



# Adding new algorithms to NSEC3

Is it worth it?

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NSEC3: Crypto or password hash?

# Crypto-secure hash

- Collision resistant
- Fast (quick to compute)
  - Light on resources
- Pre-image resistance
- ...

# Password hash

- Key Derivation Function
- Collision resistant
  - But the input is usually short
- Expensive on resources
  - To slow down the attacker

# NSEC3 Server

- Needs to be fast
  - Computes NSEC3 for all zone misses
- ⇒ **Crypto hash**

# NSEC3 Attacker

- Needs to be slow
  - So attacker can't brute force it
- ⇒ **Password hash**

# No, it's not worth it!

- SHA1 should be safe in our context (remember only 255 chars as input)
- NSEC3 needs to be fast and slow at the same time