

AfriNIC 14 Shared ccTLD DNSSEC Signing Platform

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ICANN - PCH Common Goals

ICANN Goals:

Accelerate DNSSEC deployment Maintain the highest standards of security and trust Squeeze online crime out of developing countries first

PCH Goals:

Support critical Internet infrastructure operators Increase global network stability and availability Conduct knowledge-transfer and improve self-sufficiency



Approach

Shared secure signing platform with knowledge transfer Leverages existing operational expertise within ICANN and PCH Best-practice implementation, held to the highest standards No cost, no restrictions: free-as-in-beer and free-as-in-speech Flexible building-blocks: use the system in part or in its entirety Clear transition path from shared platform to ccTLD owned-andoperated platform in a single step, or in a gradual process



Benefits

- Immediate realization of DNSSEC advantages
- Security and auditability on-par with the root zone
- Offload several million dollars of components and services
- Build experience in a best-practices environment
- Take on operational responsibility as you gain confidence



Bidirectional Transition Path

From ccTLD to PCH:

Under control and guidance of ccTLD Clear checklist of transition steps KSK and ZSK generated in PCH's HSMs or KSK in ccTLD control, ZSKs exported to PCH

From PCH to ccTLD: Under stepwise control and guidance of ccTLD Clear checklist of transition steps KSK and ZSK generated by the ccTLD Exchange public key and signature info only Transfer of all relevant information



Key Management

- Automated signature updates and ZSK rollovers
- Automated integrity checking before publication
- Real-time monitoring of signing and publication processes
- Configurable email alerts on any warning or error
- KSK generation and use at offline key ceremonies
- Pre-generated keys and signed DNSKEY RRsets KSK: 2048 RSA ZSK: 1024 RSA NSEC3



Business Continuity & Maintenance

Backup sites on different continents, under diverse control

Well-documented emergency plans KSK compromise and loss ZSK rollover

Transition plans



DNSSEC Signer Platform

- Built on ICANN DNSSEC root-signing design
- Conservatively using BIND signing tools
- KSKs and ZSKs in FIPS 140-2 Level 4 HSMs
- Fully-redundant offline KSK facilities in San Jose and Singapore
- Fully-redundant online ZSK facilities in San Jose and Zurich
- Bump-in-the-Wire operational model

Clear TLD Transition Plan

- Knowledge-transfer workshops
- Clear checklists for transitioning on and off the platform Complete solution including DPS, key management, etc.



Diverse Locations

Americas

San Jose, USA Equinix Datacenter Commercial **Europe** Zurich, Switzerland SWITCH Datacenter

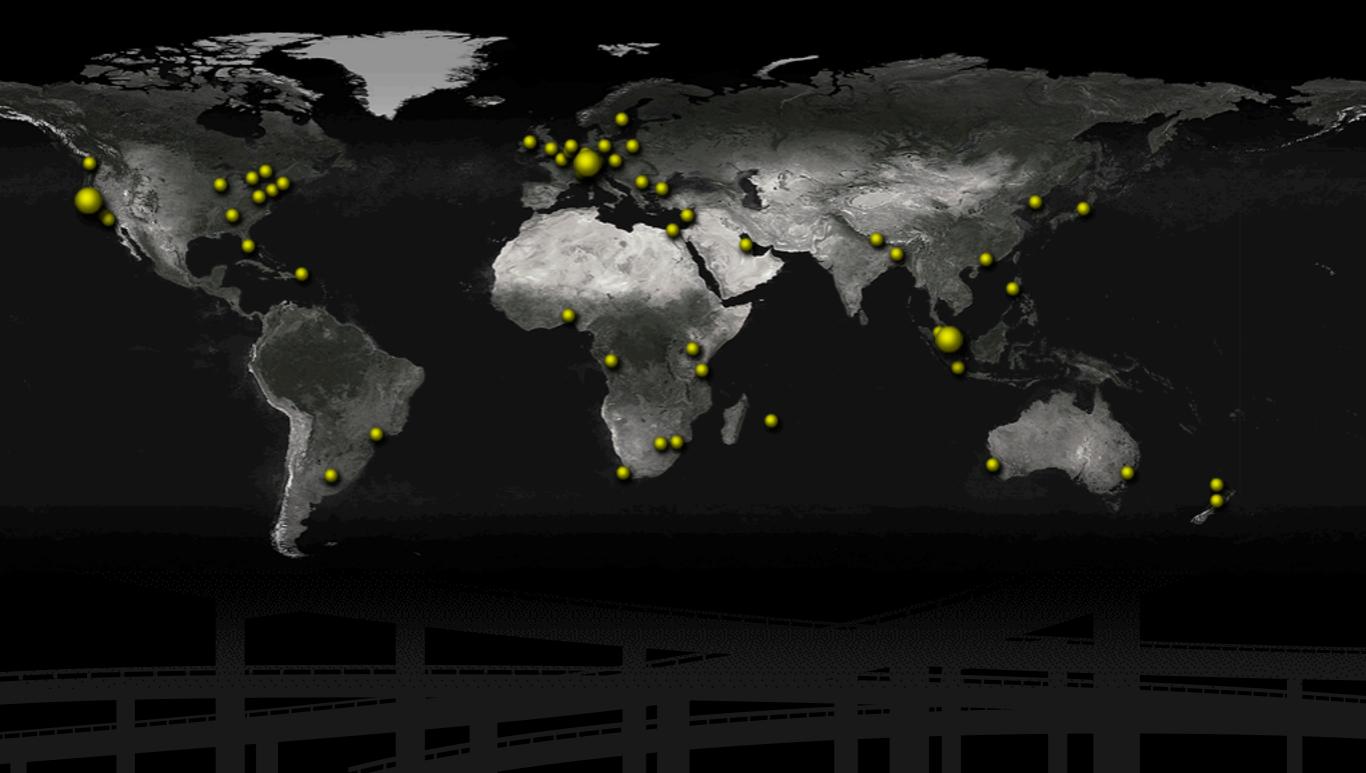
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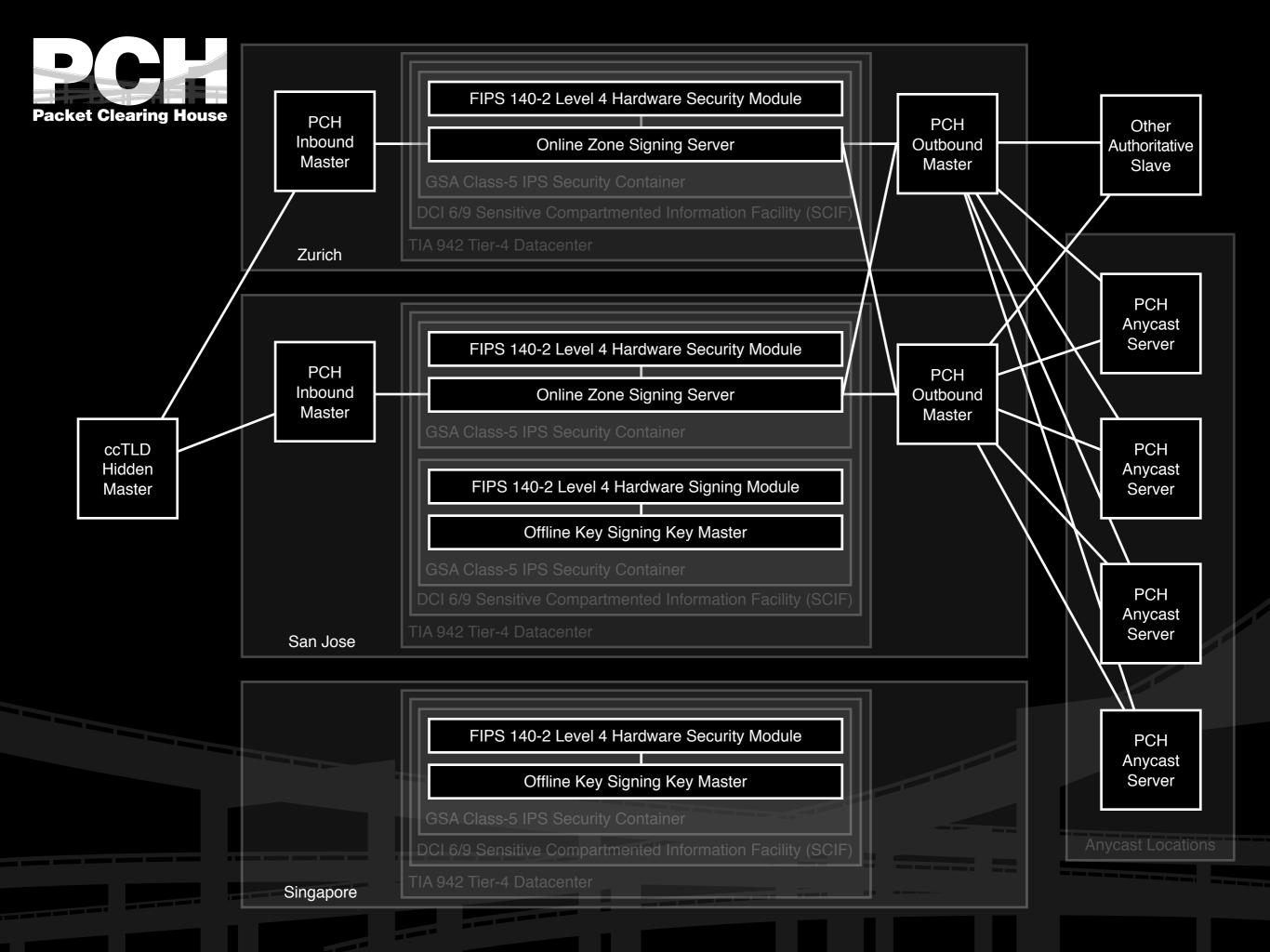
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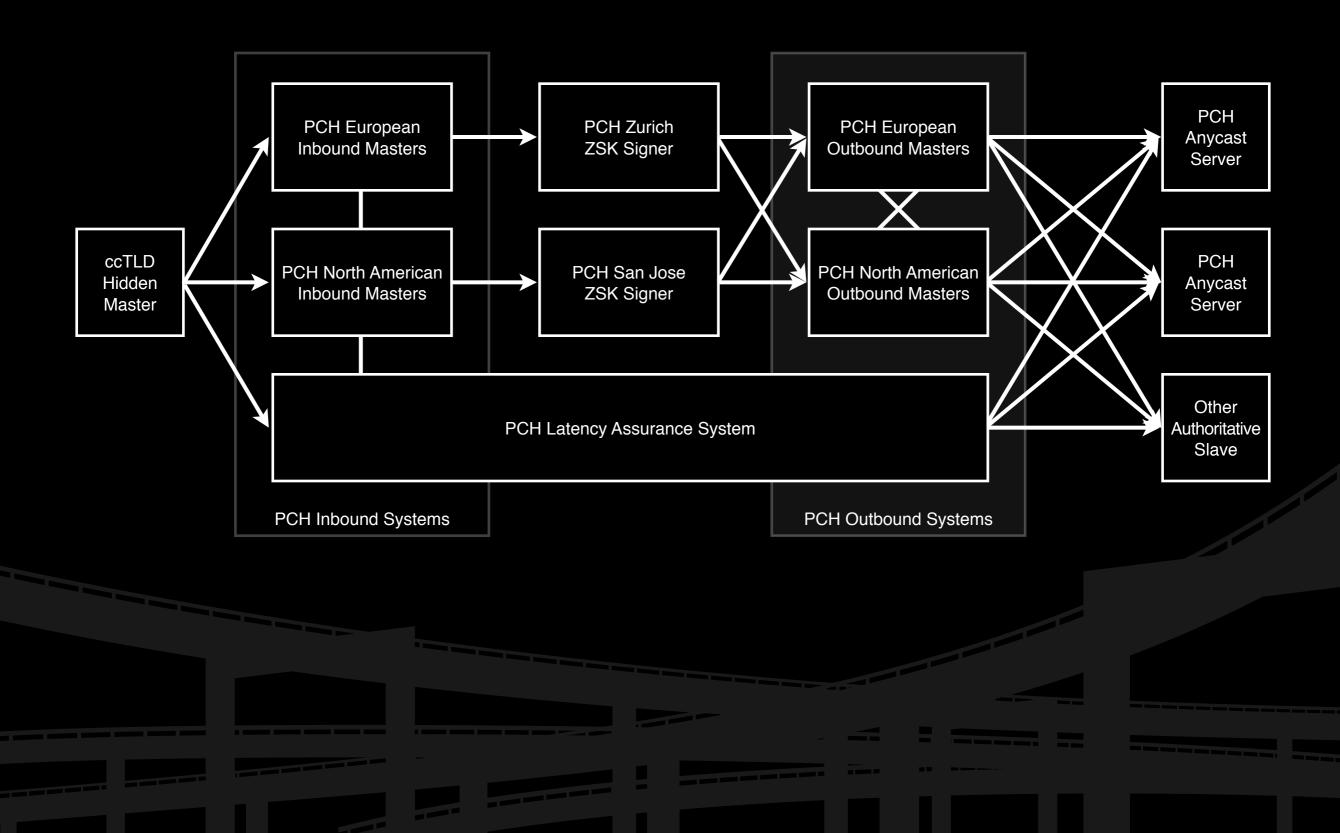


...With Integrated Global Anycast











Live Demo!



ccTLD Test Phases

- 1: Sign zone, verify validity on signing system
- 2: Sign zone, publish on anycast servers, verify distribution and public visibility
- 3: Coordinate authoritative slaves to pull signed zone
- 4: Put DS record in the root, go live



Thanks, and Questions?

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