

# The evolving Business needs for DNS

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What is DNS "Domain Name Services" Your Phone, Address Book for your business applications Loose your Phone, Address Book S Loosing your Business **Applications** 

### How important is DNS to the business.



### Business Analyst

- What is the Risk to the Business
  - Probable and Likely
    = High Risk Factor
  - How does this affect the corporate KPI's
- What is the relationship of Brand to DNS services in the Media



### Infrastructure / Security Manager

- What attacks can we mitigate
- Are we deploying best practice architectures for the lines of business
- Are we in compliance
  from vulnerabilities
- How do you measure the value of the service to the business lines



### Systems Administrator

- Is Bind the way Forward
- How do we provide mitigation to our existing DNS services
- How do we implement a best practice DNS Firewall
- What types of attack can we mitigate against

Attacks on DNS do not commonly target stealing £\$€¥ but impacts the availability of the businesses applications which makes the business less effective and hence loose £\$€¥. Today the applications are the life blood of the business do not put them at risk

# The evolving Business needs for DNS and its Use Cases

# The Use cases that we commonly deploy with customers

# Extend and Improve my existing DNS

# What can I do to Extend and Improve my existing DNS services

Traditional scale existing services

Load Balancing extra services to deliver capacity

Complement security with software defined hardware and then look at offload



- Increases capacity via scalability
- Maintains all current investment
- Reduces risk of a the traditional firewall limitations

# DNS Firewalling rather than a Firewall for a DNS server

### **DNS Firewalling rather than a Firewall for a DNS server**

When under attack Traditional Firewalls do not provide security for DNS servers Consolidate services to allow for scaling and availability, remove single points of failure Maintain security certification



- Increases availability when under attack, and scalability
- Maintains all Security Certifications
- Reduces Vendor and hardware requirements for Capex and Opex

# **Cache Offload**

## **Transparent Cache Offload**

Reduce the response time for a DNS resolution Offload from existing servers Reduce time to respond for users (local and centralised)



- Increases user experience and scalability
- Maintains all existing hardware and extends the investment on existing hardware
- Reduces migration risk

# Per Subscriber Management

## **Per Subscriber Management**

As an option to remove web sites that are categorised as unsuitable viewing Identify unsuitable categories by governmental and industry classified (by age / content) Alert / quarantine / block users by user account attributes or by provided user lists



- Increases security for vulnerable users and open up revenue opportunities
- Maintains responses and performance for users
- Reduces unwanted content and brand association to sites

# Application Migration and Datacenter Availability

# **Application Migration and Datacenter Availability**

To move services from one datacentre another without impacting user experience Health management of services for migration

Service

Service

Pre test, group or Geolocation migration and No big bang migration,



- Increases migration options and availability
- Maintains all Services whilst migrating
- Reduces migration risk to the business

# Mitigating against CVE's and Bind

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Vulnerabilities against Bind are averaging 9-10 per year and do not seem to be slowing down

Where possible remove bind from designs to remove CVE possibilities

Migrate to services that are ICSA certified for security compliance



- Increases security, scale and certification
- Maintains features of existing deployments
- Reduces OPEX by removing vulnerability due to the Bind CVE's

# **Cache Security**

## **Transparent Cache Security**



- Increases security from bad sites
- Maintains throughput and users experience while filtering
- Reduces footprint to the internet as part of attacks being logged

# Authoritative DNS

# **Authoritative DNS**

When under attack Traditional Firewalls do not provide security and fail before the DNS servers

Remove Bind services and complement with scalable High speed slave

Implement security certification / compliance and consolidate



- Increases availability when under attack, and massive scalability
- Maintains all current DNS Master configurations and processes
- Removes single point of failure

# Protocol and tunneling abuse

## **Protocol and tunneling abuse**

Take charge of users / applications that would take advantage of the DNS protocol Identify DNS requests that do not match the RFC's, or are streams Alert / Quarantine / Block / Report users that are abusing the DNS protocol



- Increases revenue by removing free loaders
- Maintains valid users traffic
- Reduces abuse and reports violations,

# DDOS protection for existing DNS services

# **DDOS protection for existing DNS services**

Provide DDOS hardware protection to existing DNS infrastructure Provide DDOS hardware vector protection to DNS protocol Use software defined hardware to maintain security certification



- Increases availability when under DDOS attack
- Maintains all Security Certifications
- Reduces single Point of failure and scrubs the common DNS attacks

# DNS Resolver Performance and Security

# **DNS Resolver Performance and Security**

Maximise cache hit ratio and protect the queue to the Resolver Remove attacks and queue filling requests Log users, Rate limit and quarantine on invalid requests



- Increases Performance for the Resolver (for valid requests)
- Maintains all existing deployment Architecture
- Reduces attacks internal and from external sources to increase up time,

# GGSN and PGW availability

## **GGSN and PGW availability**

Dynamically choose gateways based on availability Monitor the Health of gateways Gateway selection based on location and availability



- Increases availability and scalability for gateway services
- Maintains all current DNS configurations
- Removes single point of failure and manual configurations

### **Use Cases:**

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- DNS Resolver Performance and Security
- GGSN and PGW availability

### **DNS Risk Management**



### **DNS** Attacks and Outages

#### AT&T hit by DDoS attack, suffers DNS outage

#### There are few details on the outage that appears to be hitting companies across the U.S.

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A distributed denial-of-service attack aimed at AT&T's DNS (Domain Name System) servers has disrupted data traffic for some of the company's customers.

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The multi-hour attack began Wednesday morning West Coast time and at the time of this writing, eight hours later, does not appear to have been mitigated.

AT&T suffers DNS outage

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flood our Domain Name System servers in two locations, some AT&T business customers are experiencing intermittent disruptions in service." an AT&T spokesman told IDG News Service by email "Restoration efforts are underway and we apologize for any inconvenience to our customers."

"Due to a distributed denial of service attack attempting to

AT&T reports attempted customer data hack

The attack appears to have affected enterprise customers using AT&T's managed services DNS product.

#### Service Knocked Out In Southern **Ontario, Atlantic Canada (TWITTER)**

The Huffington Post Canada | Posted: 01/09/2013 9:48 pm EST | Updated: 01/10/2013 5:30 am EST



#### GoDaddy Goes Down After Apparent DNS Server Outage

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attackers have faked the source address for those incoming requests, the responses can overw

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the victims' servers -- and possibly spill over and clog the Net.

There is a large-scale DNS cache-poisoning attack going on in Brazil at the moment, with potentially millions of users affected by a tactic that is forcing the to install a malicious Java applet before they can reach many popular sites, including Google, Gmail and Hotmail.

The attack has been going on for some time already, researchers say, and the effe could be quite widespread, given the scope of the problem. Several large ISPs in t

#### Lessons Learned in Historic DDoS Attack on Spamhaus



By Barry Levine April 2, 2013 1:53PM

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#### Comcast suffers DNS outage



IDG News Service - Problems with the Domain Name System (DNS) servers at Internet service provider Comcast Corp. prevented customers around the U.S. from surfing the Web yesterday, but the company said the interruptions

#### **Comcast Suffers Major East Coast Outage** DNS server related, no explanation given

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Comcast.

by Karl Bode Monday 29-Nov-2010 tags: business · cable · trouble · networking · consumers · Comcast

As this four page thread in our Comcast forum documents, Comcast suffered a major network outage around Boston and a huge chunk of the east coast on Sunday. Judging from user posts, it appears to have been a DNS problem -- resolved by switching to an alternative DNS server (something to try if you're still having problems). Some users in our forums indicate the problem seems to be resolved for them, but Comcast's official Twitter accounts haven't been updated since last night -- when the company had no ETA or explanation for what caused the outage. It's unfortunate for Comcast, given they've been beefing up DNS services to try and keep users from switching to OpenDNS, and every outage of this kind is simply free advertising for the alternative DNS operator.





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Charter DNS outage was resolved as of 10a CST. If you are still having Net issues, please try resetting your modem:

charter.com/modemreset



### Next Steps: Ensure Life blood to Business Applications



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