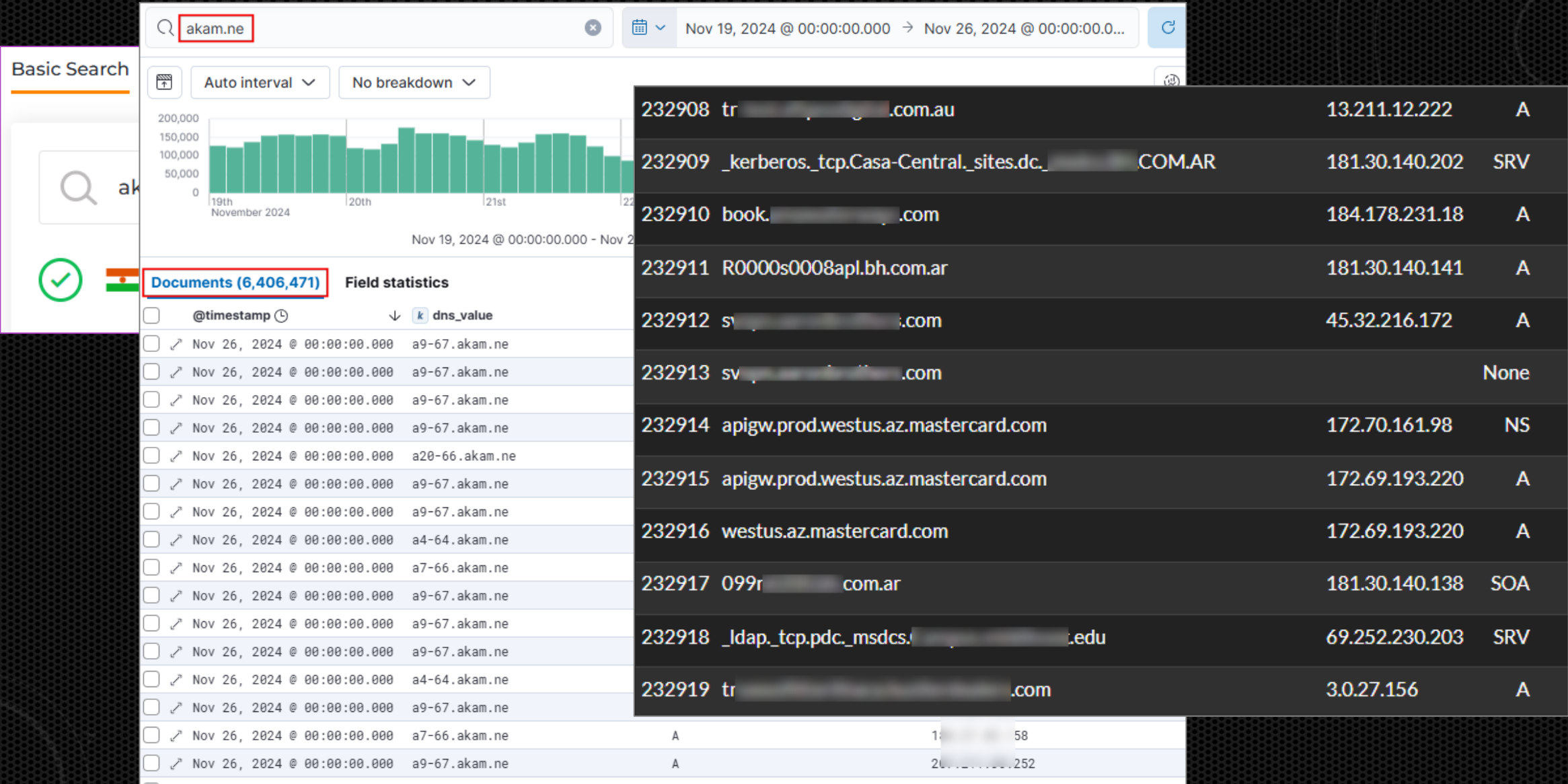
€280,00 EUR/yr
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Register 

Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (akam.ne)



Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (akam.ne)



Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (akam.ne)

```
# dig +tcp @dns2.mastercard.com az.mastercard.com

; <<>> DiG 9.20.2-1-Debian <<>> +tcp @dns2.mastercard.com az.mastercard.com
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 22219
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 5, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:: udp: 1220
; COOKIE: 8423f7def694b34bd41bf38b673b74e70b3b147cb66ae538 (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;az.mastercard.com.          IN      A

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      al-29.akam.net.
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      a9-64.akam.net.
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      a26-66.akam.net.
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      a22-65.akam.ne.
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      a7-67.akam.net.

;; Query time: 144 msec
;; SERVER: 216.119.210.53#53(dns2.mastercard.com) (TCP)
;; WHEN: Mon Nov 18 12:09:59 EST 2024
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 191
```

Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (akam.net)

```
# dig +tcp @dns2.mastercard.com az.mastercard.com

; <<>> DiG 9.20.2-1-Debian <<>> +tcp @dns2.mastercard.com
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 22219
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 5, ADDIT
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1220
; COOKIE: 8423f7def694b34bd41bf38b673b74e70b3b147cb66ae53
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;az.mastercard.com.          IN      A

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      al-29.aka
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      a9-64.aka
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      a26-66.aka
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      a22-65.aka
az.mastercard.com.    3600    IN      NS      a7-67.aka

;; Query time: 144 msec
;; SERVER: 216.119.210.53#53(dns2.mastercard.com) (TCP)
;; WHEN: Mon Nov 18 12:09:59 EST 2024
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 191
```

```
$ dig @a3-65.akam.net NS bh.com.ar

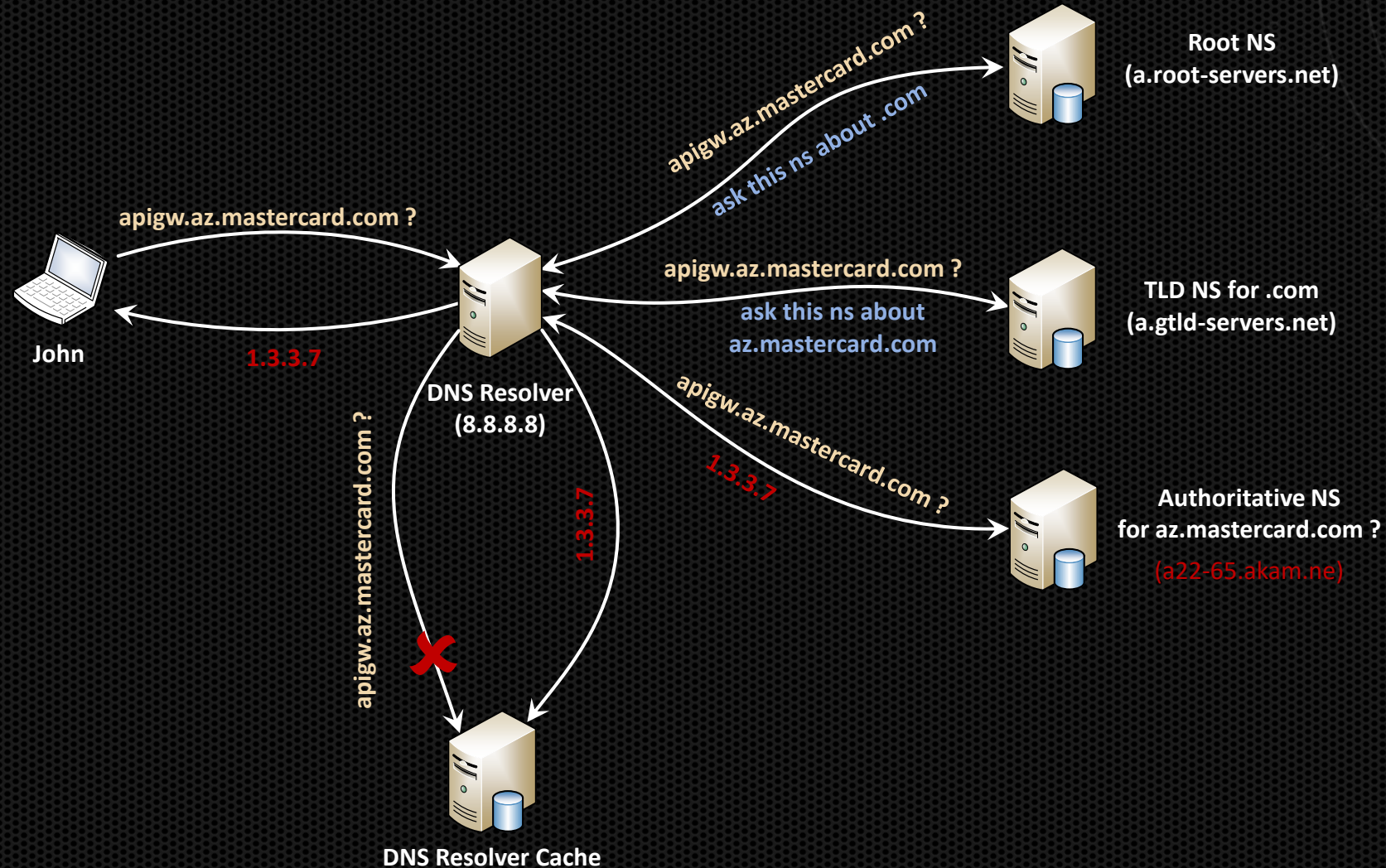
; <<>> DiG 9.20.2-1-Debian <<>> @a3-65.akam.net NS bh.com.ar
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 9664
;; flags: qr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 6, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;bh.com.ar.                  IN      NS

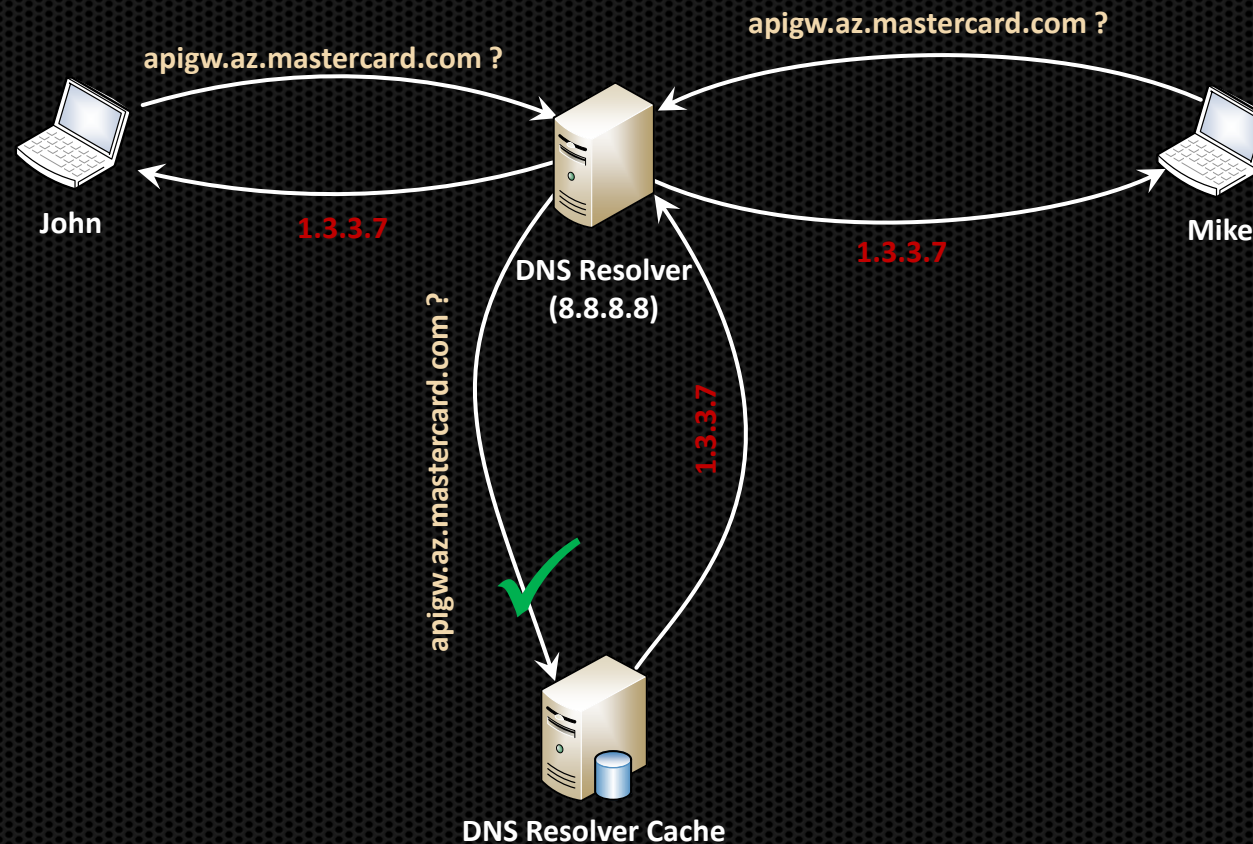
;; ANSWER SECTION:
bh.com.ar.                  86400   IN      NS      a2-64.akam.net.
bh.com.ar.                  86400   IN      NS      a3-65.akam.net.
bh.com.ar.                  86400   IN      NS      a4-66.akam.net.
bh.com.ar.                  86400   IN      NS      a14-64.akam.net.
bh.com.ar.                  86400   IN      NS      a1-214.akam.net.
bh.com.ar.                  86400   IN      NS      a9-67.akam.net.

;; Query time: 4 msec
;; SERVER: 96.7.49.65#53(a3-65.akam.net) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Mon Nov 18 12:28:24 EST 2024
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 175
```

Example: Fat fingered NameServers (1-out-of-X misconception)



Example: Fat fingered NameServers (1-out-of-X misconception)



Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (akam.ne)

In a classic case of 'how not to handle vulnerability disclosure', Mastercard ignored our initial report (and did not offer to cover the \$300 we spent registering the domain to protect them). But they did respond to [Brian Krebs](#):

"We have looked into the matter and there was not a risk to our systems. This typo has now been corrected."

We obviously disagree with this assessment. But we'll let you judge—here are some of the DNS lookups we recorded before reporting the issue.

Don't be like Mastercard... Don't dismiss risk, and don't let your marketing team handle security disclosures...

```
sqlite> select source_ip, domain, type from dns_query_log where domain like "%mastercard.com";
141.101.70.214|authnz360.heracles.prod.westeurope.az.mastercard.com|NS
172.69.193.220|heracles.prod.eastus.az.mastercard.com|CNAME
172.69.21.100|ausoutheast.az.mastercard.com|A
172.69.145.39|az.az.mastercard.com|A
172.68.153.32|az.az.mastercard.com|A
172.69.145.39|apigw.stage.beta.eastus.az.az.mastercard.com|A
172.68.153.32|az.az.mastercard.com|A
172.68.153.32|heracles.heracles.az.mastercard.com|A
94.23.164.164|heracles.prod.eastus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.70.120.40|westus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.70.120.40|heracles.prod.aueast.az.mastercard.com|A
172.68.173.112|prod.authnz360.heracles.prod.eastus.az.mastercard.com|AAAA
172.69.193.220|westus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.69.193.220|apigw.prod.westus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.70.161.98|apigw.prod.westus.az.mastercard.com|NS
172.68.168.102|apigw.dev.beta.work.eastus.az.mastercard.com|AAAA
141.101.70.90|eastus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.71.5.53|apigw.prod.australiaeast.az.mastercard.com|A
172.71.5.53|apigw.prod.australiaeast.az.mastercard.com|A
141.101.70.90|westeurope.az.mastercard.com|A
138.245.252.248|az.mastercard.com|NS
```


Other Example: Fat fingered NameServers (akam.ne)

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```
sqlite> select source_ip, domain, type from dns_query_log
141.101.70.214|authnz360.heracles.prod.westeurope.az.mastercard.com|A
172.69.193.220|heracles.prod.eastus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.69.21.100|ausoutheast.az.mastercard.com|A
172.69.145.39|az.az.mastercard.com|A
172.68.153.32|az.az.mastercard.com|A
172.69.145.39|apigw.stage.beta.eastus.az.az.mastercard.com|A
172.68.153.32|az.az.mastercard.com|A
172.68.153.32|heracles.heracles.az.mastercard.com|A
94.23.164.164|heracles.prod.eastus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.70.120.40|westus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.70.120.40|heracles.prod.aueast.az.mastercard.com|A
172.68.173.112|prod.authnz360.heracles.prod.eastus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.69.193.220|westus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.69.193.220|apigw.prod.westus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.70.161.98|apigw.prod.westus.az.mastercard.com|NS
172.68.168.102|apigw.dev.beta.work.eastus.az.mastercard.com|A
141.101.70.90|eastus.az.mastercard.com|A
172.71.5.53|apigw.prod.australiaeast.az.mastercard.com|A
172.71.5.53|apigw.prod.australiaeast.az.mastercard.com|A
141.101.70.90|westeurope.az.mastercard.com|A
139.245.252.248|us-east-1.az.mastercard.com|NS
```

Request to Remove Public Post Regarding DNS Disclosure

 Summarize



Bugcrowd Support <support@bugcrowd.com>



1/16/2025

Hello titon,

We hope this message finds you well. We're reaching out regarding this [public post](#) you recently made on LinkedIn titled, *"classic case of how not to handle vulnerability disclosure"*, which references DNS records associated with Mastercard.

Mastercard has expressed concerns about the public nature of this disclosure. As a Bugcrowd researcher, you are familiar with the importance of responsible disclosure practices and how they help maintain trust and professionalism in the cybersecurity community.

We kindly request that you take down the post as a gesture of good faith and professionalism. Addressing this proactively will demonstrate your commitment to ethical security practices and help maintain positive relationships with organizations in the industry.

Please let us know once the post has been removed or if there's anything we can clarify to support your understanding of the situation. We appreciate your cooperation and timely action in this matter.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to your response.

Best Regards
Platform Behavior Standards Team



Conclusion

“ A long-lasting solution to eliminate the potential issues arising from name collision in a private name space comes from implementing fully qualified domain names ”

Cyrus Namazi, ICANN Vice President, DNS

Conclusion

“ A long-lasting solution to eliminate the potential issues arising from name collision in a private name space comes from implementing fully qualified domain names **that you actually registered** ”

Cyrus Namazi, ICANN Vice President, DNS

Some numbers

- **38,942,387** SSL certificates analyzed (CN, SAN, CRL)
- **9,583,846** Services with NTLM Auth analyzed
- **92,238** domains not registered
- **186** domains registered
- **\$8,628** spent
- **5,992,624,974** DNS request recorded over the last 12 months

Honorable mention

- Town of NewCastle, UK – newcastle.local.ad
- Institute of Meteorology and Water Management – imgw.ad
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Thank you !



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