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Paul Vixie and David Conrad on BINDv9 and Internet Security

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I started working on BIND in 1988 while employed at Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) which was later bought by Compaq. My job was to run their corporate internet gateway (DECWRL) in Palo Alto, and also to run the servers for the DEC.COM zone and work with other parts of the company to allocate subdomains on a global basis (we had about 400, which was a lot at that time.) One of the biggest sources of operational instability in my (DEC's) gateway was the sleazy, icky, rotten code produced by U C Berkeley in the previous decade, and I quickly found myself up to my armpits in Sendmail and BIND muck.

Eventually it became known that I had a stable version of BIND running at DECWRL, and folks who heard about this asked me for copies. I published kits on my FTP server and folks started not only picking up my kits

*a data object
by means that
protect
against active
attacks that
would attempt
to change the
checksum to
make it match
changes
made ...*

My involvement with BIND came with the job (ED of ISC), however I used and administered BIND (of various

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