



- Changing a TLD server's address -

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#### What we did

- Changed address of S.DE.NET
  - 193.159.170.149 -> 195.243.137.26
  - Same AS, no significant RTT change
  - This is a DE only name server
- Captured query traffic
  - Determine dominant source for the address
  - Count queries and queriers
  - Find Query Swing
  - Find Stalking Resolvers
    - inspired by: work for B and J root servers



### How does DNS traffic go to S.DE.NET?

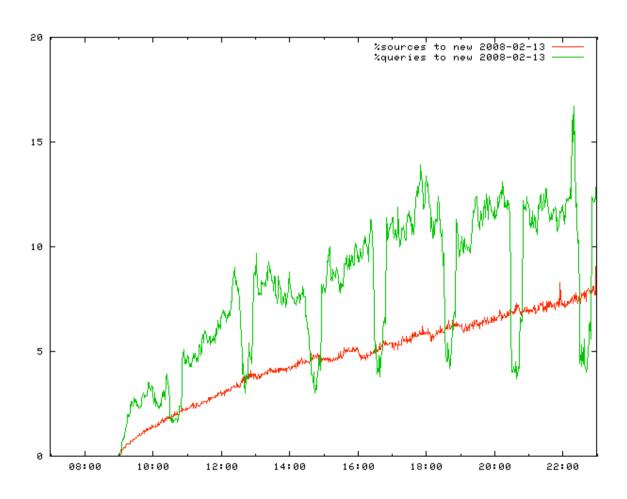
- Server's name appears
  - in NS RRSet at zone apex
  - and in the delegation in the parent zone
- Server's address originates from
  - Authoritative data in DE.NET
  - Root zone glue data spread through TLD referrals
  - [additional section for authoritative DE responses]
  - Special influence of the NET zone



- Change of authoritative data in DE.NET zone
  - effective 2008-02-13 09:00 2008 UTC
  - TTL was 3600
- Change of "glue" in the NET zone
  - effective 2008-02-20 16:23 2008 UTC
  - TTL was 172800
- Root zone delegation change (glue)
  - effective 2008-02-21 15:37 2008 UTC
  - TTL was 172800

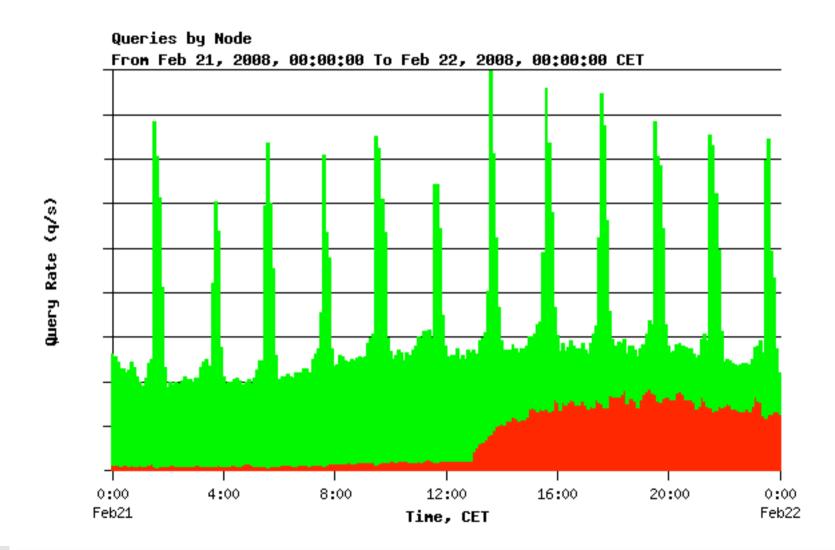


## Observations on 2008-02-13 (auth data change)



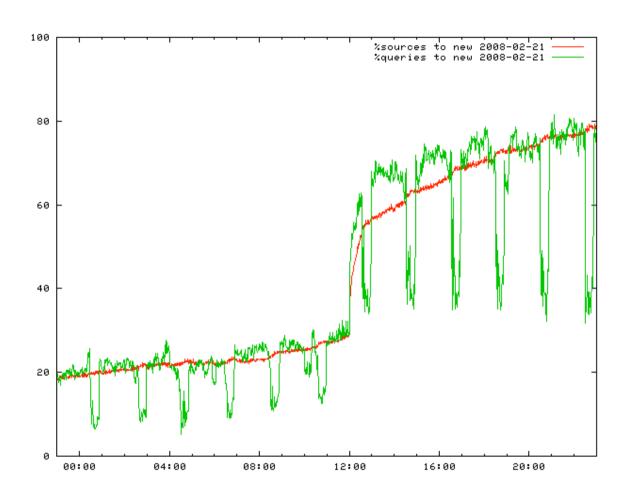


# DSC on 2008-02-21





## Stats on 2008-02-21





## **Preliminary Conclusions**

- Authoritative less dominant than referral data
  - Additional section filled from glue
- No immediate correlation with root zone dist?
- We may have many "first contacts"
- But:
  - This is for an out-of-domain server
  - Special handling of NET zone needs to be considered
  - DE is largely, but not solely a delegation only zone
  - Sensors went dead just in time :-(



- After almost 3 months, query rate is still high
  - Die-hard dropcatchers
  - Resolvers with outdated root zone!
    - · 2006082700
  - Open Recursive Name Servers
  - Weird high TTLs on TLD NS RRSet and A RRSets
    - · s.de.net. 2132443279 IN A 193.159.170.149



- Investigate some resolvers in more detail
- Investigate "first contacts"
  - Early cache expiry?
  - No cache at all?
- Redo measurements with different server name





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