

## DNS Exercise - Delegation

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In this exercise, we will create a new TLD in our root.  
for example: MYTLD

You will create a master nameservice on your own machine, and someone else will provide slave service. Then you will ask the administrator for the domain above you (the root) to delegate your domain to you.

Note: the following should be done as the "root" superuser.

Firstly, note that your hostname is configured correctly on your machine. Check that it is configured correctly by using the 'hostname' command - e.g. on auth1.grpXX.dns.nsrc.org, if you type:

```
# hostname
```

You should see:

```
auth1.grpXX.dns.nsrc.org
```

If not, then configure your server with its name: e.g. for  
auth1.grp25.dns.nsrc.org, type:

```
# hostname auth1.grp25.dns.nsrc.org
```

Remember to replace "grpXX" with the the proper group number!

Edit the file /etc/rc.conf (using "vi" or "ee", i.e.: ee /etc/rc.conf),  
and update the "hostname":

```
hostname="auth1.grpXX.dns.nsrc.org"
```

In the file /etc/hosts, you should see a line:

```
10.20.X.1  auth1.grpXX auth1.grpXX.dns.nsrc.org
```

## Exercise

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- \* Choose a new domain, write it down somewhere

i.e.: "MYTLD" or "EARTH" - whatever you feel like.

(Do NOT choose any of the PC names, e.g. `auth1.grpXX`, as your subdomain)

This could for example be the name of your country code, country name, company name, etc... but REMEMBER that someone might pick the same name!  
First come, first serve.

- \* Find someone who will agree to be slave for your domain. Please find someone across the room from you (not at your table) (Remember RFC2182: secondaries must be on remote networks but here we work on a flat network). You can have more than one slave if you wish.
- \* Create your zone file in `/etc/namedb/master/MYTLD`

(where MYTLD is your chosen domain) -- you can pretty much "copy and paste" the section below -- but remember to update the XXX with your IP:

```
*** Remember, you will need to become root to create this file,
*** so, e.g.
***
*** $ cd /etc/namedb/master
*** $ sudo vi MYTLD
***
*** (feel free to use another editor instead of vi, e.g. joe, ee)
```

- - - - - cut below - - - - -

```
$TTL 2m
@      IN      SOA      auth1.grpXX.dns.nsrc.org. your.email.address. (
                                2012022301      ; Serial
                                10m              ; Refresh
                                5m              ; Retry
                                4w              ; Expire
                                2m )            ; Negative

      IN      NS       auth1.grpXXX.dns.nsrc.org. ; master
      IN      NS       auth1.grpYYY.dns.nsrc.org. ; slave

www    IN      A        10.20.XXX.1              ; your own IP
```

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Replace `your.email.address.` with your home E-mail address, so that user@domain.name becomes user.domain.name

XXX and YYY are the IP of your group, and your slave's, respectively.

We have chosen purposely low values for TTL, refresh, and retry to make it easier to fix problems in the classroom. For a production domain you might use higher values.

\* Edit `/etc/namedb/named.conf` and do the following:

```
*** Remember, you will need to become root to edit this file,
*** so, e.g.
***
*** $ cd /etc/namedb
*** $ sudo vi named.conf
***
*** (feel free to use another editor instead of vi, e.g. joe, ee)
```

- If it is still there, REMOVE the following line:

```
listen-on { 127.0.0.1; };
```

... and add another line in the options section:

```
allow-query { any; };
```

... so that your nameserver will now answer queries from the network

- Add a section to configure your machine as master for

your domain, by adding something like this at the end (the bottom) of the file:

```
zone "MYTLD" {
    type master;
    file "/etc/namedb/master/MYTLD";
};
```

Pay attention to the ';' and '}' !

- \* Check that your config file and zone file are valid:

```
# named-checkconf
# named-checkzone MYTLD /etc/namedb/master/MYTLD
```

\* If there are any errors, correct them ! \*

- \* If this is not already done, enable named in your server's configuration, by editing the file /etc/rc.conf and adding, if this is not already done:

\*\* Remember, again, you need to be root to edit this file

```
named_chrootdir=""
named_enable="YES"
```

- Then start/restart named with

```
# service named restart
```

Check the result with

```
# tail /var/log/messages
```

Verify with dig that MYTLD is now configured on your host:

```
# dig @10.20.XX.1 MYTLD. NS
```

Where "XX" is the address of your machine.

You can also check the nameserver status using rndc:

```
# rndc status
```

- If there are any errors, correct them. Some configuration errors can cause the daemon to die completely, in which case you may have to start it again:

```
# /etc/rc.d/named restart
```

- \* Assist your slaves to configure themselves as slave for your domain, and configure yourself as a slave if asked to do so by another table.

Here is most of what you need to add to the end of the named.conf file:

```
zone "MYTLD" {
    type slave;
    masters { 10.20.XXX.1; };
    file "/etc/namedb/slave/MYTLD";
};
```

... where XXX is the group where the master is located.

If you have changed your ``named.conf`` so that you are a slave for someone else, make sure that there are no errors in ``/var/log/messages`` after you restart your nameserver.

You will need a slave directory with proper permissions and ownership where bind can write the zone file received from the master.

- \* Check that you and your slaves are giving authoritative answers for your domain:

```
# dig +nored @10.20.XXX.1 MYTLD. SOA
# dig +nored @10.20.YYY.1 MYTLD. SOA
```

Check that you get an AA (authoritative answer) from both, and that the serial numbers match.

- \* Now you are ready to request delegation:

a) if using the RZM:

Go to <https://rzm.dnssek.org/>

Choose signup.

Username is your domain name ("COCONUT") for example.  
Password is up to you but you must remember it.

We will do a demo of the interface in class.

b) if not using the RZM:

Indicate to the instructor, on a piece of paper:

```
Domain name:      _____
Master nameserver: auth1.grp____.dns.nsrc.org
Slave nameserver:  auth1.grp____.dns.nsrc.org
```

- \* You will not get delegation until the instructor has checked:
    - Your nameservers are all authoritative for your domain
    - They all have the same SOA serial number
    - The NS records within the zone match the list of servers you are requesting delegation for
    - The slave(s) are across the room from you :)
- => This is called policy!
- \* Once you have delegation, try to resolve `www.MYTLD`:
    - On your own machine
    - On someone else's machine (who is not slave for you):

```
# dig @10.20.XXX.1 www.MYTLD      (where MYTLD is your domain)
```

- \* Add a new resource record to your zone file. Remember to update the serial number. Check that your slaves have updated. Try resolving this new name.