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Pro DNS And BIND 10



Synopsis

Pro DNS and BIND 10 guides you through the challenging array of features surrounding DNS with a special focus on the latest release of BIND, the world's most popular DNS implementation. This book unravels the mysteries of DNS, offering insight into origins, evolution, and key concepts like domain names and zone files. This book focuses on running DNS systems based on BIND 10, the first stable release that includes support for the latest DNSSEC standards. Whether you administer a DNS system, are thinking about running one, or you simply want to understand the DNS system, then this book for you. Pro DNS and BIND 10 starts with simple concepts, then moves on to full security-aware DNSSEC configurations. Various features, parameters, and Resource Records are described and illustrated with examples. The book contains a complete reference to zone files, resource records, and BIND's configuration file parameters. You can treat the book as a simple paint-by-numbers guide to everything from a simple caching DNS to the most complex secure DNS (DNSSEC) implementation. Background information is included for when you need to know what to do and why you have to do it, and so that you can modify processes to meet your unique needs.

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Customer Reviews

There is nothing to be found concerning BIND 10 in this book. But, I still like this book due to its comprehensiveness. I use it as a source for reference. This could - by the way - also be done from this book's predecessor. Compared to this book several things have been changed, but in total it is only a revised version. I would have appreciated this book to follow a more didactical approach (e.g.

starting with a simple example and 'improving' it) To me it looks like a bunch of several technical terms collected altogether to have them in one single book.

The first third of the book is pretty well written and describes how the DNS system works on the internet. If the author would have left it at this point and just called the book "Pro DNS" all would be well. The problem in his book is when he gets to "Bind". First off (as a previous reviewer has stated) this book is NOT about Bind 10. In my case this wasn't a big deal, but it should be noted if that is of importance to you. My problem was with his example configuration files for Bind 9.7x. The author choose to jump around from file A, to file D, to File Q, then back to file D in a random hap-hazard method that is hard to follow. Even if you are able to follow his "logic" the example files are incorrect and inconsistent. I understand there are numerous ways to configure Bind, but please keep to one logical method and do not change up the methods throughout the book. Examples are when you are setting up zone transfers. In some cases he typed allow-transfer (none;);}; in other examples it is allow-transfer ("none";);}; and there is not mention as to why, or if it was a typo. Overall the book needs some tech review and should be named "Pro DNS and Bind 9.7".

BIND and the protocols/formats it supports are very complex. This book does a great job of describing how DNS works, how to create the files used by BIND, and how to run BIND. It can not possibly cover BIND 10 since BIND 10 was released several years after the book was written. However, it does a great job of describing the BIND 9.X versions which are currently very much in use. Hopefully the second edition will appear which actually covers BIND 10 since BIND 10 adds many new features.

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