



DNSCheck

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What does DNSCheck do?

- DNSCheck is a program that was designed to help people check, measure and hopefully also understand the workings of the Domain Name System, DNS. When a domain (aka zone) is submitted to DNSCheck it will investigate the domain's general health by traversing the DNS from root (.) to the TLD (Top Level Domain, like .SE) to eventually the nameserver(s) that holds the information about the specified domain (like iis.se). Some other sanity checks, for example measuring host connectivity, validity of IP-addresses and control of DNSSEC signatures will also be performed.

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What makes DNSCheck special?

- Checks previously used name servers in redelegations done after February 2007 (only .SE-zones though)
- Checks the full .SE-zone periodically (Health check)
- Clarifies any found warnings/errors
- Saves history for tests done / domain
- Advanced tab in GUI for techies
- Written as modular code which helps reuse of whatever functions that are needed elsewhere
- Open source with a BSD-license
- Able to fully test undelegated domains

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Built for tomorrow

- DNSCheck runs all checks that are performed over IPv4 over IPv6 (if configured to do so and IPv6 connectivity exists, of course).
- Testing DNSSEC on found nameservers, some sanity checks like presence of legacy algorithms, if additional processing is on & following the chain of trust (if one is present, a zone must not have one but if it does it must work).

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How about a live test?

- <http://dnscheck.iis.se>

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DNSCheck GUI part 1 (3)

DNS Check

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Domain test Undelegated domain test

Test your DNS-server and find errors

Domain name:

Enter your domain name in the field above to test the DNS-servers that are used. E.g. "iis.se"

Test now

Warnings found in test
iis.se, 2009-10-28 10:33:58
Test was performed with DNSCheck v1.0

▶ Home
▶ FAQ

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DNSCheck GUI part 2(3) [basic]

Basic results | Advanced results

Delegation (Warning)

- Too few IPv6 name servers (1).

Nameserver (Ok)

- Nameserver ns.nic.se
- Nameserver ns2.nic.se
- Nameserver ns3.nic.se

Consistency (Ok)

SOA (Ok)

Connectivity (Ok)

DNSSEC (Ok)

Link to this test:
<http://212.247.204.227/?time=1256722438&id=867766&view=basic&test=standard>

Test history

- 2009-10-27 16:37:40
- 2009-10-27 16:14:54
- 2009-10-27 11:18:52
- 2009-10-27 10:33:00
- 2009-10-23 09:50:30
- 2009-10-21 12:08:23
- 2009-10-21 11:59:14
- 2009-09-29 16:55:23
- 2009-09-29 10:09:35
- 2009-09-15 17:36:27

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Explanation

- Test was ok
- Test contains warnings
- Test contains errors
- Test was not performed

DNSCheck GUI part 3(4) [basic]

The screenshot displays the DNSCheck GUI interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Basic results' (selected) and 'Advanced results'. Below the tabs, the 'Delegation' section is highlighted with an orange circle. It contains a warning message: 'Too few IPv6 name servers (1). Only one IPv6 name server was found for the zone. You should always have at least two IPv6 name servers for a zone to be able to handle transient connectivity problems.' To the right of this message is an orange circle with a white question mark. Below the 'Delegation' section is the 'Nameserver' section, which lists three nameservers: ns.nic.se, ns2.nic.se, and ns3.nic.se. On the right side of the interface, there is a 'Test history' panel showing a list of test results with timestamps: 2009-10-28 10:33:58, 2009-10-27 16:37:40, 2009-10-27 16:14:54, 2009-10-27 11:18:52, 2009-10-27 10:33:00, 2009-10-23 09:50:30, 2009-10-21 12:08:23, 2009-10-21 11:59:14, 2009-09-29 16:55:23, and 2009-09-29 10:09:35. At the bottom of the 'Test history' panel, there are navigation icons and the text 'Page 1/2'.

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DNSCheck GUI 4(4) [advanced]

Basic results **Advanced results**

Delegation

Begin testing delegation for iis.se.

Name servers listed at parent: ns.nic.se,ns2.nic.se,ns3.nic.se

Name servers listed at child: ns.nic.se,ns2.nic.se,ns3.nic.se

- Too few IPv6 name servers (1).

Parent glue for iis.se found: ns.nic.se (212.247.7.228)

Parent glue for iis.se found: ns.nic.se (2a00:801:f0:53:0:0:0:53)

Parent glue for iis.se found: ns2.nic.se (194.17.45.54)

Parent glue for iis.se found: ns3.nic.se (212.247.3.83)

Checking glue for ns.nic.se (212.247.7.228).

Checking glue for ns.nic.se (2a00:801:f0:53:0:0:0:53).

Checking glue for ns2.nic.se (194.17.45.54).

Checking glue for ns3.nic.se (212.247.3.83).

Previously used name servers for iis.se:

Done testing delegation for iis.se.

Nameserver

Nameserver ns.nic.se

Begin testing name server ns.nic.se.

Test history

- 2009-10-27 16:37:40
- 2009-10-27 16:14:54
- 2009-10-27 11:18:52
- 2009-10-27 10:33:00
- 2009-10-23 09:50:30
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- 2009-10-21 11:59:14
- 2009-09-29 16:55:23
- 2009-09-29 10:09:35
- 2009-09-15 17:36:27

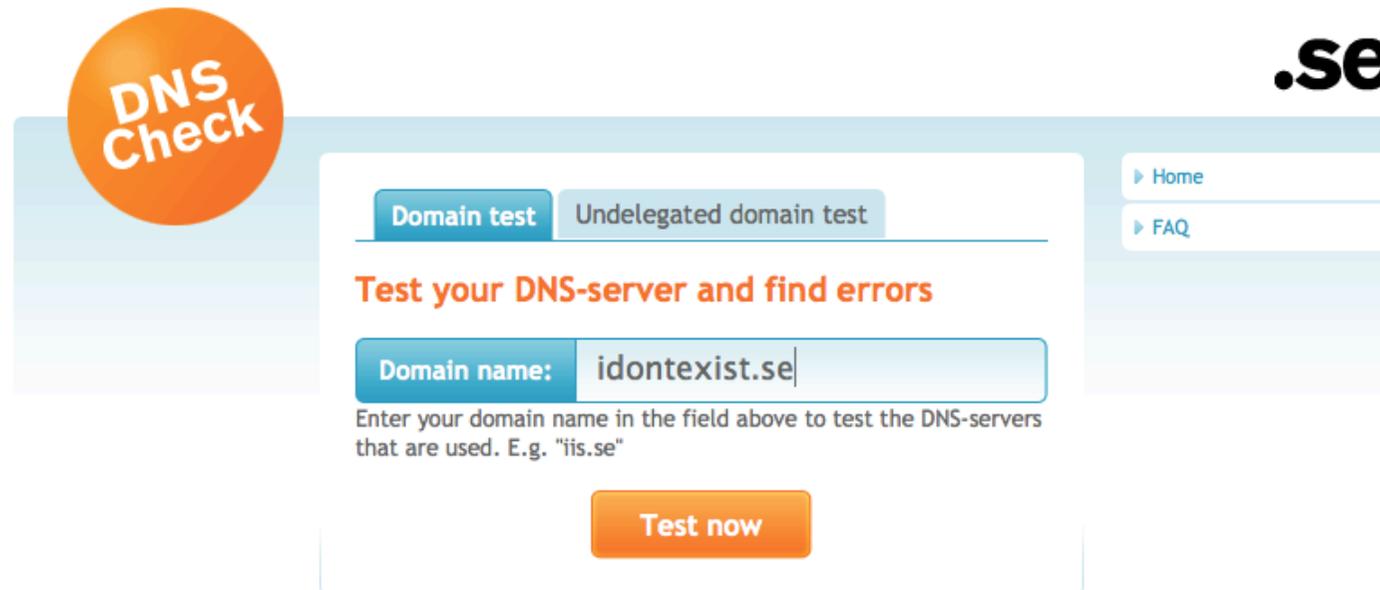
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Explanation

- Test was ok
- Test contains warnings
- Test contains errors
- Test was not performed

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So what's this "undelegated"?

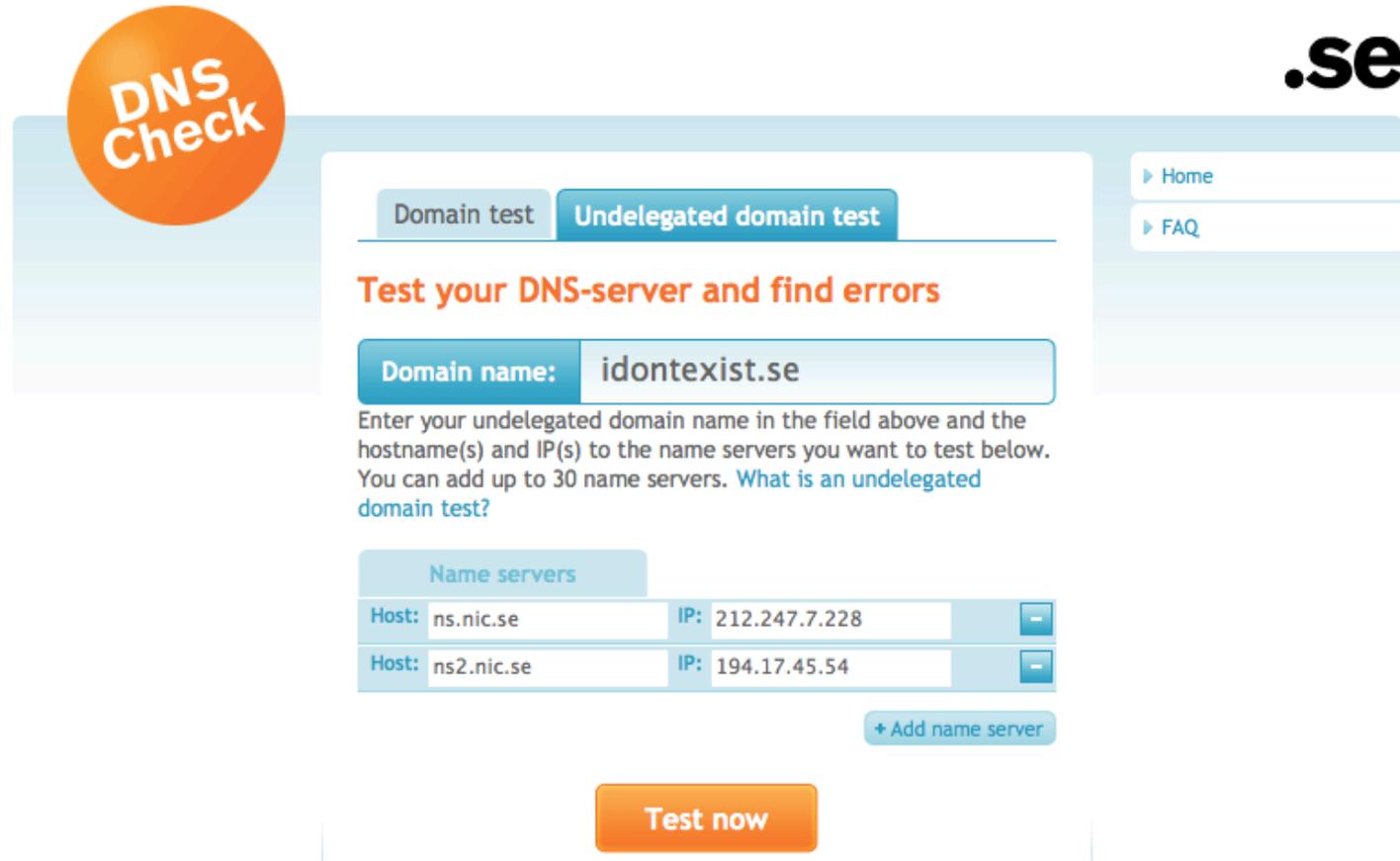


The screenshot shows a web interface for a DNS check tool. On the left, there is an orange circular logo with the text "DNS Check". The main content area has two tabs: "Domain test" (selected) and "Undelegated domain test". Below the tabs, the heading reads "Test your DNS-server and find errors". A text input field labeled "Domain name:" contains the text "idontexist.se". Below the input field, a note says: "Enter your domain name in the field above to test the DNS-servers that are used. E.g. 'iis.se'". An orange button labeled "Test now" is positioned below the input field. On the right side of the interface, there are two links: "Home" and "FAQ".

 **Domain doesn't exist**
The domain you provided doesn't seem to be delegated or was entered incorrectly. You need to enter only the domain name, like "iis.se", not the name of a subdomain, like "dev.iis.se" or a webservice like "www.iis.se".

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Let's lie about the parent...



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DNS Check

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Domain test Undelegated domain test

Test your DNS-server and find errors

Domain name: idontexist.se

Enter your undelegated domain name in the field above and the hostname(s) and IP(s) to the name servers you want to test below. You can add up to 30 name servers. [What is an undelegated domain test?](#)

Name servers	
Host: ns.nic.se	IP: 212.247.7.228
Host: ns2.nic.se	IP: 194.17.45.54

+ Add name server

Test now

Home
FAQ

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Ns.nic.se knew nothing, but...



Errors found in test

idontexist.se, 2009-10-28 10:48:50

Test was performed with DNSCheck v1.0

Note: This test was performed on a undelegated domain

Basic results	Advanced results
Delegation	
• No name servers found at child.	
• Superfluous name server listed at parent: ns.nic.se	
• Superfluous name server listed at parent: ns2.nic.se	

Test history
No test history found
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Do you want to know more?

Adress to current running DNSCheck –

<http://dnscheck.iis.se>

Adress to the source code of the new DNSCheck -

<http://opensource.iis.se/trac/dnscheck>

Adress to the developers of the GUI -

<http://www.pingdom.se>

Adress to the previously used DNSCheck –

<http://www.dnscheck.se>

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