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# ENTRADA: Background, Use-Cases and Project Ideas

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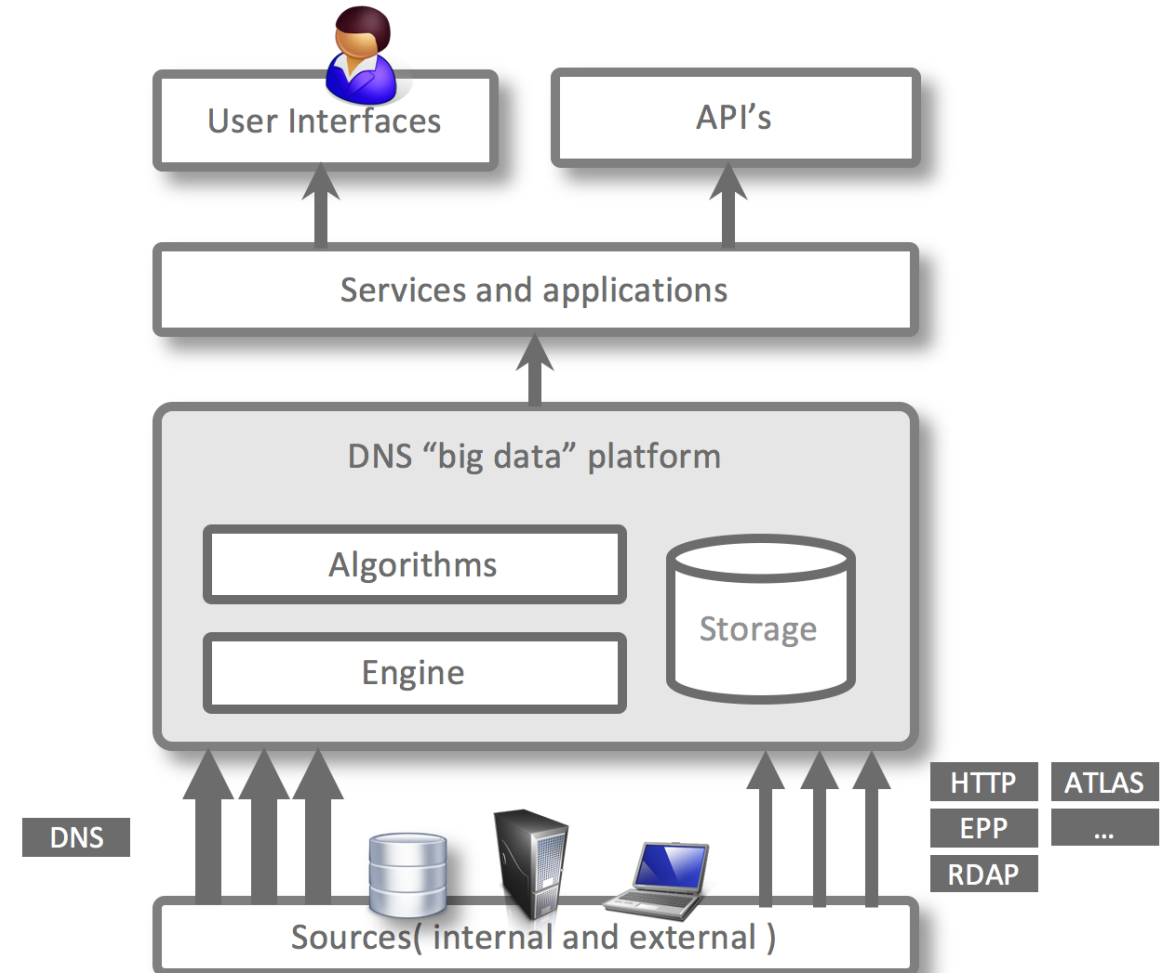
# Agenda

- Technical Background of ENTRADA
- Use Cases
- Ideas for the Hackathon

# ENTRADA Architecture

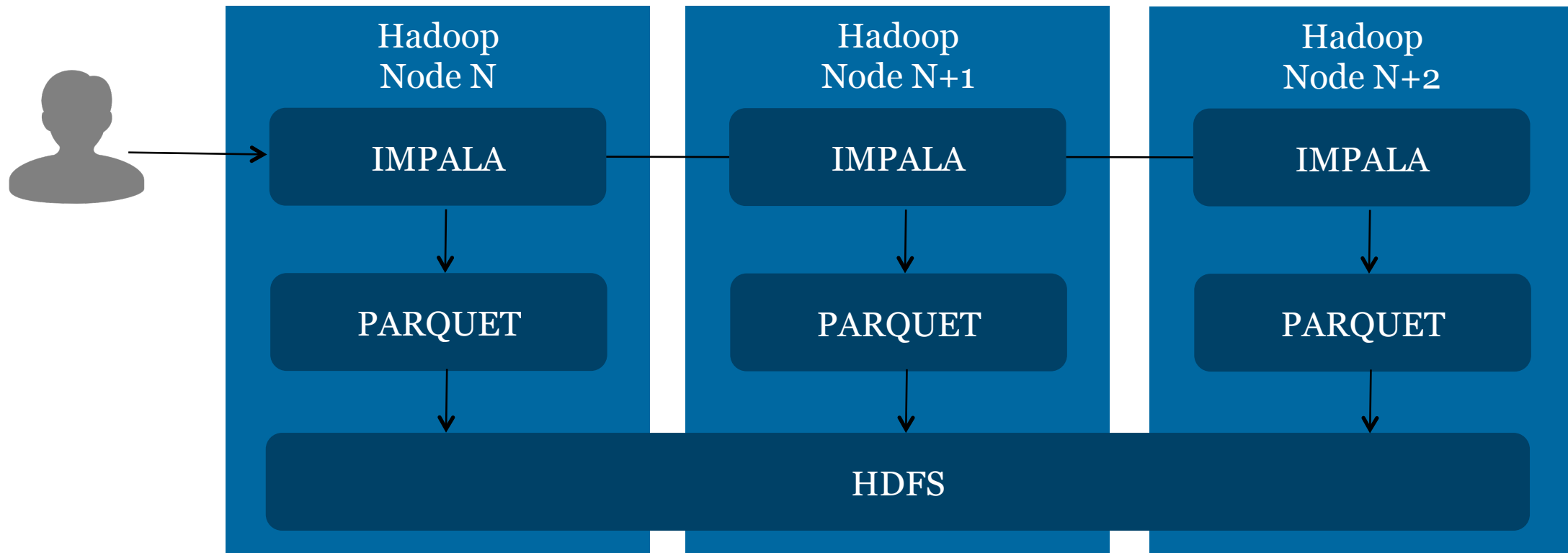
## Main components

- Data sources
- Platform
- Applications and services
- Privacy framework



# SQL on Hadoop

Best fit for our requirements



# Impala

## **Data formats**

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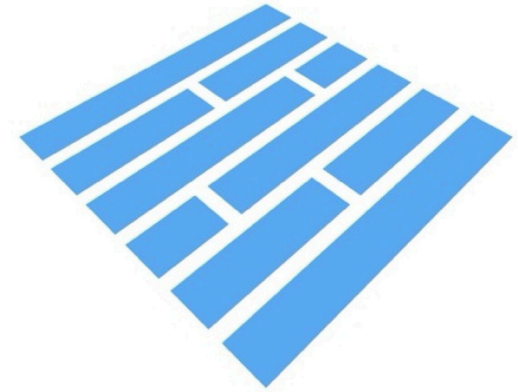
- Text
- Hadoop formats
- Apache Avro
- Apache Parquet

## **Interfaces**

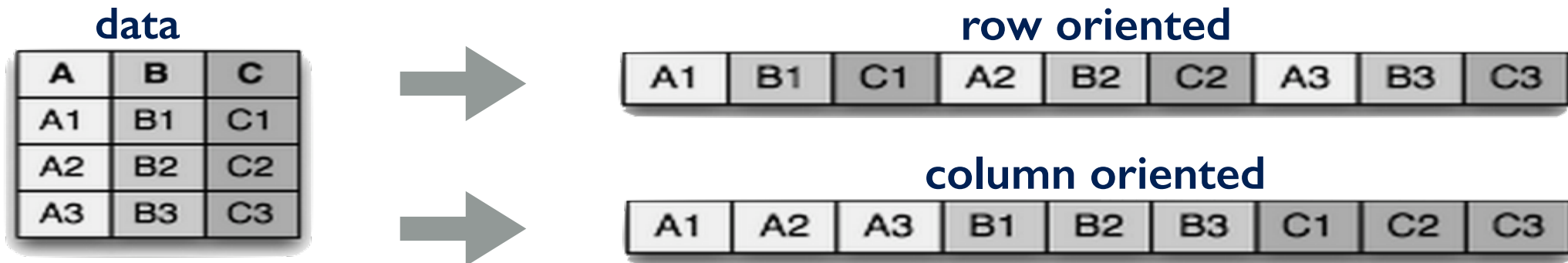
- Web-based GUI
- Command line (impala-shell)
- Python (Impyla)
- JDBC



# Apache Parquet



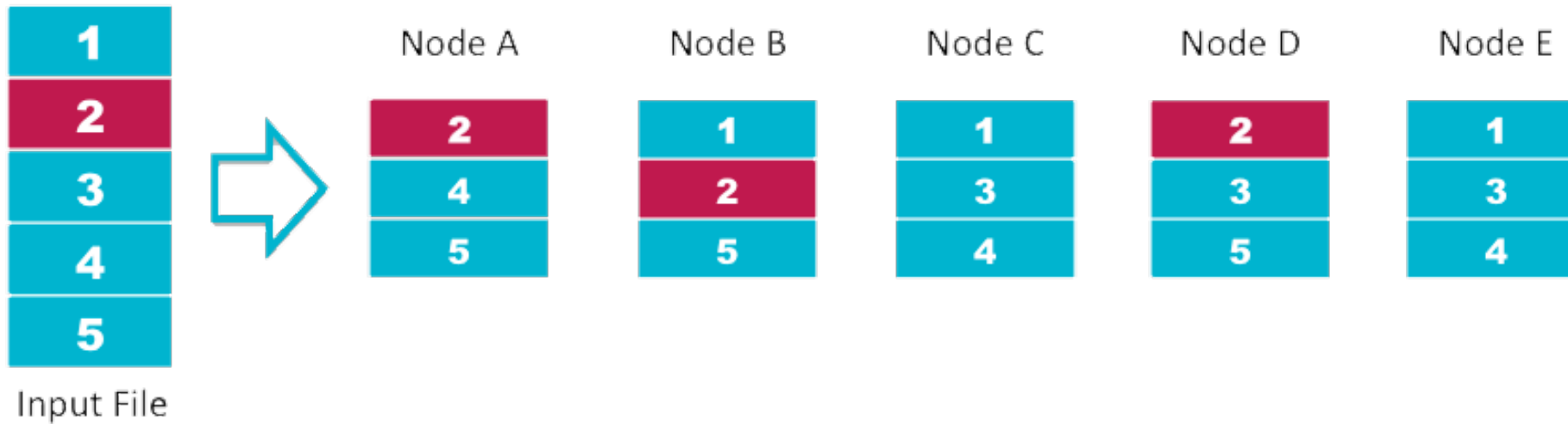
- Why not just use the PCAP files?
  - Reading (compressed) PCAP data is just too slow
  - Analytical engines cannot read PCAP files



# HDFS

- Distributed file system for storing large volumes of data
- High availability through replication of data blocks
- Scalable to hundreds of PB's and thousands of servers

## HDFS Data Distribution





# Cluster Design

nano sized

location I  
management node



location II  
data nodes



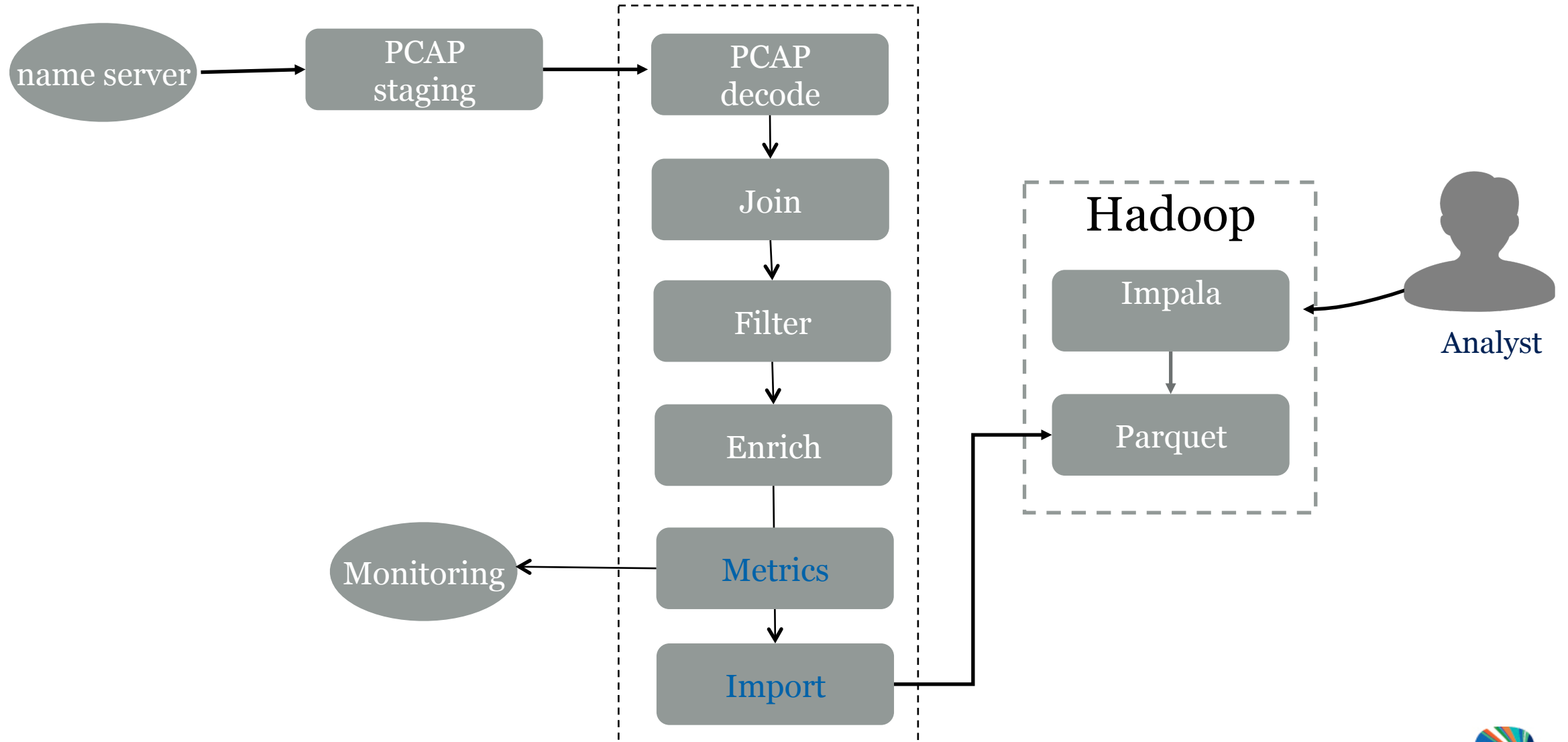
location III  
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2Gb/s network



# Workflow



Query data available for analysis within 10 minutes

# Security Use Cases

- nDEWS: Detection of new malicious domain names
  - checks for every new domain name:
    - number of queries, unique sources, unique ASes, unique countries
    - uses k-means (k=2) clustering to split domains

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- DGA detection
  - based on lexical features (using tool by [SANS ISC](#))
  - and NX queries
  - e.g. vufrx4xjje1y5spwle2kp8g4qn5uag2nq636apww9mhyk03k4z.nl



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- Detect botnet infections
  - Cutwail botnet used for sending SPAM
  - Bots use their own, home-brew, recursive resolver <- does weird things

# Other Use Cases

- Stats: stats.sidnlabs.nl
- Research, e.g.:
  - How do recursive resolvers select authoritative name servers? ([tech report](#))
  - How to understand and predict changes of anycast catchments? ([tech report](#))
- Adhoc queries, e.g.:
  - Do we see strange queries for a domain name?
  - What else is a resolver querying?
- Policy changes, e.g.:
  - What happens if we change zone file updates from 2h to 1h?
  - What would happen if QNAME minimization gets widely adopted?



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- *Your use case here!*



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5. Detect related abuse: Which domain names have the same characteristics as known malicious domains?