

# Zonemaster

A new DNS testing tool

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# DNSCheck

DNSCheck is a program that was designed to help people check, measure and hopefully also understand the workings of the Domain Name System, DNS.

# Background

- DNSCheck does not give truly deterministic results
- ZoneCheck written in Ruby, old legacy code
- AFNIC and .SE needed better tools for DNS measurements
- Decision to create a joint “reference” tool

# The Collaboration

- Based on DNSCheck and ZoneCheck
  - Joint requirements and specifications
- Collaboration between AFNIC and .SE
- A new tool with a great name

# Requirements

- For version 1.0:
  - All test cases from DNSCheck and ZoneCheck
  - All functionality from DNSCheck and ZoneCheck
  - Modular code
  - Faster, and lower impact on network!

# Report on Requirements to Test Case mapping

Req	Requirement description	Level	Test Case ID	Test Description
R01	UDP connectivity	Connectivity-TP	CONNECTIVITY01	UDP connectivity
R02	TCP connectivity	Connectivity-TP	CONNECTIVITY02	TCP connectivity
R03	address in a private network	Address-TP	ADDRESS01	Name server address must be globally routable
R04	address should not be part of a bogon prefix	Address-TP	ADDRESS04	IPv6 address not part of bogon prefix
R05	illegal symbols in domain name	Syntax-TP	SYNTAX01	No illegal characters in the domain name
R06	dash ('-') at start or beginning of domain name	Syntax-TP	SYNTAX02	No hyphen ('-') at the start or end of the domain name
R07	double dash in domain name	Syntax-TP	SYNTAX03	There must be no double hyphen ('--') in position 3 and 4 of the domain name

# CONNECTIVITY01: UDP connectivity

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## Test case identifier

CONNECTIVITY01: UDP connectivity

## Objective

DNS queries are sent using UDP on port 53, as described in section 4.2.1 of [RFC 1035](#).

The objective for this test is that all the authoritative name servers for the domain are accessible over UDP on port 53

## Inputs

The domain to be tested.

## Ordered description of steps to be taken to execute the test case

1. Obtains the IP address of the name servers from [Method4](#) and [Method5](#)
2. A SOA query is sent over UDP to distinct IP addresses of each name server found in step 1.
3. If all queries in step 2 receive a DNS answer (bogus responses are not checked here) then the test case succeed.

## Outcome(s)

If there is any name server that fails to answer queries over port 53 using UDP, this test case fails

## Special procedural requirements

If either IPv4 or IPv6 transport is disabled, ignore the evaluation of the result of any test using this transport protocol.  
Log a message reporting on the ignored result.

## Intercase dependencies

None

# Implementation

- Written in Perl...
  - Engine
  - CLI
  - Backend
  - GUI (Javascript + Perl)



# Zonemaster Engine

- A Perl library (`Zonemaster::*`)
- That implements
  - All functionality for testing
  - All the test cases
  - Functionality for logging results
  - Its own resolver
    - That uses `Net::LDNS` (built on `Idns`) instead of `Net::DNS`

# Zonemaster CLI

- Takes its input from a user
- Executes a test
- Publishes a log
  - Log as text, raw text - or JSON

# Zonemaster Backend

- JSON-RPC-interface to the Engine
- Used by the GUI to execute tests
- Can also be used by other applications for batch testing

# Zonemaster GUI

- The UI to run tests
- ... and present the result
- Is available at [zonemaster.net](https://zonemaster.net)

## Domain name

iis.se



### ■ Advanced options

## Test # 8828

Executed at 2015-04-27T10:25+0200

Link

<http://zonemaster.net/test/8828>

**Basic** [Advanced](#) [Export](#) [History](#)

- ⊕ ✓ SYSTEM
- ⊕ ✓ BASIC
- ⊕ ✓ ADDRESS
- ⊕ ✓ CONNECTIVITY
- ⊕ ✓ CONSISTENCY
- ⊕ ✓ DNSSEC
- ⊕ ✓ DELEGATION
- ⊕ ✓ NAMESERVER
- ⊕ ✓ SYNTAX
- ⊕ ✓ ZONE

# Releases

- The four components can be released independently
- “Zonemaster Distribution” releases

The screenshot displays the GitHub repository for 'Zonemaster Distribution'. On the left, a table lists the four components and their versions. On the right, a commit history sidebar shows the release timeline.

Module	Version	Commit Hash
<a href="#">zonemaster-engine</a>	1.0.0	a9d6c832ddc...
<a href="#">zonemaster-cli</a>	1.0.0	42f413136caa...
<a href="#">zonemaster-backend</a>	1.0.0	85eea4f8a0da...
<a href="#">zonemaster-gui</a>	1.0.0	d2f5acc91f8cb4e51b703da91d743d05122170aa...

Commit history sidebar:

- 20 days ago (tag) **v1.0.3** ...  
a7adeb9 zip tar.gz
- on Feb 24 (tag) **v1.0.2** ...  
853d23c zip tar.gz
- on Dec 30, 2014 (tag) **v1.0.1** ...  
b62c965 zip tar.gz
- on Dec 11, 2014 (tag) **v1.0.0** ...  
f615054 zip tar.gz

# Installation

```
sudo apt-get install build-essential libfile-slurp-perl libjson-perl liblist-moreutils-  
perl libio-socket-inet6-perl libmodule-find-perl libmoose-perl libfile-sharedir-perl  
libhash-merge-perl libreadonly-perl libmail-rfc822-address-perl libintl-xs-perl  
libssl-dev libdevel-checklib-perl libtest-fatal-perl libtie-simple-perl libio-capture-  
perl libgeography-countries-perl libidn1 1-dev
```

**sudo cpan -i Zonemaster**

```
sudo apt-get install libmoosex-getopt-perl libtext-reflow-perl libmodule-install-perl
```

**sudo cpan -i Zonemaster::CLI**

# How to run a test?

```
$> zonemaster-cli blipp.com
```

```
Seconds Level      Message
```

```
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```

```
8.25 NOTICE      Nameserver boa.blipp.com has an IP address  
(2001:1b40:5600:900:4321:1234:9b92:4bc0) with mismatched PTR result (snake.blipp.com.).
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with mismatched PTR result (cl-682.sto-01.se.sixxs.net.).
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zone transfer using AXFR.
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```

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using AXFR.
```



```

usage: zonemaster-cli [-?h] [long options...]
-h -? --usage --help Prints this usage information.
--version Print version information and exit.
--level The minimum severity level to display. Must be
one of CRITICAL, ERROR, WARNING, NOTICE, INFO or
DEBUG.

--locale The locale to use for messages translation.
--json Flag indicating if output should be in JSON or
not.
--raw Flag indicating if output should be translated
to human language or dumped raw.
--time Print timestamp on entries.
--show_level Print level on entries.
--show_module Print the name of the module on entries.
--ns A name/ip string giving a nameserver for
undelegated tests. Can be given multiple times.
--save Name of a file to save DNS data to after running
tests.
--restore Name of a file to restore DNS data from before
running test.
--ipv4 Flag to permit or deny queries being sent via
IPv4. --ipv4 permits IPv4 traffic, --no-ipv4
forbids it.
--ipv6 Flag to permit or deny queries being sent via
IPv6. --ipv6 permits IPv6 traffic, --no-ipv6
forbids it.
--list_tests Instead of running a test, list all available
tests.
--test Specify test to run. Should be either the name
of a module, or the name of a module and the
name of a method in that module separated by a
"/" character (Example: "Basic/basic1"). The
method specified must be one that takes a zone
object as its single argument. This switch can
be repeated.
--stop_level As soon as a message at this level or higher is
logged, execution will stop. Must be one of
CRITICAL, ERROR, WARNING, NOTICE, INFO or DEBUG.
--config Name of configuration file to load.
--policy Name of policy file to load.
--ds Strings with DS data on the form
"keytag,algorithm,type,digest"
--count Print a count of the number of messages at each
level
--progress Boolean flag for activity indicator. Defaults to
on if STDOUT is a tty, off if it is not.
--encoding Name of the character encoding used for command
line arguments
--nstimes At the end of a run, print a summary of the
times the zone's name servers took to answer.
--dump_config Print the effective configuration used in JSON
format, then exit.
--dump_policy Print the effective policy used in JSON format,
then exit.

```



# CLI Features

- Pre-delegation tests
- Record a dump of queries+answers
- Use answers from a recorded dump
- Stop execution at specific log level
- Use different policy evaluating the results
- Record name server response times
- Human readable output in Swedish and French ;)

# Log levels

- DEBUG 1, 2, 3
- INFO
- NOTICE
- WARNING
- ERROR
- CRITICAL



Configured  
by  
policy

# Policy

```
$> zonemaster-cli --dump_policy
{
  "ADDRESS" : {
    "NAMESERVERS_IP_WITH_REVERSE" : "INFO",
    "NAMESERVER_IP_PRIVATE_NETWORK" : "ERROR",
    "NAMESERVER_IP_PTR_MATCH" : "INFO",
    "NAMESERVER_IP_PTR_MISMATCH" : "NOTICE",
    "NAMESERVER_IP_WITHOUT_REVERSE" : "WARNING",
    "NO_IP_PRIVATE_NETWORK" : "INFO",
    "NO_RESPONSE_PTR_QUERY" : "WARNING"
  },
  . . .
}
```

# Log - Human readable

```
$> zonemaster-cli blipp.com
```

```
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=====
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# Log - Raw

```
$> zonemaster-cli --raw blipp.com
```

```
8.13 NOTICE ADDRESS:NAMESERVER_IP_PTR_MISMATCH  
address=2001:1b40:5600:900:4321:1234:9b92:4bc0, names=snake.blipp.com., ns=boa.blipp.com
```

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8.13 NOTICE ADDRESS:NAMESERVER_IP_PTR_MISMATCH address=95.154.217.14,  
names=snake.blipp.com., ns=boa.blipp.com
```

```
8.13 NOTICE ADDRESS:NAMESERVER_IP_PTR_MISMATCH address=2001:16d8:ff00:2a9::2,  
names=cl-682.sto-01.se.sixxs.net., ns=vic20.blipp.com
```

```
33.60 NOTICE NAMESERVER:AXFR_AVAILABLE  
address=2001:1b40:5600:900:4321:1234:9b92:4bc0, ns=boa.blipp.com
```

```
33.74 NOTICE NAMESERVER:AXFR_AVAILABLE address=95.154.217.14, ns=boa.blipp.com
```

```
34.57 NOTICE NAMESERVER:AXFR_AVAILABLE address=192.195.142.21, ns=vic20.blipp.com
```

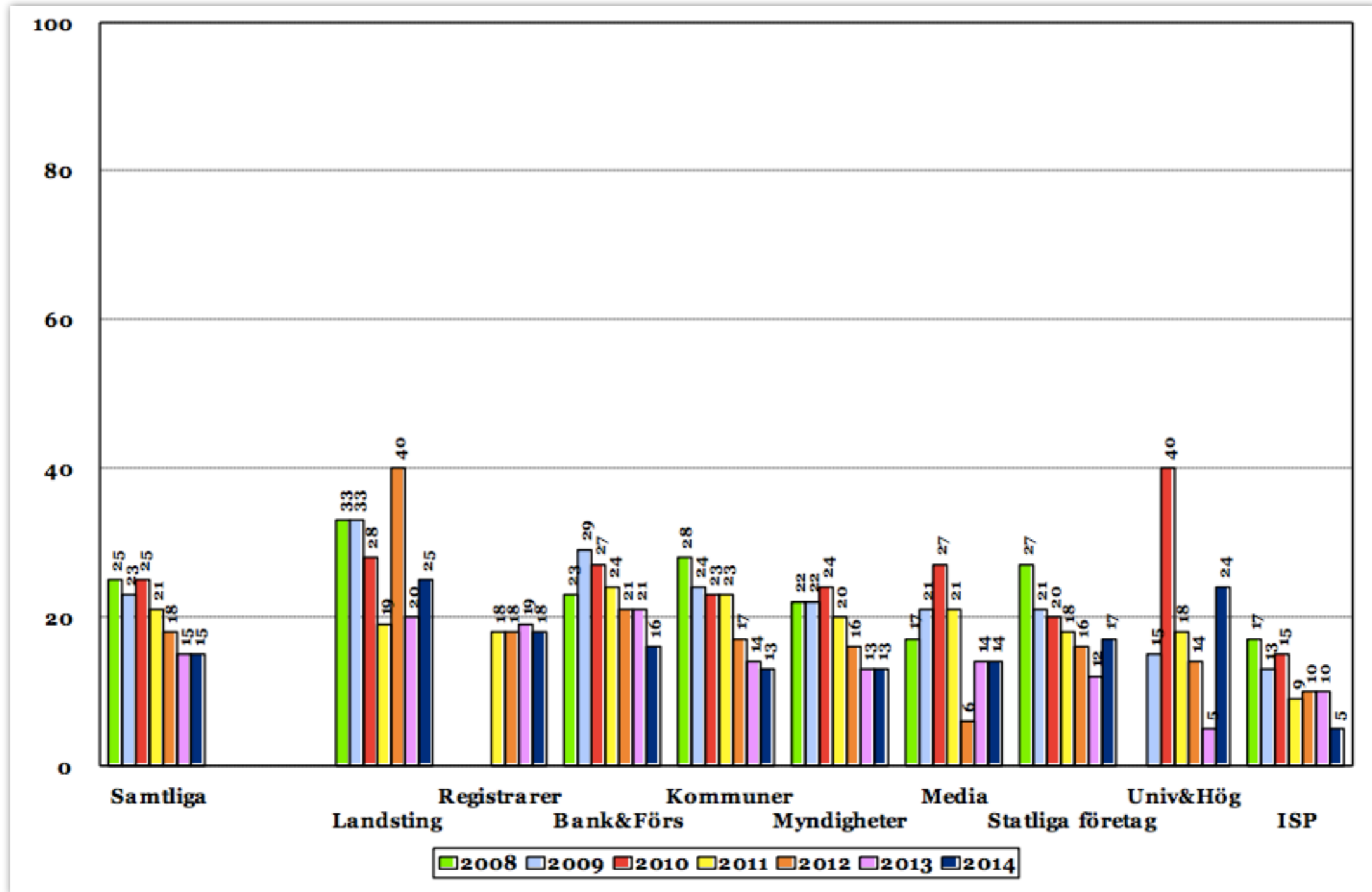
```
34.59 NOTICE NAMESERVER:AXFR_AVAILABLE address=2001:16d8:ff00:2a9::2,  
ns=vic20.blipp.com
```

# Log - JSON

```
$> zonemaster-cli --json blipp.com
```

```
[{"args": {"address": "2001:1b40:5600:900:4321:1234:9b92:4bc0", "names": "snake.blipp.com.", "ns": "boa.blipp.com"}, "level": "NOTICE", "module": "ADDRESS", "tag": "NAMESERVER_IP_PTR_MISMATCH", "timestamp": 8.25753903388977}, {"args": {"address": "95.154.217.14", "names": "snake.blipp.com.", "ns": "boa.blipp.com"}, "level": "NOTICE", "module": "ADDRESS", "tag": "NAMESERVER_IP_PTR_MISMATCH", "timestamp": 8.25794792175293}, {"args": {"address": "2001:16d8:ff00:2a9::2", "names": "cl-682.sto-01.se.sixxs.net.", "ns": "vic20.blipp.com"}, "level": "NOTICE", "module": "ADDRESS", "tag": "NAMESERVER_IP_PTR_MISMATCH", "timestamp": 8.26008701324463}, {"args": {"address": "2001:1b40:5600:900:4321:1234:9b92:4bc0", "ns": "boa.blipp.com"}, "level": "NOTICE", "module": "NAMESERVER", "tag": "AXFR_AVAILABLE", "timestamp": 33.5192708969116}, {"args": {"address": "95.154.217.14", "ns": "boa.blipp.com"}, "level": "NOTICE", "module": "NAMESERVER", "tag": "AXFR_AVAILABLE", "timestamp": 33.6047399044037}, {"args": {"address": "192.195.142.21", "ns": "vic20.blipp.com"}, "level": "NOTICE", "module": "NAMESERVER", "tag": "AXFR_AVAILABLE", "timestamp": 34.4463429450989}, {"args": {"address": "2001:16d8:ff00:2a9::2", "ns": "vic20.blipp.com"}, "level": "NOTICE", "module": "NAMESERVER", "tag": "AXFR_AVAILABLE", "timestamp": 34.4668040275574}]
```

# The .SE Healthcheck

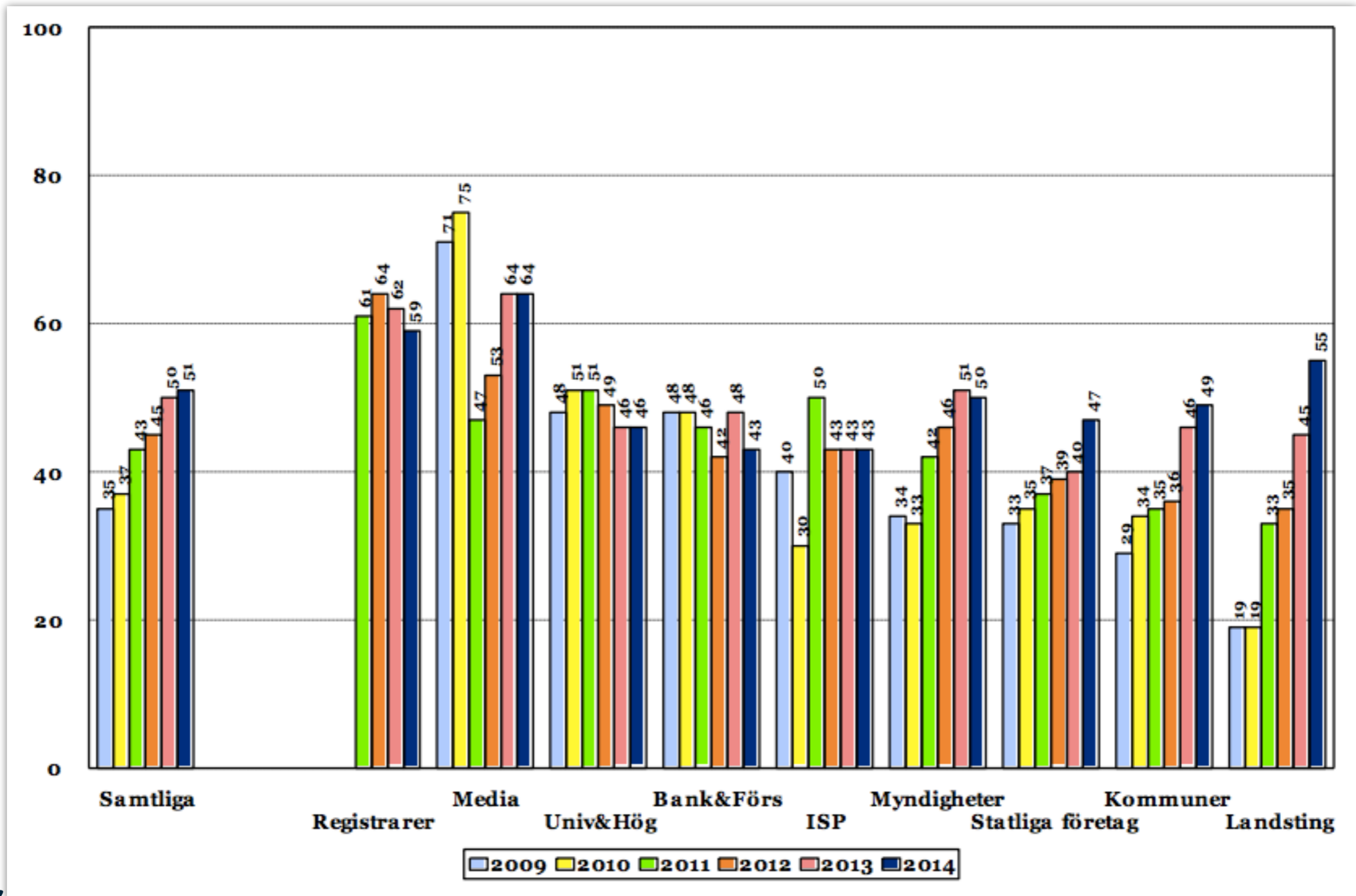




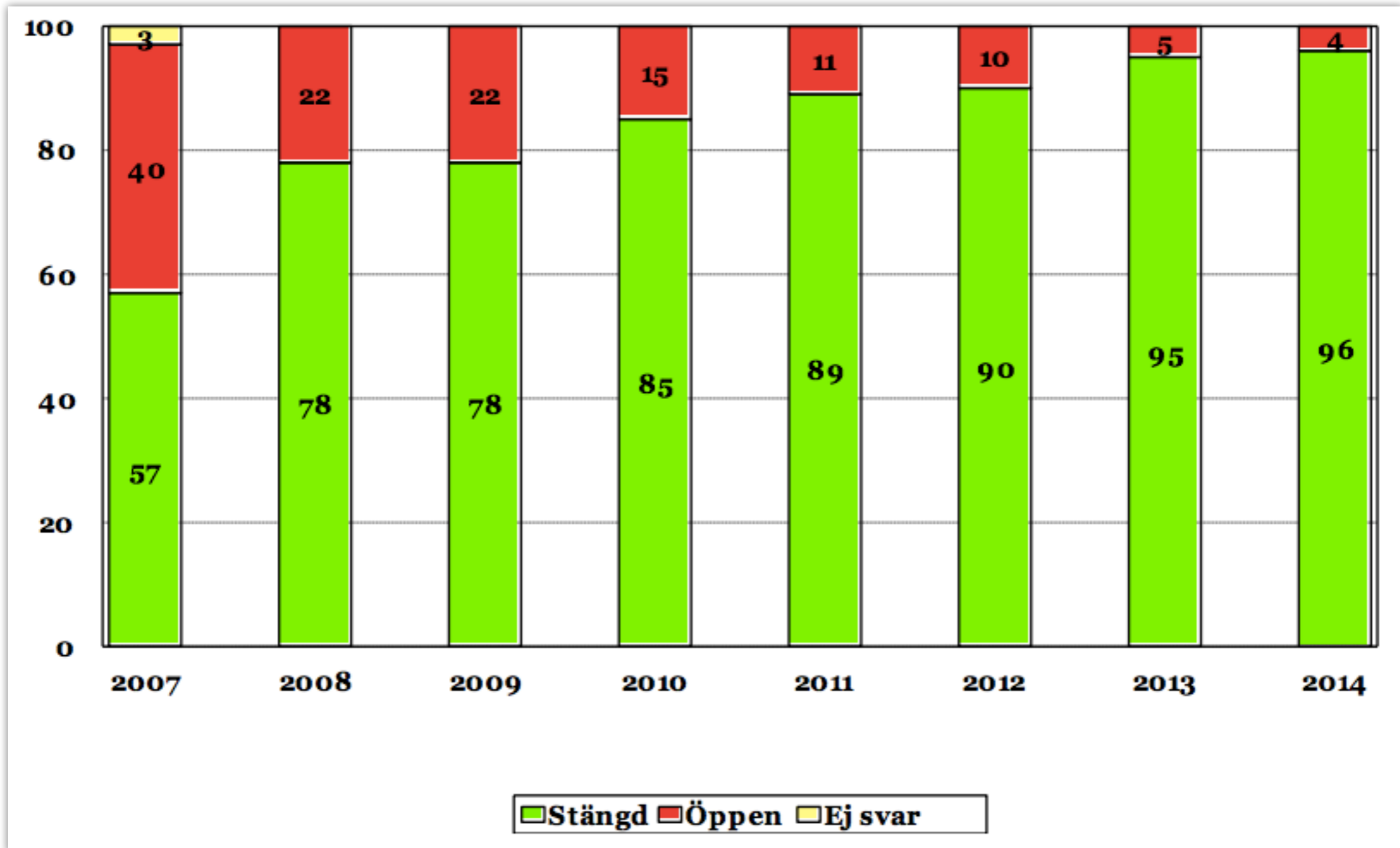
# Healthcheck Categories

- 57 State owned companies
- 81 Banks, financial institutes and insurance companies
- 21 Internet Service Providers (ISPs)
- 290 Municipalities
- 20 Counties
- 36 Media companies
- 229 Government agencies
- 37 Universities and higher education
- 151 Registrars

# Number of ASNs



# Open recursors



# Build your own applications

```
use Zonemaster;  
  
# execute a test  
my @log = Zonemaster->test_zone( 'blipp.com' );  
my $json = Zonemaster->logger->json( 'NOTICE' );  
  
# get name servers for a zone  
my $zone = Zonemaster->zone( 'another-zone.com' );  
my $nameservers = join ( ' ', @{ $zone->ns_names } );
```

# “zonemaster-collector”

- My own tool for mass collection
- Multi-threaded use of Zonemaster
- Storage in MongoDB
- Easy to query a lot of test data
- <https://github.com/pawal/zonemaster-collector>
  - Examples in the “howtomongo” document

# Mass collection

```
$ collect.pl -f 10000.txt --mongo --db results --collection foo --threads 35
```

# Query example 1

```
# results in a list of open resolvers
```

```
db.domains.aggregate(  
  { $match: { "result.tag": "IS_A_RECURSOR" } },  
  { $unwind: "$result" },  
  { $match: { "result.tag": "IS_A_RECURSOR" } },  
  { $project: { "name":1, "result.args": 1, "_id": 0 } }  
);  
  
{  
  "result" : {  
    "args" : {  
      "ns" : "ns2.example.com",  
      "address" : "12.34.56.78",  
      "dname" : "xx--domain-cannot-exist.xx--illegal-syntax-tld"  
    }  
  },  
  "name" : "example.com"  
}, ...
```

# Query example 2

```
db.domains.aggregate(  
  { $match: { "result.level": "ERROR" } },  
  { $unwind: "$result" },  
  { $match: { "result.level": "ERROR" } },  
  { $match: { "result.args.ns": { $exists: true } } },  
  { $project: { "name":1, "result": 1, "_id": 0 } },  
  { $group: { _id: "$result.args.ns", nscount: { $sum: 1 } } },  
  { $sort: { nscount: -1 } },  
  { $limit: 25 }  
);
```

```
{  
  "result" : [  
    {  
      "_id" : "ns1.example.com",  
      "nscount" : 233  
    },  
    {  
      "_id" : "ns2.example.com",  
      "nscount" : 232  
    },  
    ...  
  ]  
}
```



# Future improvements

- Fix all the log imperfection
- Implement new test requirements
- “IANA test profile” - different test profiles/policies
- HTML export of results

# TRTF

- The test specifications will be further refined by a new CENTR task force, the TRTF
- The goal is to have a best practices document
- Published as an informational RFC

# Test it yourself!

- <https://github.com/dotse/zonemaster>
- <http://lists.iis.se/cgi-bin/mailman/admin/zonemaster-users>
- <http://lists.iis.se/cgi-bin/mailman/admin/zonemaster-devel>

*The Healthcheck report (in Swedish):*

- <https://www.iis.se/docs/Halsolaget-i-se-2014.pdf>