



# · **Stubby**

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# Genesis

- *getdns* is a modern async *DNS API* specification
- Designed by and for application developers
- First specification by Paul Hoffman 2013
- First library implementation by a collaborative effort: Verisign Labs, NLnet Labs, Sinodun, No Mountain Software and many others:

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# Some features of getdns

- Act as *stub* and *full recursive* ...libunbound
- *DNSSEC as stub*  
even without validating upstreams
- *Avoids DNSSEC roadblocks*  
works around upstreams that hamper DNSSEC
- *DNS64*  
signed IPv4 only names can be validated too
- *DNS Privacy*  
DNS over TLS  
RFC7766    dns-over-tcp  
RFC7858    dns-over-tls  
RFC7830    eds0-padding  
draft-ietf-dprive-dtls-and-tls-profiles

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These are all  
interesting for  
any application!

RFC 7830 edso-padding

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# Some features of getdns

- **getdns\_query**

```
$ getdns_query -h
usage: getdns_query [<option> ...] \
  [@<upstream> ...] [+<extension> ...] \
  ['{ <settings> }'] [<name>] [<type>]
```

- default mode: recursive, synchronous resolution of NS record  
using UDP with TCP fallback

- upstreams: @<ip>[%<scope\_id>][@<port>][#<tls port>][~<tls name>][^<tsig spec>]  
<ip>@<port> may be given as <IPv4>:<port>  
or '['<IPv6>[%<scope\_id>]']':<port> too

- tsig spec: [<algorithm>:]<name>:<secret in Base64>

- **Command line test tool  
used with getdns development**

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# Meet Stubby



We have all these stub features

A `getdns_query` tool that can use them all

Since `getdns 1.1.0-a1` request handling funcs +

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`getdns_query` can act as a *local stub server*

`Stubby == getdns_query`

Same program , different name  
, different defaults

# Building Stubby



- Requirement: OpenSSL 1.0.2 or later

```
~$ wget https://getdnsapi.net/dist/getdns-1.1.0-a2.tar.gz
getdns-1.1.0-a2.tar. 100%[=====>] 842,41K 402KB/s in 2,1s

~$ tar xf getdns-1.1.0-a2.tar.gz
~$ cd getdns-1.1.0-a2/
~/getdns-1.1.0-a2$ ./configure --without-libidn --enable-stub-only
...
~/getdns-1.1.0-a2$ make
...
~/getdns-1.1.0-a2$ sudo make install
[sudo] password for djb: *****
...
~/getdns-1.1.0-a2$
```

- Here configured for minimal dependencies for Privacy DNS



# Configure Stubby

- Stubby reads config from  
`/etc/stubby.conf`  
`$HOME/.stubby.conf`



## DNS over TLS: Opportunistic

```
{ dns_transport_list: [ GETDNS_TRANSPORT_TLS ]  
, upstream_recursive_servers:  
  [ 184.105.193.78, 2620:ff:c000:0:1::64:25 ]  
}
```

## DNS over TLS: Strict

```
{ dns_transport_list: [ GETDNS_TRANSPORT_TLS ]  
, tls_authentication: GETDNS_AUTHENTICATION_REQUIRED  
, upstream_recursive_servers:  
  [ 185.49.141.38~getdnsapi.net ]  
}
```

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## DNS over TLS: Strict with SPKI pinset auth.

```
{ dns_transport_list: [ GETDNS_TRANSPORT_TLS ]  
, tls_authentication: GETDNS_AUTHENTICATION_REQUIRED  
, upstream_recursive_servers:  
  [ { address_data: 185.49.141.38  
    , tls_pubkey_pinset:  
      [ { digest: "sha256"  
        , value: 0x7e8c59467221f606695a797ecc488a6b4109  
dab7421aba0c5a6d3681ac5273d4 } ]  
    } ]  
}
```

# Running Stubby

- `-g` option runs Stubby in background  
pid file in `/var/run/stubby.pid`



```
~$ sudo stubby -g  
~$
```

## Test Stubby:

```
~$ dig @127.0.0.1 nanog.org  
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 10093  
;; flags: qr rd ra cd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 7, ADDITIONAL: 0  
  
;; QUESTION SECTION:  
;nanog.org. IN A  
  
;; ANSWER SECTION:  
nanog.org. 579 IN A 50.31.151.73
```

# Modify upstream resolvers



- Edit `/etc/resolv.conf`

```
/etc/resolv.conf
```

```
nameservers 127.0.0.1
nameservers ::1
```

## on OS X:

```
~$ sudo networksetup -setdnsservers Wi-Fi Empty
~$ sudo networksetup -setdnsservers Wi-Fi 127.0.0.1 ::1
```

# Go Stubby!

- Stable release before 2017



**Sergeant Stubby** (July 21, 1916 – March 16, 1926), was the official mascot of the *102nd Infantry Regiment (United States)*, assigned to the *26th (Yankee) Division*. Stubby served for 18 months and participated in seventeen battles on the *Western Front*. He saved his regiment from surprise *mustard gas* attacks, found and comforted the wounded, and once caught a German soldier by the seat of his pants, holding him there until American soldiers found him.

(source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergeant\\_Stubby](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergeant_Stubby) )