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Seminar 3

1DV020 – Server Administration

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1 Introduction

During this seminar, we will address the following topics:

- DNS
- DHCP
- Web Server

2 Deadline

The seminar is on the **25th of February 2015** and it is compulsory. If you cannot participate, it must be notified in advance and a written report of the seminar must be submitted no later than **3 days** after the seminar. The written report should contain detailed answers to all questions in the seminar.

3 Seminar Questions

3.1 DNS

1. What is DNS and its main function?
2. What is Forward Lookup Zone?
3. What is Reverse Lookup Zone?
4. Please describe 10 different TLDs and its uses.
5. Without DNS, the Internet would not work:
 - a. How does DNS structure on the Internet work?
 - b. Must the company's DNS servers to be connected to the Internet's DNS servers?
 - c. What is the difference between an internal DNS server from an public?
6. How does a DNS delegation work and when is it used?
7. How do you go about creating redundancy in a zone / domain?
8. Describe the following records:
 - a. CNAME
 - b. PTR
 - c. MX
 - d. SRV
 - e. NS
 - f. SOA
 - g. A
9. What is a Zone transfer?
10. How dose ROOT hints work?
11. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of DNS caching.
12. What is DNS forward and how it works?

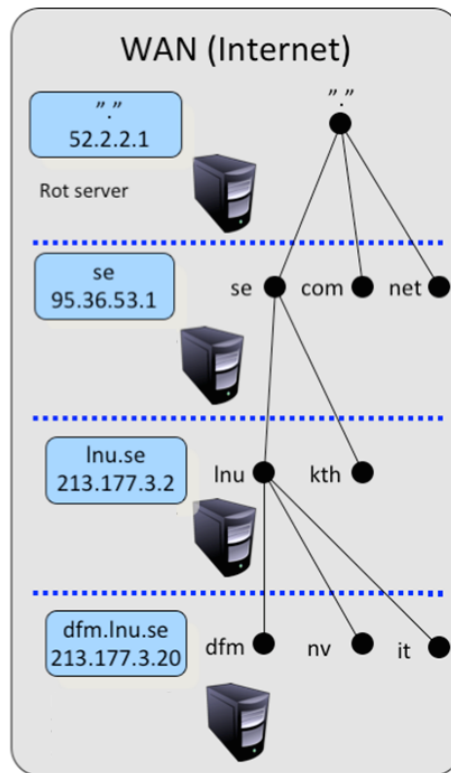


Figure 1: Namne servers on the Internet

13. Let's say you have a client that is connecting to a network that has its own DNS server that is configured with DNS forward to the company's ISP's DNS server. Start from Figure 1
 - a. Describe in detail what happens when the client makes a recursive DNS request for IP of `www.dfm.lnu.se`
 - b. Describe in detail what happens when the client makes a none recursive DNS request for IP of `www.dfm.lnu.se`

3.2 DHCP

14. What is DHCP and how this simplifies administration?

15. Describe the following DHCP terms:
 - a. Scope
 - b. Exclusion range
 - c. Address pool
 - d. Lease
 - e. Reservation
16. Describe the different steps of a DHCP request?

3.3 Web server

17. Locate where apache2 by default stores the website content and how you can change it.
18. Name and describe three different non-core apache modules that you find useful.
19. Explain how logging is working, where the log files are stored and how it/what can be configured.
20. What does virtual hosts means in apache and how can the server decide which to use?
21. In your apache configuration directory (/etc/apache2/) there are a few configuration files and folder. What does these do/-contain?
22. Explain what the following programs do (included in the apache installation) and how it locates the files it is using.
 - a. a2enmod, a2dismod
 - b. a2ensite, a2dissite
 - c. a2enconf, a2disconf
23. What does the different sections <If>, <Directory>, <Locations>, <Files>mean in apache? Try to find some useful examples on each.
24. For this part we decided to use apache but there exists other webservers such as nginx. Describe some benefits and drawbacks with apache. Can you find any other programs? What alternatives does it exist for windows?