

# AFRINIC

## (r)DNSSEC Infrastructure

*...and how we (silently) migrated a signer*

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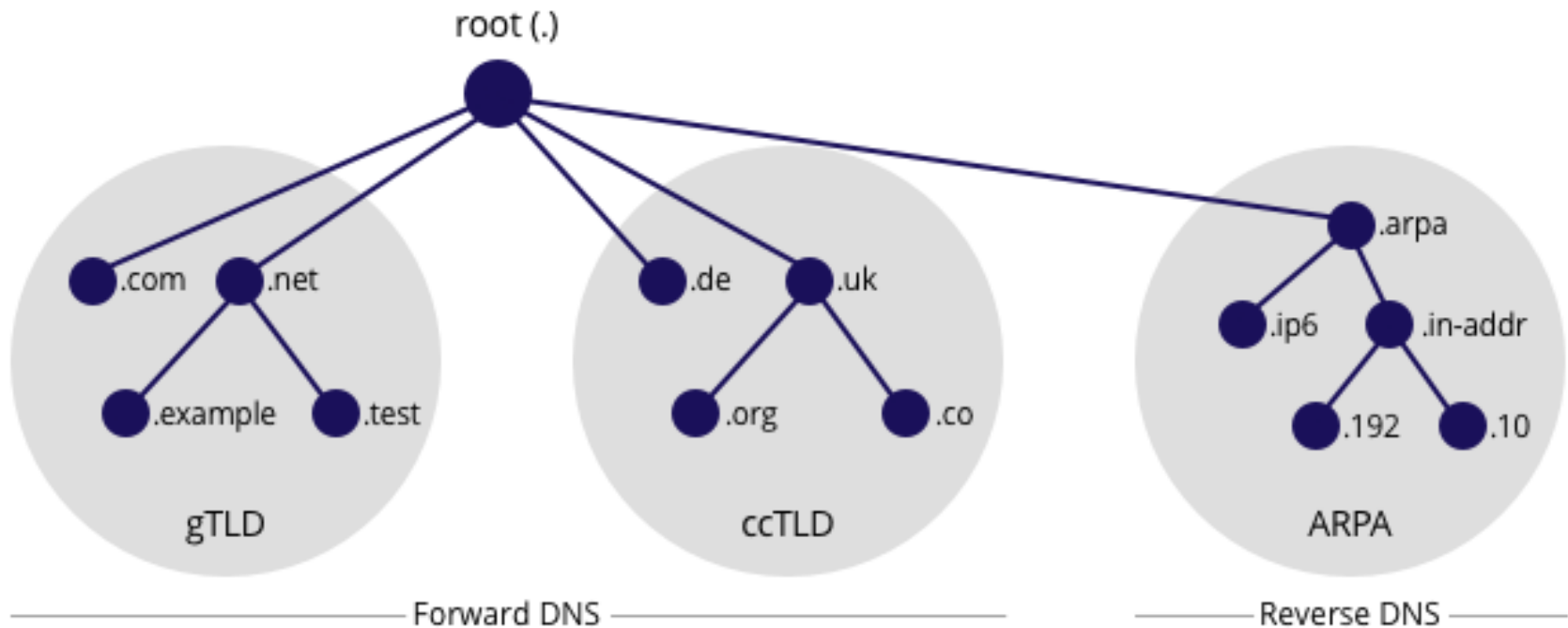


- RIR for the African and Indian Ocean region
- Community-driven through policy discussion
- Allocation of IPv4, IPv6 and ASN
- Maintains WHOIS database
- Provides security services for resources: RPKI, IRR, DNSSEC
- Provides IPv6 and other trainings
- Since 2016 => AfriNIC Labs



- African Root Server Copy (AfRSCP)
  - 6 Root Servers (K and L)
- AfriNIC supported RFC5855 servers
  - "c.in-addr.arpa" and "c.ip6.arpa"
- African DNS Support Programme (AfDSP)
  - Free secondary/slave to African ccTLDs (~30)





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>$ host 192.0.32.7
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```
7.32.0.192.in-addr.arpa domain name pointer www.icann.org.
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- AfrinIC operates RDNS for its IPv4 and IPv6 zones
  - 0.c.2.ip6.arpa.
  - 3.4.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa.
  - 2.4.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa.
  - {41,196,197,102,105,154}.in-addr.arpa.
- Member signs their reverse zones and sends DS records to AfrinIC
  - 196.216/16 ----> 216.196.in-addr.arpa



**domain:** 2.9.0.0.8.f.3.4.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa  
**descr:** rDNS for 2001:43f8:92::/48 - AFRINIC CPT OPS  
**org:** ORG-AFNC1-AFRINIC  
**admin-c:** IT7-AFRINIC  
**tech-c:** IT7-AFRINIC  
**zone-c:** IT7-AFRINIC  
**nserver:** ns1.afrinic.net  
**nserver:** ns3.afrinic.net  
**nserver:** ns2.afrinic.net  
**ds-rdata:** 2842 8 2  
c2e3b07f192cfdb0f0395e66f446ce02e9484e22fb787a17f7babe91547  
d3ed4  
**remarks:** AFRINIC CPT OPS  
**mnt-by:** AFRINIC-IT-MNT  
**mnt-lower:** AFRINIC-IT-MNT  
**source:** AFRINIC # Filtered



## Edit RDNS

**Reverse Zone:** 2.9.0.0.8.f.3.4.1.0.0.2.ip6.arpa

**Reg Date:** 2015-07-09

**\* Name Servers:** Provide the primary and secondary name servers for this reverse delegation [Please note: we need the hostname(s) here, not the ip address(es)]




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**DS Records:** Provide Delegation Signer Resource Records (RFC 4034)  
keytag: {0-65535} ; Algorithm:{3|5|6|7|8|10|12|253|254} ; Digest type :{1-3} ; Digest:{alphanumeric}

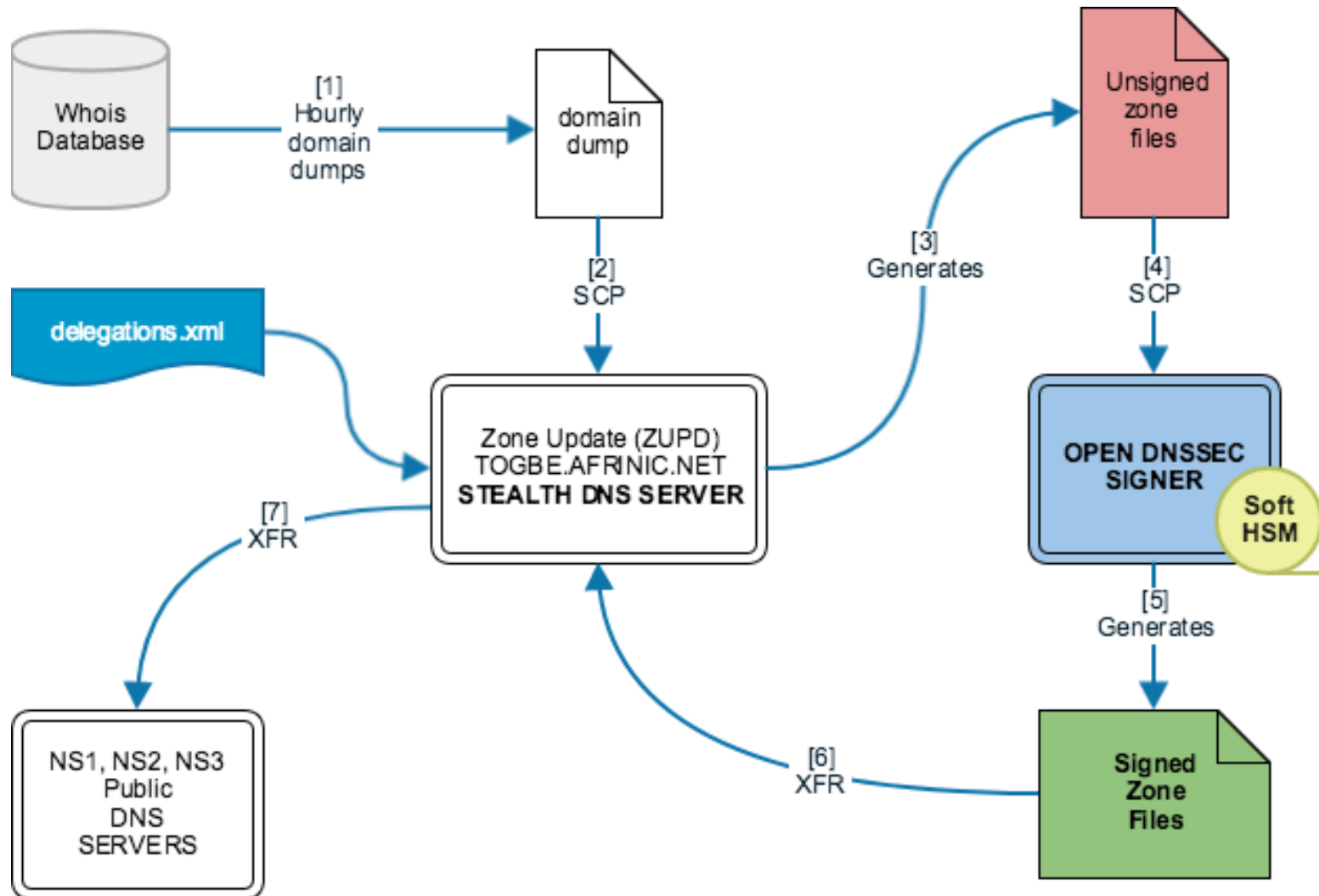
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Parameter	Key Length	Algorithm
KSK	2048 bits	RSA
ZSK	1024 bits	RSA
Signature	SHA-256	RSA

- Rollover
  - ZSK: Monthly
  - KSK: Yearly (double DS)
- Signature lifetime: 15 days
- TTL:
  - DNSKEY: TTL on SOA
  - NSEC: minimum of SOA
  - RRSIG: lowest TTL
  - DS: TTL on NS







- ATI - Agence Tunisienne Internet
- CBC EMEA LTD
- Posix Systems (Pty) Ltd
- RMS Powertronics CC
- Rhodes University
- AfriNIC Ltd

Adoption very very low!!!!



## Why?

- Scalability issues with OpenDNSSEC v1.3
- Large delays for signing of zones
- The old signer was stuck into "flush mode" occasionally, leading to members to complain about time to propagate of their changes.
- Limited support for AXFR IN and OUT



- DNSSEC validation maintained all the time
- There should be minimum manual editing of signed zones
- Migration should be done as quickly as possible
- Interaction with parents is kept to a minimum
- Key sizes and algorithms will remain the same



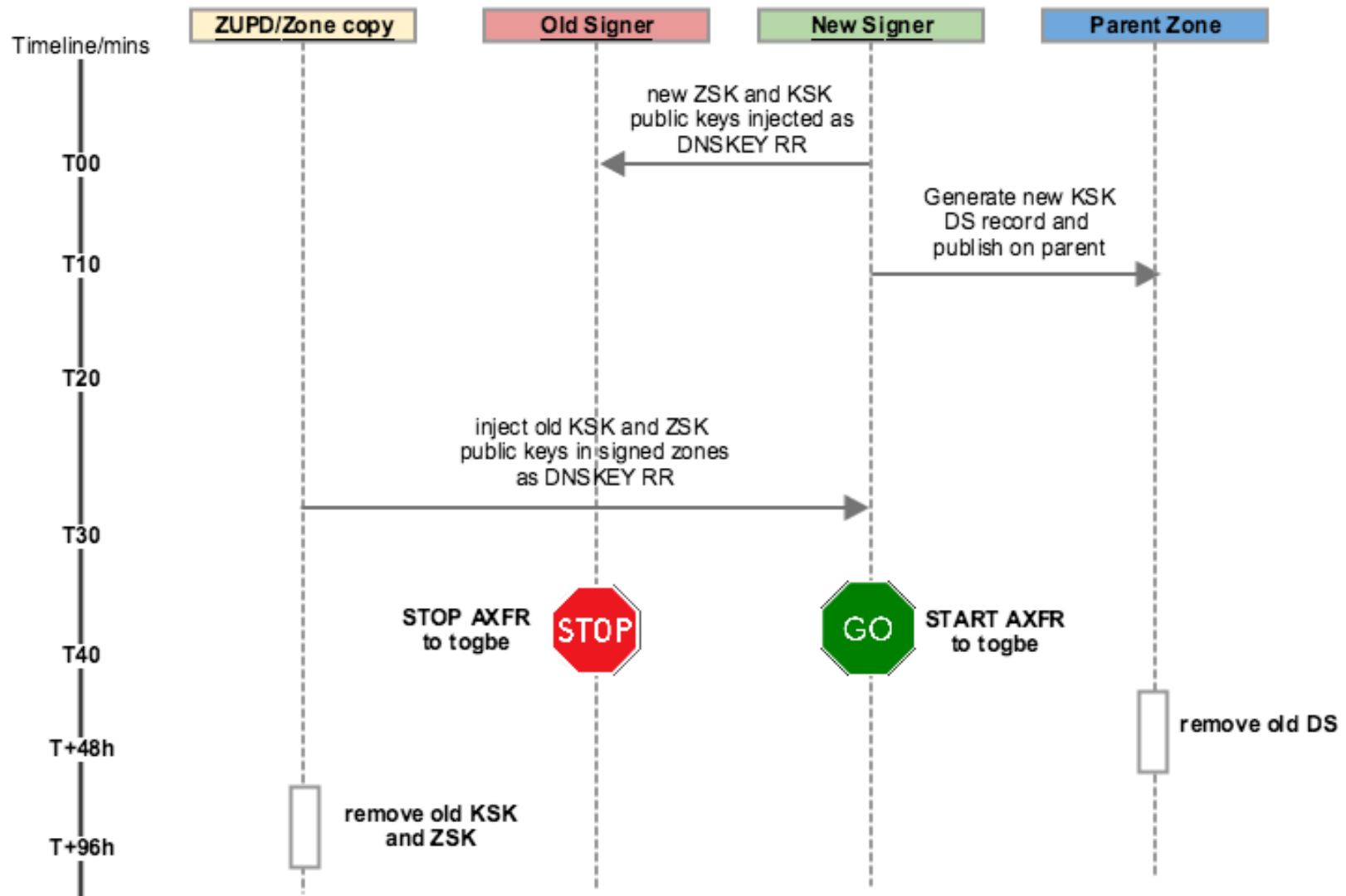
- No ZSK/KSK rollover in progress in the source signer to prevent situation of having multiple DNSKEY RR
- The validity of the signatures is much longer than the TTL of the zone (2 or 3 times bigger)
- Source and destination signers are not authoritative DNS servers but are hidden primaries.
- Both the source and destination signers are provisioned the same way
- The parent zone in-addr.arpa and ip6.arpa accepts Double-DS records for key rollover procedures.



Criteria	Option 1 Export existing keys	Option 2 Key rollover	Option 3 New Keys	Option 4 Existing keys followed by rollover
Invalidity window	NO	NO	YES	NO
Key manipulation	YES	NO	NO	YES
Rollover time	None	Wait for old signatures to expire	Wait for caches to pick up new keys	-
Number of interactions with parents	0	2	1	-
DNSKEY RRset size	Same	Double	Same	Same
Exposure of private keys	YES	NO: only public keys exposed	NO	YES

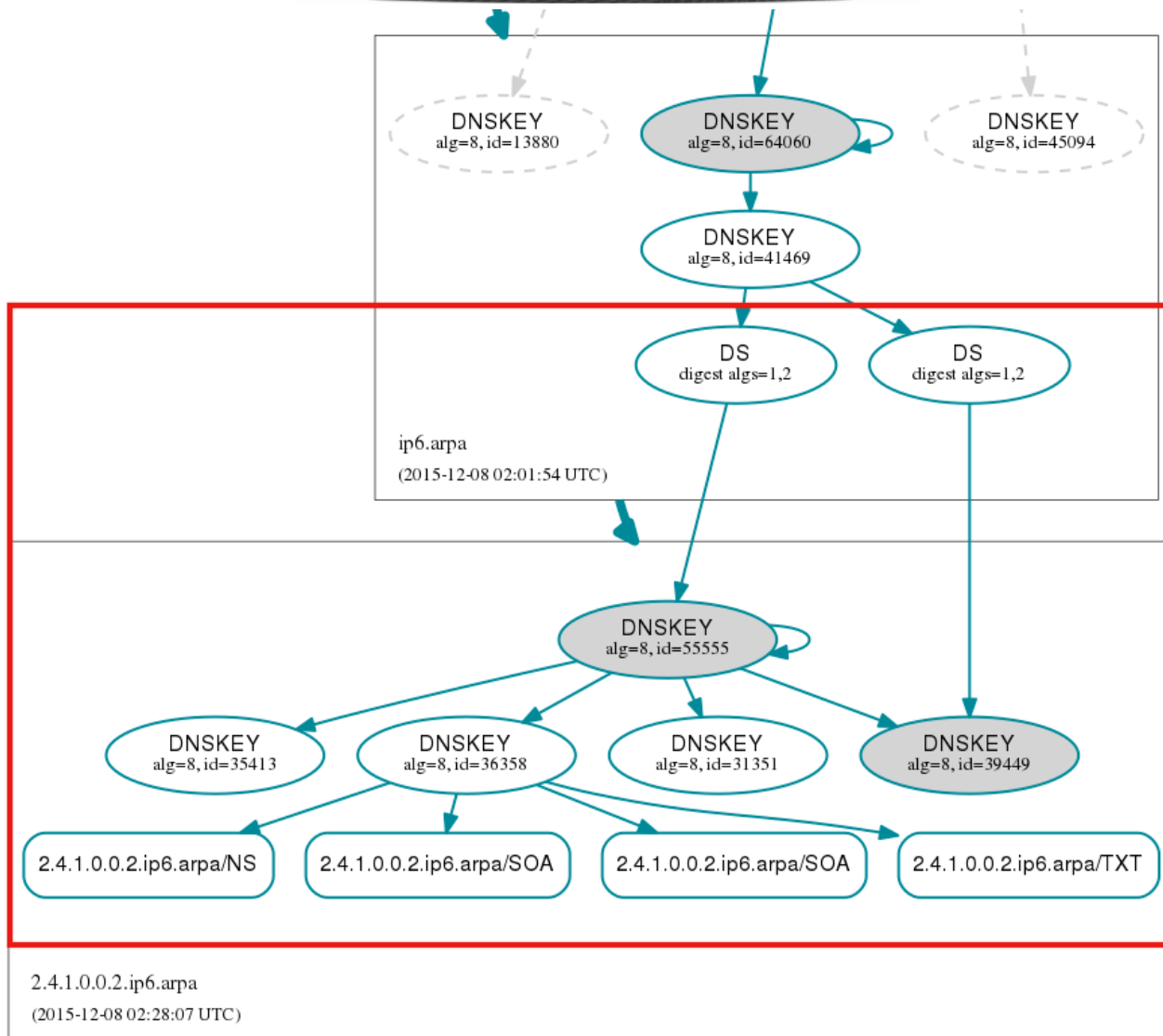


# Migration timeline





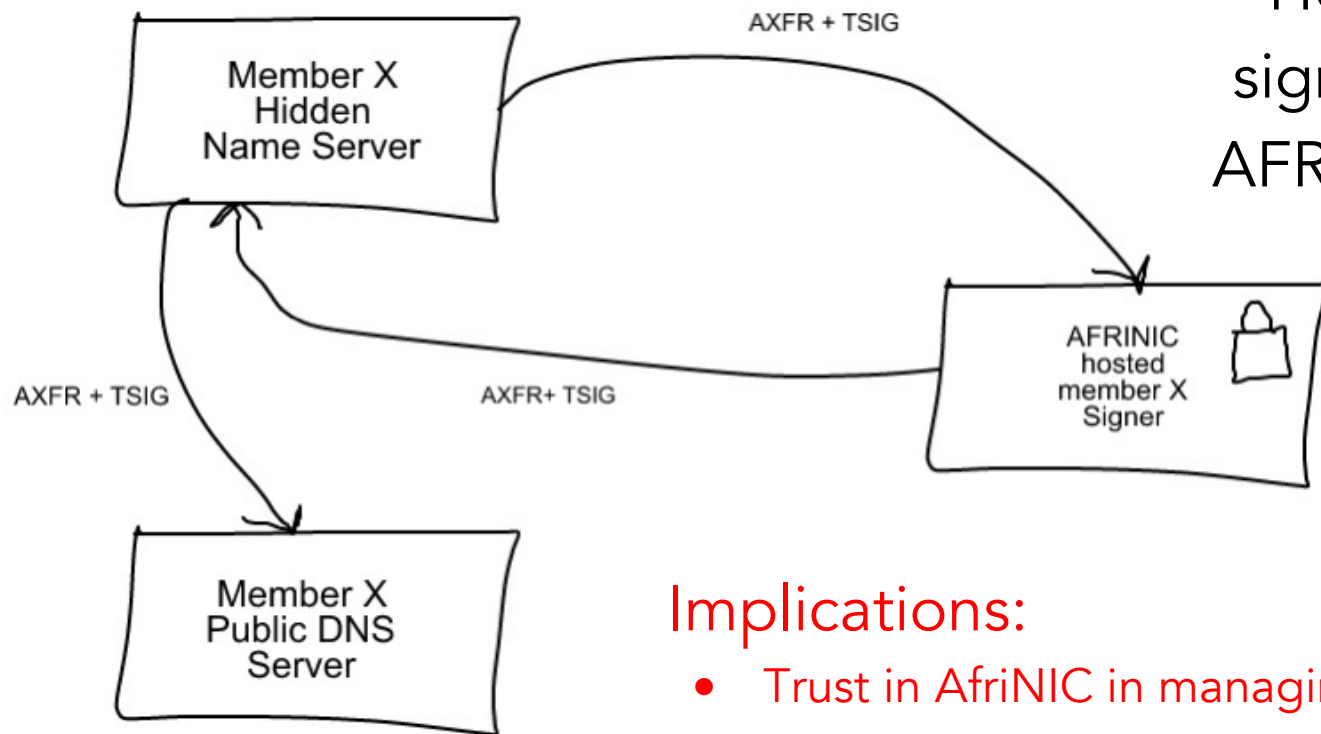
# Double DS





# Future work

Hosted DNSSEC  
signer engines for  
AFRINIC members



## Implications:

- Trust in AfriNIC in managing DNSKEYs
- Uptime, SLA, etc



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