Recursor and catalog zones

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The problem

- Forwarding of specific names to specific DNS servers needed in recursor

- These forwards often need to be in sync with authoritative server config

- Old ways to do it:

  - Manually

  - Using script(s) to generate config file form auth config and load it into recursor

  - Use API to create, delete and modify forwards, also requires custom scripting

  - Auth sometimes managed by different admin than recursor

Catalog zones

- Vendor independent way for authoritative servers to share the names of some of the zones they serve together with some meta data

- Since DNS people only know the zone format, a catalog zone is itself a zone, intended to be passed to secondaries (or other servers like recursors!)

- Recursor gets the catalog zone using (A/I)XFR and transforms that to updates on it's forwarding "DB".

Example
Available in PowerDNS Recursor 5.2 (released Jan 2025)

```
forwarding_catalog_zones:
- zone: 'forward.example'
  xfr:
    addresses: [128.66.1.2]
  groups:
   - forwarders: [192.168.178.1] # default forwarder
   - name: mygroup
     forwarders: [192.168.179.2] # forwarder for catalog zone members in mygroup
     recurse: true
     notify_allowed: true
- zone: 'forward2.example'
  xfr:
    addresses: [128.66.1.3]
  groups:
   - forwarders: [192.168.178.3] # only default forwarder for 2nd catalog zone
```