

Knot DNS

Independent high-performance DNS server

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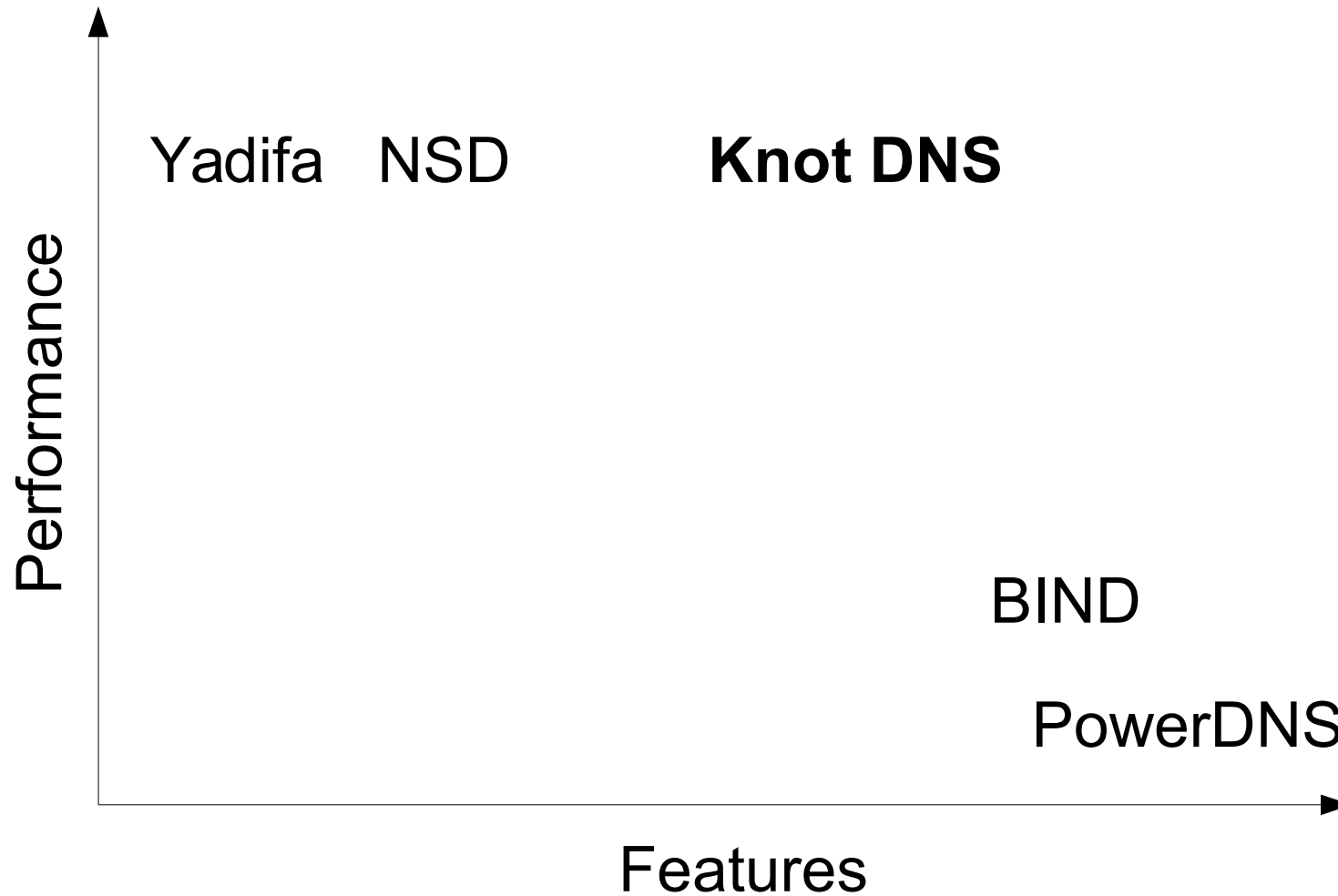
What is Knot DNS?



- <https://www.knot-dns.cz>
- Authoritative-only DNS server
- High-performance and scalable
- Designed for universal use
 - Master and slave features
 - Root servers, TLDs, webhosters, single domains



Knot DNS and The Others



Knot DNS history and near future

- 0.8 2011 first stable release
- 1.6 2014 **LTS version**

- 1.99.0 2014/12 new DNSSEC
- 1.99.1 2015/02 DNSSEC with KASP
- 2.0-rc1 2015/02 new configuration



Knot DNS outstanding features

- Non-stop operation (RCU, Read-Copy-Update)
- AXFR/IXFR zone transfers
- DDNS dynamic updates
- DNSSEC, including automatic signing
- RRL (Response Rate Limiting)
- Pluggable modules



PTR/A/AAAA synthesis module

- IPv6 address space is vast
- some services require matching reverse record

```
example.org. {  
  query_module {  
    synth_record "forward gen- 400 2620:0:b61::/52";  
  }  
}
```

```
1.6.b.0.0.0.0.0.2.6.2.ip6.arpa {  
  query_module {  
    synth_record "reverse gen- example.org. 400  
                2620:0:b61::/52";  
  }  
}
```



PTR/A/AAAA synthesis module

- Non-live demo:

```
$ kdig +short PTR \  
 2.4.0...0.0.0.0.0.0.0.0.1.6.b.0.0.0.0.0.2.6.2.ip6.arpa
```

```
gen-2620-0000-0b61-0000-0000-0000-0000-0042.example.org.
```

```
$ kdig +short AAAA \  
 gen-2620-0000-0b61-0000-0000-0000-0000-0042.example.org
```

```
2620:0:b61::42
```



DNSSEC in Knot DNS 1.6

- Technology Preview (but rock stable)
- Depends on BIND or Idns utilities
 - dnssec-keygen
 - dnssec-settime
- Some signing parameters are hardcoded
- Not how we think DNSSEC should be done



DNSSEC in Knot DNS 2.0

- Technology Preview
- KASP (Key And Signature Policy) based automatic key management
- New management utility (keymgr)
- libdnssec
 - Build you custom DNSSEC solution
 - GnuTLS replaces OpenSSL as a crypto backend
 - Future support for PKCS #11, offline keys, etc.



DNSSEC in Knot DNS 2.0

- Non-live demo:

```
$ cd keys  
$ keymgr init  
$ keymgr zone add example.com  
$ knotc reload
```

```
reloading configuration  
DNSSEC, starting  
DNSSEC, executing event 'generate initial keys'  
DNSSEC, loaded key 43786, RSA-SHA256, KSK, public, active  
DNSSEC, loaded key 57770, RSA-SHA256, ZSK, public, active  
DNSSEC, signing started  
DNSSEC, successfully signed  
DNSSEC, next signing on 2015-01-30T23:56:24
```

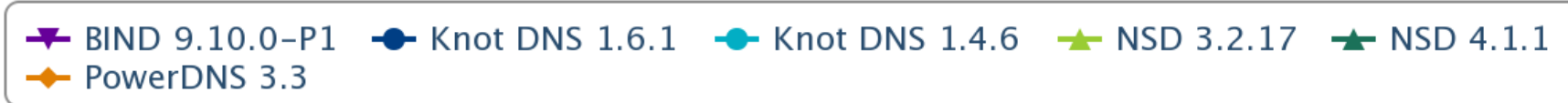
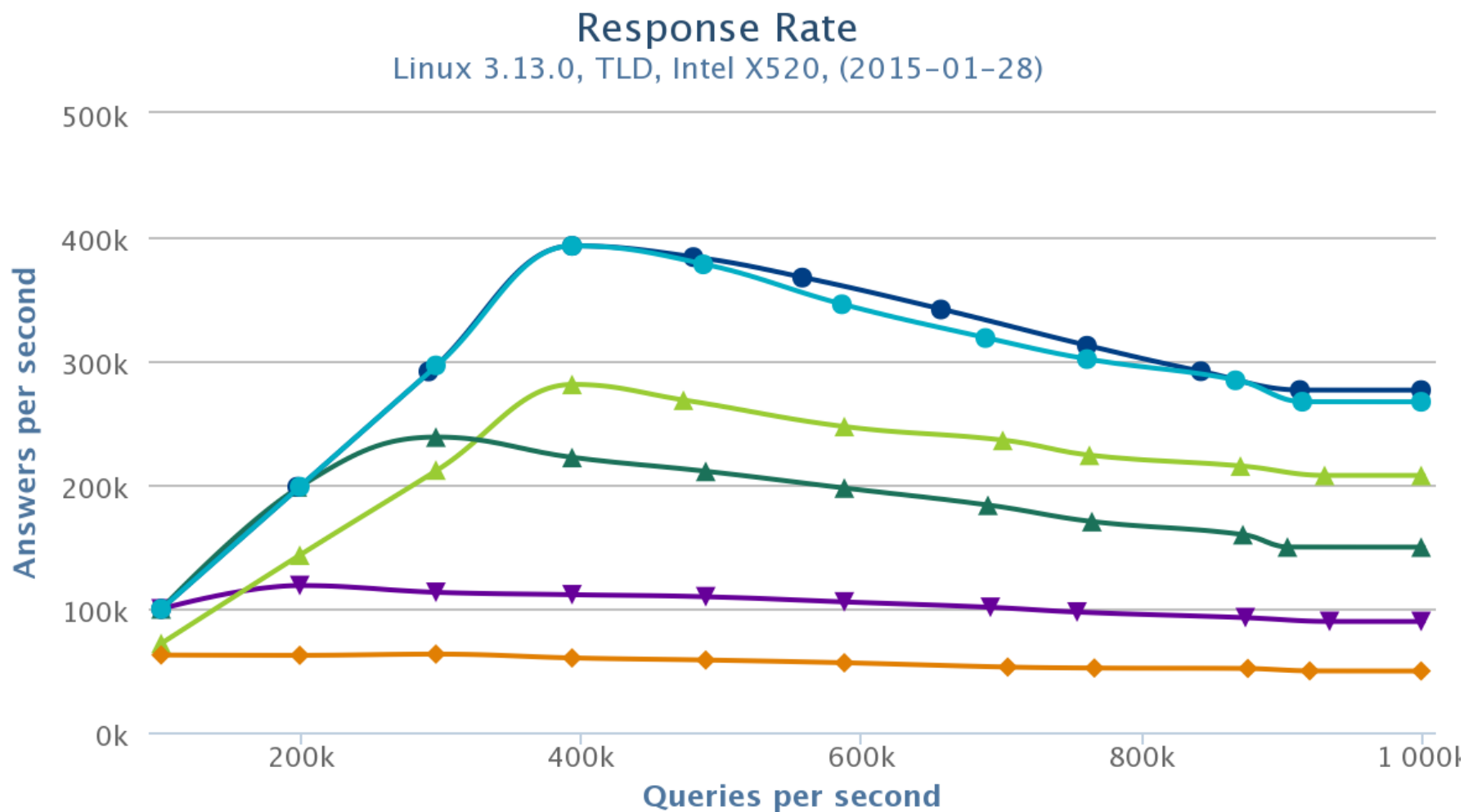


News in Knot DNS 2.x (where $x > 0$)

- New configuration format (binary storage)
- Remote provisioning
- On-line DNSSEC signing
- Additional modules (GeoIP, statistics, ...)
- Just tell us what you need...



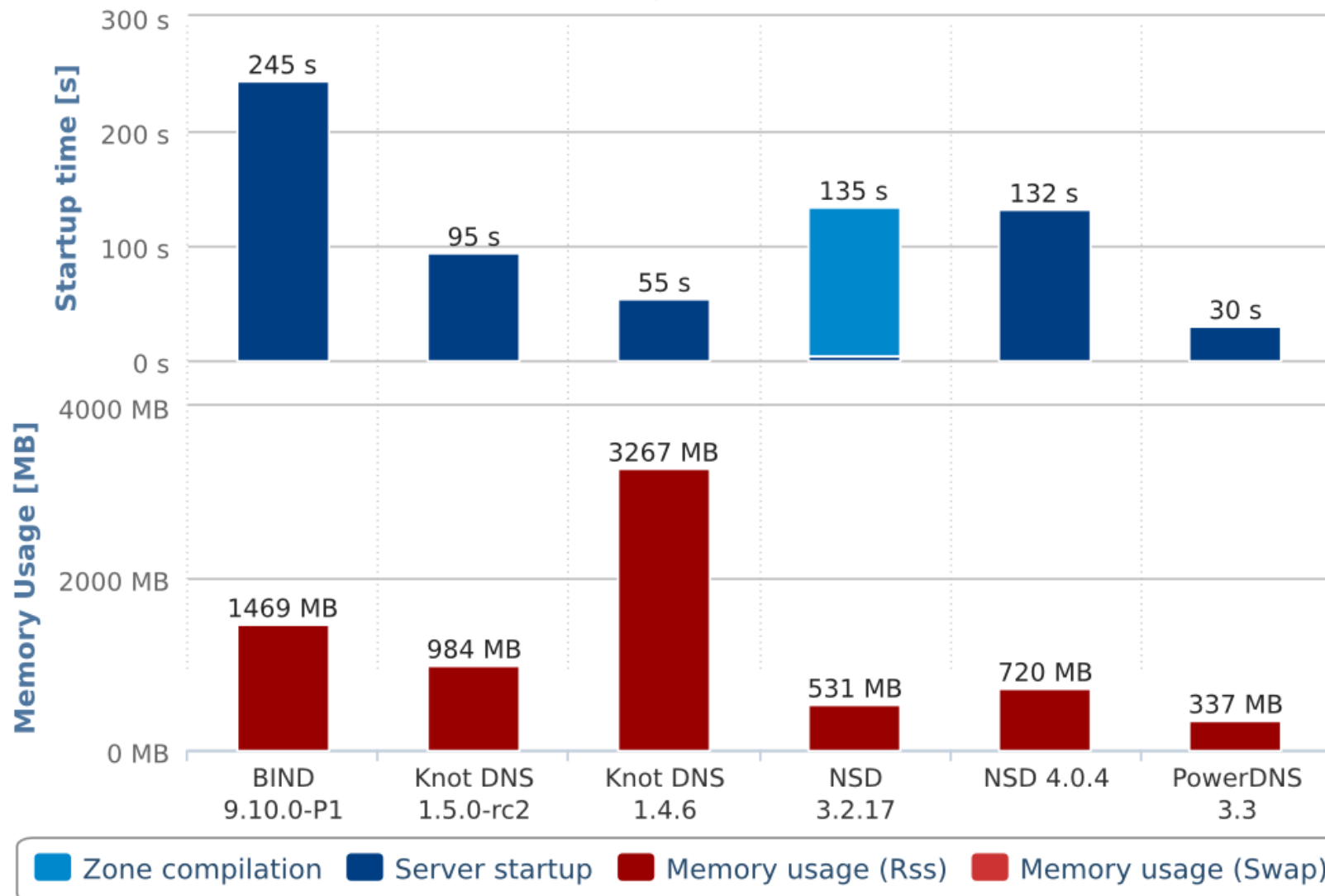
Benchmarking



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Startup Time and Memory Usage

Linux 3.13.0, Hosting (100k), (2014-06-10)



Significant Users (who told us)

- ICANN (L-root)
- RIPE NCC (K-root, various TLDs)
- TLD operators (.cz, .dk, .cl)
- Netriplex
- Telefonica O2 in Czech Republic
- various webhosters in Czech Republic
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Thank You



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