

Transitioning DNS for GTLDs

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Agenda

- Introduction to Nominet DNS
- Nominet and GTLDs
- Transition (Pre RST)
- Transition (RST)
- Transition (The real deal)
- What else



Nominet DNS

We are a team of 6 and support the following services

UK Authoritative Service:

12 Global sites answering queries for .uk and 2lds

GTLD Authoritative Service:

12 Global sites answering queries for about 67 GTLDs.

UK Protective DNS Service:

Recursive service using RPZ for Filtering.

Four sites within UK

UK PSN DNS Service

Recursive service on Public Sector Network

Nominet Corporate DNS

Internal Resolvers

Authoritative for nominet.uk et al

DNS Engagement (Protocols, Policy, Operations Practice)



Nominet and GTLDs

- Registry provider for .wales and .cymru
- Back end provider for 67 GTLDS
- EBERO Provider



GTLD Transition Phase 1

- Notified of new GTLD Order
- Assessment of size and impact
- Decision made where to deploy
- Build test infra
- Build prod infra
- Every build stage is documented and is defined as code in Ansible.



GTLD Transition Phase 1

- Build made up of:
 - DB
 - Provisioning Infra
 - DNSSEC Infra
 - Distribution Infra
 - DNS Sites Global
 - DNS Sites Cloud.
- Create initial Zone files and add relevant records
- Add Monitoring
- Handover to QA
- RST is then scheduled



GTLD RST (Phase 2)

- Registry System testing previously known as Pre Delegation testing.
- ICANN Engineers – Test
 - DNS Servers respond properly
 - Zones are DNSSEC Signed
 - EPP Working to spec
 - Whois and RDAP Functionality.
 - Where required IDNS are working correctly
- If they find issues they raise a ticket and we have to fix quickly.
- RST usually takes 2-3 Weeks



DNS/DNSSEC Transition Phase 3

- Current State:
Incumbent provider producing/distributing zones
Nominet producing/distributing dummy zones
- Change:
Nominet ingest current zones from incumbent
Unsign and resign but add existing public keys
Distribute to new infrastructure



DNS/DNSSEC Transition Phase 3

- Generate NS Change 1-6 Files with clear dates and instructions to incumbent provider.
- 1- Add Nominet DNSSEC keys to existing zone (pre publish)
- 1- Add DS for nic.tld to tld.
- 2- Add DS Records to root for new keys.
- 3- Add NS Entries for half of new NSs.
- 3- Remove NS Entries for half of old NSs
- 4- Add NS Entries for half of new NSs to root (RZM)
- 4- Remove NS Entries for half of old NSs from root (RZM)
- 5- Repeat of 3 for second half of NSs
- 6 – Repeat of 4 for second half of NSs

- Admin/Tech Contact updates where needed.



DNS/DNSSEC Transition Phase 3

- Current State:
Nominet NSs now in zone and root
- DNSSEC signed by Nominet but post publishing old keys
- Zone being provisioned by incumbent
- Dependant on both providers at this stage



Registry Transition Phase 4

- Date of transition and registration downtime published
- On the day:
 - Incumbent makes registry read only
 - Produces a DB Escrow and supplies to Nominet
 - Nominet populate DB and generate zone file
 - Zone file checked and loaded
 - DNSSEC and Distribution infrastructure changed to use Nominet generated zone file



Cleanup Phase 5

- Old DNSSEC Keys removed from zone.
- Old DS records removed from parents.
- Incumbent incoming zone removed from infra
- Done



What Else

- Transition Outs:
Led by the new provider
We encourage but don't mandate similar process
- Out of balliwick DNS Transitions
- Future Plans
Automated deployment and testing

