

BLOCKCHAIN-BASED DNS AND PKI TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF TRUST, SECURITY, AND CENSORSHIP IN THE CONTEXT OF THE IOT

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01 BACKGROUND

Main components:

- Domain Name System
- Public Key Infrastructure
- Internet of Things
- Blockchain

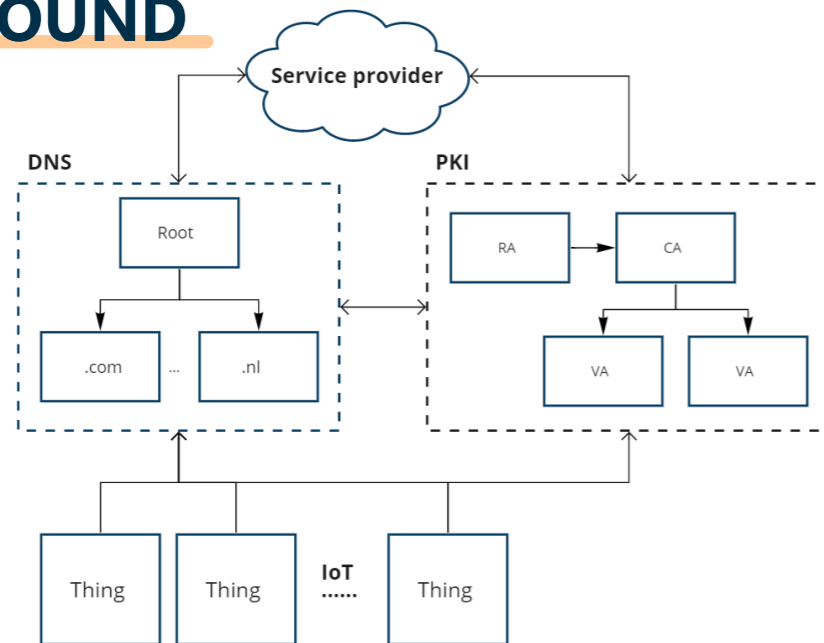


Fig. 1: Current system architecture

02 THE PROBLEM

DNS & PKI

- **Trust** in centralized authorities
- **Security** vulnerabilities
- Potential for **censorship**

IoT

- Low computational capabilities
- **Reliance**

Solution: build on **strong** points of **blockchain** to mitigate the issues of **trust, security, and censorship**

Blockchain

- Hardware requirements
- Participation
- **Scalability & speed**



Fig 2: NAME:WRECK banner¹

03 METHODOLOGY

- Literature study
- [1] General introduction
- [2], [3] solutions overview
- Use of Google Scholar

Keywords

- "DNS", "Blockchain", "IoT", "PKI"
- "Trust", "Security", "Censorship"

04 SOLUTIONS

Non-blockchain-based

- Local recursive DNS [4],
- Secure Distributed DNS [5]
- mDNS [6]
- Address **one** dimension
- Lack in other dimensions
- **Trust** or **Security**

Blockchain-based

- Namecoin [7]
- Blockstack [8]
- Ethereum Name Services [9]
- EmerDNS [10]
- Leveraging **blockchain**, can address **multiple** issues
- **Blockchain** specific issues
- Required computing power

05 IMPROVEMENTS

Adoption

- **Integration** with current systems
- Existing blockchain

3 types of nodes

- **Regular**
- **Delegated**
- **Light**
- Address **IoT** constraints

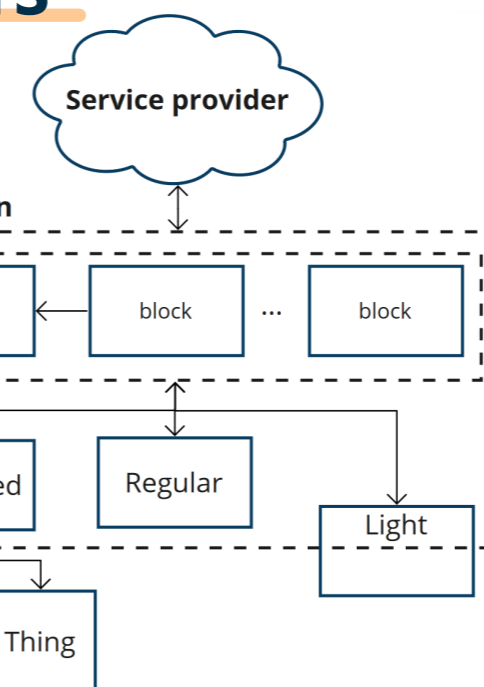


Fig 4: Proposed network architecture

06 FUTURE WORK

Open topics

- Technical implementation
- **Privacy** aspects
- User willingness
- Operator cooperation

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