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## **1** Introduction

BIND 9.6-ESV-R5 is the current production release of BIND 9.6.

This document summarizes changes from BIND 9.6-ESV-R4 to BIND 9.6-ESV-R5. Please see the CHANGES file in the source code release for a complete list of all changes.

# 2 Download

The latest release of BIND 9 software can always be found on our web site at http://www.isc.org/downloads/all. There you will find additional information about each release, source code, and some pre-compiled versions for certain operating systems.

### **3** Support

Product support information is available on http://www.isc.org/services/support for paid support options. Free support is provided by our user community via a mailing list. Information on all public email lists is available at https://lists.isc.org/mailman/listinfo.

### 4 New Features

#### 4.1 9.6-ESV-R5

• Added a tool able to generate malformed packets to allow testing of how named handles them. [RT #24096]

### **5** Security Fixes

#### 5.1 9.6-ESV-R5

- named, set up to be a caching resolver, is vulnerable to a user querying a domain with very large resource record sets (RRSets) when trying to negatively cache the response. Due to an off-by-one error, caching the response could cause named to crash. [RT #24650] [CVE-2011-1910]
- Change #2912 populated the message section in replies to UPDATE requests, which some Windows clients wanted. This exposed a latent bug that allowed the response message to crash named. With this fix, change 2912 has been reduced to copy only the zone section to the reply. A more complete fix for the latent bug will be released later. [RT #24777]

### 6 Feature Changes

#### 6.1 9.6-ESV-R5

- Merged in the NetBSD ATF test framework (currently version 0.12) for development of future unit tests. Use configure --with-atf to build ATF internally or configure --with-atf=prefix to use an external copy. [RT #23209]
- Added more verbose error reporting from DLZ LDAP. [RT #23402]
- Replaced compile time constant with STDTIME\_ON\_32BITS. [RT #23587]

### 7 Bug Fixes

#### 7.1 9.6-ESV-R5

• During RFC5011 processing some journal write errors were not detected. This could lead to managed-keys changes being committed but not recorded in the

journal files, causing potential inconsistencies during later processing. [RT #20256]

A potential NULL pointer deference in the DNS64 code could cause named to terminate unexpectedly. [RT #20256]

A state variable relating to DNSSEC could fail to be set during some infrequentlyexecuted code paths, allowing it to be used whilst in an unitialized state during cache updates, with unpredictable results. [RT #20256]

A potential NULL pointer deference in DNSSEC signing code could cause named to terminate unexpectedly [RT #20256]

Several cosmetic code changes were made to silence warnings generated by a static code analysis tool. [RT #20256]

- When using \_builtin in named.conf, named.conf changes were not found when reloading the config file. Now checks \_builtin zone arguments to see if the zone is re-usable or not. [RT #21914]
- After an external code review, a code cleanup was done. [RT #22521]
- When signing records, named didn't filter out any TTL changes to DNSKEY records. This resulted in an incomplete key set. TTL changes are now dealt with before signing. [RT #22590]
- The IN6\_IS\_ADDR\_LINKLOCAL and IN6\_IS\_ADDR\_SITELOCAL macros in win32 were updated/corrected per current Windows OS. [RT #22724]
- Cause named to terminate at startup or rndc reconfig reload to fail, if a log file specified in the conf file isn't a plain file. (RT #22771]
- named now forces the ADB cache time for glue related data to zero instead of relying on TTL. This corrects problematic behavior in cases where a server was authoritative for the A record of a nameserver for a delegated zone and was queried to recursively resolve records within that zone. [RT #22842]
- Fix the zonechecks system test to fail on error (warning in 9.6, fatal in 9.7) to match behaviour for 9.4. [RT #22905]
- The "rndc" command usage statement was missing the "-b" option. [RT #22937]
- Fixed a possible deadlock due to zone re-signing. [RT #22964]
- Fixed precedence order bug with NS and DNAME records if both are present. (Also fixed timing of autosign test in 9.7+) [RT #23035]
- The secure zone update feature in named is based on the zone being signed and configured for dynamic updates. A bug in the ACL processing for "allow-update { none; };" resulted in a zone that is supposed to be static being treated as a dynamic zone. Thus, named would try to sign/re-sign that zone erroneously. [RT #23120]

- A new test has been added to check the apex NSEC3 records after DNSKEY records have been added via dynamic update. [RT #23229]
- If a slave initiates a TSIG signed AXFR from the master and the master fails to correctly TSIG sign the final message, the slave would be left with the zone in an unclean state. named detected this error too late and named would crash with an INSIST. The order dependency has been fixed. [RT #23254]
- If the server has an IPv6 address but does not have IPv6 connectivity to the internet, dig +trace could fail attempting to use IPv6 addresses. [RT #23297]
- Changing TTL did not cause dnssec-signzone to generate new signatures. [RT #23330]
- Have the validating resolver use RRSIG original TTL to compute validated RRset and RRSIG TTL. [RT #23332]
- In "make test" bin/tests/resolver, hold the socket manager lock while freeing the socket. [RT #23333]
- If named encountered a CNAME instead of a DS record when walking the chain of trust down from the trust anchor, it incorrectly stopped validating. [RT #23338]
- RRSIG records could have time stamps too far in the future. [RT #23356]
- named stores cached data in an in-memory database and keeps track of how recently the data is used with a heap. The heap is stored within the cache's memory space. Under a sustained high query load and with a small cache size, this could lead to the heap exhausting the cache space. This would result in cache misses and SERVFAILs, with named never releasing the cache memory the heap used up and never recovering. This fix removes the heap into its own memory space, preventing the heap from exhausting the cache space and allowing named to recover gracefully when the high query load abates. [RT #23371]
- If running on a powerpc CPU and with atomic operations enabled, named could lock up. Added sync instructions to the end of atomic operations. [RT #23469]
- If OpenSSL was built without engine support, named would have compile errors and fail to build. [RT #23473]
- Handle isc\_event\_allocate failures in t\_tasks test. [RT #23572]
- ixfr-from-differences {masterlslave}; failed to select the master/slave zones, resulting in on diff/journal file being created. [RT #23580]
- If a DNAME substitution failed, named returned NOERROR. The correct response should be YXDOMAIN. [RT #23591]
- Remove bin/tests/system/logfileconfig/ns1/named.conf and add setup.sh in order to resolve changing named.conf issue. [RT #23687]

- NOTIFY messages were not being sent when generating a NSEC3 chain incrementally. [RT #23702]
- Signatures for records at the zone apex could go stale due to an incorrect timer setting. [RT #23769]
- The autosign tests attempted to open ports within reserved ranges. Test now avoids those ports. [RT #23957]
- named, acting as authoritative server for DLZ zones, was not correctly setting the authoritative (AA) bit. [RT #24146]
- Clean up some cross-compiling issues and added two undocumented configure options, --with-gost and --with-rlimtype, to allow over-riding default settings (gost=no and rlimtype="long int") when cross-compiling. [RT #24367]
- When trying sign with NSEC3, if dnssec-signzone couldn't find the KSK, it
  would give an incorrect error "NSEC3 iterations too big for weakest DNSKEY
  strength" rather than the correct "failed to find keys at the zone apex: not found"
  [RT #24369]
- nsupdate could dump core on shutdown when using SIG(0) keys. [RT #24604]
- Named could fail to validate zones list in a DLV that validated insecure without using DLV and had DS records in the parent zone. [RT #24631]
- A bug in FreeBSD kernels causes IPv6 UDP responses greater than 1280 bytes to not fragment as they should. Until there is a kernel fix, named will work around this by setting IPV6\_USE\_MIN\_MTU on a per packet basis. [RT #24950]
- To avoid excessive startup time for configurations with large numbers of zones, an environment variable, BIND9\_ZONE\_TASKS\_HINTS, may now be set prior to starting named. Divide your number of zones by 200 to find the recommended setting for this environment variable (i.e., if you have 200000 zones, set BIND9\_ZONE\_TASKS\_HINTS to 1000 before starting named). [RT #25084]

### 8 Known issues in this release

• "make test" will fail on OSX and possibly other operating systems. The failure occurs in a new test to check for allow-query ACLs. The failure is caused because the source address is not specified on the dig commands issued in the test.

If running "make test" is part of your usual acceptance process, please edit the file bin/tests/system/allow\_query/test.sh and add

-b 10.53.0.2 to the DIGOPTS line.

# 9 Thank You

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