RSSAC-002

Archiving and Data Analysis

RSSAC-002 Overview

- ICANN's Root Server System Advisory Committee created an advisory to the community, RSSAC-002
- Baseline of metrics
- Recommendations on the collection of certain data plus format of the date

Data Formats

- Data is available in a variety of formats, with some consistency between collections
 - YAML is common to all while JSON and some PNGs generated by one root operator
- Primary data format is YAML
- Section 4 of RSSAC-002 defines format further

Data Metrics

- The data metric covered under the advisory are:
 - Load time
 - RCODE volume
 - Traffic size
 - Traffic Volume
 - Unique sources
 - Zone Size
- As defined by Section 2 in RSSAC-002

RSSAC-002 Mirroring

- DNS-OARC is actively mirroring all known and available RSSAC-002 data from the various root-operators, so you don't have to
 - A, J, K and L root servers are covered
 - Assembled as one collection in one spot
- To be gentle to the web servers in question, the mirroring process itself can take about 6 hours to complete, depending upon the amount available
- Data is available to researchers and any other members via OARC's analysis servers
- /mnt/oarc-pool3/rssac-002/

RSSAC-002 Coverage

- A
 - May 2013 and onwards
- J
 - May 2013 and onwards
- K
 - March 2015 and onwards
- L
 - June 2014 and onwards
- We will announce additions to the collection as we confirm they are available

Data Quality

- Thus far the data varies in quality not of the data contained per se
 - Mirroring process was double-checked for errors it might be causing in its copy
- But instances of
 - Data not found in the right place (some day's data found in next month's directory tree)
 - Data missing (missing spans of 24h series) for some days here and there across a number of sources
- Section 4.7 defines a path scheme to the data which has been followed while base URLs (not part of the advisory) vary.

Finding Data

- Across 4 servers, let's find the zone size for a given day. Let's use 2015-03-20
 - Oops! Can't. Only 2 of 4 servers have that info (neither J nor L have published this)
- How about RCODE data for 2014-06-01?
 - Careful! If looking by timestamp, some files are in another month, so look by filename
- It must be remembered: operational priority takes precedence over data collection and publishing

What does the data say?

Stay tuned...

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