

.nz zone scan and Internet Data Portal

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Scanning the .nz namespace



Zone scan

- Started on Aug 2013
- Runs monthly
- Governed by policy
<https://nzrs.net.nz/dns/zone-and-web-scanning>
- Based on a fork from dnscHECK
<https://github.com/NZRS/dnscHECK>
- DNS tests for configuration correctness + data gathering

Zone scan

- Notable examples
Domain is broken, lame, has mail server
- Name server status
Answers UDP, TCP, recursion, AXFR
- DNSSEC
Signed domains, signed delegations, DNSKEY algorithms
- Web server, mail server, name server addresses
Both v4 and v6

Zone scan

- TTL distributions
NS RRset, MX RRset, “web” RRset
- Geolocation of services
Name servers, Web servers, Mail servers
- Other
Adoption of anycast
Mail cloud providers market share

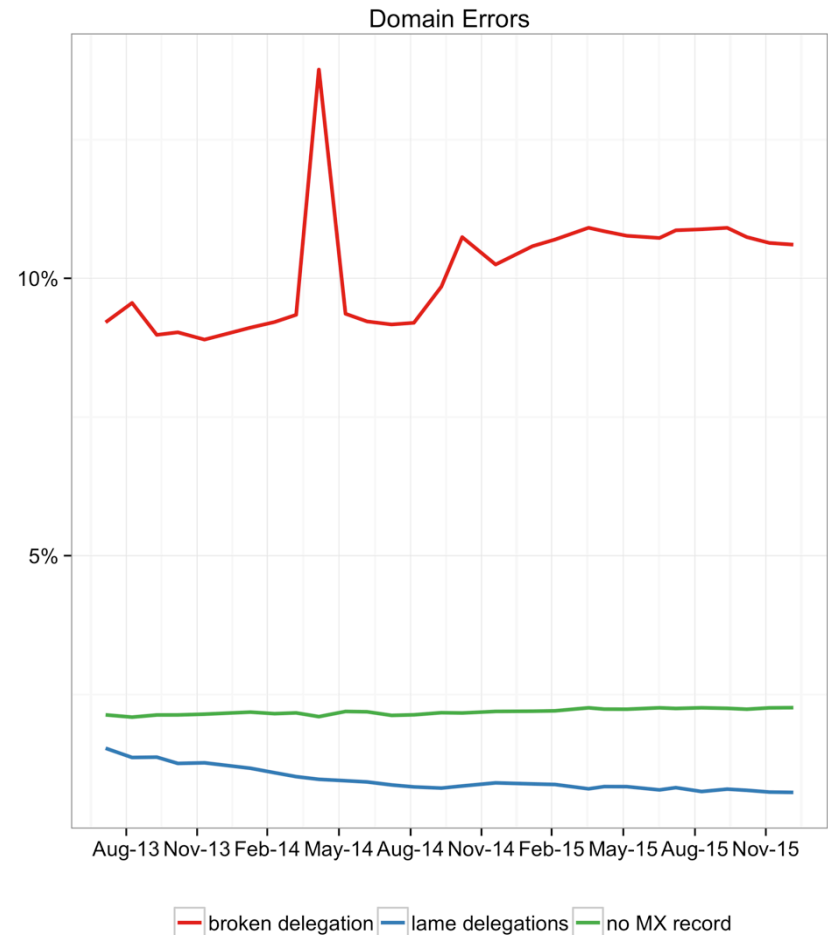


Results

What kind of data we have so far

Domains

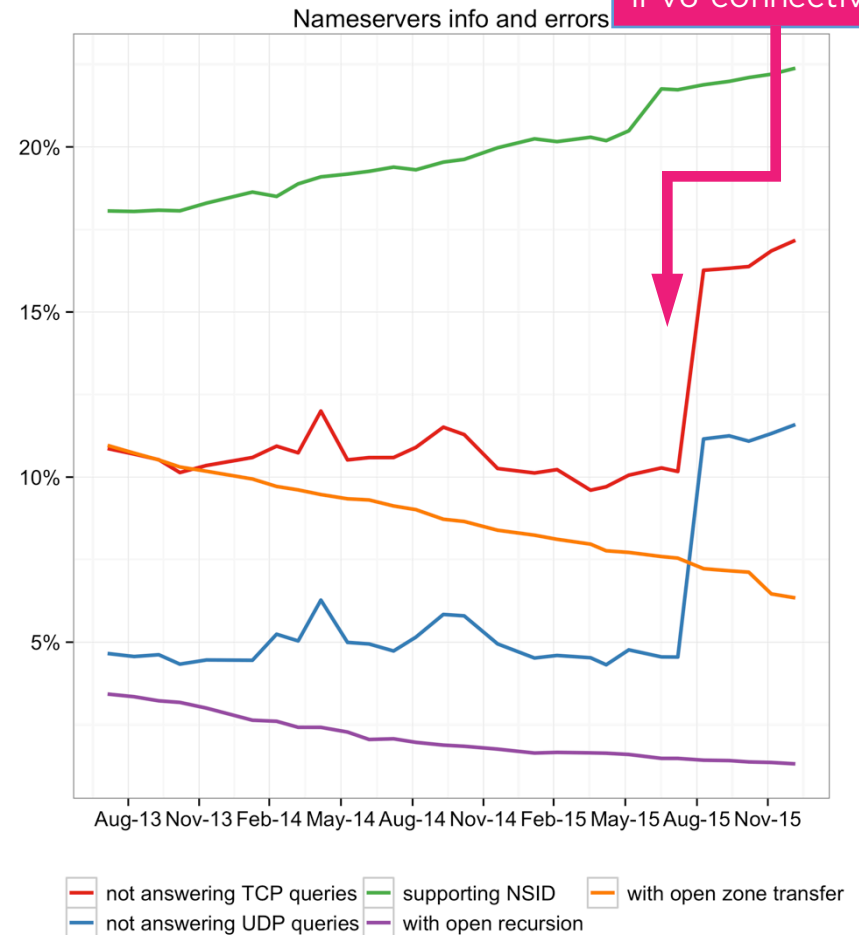
- Domain Errors
 - Over 10% of active domains are broken (don't resolve)
 - Lame delegations gradually reducing
 - Consistently 2% of domains don't have an MX record



Nameservers

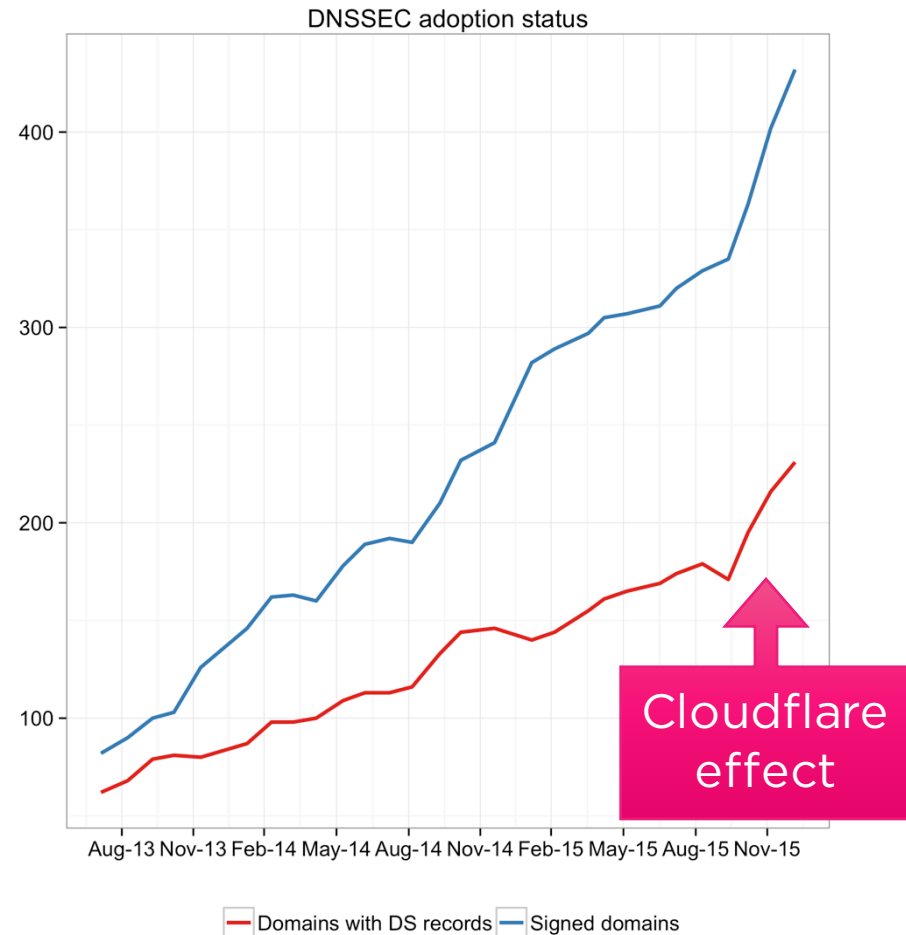
- Open recursion and Open zone transfer reducing (slowly)
- Support for NSID increasing (RFC 5001)
 - `dig soa nz @ns2.dns.net.nz +nsid`
- No UDP – really?
- No TCP

Checking for IPv6 in a host with no IPv6 connectivity



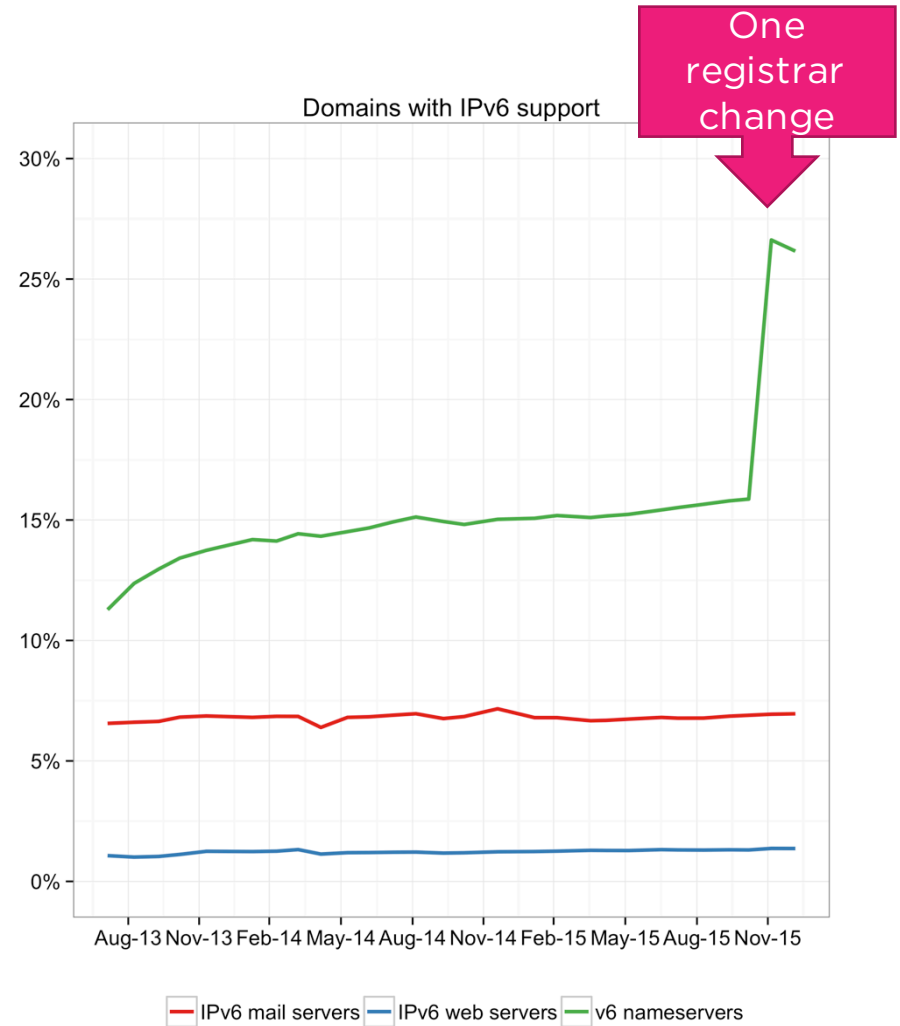
DNSSEC

- Signed domains
 - DNSKEY and signed data present in the zone
- DS records
 - Observable at the parent
 - Requires support from registrar
- Signed domains grow faster than secure delegations



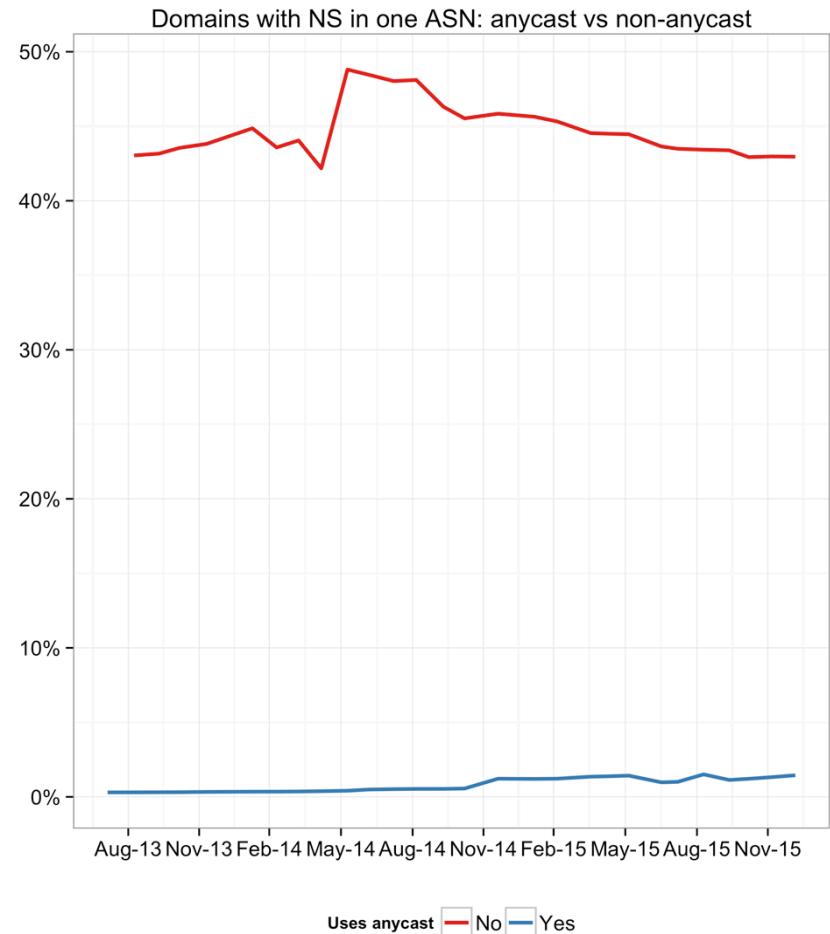
IPv6

- Flat
- Organic growth
- Except...
 - One registrar adding v6 addresses for their nameservers



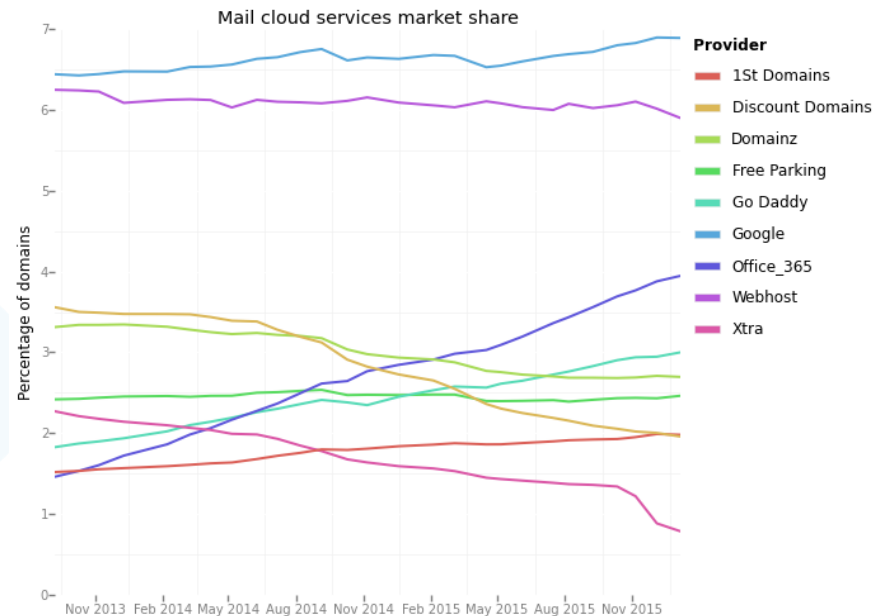
Redundancy and Anycast

- If all nameservers are in the same AS
 - Lack of redundancy
- Except
 - If you use anycast
- Lots of domains with little redundancy
 - But not due to use of anycast



Mail market share

- Cloud providers
 - Mail services provided by the registrar
 - Mail services by known cloud providers
 - The rise of Office 365





Internet Data Portal

Making Internet Data openly available

Internet Data Portal

- <http://idp.nz>
- Cloud solution provided by Socrata
- Our efforts to support Internet research and share data openly
- Two datasets at the moment
 - .nz zone scan
 - .nz registration data
- Aggregated and anonymized

IDP - Examples

- .nz Zone Scan Data Set
<https://idp.nz/Domain-Names/-nz-Zone-Scan/ep35-2s5u>
- Zone scan visual explorer
<https://idp.nz/view/d8mm-tt52>

Zone scan subsets

- Domain Errors
<https://idp.nz/Domain-Names/-nz-Zone-Scan-Domain-Errors/2cqk-jxpt>
- Nameserver Errors
<https://idp.nz/Domain-Names/-nz-Zone-Scan-Nameserver-Errors/g8c6-rp3v>
- DNSSEC
<https://idp.nz/Domain-Names/-nz-Zone-Scan-DNSSEC/jd96-epec>
- IPv6
<https://idp.nz/Domain-Names/-nz-Zone-Scan-IPv6/rypa-4eiq>
- TTL distributions
<https://idp.nz/Domain-Names/-nz-Zone-Scan-TTL-Sample/98tk-cy6d>

IDP - Future

- More datasets

Aggregated from .nz DNS traffic

Thanks SIDN for the inspiration

String analysis of the registry

Levenshtein

Portfolios

Word segmentation and tagging

- More stories with pretty visualizations

<http://blog.nzrs.net.nz/visualizing-server-locations-for-nz-using-open-data/>

<http://blog.nzrs.net.nz/two-years-of-nz-zone-scans/>

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