

DNS?

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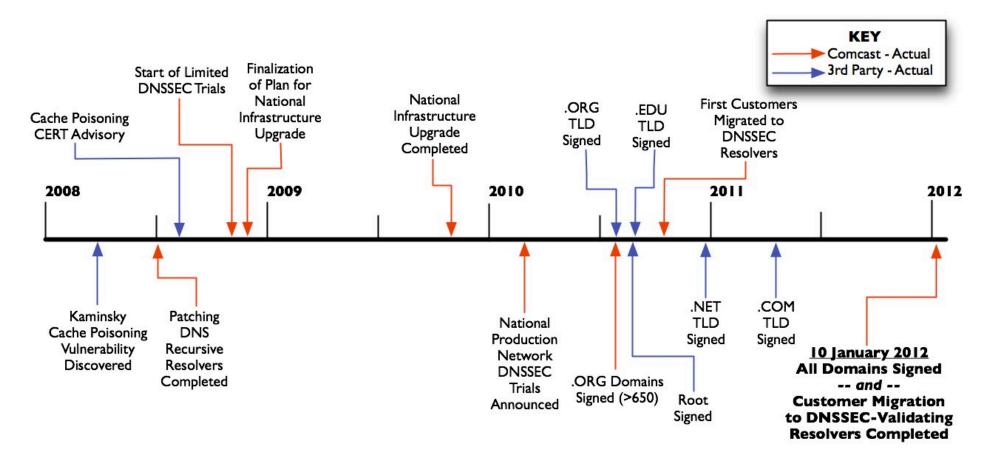
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The Initial Rollout

DNSSEC Initial Deployment

- We began working on this in 2008 (see timeline)
- We completed our DNSSEC deployment in January 2012
 - All customers use our validating resolvers (>18.1M homes)
 - All Comcast domain names signed (>6,000)



Lessons Learned in Testing & Early Deployment

- Upgrade/test hardware/software
- Network equipment may need to be updated
 - Permit both UDP and TCP traffic on port 53?
 - Handle EDNS0
 - Handle fragmentation?

- Beef up Authoritative infrastructure
 - Zone signing can be resource intensive
 - Many sub-zones can be complex



Lessons Learned in Testing & Early Deployment

- If you plan this at the same time as your IPv6 upgrade, the incremental cost and work is more modest than it otherwise would be.
- Update operational processes for debugging (1st Tier)
- Add new Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) or metrics, such as:
 - # of SERVFAILs (set an alarm threshold)
 - SERVFAILs as a % of all RCODEs (set an alarm threshold)
 - When top-10 domains sign, ad hoc temporary monitors?
- Try to find registrar with automated DS update method



More Recent Experience

What have we seen?

- Most common problems relate to key rollovers or key expirations.
- NTAs (Negative Trust Anchors) a must for now
- http://dnsviz.net is your friend



Our current process

- Failure is noticed
- Use "dig +cd" to verify DNSSEC is the issue
- Use dnsviz to isolate actual failure
- Escalate from 1st tier to engineering
- Contact zone owner and attempt to get zone fixed
- If not (or if high value zone), insert NTA
- When zone is fixed, validate with "dig +dns"
- Remove NTA

