EnforcerNG Architecture

The purpose of this page is to give an overview of the EnforcerNG design, design decisions, and implementation details.

Future work on EnforcerNG

Recommendation: Further work on profiling the enforcement of zones is required!

A decision was taken to re-factor the entire database layer in March 2014. Here are some suggestions for how the re-factor could be done:

- There has been some discussion on the developer list as to why and how the re-factor should be done. It is recommended that this page is used to hold design documents as the re-factor moves forward. It would be helpful from an architectural and knowledge sharing point of view if the following documents were created:
  - the architecture of the system immediately prior to the re-factor and the
  - the proposed design for the re-factor and the reasons for it
  - the actual design after the re-factor
- It is also proposed that a review team of at least 3 developers is involved in the re-factor as it progresses. This is to reduce the risk of
  - a single developer making design decisions in isolation
  - ending up with a component that is only well understood by a single developer, which is clearly a risk for the project
  - sufficient documentation not being produced
- It is recommended that as many regression tests as possible are enabled **before** the re-factor is done to provide as much automated regression testing as possible
- It is also recommended that the benchmarking tests are improved and re-run as each of the stages of the re-factor are completed to ensure that the previous levels of performance are met or exceeded.

Enforcer NG (Q4 2013-Q1 2014)

- Status report produced in Q1 2014 by Sara Dickinson: Status_of_2.0_feb_2104.pdf
- Benchmarking report produced Q1 by Sinodun: OpenDNSSEC-performance.pdf
- Update on benchmarking report produced by Sara Dickinson: Benchmarking update.pdf
  - Vallgrind files (summary file in zone_add directory has commands used): valgrind.zip

Enforcer NG 2011-2013

This section contains documents generated in the developmet done mostly during 2011-2103:

- Document prepared by OpenFortress analysing the 1.1 enforcer: kasp-1.1-maintainability.pdf

Theory:

- Yuri's paper on DNSSSEC key state transitions: enforcer_rules.pdf
- Yuri's paper on "Flexible and Robust Key Rollover in DSNSSEC": satin2012-Schaeffer.pdf
- Underlying key states as described in the above paper:
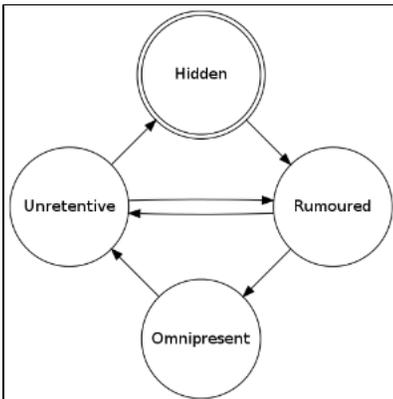
Development docs:

- Mind map from early days of development: ODSEnforcerNG.pdf
- Document produced by Rene on the use of Protobuf in the original design: protobuf-20110111.pdf
- Document produced by Rene evaluating if ligsql could be used in the original design: litesql-20110111.pdf
- Retrofitted DesignDocument