



Privacy and Security of DNS Resolvers

used in the Nordics and Baltics 

Jonathan Magnusson

\$ whoami

Jonathan Magnusson

- ❖ PhD Student
- ❖ Karlstad University, Sweden
- ❖ The Swedish Internet Foundation



Mechanisms in Focus

- ❖ IPv6 capabilities (availability)
 - ❖ `ipv6-resolver-connectivity.ip.se` A

Mechanisms in Focus

- ❖ IPv6 capabilities (availability)
 - ❖ `ipv6-resolver-connectivity.ip.se A`
- ❖ DNSSEC validation (integrity, authentication)
 - ❖ `ds-but-not-signed.ip.se A`

Mechanisms in Focus

- ❖ IPv6 capabilities (availability)
 - ❖ `ipv6-resolver-connectivity.ip.se A`
- ❖ DNSSEC validation (integrity, authentication)
 - ❖ `ds-but-not-signed.ip.se A`
- ❖ QNAME minimization (data minimization)
 - ❖ `a.b.qnamemintest.net TXT`

Mechanisms in Focus

- ❖ IPv6 capabilities (availability)
 - ❖ `ipv6-resolver-connectivity.ip.se` A
- ❖ DNSSEC validation (integrity, authentication)
 - ❖ `ds-but-not-signed.ip.se` A
- ❖ QNAME minimization (data minimization)
 - ❖ `a.b.qnamemintest.net` TXT
- ❖ EDNS Client-Subnet (data minimization)
 - ❖ Abbreviated to “NECS” (No ECS)

Mechanisms in Focus

- ❖ IPv6 capabilities (availability)
 - ❖ `ipv6-resolver-connectivity.ip.se A`
- ❖ DNSSEC validation (integrity, authentication)
 - ❖ `ds-but-not-signed.ip.se A`
- ❖ QNAME minimization (data minimization)
 - ❖ `a.b.qnamemintest.net TXT`
- ❖ EDNS Client-Subnet (data minimization)
 - ❖ Abbreviated to “NECS” (No ECS)
- ❖ Minimal responses (data minimization)
 - ❖ Abbreviated to “MR”

Active Measurements

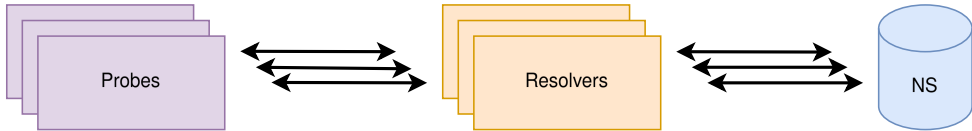
RIPE Atlas Probes

- ▣ Global network of volunteer probes
- ▣ Preconfigured DNS Resolvers

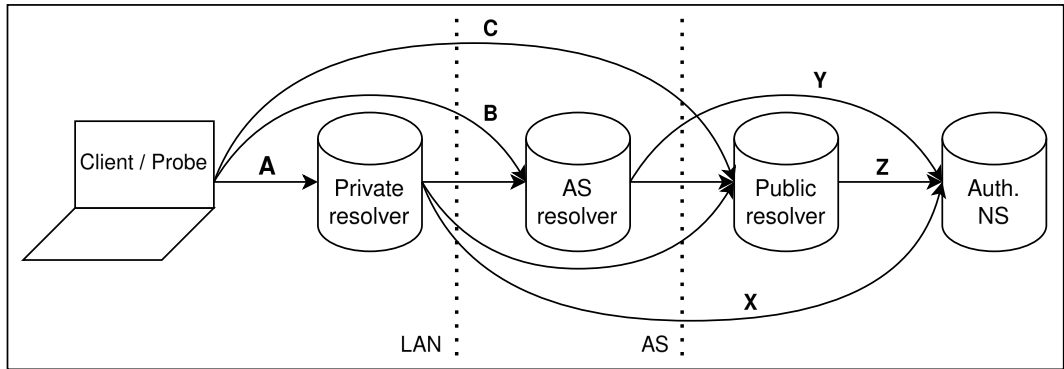
Active Measurements

RIPE Atlas Probes

- ▣ Global network of volunteer probes
- ▣ Preconfigured DNS Resolvers



Resolver Forwarding



Preconfigured resolver types: {A, B, C}

Recursive resolver types: {X, Y, Z}

Measurement Results

RIPE Atlas

Country									Total
Probes	109	31	129	13	31	32	91	184	620

❖ 1066 unique probe/resolver pairs

Measurement Results

RIPE Atlas

Country									Total
Probes	109	31	129	13	31	32	91	184	620

❖ 1066 unique probe/resolver pairs

Preconf. \ Recursive	Private	AS	Public
Private	4.5%	14.4%	17.4%
AS	0.4%	21.6%	1.6%
Public	0.0%	0.8%	39.3%

Measurement Results

Probe/resolver pair feature adoption

Measurement Results

Probe/resolver pair feature adoption

	IPv6	DNSSEC	QMIN	NECS	MR
All	92%	87%	70%	83%	78%

Measurement Results

Probe/resolver pair feature adoption

✚ Network Proximity

	IPv6	DNSSEC	QMIN	NECS	MR
All	92%	87%	70%	83%	78%
Private	87%	80%	79%	87%	92%
AS	90%	76%	78%	98%	84%
Public	99%	98%	59%	72%	61%

Measurement Results

Probe/resolver pair feature adoption

❖ Network Proximity

❖ Popular Public

	IPv6	DNSSEC	QMIN	NECS	MR
All	92%	87%	70%	83%	78%
Private	87%	80%	79%	87%	92%
AS	90%	76%	78%	98%	84%
Public	99%	98%	59%	72%	61%
Google	100%	100%	0%	27%	0%
Cloudflare	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Quad9	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Measurement Results

Google Public DNS acting strange:

```
dig a.b.qnamemin-test.internet.nl TXT @8.8.8.8 → HOORAY
dig a.b.qnamemin-test.nl.netlabs.nl TXT @8.8.8.8 → NO
dig a.b.qnamemintest.net TXT @8.8.8.8 → NO
```

“A Second Look at DNS QNAME Minimization” by Magnusson *et al.*

Measurement Results

Probe/resolver pair feature adoption

❖ Network Proximity

❖ Popular Public

	IPv6	DNSSEC	QMIN	NECS	MR
All	92%	87%	70%	83%	78%
Private	87%	80%	79%	87%	92%
AS	90%	76%	78%	98%	84%
Public	99%	98%	59%	72%	61%
Google	100%	100%	0%	27%	0%
Cloudflare	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Quad9	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Measurement Results

Probe/resolver pair feature adoption

❖ Network Proximity

❖ Popular Public

	IPv6	DNSSEC	QMIN	NECS	MR
All	92%	87%	70%	83%	78%
Private	87%	80%	79%	87%	92%
AS	90%	76%	78%	98%	84%
Public	99%	98%	59%	72%	61%
Google	100%	100%	0%	27%	0%
Cloudflare	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Quad9	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Recursive Preconf.	Private	AS	Public
Private	4.5%	14.4%	17.4%
AS	0.4%	21.6%	1.6%
Public	0.0%	0.8%	39.3%

Measurement Results

Probe/resolver pair feature adoption

❖ Network Proximity

❖ Popular Public

❖ Private Forwarding

	IPv6	DNSSEC	QMIN	NECS	MR
All	92%	87%	70%	83%	78%
Private	87%	80%	79%	87%	92%
AS	90%	76%	78%	98%	84%
Public	99%	98%	59%	72%	61%
Google	100%	100%	0%	27%	0%
Cloudflare	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Quad9	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Private → Private	48%	61%	83%	100%	100%
Private → AS	86%	74%	91%	100%	97%
Private → Public	100%	89%	71%	77%	88%

Measurement Results

Probe/resolver pair feature adoption

❖ Network Proximity

❖ Popular Public









❖ Private Forwarding

	IPv6	DNSSEC	QMIN	NECS	MR
All	92%	87%	70%	83%	78%
Private	87%	80%	79%	87%	92%
AS	90%	76%	78%	98%	84%
Public	99%	98%	59%	72%	61%
Google	100%	100%	0%	27%	0%
Cloudflare	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Quad9	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Private → Private	48%	61%	83%	100%	100%
Private → AS	86%	74%	91%	100%	97%
Private → Public	100%	89%	71%	77%	88%

Analysis by country









Measurement Results

Feature adoption by country (all probe/resolver pairs)

	Pairs	IPv6	DNSSEC	QMIN	NECS	MR
Sweden 	304	92%	86%	68%	96%	76%
Finland 	234	95%	84%	65%	82%	62%
Denmark 	179	93%	96%	73%	88%	75%
Norway 	165	92%	81%	82%	93%	83%
Estonia 	60	87%	85%	83%	90%	77%
Lithuania 	54	80%	80%	57%	78%	69%
Latvia 	49	86%	86%	76%	88%	78%
Iceland 	21	90%	100%	67%	81%	81%

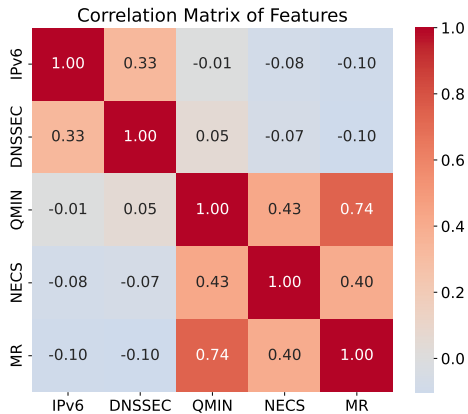
Measurement Results

Feature adoption by country (preconfigured AS resolvers)

	Pairs	IPv6	DNSSEC	QMIN	NECS	MR
Norway 	63	97%	76%	92%	100%	95%
Finland 	59	90%	75%	73%	100%	88%
Sweden 	53	91%	77%	74%	100%	75%
Denmark 	32	91%	100%	88%	100%	88%
Estonia 	22	77%	95%	100%	100%	86%
Lithuania 	11	36%	45%	55%	100%	91%
Latvia 	9	67%	89%	89%	100%	89%
Iceland 	2	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%

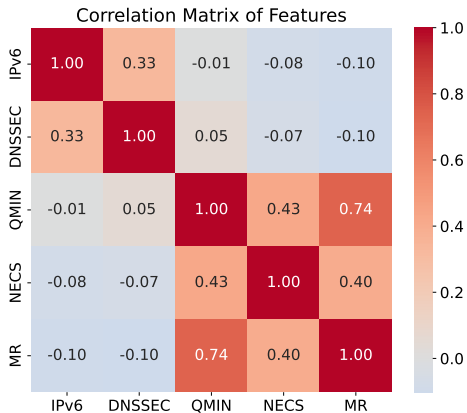
Correlation Analysis

Correlation Analysis

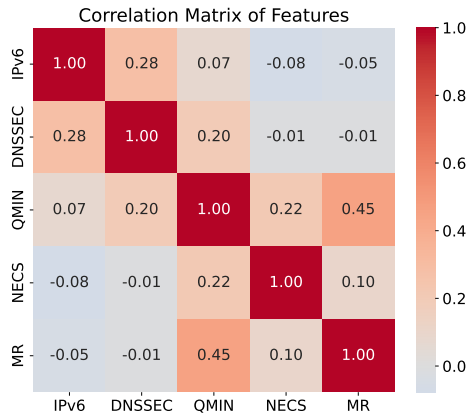


All resolvers

Correlation Analysis















All resolvers



Normalized

Conclusions

- ❖ Overall adoption over 70%
- ❖ Variation across resolver type
- ❖ Google affects public average
- ❖ Best Adoption:
 - ❖ IPv6 
 - ❖ Minimal responses 
 - ❖ DNSSEC 
 - ❖ QMIN 
 - ❖ NECS        
- ❖ Feature correlations
 - ❖ IPv6 \Leftrightarrow DNSSEC
 - ❖ DNSSEC \Leftrightarrow QMIN
 - ❖ QMIN \Leftrightarrow MR

Future Work

Study Scope

- Longitudinal
- Additional features

RIPE Atlas probes

- Representativity
- Alternatives



The End! Questions?