

## How safe is your domain?



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### Agenda

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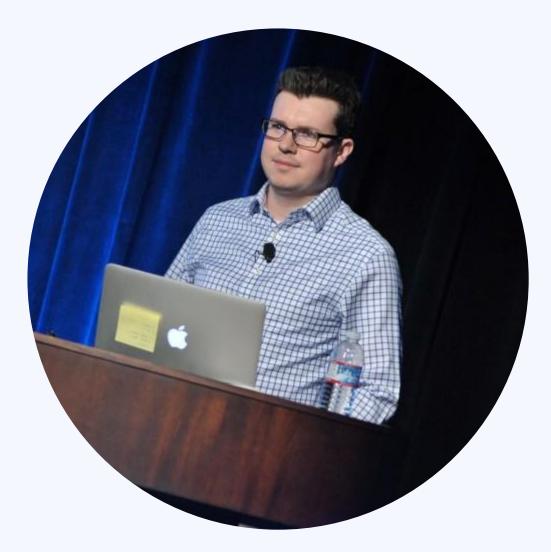
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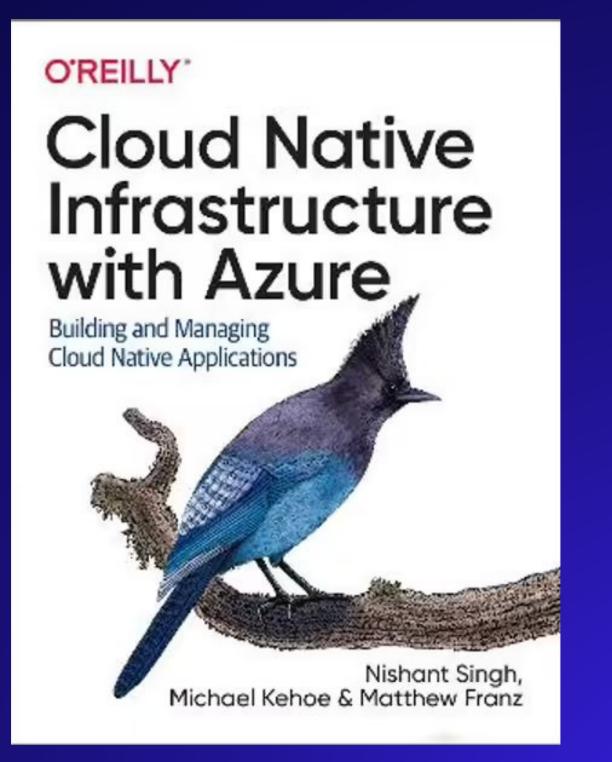
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## Reducing MTTD for High-Severity Incidents

A How-To Guide for SREs

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## Introduction

# Threat-models for DNS & Domains

## **Basic DNS Threat model**

01	Denial of Service/ Availability	•	DNS records are
02	Spoofing/Authentication		Pretending to b Typosquatting/
03	Tampering/Integrity		Modifying DNS
04	Repudiation/ non-repudiation		Verified mail sei
05	Information disclosure/ Confidentiality		Intercepting DN Intercepting ma

re resolvable during outage/ DDoS

be someone else (i.e mail spoofing) / Bitflipping/ Homoglyph on domains

S responses in-transit

enders

NS traffic hail or other layer-7 services

# Top 1000\* domain statistics

\* Cloudflare Radar Top 1000 domains (only 929 domains provided full results)

# How many domains are following all best-practices?

## **Domain Locks**



## Implement all controls

All 6 Server Lock & Client Locks are implemented

## Implement half of controls

All 3 Client Locks are implemented

### Implement one control

1 Client lock is implemented





## No controls implemented

No server lock or client lock is implemented

### Nameserver Safety



### Utilize diverse nameservers

Utilize more than 1 DNS provider

Do not have diverse nameservers Only use 1 provider Implement DNSSec

Protects the integrity of DNS responses



### Do not implement DNSSec

Responses could be tampered with

## Mail Server Safety



### Have a SPF record

Specify which IPs can send mail for your domain

### Have a DMARC record

Policy for unauthenticated messages

### Implement TLSA

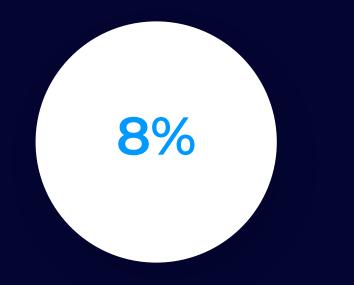
Authenticates public key of certificate with the TLS connection



### Implement MTA-STS

Policy for determining if inbound mail must be encrypted

## Misc Controls





Lets the public know how to report security issues



Lists which Certificate Authorities can issue a certificate against your domain



# What are the best practices?

## **Registrar Protection**

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### Enable all locks

Ensure that your domain can only be modified through established procedures with the registrar

### Enable 2FA

Utilize (non-SMS) 2FA to provide extra security for account credentials.



### Implement IP controls

Only allow your IP space to access your domain registrar



### Integrate SSO

If possible, authenticate with your domain registrar through your existing SSO solution.  $(\mathbb{A})$ 

## **Registrars that support** server-locks

## **Known supporting** registrars

• MarkMonitor, Inc.

• NOM-IQ Ltd dba Com Laude

• CSC CORPORATE DOMAINS, INC.

• RegistrarSafe, LLC

• Cloudflare, Inc.

Nameshield SAS

• RegistrarSEC, LLC

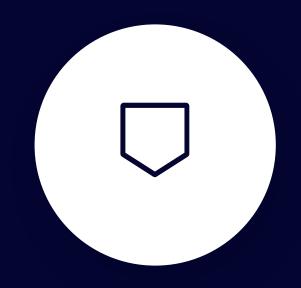
• (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.

• Lexsynergy Limited

• Safenames Ltd

## Nameserver Safety

### Name Server Safety



### Implement DNSSec

Ensure that DNS results for your domain are not modified by MITM attackers



## Use multiple DNS providers

Remove a single point of failure and reduce the risk of DDOS/ failure taking down your domains DNS resolution

## **DNS Records for Mail**

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Specify what IP addresses can send email addresses for your domain



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### DMARC/ DKIM

DMARC: Policy for authenticating email and reporting DKIM: Provides authentication for email senders using public-keys



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TLSA

DNS record that is a SHA256 hash of the certificate public-key

https://email-security-scans.org/ https://support.google.com/mail/answer/13130196 https://www.mailhardener.com/



### MTA-STS

Policy stating your domain requires authentication and encryption for SMTP connections.

### SMTP-TLS

Enables standard reporting on senders ability for secure email delivery to your domain.

### **BIMI/VMC**

An open standard that allows email senders to use their brand logo in emails.

## Records for domains that do not send mail

SPF	TXT	Host: yourdomain.com Value: v=spfv1 -all
DMARC	TXT	Host: _dmarc.yourdomain.com Value: v=DMARC1;p=reject;sp=reject;adk
DKIM	TXT	Host: *domainkey.yourdomain.com Value: v=DKIM1; p=
MX	MX	Host: yourdomain.com Priority: 0 Value .

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protect-domains-that-dont-send-email



### kim=s;aspf=s;fo=1;rua=mailto:dmarc@anotherdomain.com

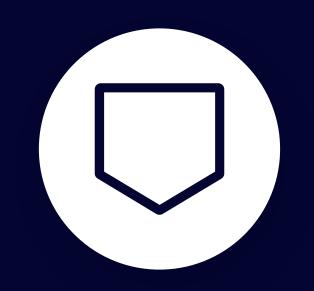
# Other best security practices

## **Content with icons**



### Implement security.txt

Let people know where/ how to report security issues



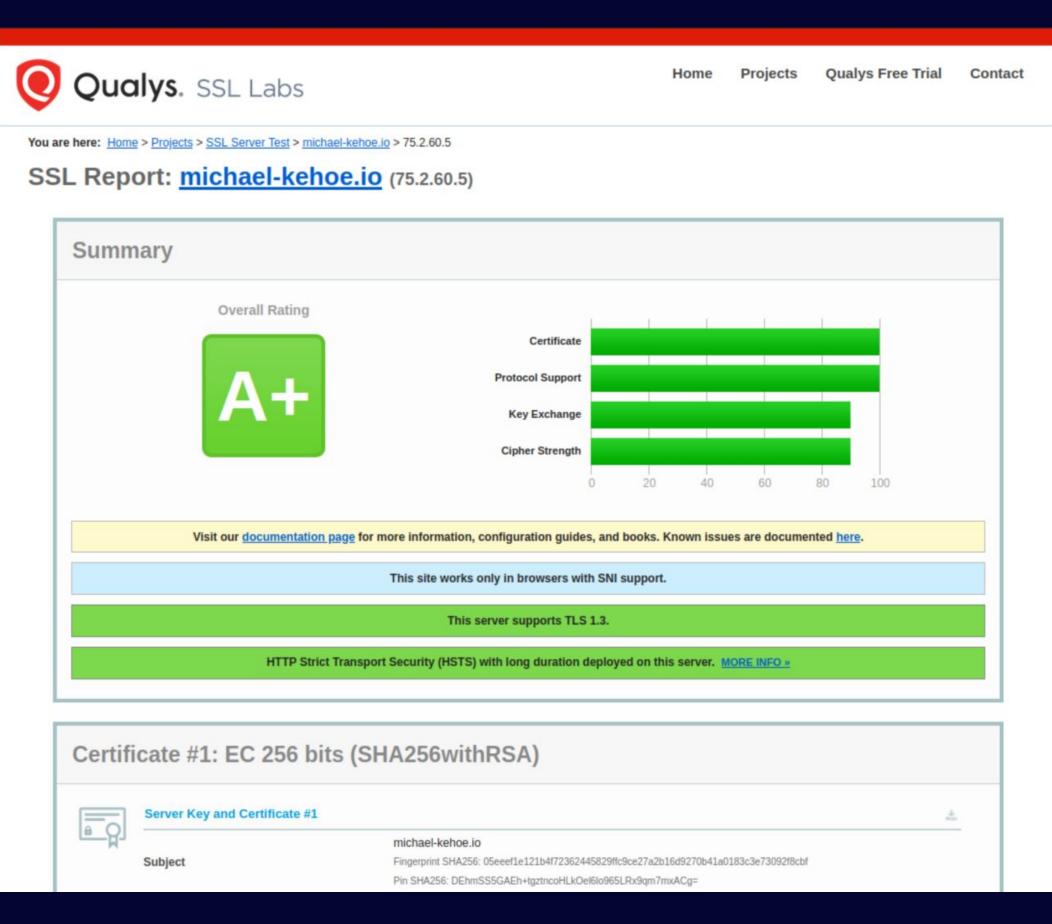
### Implement CAA records

Restrict what CA's can issue certificates for your domain

https://securitytxt.org/ https://docs.digitalocean.com/products/networking/dns/how-to/create-caa-records/

## Demo: domain-labs.com

### ssllabs.com



## securityheaders.com

## Security Headers

### Scan your site now

michael-kehoe.io

Scan

🔲 Hide results 🛃 Follow redirects

### Security Report Summary

Α	Site:	https://michael-kehoe.io/
	IP Address:	99.83.231.61
	Report Time:	14 Jun 2023 02:55:55 UTC
	Headers:	<ul> <li>Content-Security-Policy</li> <li>Permissions-Policy</li> <li>Referrer-Policy</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>X-Content-Type-Options</li> <li>X-Frame-Options</li> </ul>
	Warning:	Grade capped at A, please see warnings below.
	Advanced:	Great grade! Perform a deeper security analysis of your website a

### Warnings

Content-Security-Policy

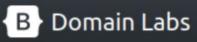
This policy contains 'unsafe-inline' which is dangerous in the script-src directive. This policy contains 'unsafe-inline' which is dangerous in the style-src directive.

### **Raw Headers**



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## domain-labs.com



## Scan your domain now

Enter domain here

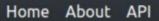
Submit

### Recent Scans

yahoo.com - 65 yahoo.net - 35 youtube-nocookie.com - 30 youtube.com - 40 zemanta.com - 27 xnxx.com - 32 yammer.com - 40 yandexadexchange.net - 15 yimg.com - 40 zoom.us - 35

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### Scan your domain now

	yahoo.com		
		Submit	
afety Report Summary			
Domain		yahoo.com	
LD		yahoo.com	
Authorative Zone		yahoo.com.	
Report Time		2023-06-14 00:58:51.343804	
icore		65/79	

Domain Registration and Registrar					
domain_lock_check	PASS	10/ 10	Found all 6 domain locks at FLD: yahoo.com		
domain_registrar_dnssec		0/ 5	[yahoo.com] Failed find a valid DNSSec WHOIS rec		
DNS Records					
bimi_record_check	FAIL 0/ 5	Failed to reso	olve a BIMI record at: defaultbimi.yahoo.com.		
caa_record_check	PASS 5/ 2	Successfully	resolved a CAA record at: yahoo.com.		
domain_txt_verification	PASS 5/ 2	Found google	e-site-verification TXT record		
dmarc_record_check	PASS 5/ 5	Successfully	found DMARC record at _dmarc.yahoo.com.		

