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Lab Exercises

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Signing our zone.

To sign the zone we first need two pairs of keys, a ZSK and a KSK. It can be signed with a single key pair but that's not a recommended configuration.

Position yourself in BIND configuration folder and then backup your zone file:

```
# cp zones/db.grpX zones/db.grpX.backup
```

Create directory to hold DNSSEC keys

```
# mkdir -p /etc/bind/keys  
# cd /etc/bind/keys
```

Generate **ZSK**

```
# dnssec-keygen -a RSASHA256 -b 2048 -n ZONE grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.t
```

Generate **KSK**

```
# dnssec-keygen -f KSK -a RSASHA256 -b 2048 -n ZONE grpX.<lab_domain>.te-
```

Set access rights to the correct group and user:

```
# chown -R bind:bind /etc/bind/keys  
# chown -R bind:bind /etc/bind/zones
```

Then we sign our zone.

Here we have two options:

1. to manually sign the zone or
2. ask BIND to sign.

Which one to use is up to you. As we are in lab environment, why not testing each of them one after the other ?

Manual zone signing.

```
# cd /etc/bind/zones  
# dnssec-signzone -S -K keys/ -o grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training zones-
```

You should get an output similar to the following:

```
Fetching grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training/ECDSAP256SHA256/5515 (KSK) f:  
Zone fully signed:  
Algorithm: ECDSAP256SHA256: KSKs: 1 active, 0 stand-by, 0 revoked  
                                ZSKs: 1 active, 0 stand-by, 0 revoked  
zones/db.grpX.signed
```

Then we replace the *db.grpX* file in `named.conf.local` with the *db.grpX.signed* and restart the server using `rndc reload`

Use command line tools to query the signed zone and verify if the signing is effective.

We can now use *dig* utility to confirm that the zone is signed and play with the new DNSSEC RRs.

TIP: remember that at this stage, you have just signed the zone and have not yet established the chain of trust. Will you get the "ad" flag ? Why ?

```

root@soa:/etc/bind# dig @localhost soa grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training.

; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> @localhost soa grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.t
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 9591
;; flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags: do; udp: 4096
; COOKIE: 69a0c61239afd9a201000000609c5df711d4eb3a39f90d89 (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training.          IN      SOA

;; ANSWER SECTION:
grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training. 30 IN    SOA      grpX.<lab_domain>.te-
86400 2419200 86400
grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training. 30 IN    RRSIG   SOA 8 4 30 202106112
fw384miz1G17030bv9WryQOOJVSbzDNchCsLayuW/UQRR w3X6eTXHOCSVOCG2Bamkbals48
8IfkwcwZ3pZFgIAsXplA1 MY4=

```

More tests:

1. dig DNSKEY *grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training @100.100.X.130*
2. dig DNSKEY *grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training @100.100.X.130 +dnssec +multi*
3. dig SOA *grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training @100.100.X.130 +dnssec +multi*

Did you get the answers ? Did you receive the signatures ? Did you get the "ad" flag ? Why ?

NOTE:

When you are done with the manual signing and confirm that your public nameservers are serving the signed zone, you should:

1. revert back `named.conf.local` to its previous configuration, i.e. configure BIND to serve the unsigned zone file as before the manual signing configuration which was:

```
file "/etc/bind/zones/db.grpX";
```

2. backup the signed zone file (.signed) and delete all the files created by the manual signing process except the unsigned zone file only (BIND will create its own signed zone file in the next step)
3. increase the serial in the unsigned zone file and reload BIND.

Configure BIND to sign the zone.

Edit config file.

We edit `/etc/bind/named.conf.local` , and add the following lines inside our zone configuration which will now look like:

```
zone "grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training" {
    type primary;
    file "/etc/bind/zones/db.grpX";
    allow-transfer { any; };
    also-notify {100.100.X.130; 100.100.X.131; };
    key-directory "/etc/bind/keys";
    auto-dnssec maintain;
    inline-signing yes;
```

Then, we reconfigure or restart BIND: using `rndc reconfig` or `systemctl restart bind9` . Always check status after such operation.

Some new files should appear in the *zones* directory.

Verify that your zone is signed.

We use the command `rndc signing -list` to confirm if the zone is signed. You should get an output like:

```
$ sudo rndc signing -list grpX.<lab_domain>.te-labs.training

Done signing with key 52159/RSASHA256
Done signing with key 51333/RSASHA256
```

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