DNS Automation: Catalog Zones

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What's This All About?

- Adding and removing zones on secondaries has to be done out-of-band
 - Especially if it's somebody else's server
- RFC9432 introduces a way to do this in-band
- Needs integration into existing processes and automation
- I'm offering secondaries on ns.axu.fi or ns.trex.fi as rewards :)

Basic Concepts

- Catalog Zone: lists zones and related configuration
- Member Zone: one of the zones in the Catalog
- Member Label: unique deterministic placeholder for per-zone configuration

example-catz.invalid.	IN SOA
version	IN TXT "2"
primaries.ext	IN A 192.0.2.53
MEMBERLABEL1.zones	IN PTR example.
MEMBERLABEL2.zones	IN PTR example.
<pre>primaries.ext.MASTERLABEL2.zones</pre>	IN A 192.0.2.54

com. net.

Label Generation Example

#!/usr/bin/env python3

printf "\7example\3com\0" | openssl sha1

import dns.name, hashlib, sys

print(hashlib.sha1(dns.name.from_text(sys.argv[1]).to_wire()).hexdigest() +

".zones\tIN PTR\t" + sys.argv[1] + ".")

Security Considerations

- TSIG or TLS for transfers
- Member Zone collisions: first come first served
- Catalog Zone should be "inaccessible"
 - Empty allow-query and allow-transfer on the secondaries
 - Under some non-global TLD such as local. or invalid.
 - Unique name to avoid collisions with other Catalog Zones



Questions?

Config Example: Bind9

• To do...