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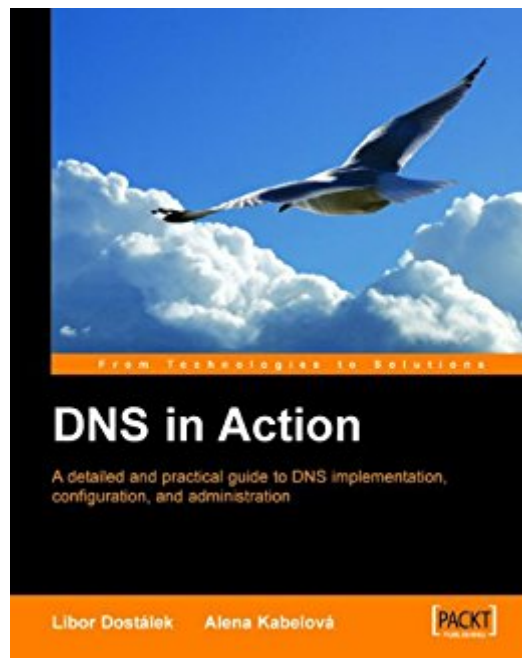
DNS In Action

Synopsis

This book is for system administrators and network architects who need to learn how to run and configure DNS servers. A working knowledge of TCP/IP protocols is presumed.

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Customer Reviews

According to the title page of this book, it is an English translationof a Czech book (ISBN 80-722-6675-6) published in 2003, apparently froma manuscript completed in 2001 (based on the dates used in theexamples).The content has not been appreciably updated, if it's been updated atall. For example, in Section 3.5.1 and 3.5.2, the book discusses AAAAand A6 resource records, noting "The use of the AAAA record will notprevail in the future, though". However, the IETF moved the A6 recordto EXPERIMENTAL status in 2001 (!), effectively deprecating it in favorof AAAA. In fact, the book is dangerously out-of-date, as it has anextensive treatment of BIND 4 without anywhere noting that theISC -- the maintainer of BIND -- deprecated BIND 4 in 1997. (BIND 4 isnow widely regarded as unsafe for use in a production environment.)The woefully dated content isn't the only problem. The translationfrom Czech is sloppy, with many typographical errors and

awkwardsentences. There are many artifacts from what was presumably initiallya machine translation. There are also quite a few minor inaccuracies,and negligible coverage of security issues (other than a section on anobsoleted version DNSSEC).In short, I cannot warn strongly enough against this book. It'sinadequate, even as a primer. I would recommend one of theseimmeasurably better books on DNS for anyone at any levelseeking to learn more about DNS:- Pro DNS and BIND, by Ron Aitchison (ISBN 1590594940)- DNS and BIND (5th Edition), by Cricket Liu and Paul Albitz (ISBN 0596100574)

When I got this book I flicked to the section on DNSSEC in order to see how up to date this book is. I was horrified to see that the whole section is based on RFC 2535. This is now obsolete and has been replaced by RFC's 4033, 4034 and 4035. These new RFC's had been out for a year by the time this book was published.

excellent supplier recommended

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