Building the DNSSEC Deployment Road Map

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Overview: Motivation

- DNSSEC specification "done"
- Discussion of deployment less formal and less well documented than spec
- Operational considerations have been discussed—less mature, less documented
- Tying it together
- ICANN SSAC looked at this, decided it was too big and needed to be new effort

Objectives

- Spec is necessary but not sufficient to deployment. (Obvious. Often forgotten.)
- What hurdles? What interdependencies?
- We want to bring the issues to the surface, so we're attempting to define:
 - Roadmap or lifecycle model
 - Measuring progress: how do we know when we've succeeded?

Deployment Steps

(rough cut)

- Design & Specification
- Implementation
- Product
- Education (Marketing)

- Procurement and Installation
- Training
- Operational Procedures
- Error and Incident Handling

Phases

- Empty
- Isolated a few signed zones
- Sparse many signed zones but still rare
- Dense many signed zones
- Complete (virtually) all zones signed

Meeting: Expected Output

- Raise awareness and support from key people and organizations
- Increased clarity on existing topics
- Identification of new topics
- Formation of small groups to focus attention on these topics

Rough Cut Road Map

Some Specific Topics

- Key Management Procedures and Tools
 - Special emphasis on the root key and root zone
- Trust anchors: creation, promulgation
- End system tools and procedures
- Training
- Privacy considerations (zone walking)

Talks

- Overview: body parts of DNSSEC
- Sequencing, dependencies, chicken/egg
- View From the Root
- ccTLD Registry Impact, Registrar view
- Key Management, special emphasis on root
- Last hop: end systems
- Operational Deployment
- Root key mgmt & distribution, IANA view

Conclusions(?)

- Haven't laid the privacy issue to rest yet
 - Zone walking via NSEC
- Server side looks pretty good
 - Some question re very large zones
- End systems will be the biggest headache
 - Getting code
 - Local policies
 - Treatment of failures

More Conclusions(?)

- Lots of operational details to work out
 - Key distribution and roll over schemes
 - Time to live
- Training material, policy advice is crucial
 - Vast majority of operators and users won't have an independent sense of what policies to adopt.

Next Steps

- Parallel meeting in San Francisco May 23
- Formation of steering group to build, maintain road map
- Road map
 - Sequence of steps
 - Identification of risks
 - Milestones and measures of progress

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