

# Passive DNS

**A Tool that is Making a Difference  
in Tracking Down Criminal  
Activity On The Internet**

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# Passive DNS – What Is It?

- Passive DNS replication is a technology invented in 2004 by Florian Weimer
- Inter-server DNS messages are captured by sensors and forwarded to a collection point for analysis
- After being processed, individual DNS records are stored in a database where they can be indexed and queried



# Questions that can be answered using a Passive DNS Database

- Where did this domain name point to in the past?
- What domain names are hosted by a given nameserver?
- What domain names point into a given IP network?
- What subdomains exist below a certain domain name?



# Passive DNS – Tool to Find the Badness

```
bailiwick      oquyclyedi.com.
first seen     2010-11-24 18:09:45 -0000
last seen     2010-11-25 09:52:03 -0000
oquyclyedi.com. A 213.55.114.132

bailiwick      com.
first seen     2010-11-15 02:47:01 -0000
last seen     2010-11-26 02:07:10 -0000
first seen in zone file 2010-11-15 17:09:22 -0000
last seen in zone file 2010-11-24 17:09:28 -0000
oquyclyedi.com. NS ns1.gvghi.ru.
oquyclyedi.com. NS ns2.justecosal.com.

bailiwick      com.
first seen in zone file 2010-11-14 17:09:22 -0000
last seen in zone file 2010-11-14 17:09:22 -0000
oquyclyedi.com. NS ns3.lerelaisinternet.com.
oquyclyedi.com. NS ns4.lerelaisinternet.com.

bailiwick      oquyclyedi.com.
first seen     2010-11-16 02:24:21 -0000
last seen     2010-11-25 12:16:08 -0000
oquyclyedi.com. NS ns1.oquyclyedi.com.
oquyclyedi.com. NS ns2.oquyclyedi.com.
```

**Criminal Domain Names found via the bad A Record**

```
bailiwick      gvghi.ru.
first seen     2010-11-22 03:43:04 -0000
last seen     2010-11-23 13:44:15 -0000
ns1.gvghi.ru. A 60.191.103.66

bailiwick      gvghi.ru.
first seen     2010-11-18 15:54:49 -0000
last seen     2010-11-22 03:31:24 -0000
ns1.gvghi.ru. A 190.86.101.171

bailiwick      gvghi.ru.
first seen     2010-11-11 03:12:45 -0000
last seen     2010-11-18 15:42:32 -0000
ns1.gvghi.ru. A 201.147.145.254

bailiwick      gvghi.ru.
first seen     2010-11-23 13:53:07 -0000
last seen     2010-11-25 11:12:16 -0000
ns1.gvghi.ru. A 218.67.78.181
```

Rdata results for ANY/213.55.114.132

Found 10000 RRs in 1.65 seconds.

01jwahwdjz.curibeudo.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0ck37mtfv.hattytysi.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0dnklo6x6r.drinekege.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0dzt3uw24r.cyrzoeekfo.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0gtnu.mas.bayhealthmedicine.ru.	A	213.55.114.132
0hfwthw23.curibeudo.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0pt7yqdrop.edfasawen.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0q2ufci0tx.curibeudo.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0qlfoqmgwa.drinekege.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0tftbitkt5.hattytysi.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0xcisej10t.synpaybs.com.	A	213.55.114.132
0zu54in0n.amernauks.com.	A	213.55.114.132
10004.buwaisklo.com.	A	213.55.114.132
10004.lekpoeha.com.	A	213.55.114.132
10005.nrukixbya.com.	A	213.55.114.132
1000shop.myralfiah.com.	A	213.55.114.132
1001shop.myralfiah.com.	A	213.55.114.132
1003shop.myralfiah.com.	A	213.55.114.132
10061.psyatlin.com.	A	213.55.114.132
10064.adevrecos.com.	A	213.55.114.132
100675.drugeshop.com.	A	213.55.114.132
10089.kleobdole.com.	A	213.55.114.132
1009.muyveqwal.com.	A	213.55.114.132

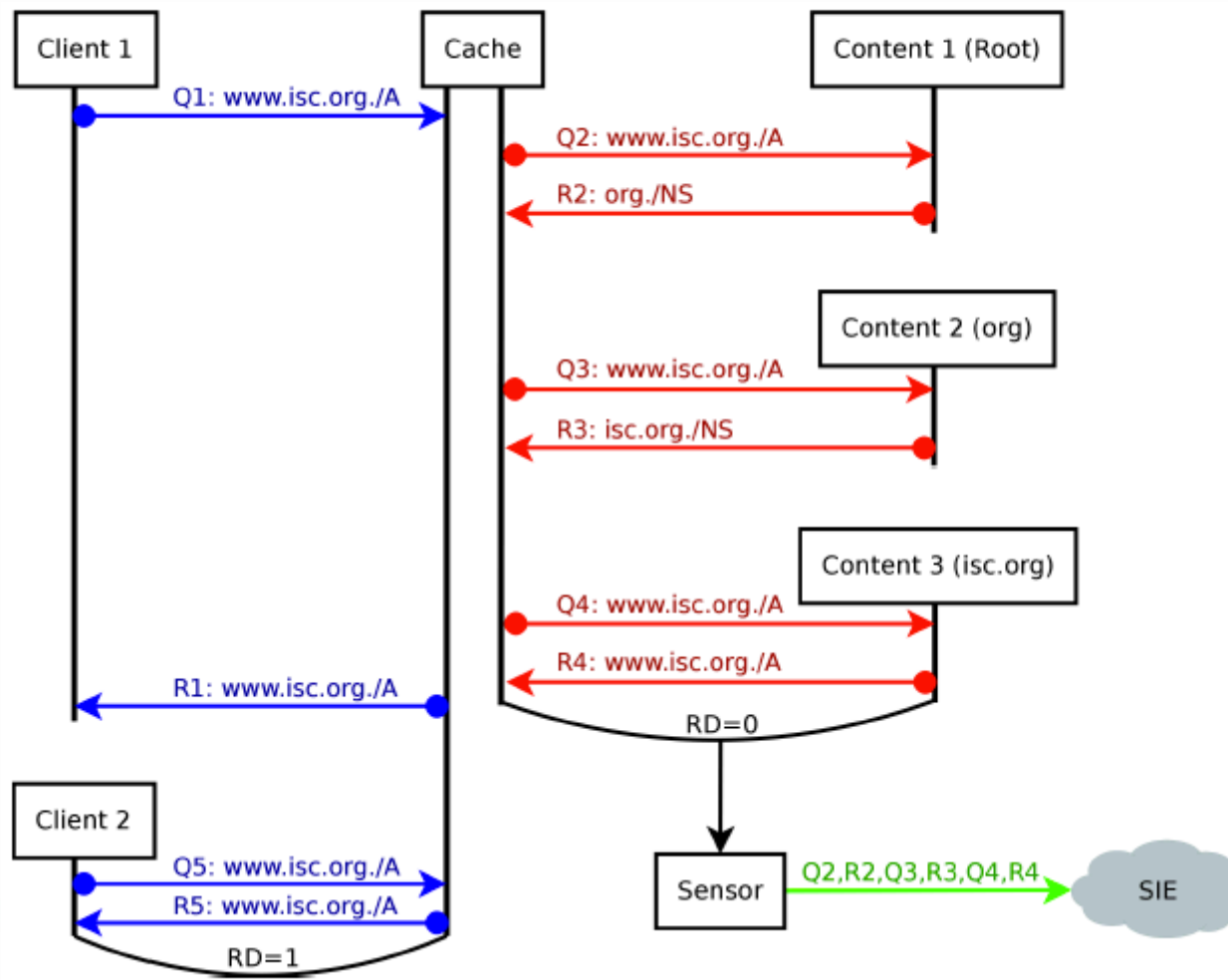
Rdata results for ANY/218.67.78.181

Found 4700 RRs in 1.12 seconds.

\\s2.tabletspilldrug.net.	A	218.67.78.181
a9y.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
atlanticmedsrx.net.	A	218.67.78.181
enclavedirect.com.	A	218.67.78.181
grandrxpills.com.	A	218.67.78.181
justecosal.com.	A	218.67.78.181
locutionsite.com.	A	218.67.78.181
mail.c3o.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
mail.usualworld.com.	A	218.67.78.181
maternitybuydirect.com.	A	218.67.78.181
medrxpills.net.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.alternativehealthrx.net.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.badsguide.com.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.bafac.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.bafad.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.bafaf.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.bafag.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.bafaj.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.bafal.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.bafap.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.bafar.ru.	A	218.67.78.181
ns1.bafaw.ru.	A	218.67.78.181

**Criminal Domain Names found via the bad Name Server**

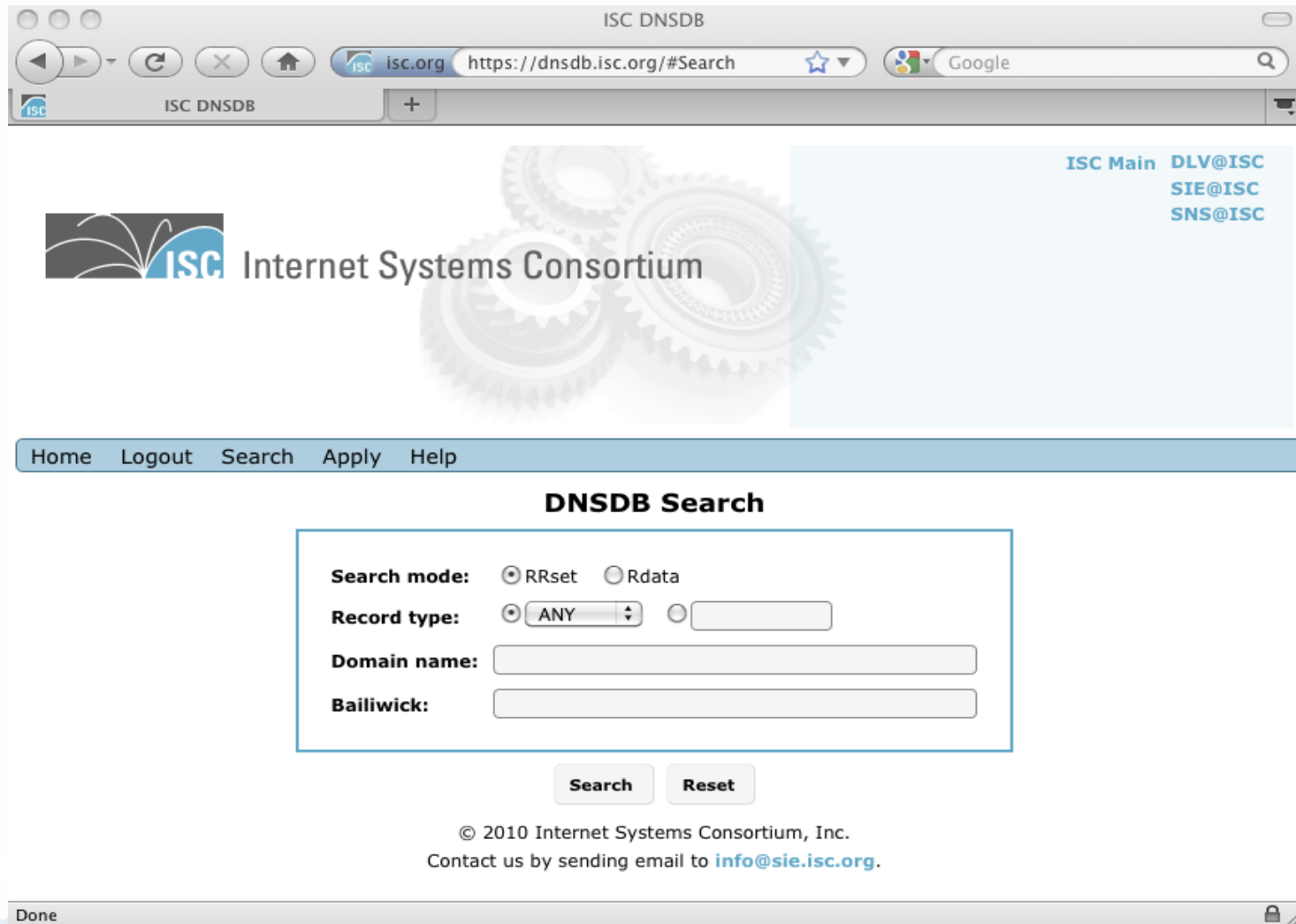
# End User & Operator Privacy Protected



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Collected

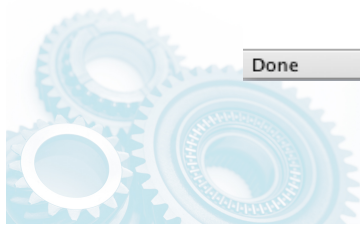
# ISC DNSDB UI



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "ISC DNSDB" with the address bar containing "https://dnsdb.isc.org/#Search". The page features the ISC logo and "Internet Systems Consortium" text. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Logout, Search, Apply, and Help. The main content area is titled "DNSDB Search" and contains a search form with the following fields:

- Search mode:** Radio buttons for  RRset and  Rdata.
- Record type:** Radio buttons for  ANY (with a dropdown arrow) and  [empty].
- Domain name:** A text input field.
- Bailiwick:** A text input field.

Below the form are "Search" and "Reset" buttons. At the bottom, the copyright notice reads: © 2010 Internet Systems Consortium, Inc. Contact us by sending email to [info@sie.isc.org](mailto:info@sie.isc.org). The browser status bar at the bottom left shows "Done".



# Who Gets DNSDB Access?

- Two Types of Access
  - DNSDB User Interface
  - DNSDB API
- Who Gets Access
  - Vetted Member of the Operational Security Community
  - Passive DNS Contributors
  - SIE Peers



# Participation

- Add a Passive DNS sensors to your DNS infrastructure
  - Only recursive DNS replies from authoritative servers are of interest
  - All data is aggregated, obscuring the source
- Participants get access to the aggregate data for your own investigations
- Contributing to ISC's Passive DNS
  - Send email to [passivedns@isc.org](mailto:passivedns@isc.org)
- Applying for DNSDB access
  - <https://dnsdb.isc.org>







# Questions?