Project Name: Cybersecurity Club's Raspberry Pi Networking Project

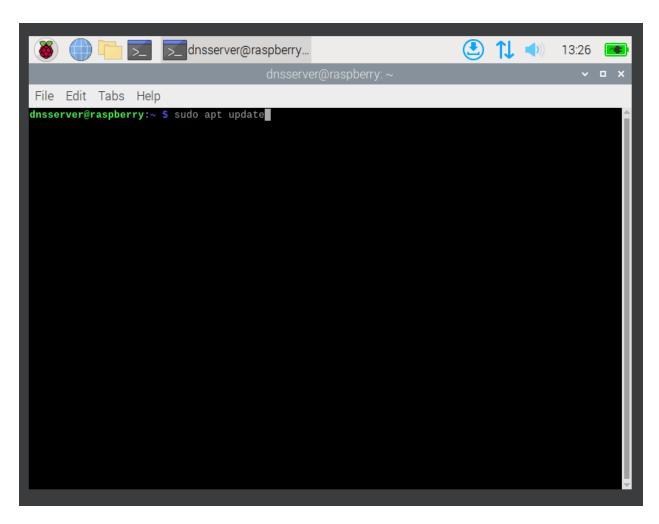
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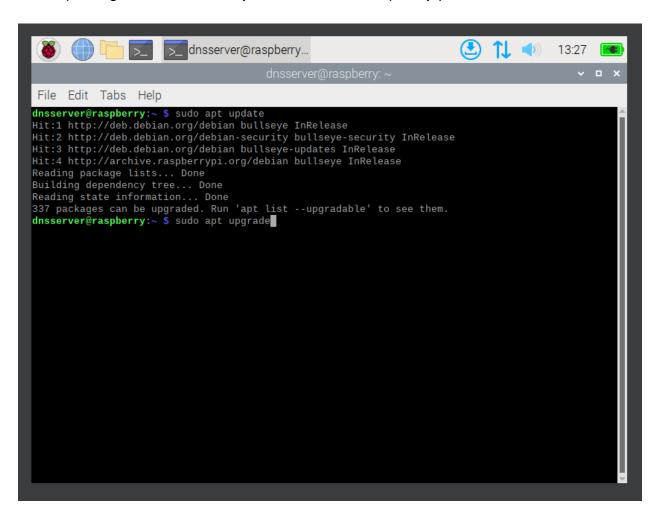
Purpose: **Documentation for the DNS Server** 

## Set up a Raspberry Pi as a DNS Server

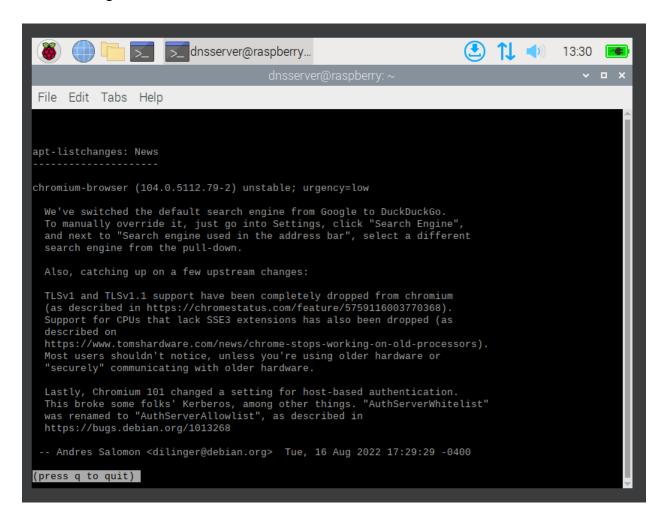
1. I opened the Terminal, and typed the following: **sudo apt update**, this command will update the local package cache, refreshes package lists, and check for updates



2. I typed the command: **sudo apt upgrade**, this command will upgrade/update the packages that are already installed on the raspberry pi OS.



3. After the Installation is done, it will display the **apt-listchanges: News,** what changes have occurred.



4. I've typed the following command: **sudo apt install dnsmasq**, this command will install the **dnsmasq** software package on our Raspberry Pi OS.

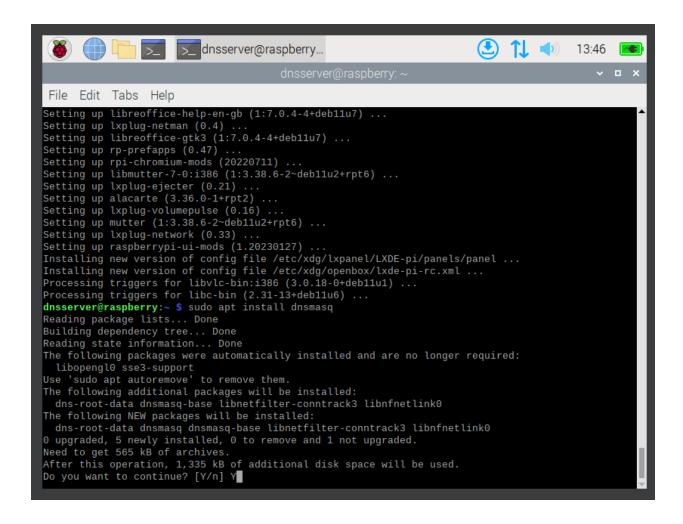
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13:45
                                     dnsserver@raspberry...
 File Edit Tabs Help
Setting up lxplug-bluetooth (0.33) ...
Setting up piwiz (0.43)
Setting up rp-bookshelf (0.20) ...
Setting up arandr (0.1.10-1.1+rpt21) ...
Setting up libwebkit2gtk-4.0-37:i386 (2.40.2-1~deb11u1) ...
Setting up lxplug-cputemp (0.11) ..
Setting up chromium (114.0.5735.133-1~deb11u1) ...
Setting up piclone (0.26) ...
Setting up lxtask (0.1.10-1+rpt1) ...
Setting up lxplug-updater (0.14) .
Setting up vlc-plugin-notify:i386 (3.0.18-0+deb11u1) ...
Setting up vlc-plugin-notify:i386 (3.0.18-0+deb11u1) ...
Setting up rc-gui (1.58) ...
Setting up libreoffice-help-en-gb (1:7.0.4-4+deb11u7) ...
Setting up lxplug-netman (0.4) ..
Setting up libreoffice-gtk3 (1:7.0.4-4+deb11u7) ...

Setting up rp-prefapps (0.47) ...

Setting up rpi-chromium-mods (20220711) ...

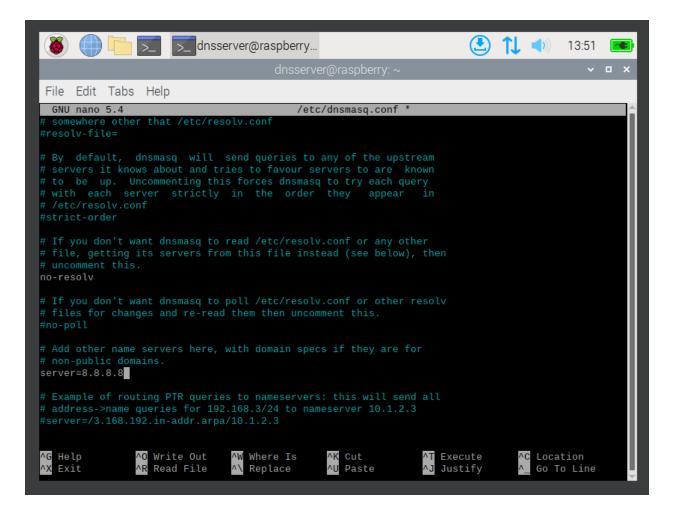
Setting up libmutter-m-0:i386 (1:3.38.6-2~deb11u2+rpt6) ...
Setting up lxplug-ejecter (0.21) ...
Setting up alacarte (3.36.0-1+rpt2) ..
Setting up lxplug-volumepulse (0.16) ...
Setting up mutter (1:3.38.6-2~deb11u2+rpt6) ...
Setting up lxplug-network (0.33) ...
Setting up raspberrypi-ui-mods (1.20230127) ...
Installing new version of config file /etc/xdg/lxpanel/LXDE-pi/panels/panel ...
Installing new version of config file /etc/xdg/openbox/lxde-pi-rc.xml ...
Processing triggers for libvlc-bin:i386 (3.0.18-0+deb11u1) ...
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.31-13+deb11u<u>6</u>) ...
dnsserver@raspberry:~ $ sudo apt install dnsmasq
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5. I've Pressed Y and hit enter, to accept 1335 KB of additional disk space.



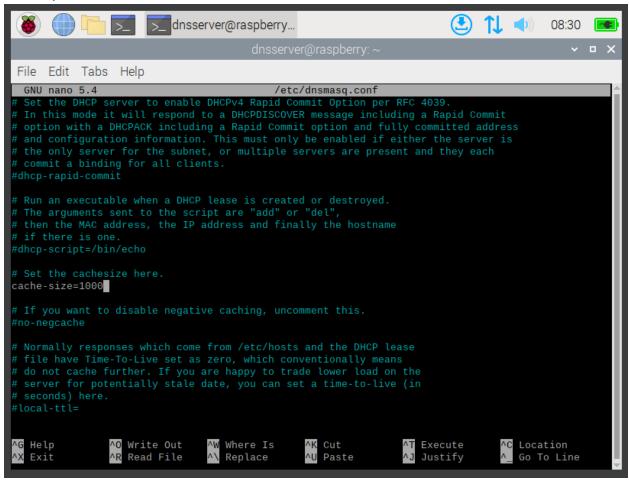
 I modified the dnsmasq.conf file, through this command: sudo nano /etc/dnsmasq.conf , using the keys CTRL+W to find and uncomment the following: **domain-needed, bogus-priv, no-resolv**. The next line to find is **#sever=/localnet/192.168.0.1**, and removing it and replacing it with **server=8.8.8.8** and **server=8.8.4.4** next is finding

**Note**: adding **server=8.8.8.8**, **server=8.8.4.4** makes use of Google's DNS Servers for upstream nameservers.

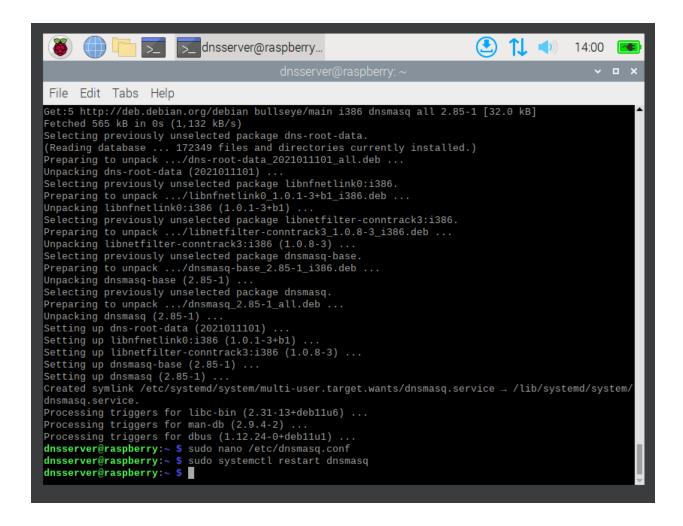


7. The next thing to change is by uncommenting **#cache-size=150** and changing the value from **150** to **1000**. I'd save the file using **CTRL+X** then pressing **Y** and hitting enter to keep the changes.

**Note**: More DNS queries are avoided by the DNSMasq cache when the cache size is increased. The DNS lookup time is decreased, which enhances network performance.



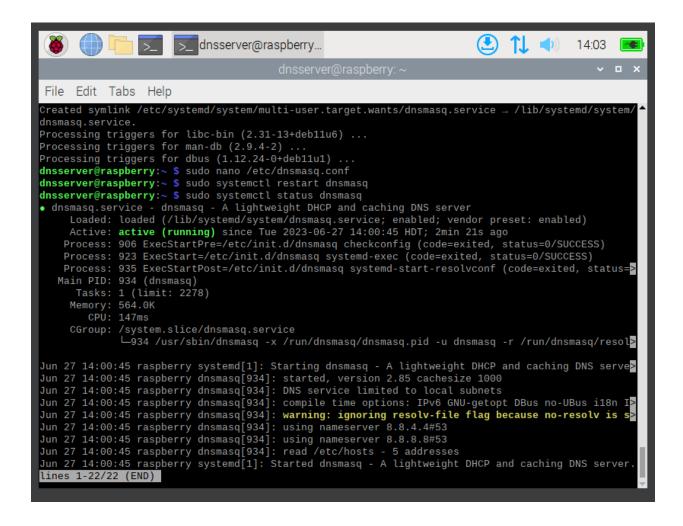
8. I had to restart the dnsmasq service to apply the changes, using the command: sudo systemctl restart dnsmasq.



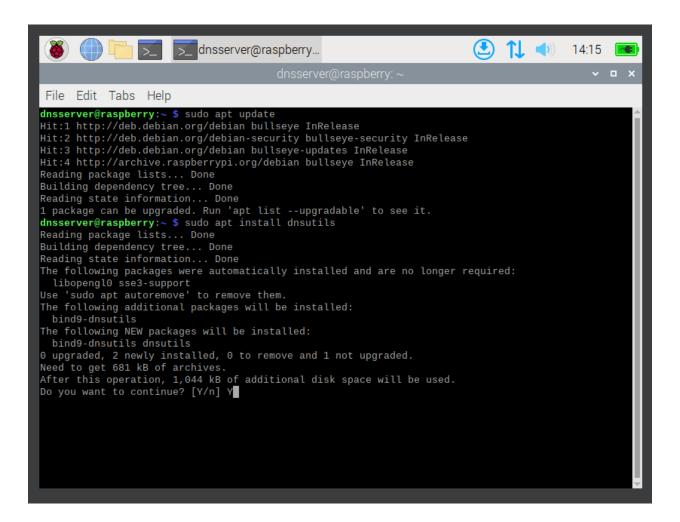
9. Next is to check the status of dnsmasq service, by using the command: **sudo systemctl status dnsmasq.** 

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14:01
                     dnsserver@raspberry...
 File Edit Tabs Help
Get:5 http://deb.debian.org/debian bullseye/main i386 dnsmasq all 2.85-1 [32.0 kB]
Fetched 565 kB in 0s (1,132 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package dns-root-data.
(Reading database ... 172349 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../dns-root-data_2021011101_all.deb ...
Unpacking dns-root-data (2021011101) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libnfnetlink0:i386.
Preparing to unpack .../libnfnetlink0_1.0.1-3+b1_i386.deb ...
Unpacking libnfnetlink0:i386 (1.0.1-3+b1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package libnetfilter-conntrack3:i386.
Preparing to unpack .../libnetfilter-conntrack3_1.0.8-3_i386.deb ...
Unpacking libnetfilter-conntrack3:i386 (1.0.8-3) ...
Selecting previously unselected package dnsmasq-base.
Preparing to unpack .../dnsmasq-base_2.85-1_i386.deb ...
Unpacking dnsmasq-base (2.85-1) ...
Selecting previously unselected package dnsmasq.
Preparing to unpack .../dnsmasq_2.85-1_all.deb ...
Unpacking dnsmasq (2.85-1) ...
Setting up dns-root-data (2021011101) ...
Setting up libnfnetlink0:i386 (1.0.1-3+b1) ...
Setting up libnetfilter-conntrack3:i386 (1.0.8-3) ...
Setting up dnsmasq-base (2.85-1) ...
Setting up dnsmasq (2.85-1) .
Created symlink /etc/systemd/system/multi-user.target.wants/dnsmasq.service 🗕 /lib/systemd/system/
dnsmasq.service.
Processing triggers for libc-bin (2.31-13+deb11u6) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.9.4-2) ..
Processing triggers for dbus (1.12.24-0+deb11u1) ...
dnsserver@raspberry:~ $ sudo nano /etc/dnsmasq.conf
dnsserver@raspberry:~ $ sudo systemctl restart dnsmasq
dnsserver@raspberry:~ $ sudo systemctl status dnsmasq
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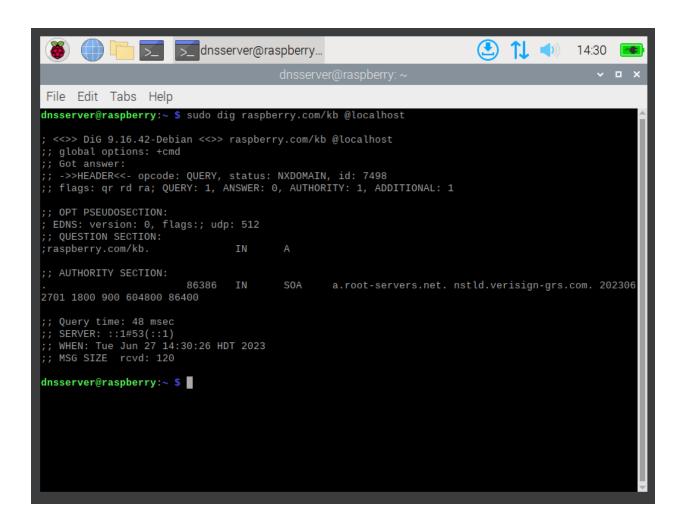
10. As we can see from the dnsmasq service, it is active (running), which indicates that our Raspberry Pi is running as a DNS server.



11. The next command I was suppose to run was: **sudo dig raspberry.com/kb**@localhost, however when I runned that command it prompted me that there was no such command (**dig**)therefore I had to run the command: **sudo apt update** to update its packages and run the following command: **sudo apt install dnsutils** to install the necessary tools (**dig**).



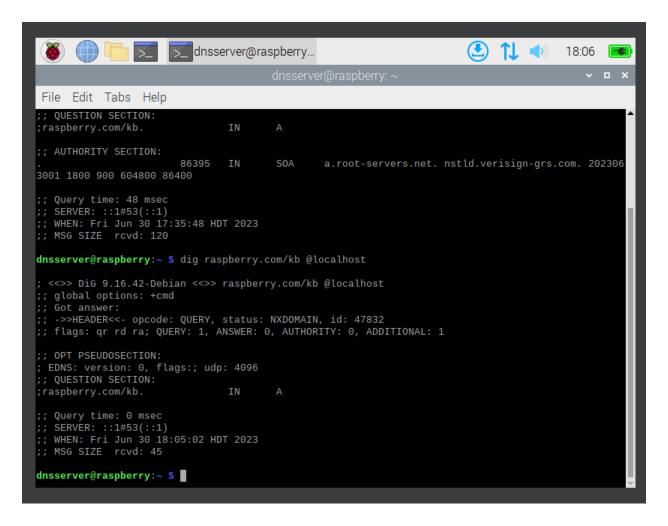
12. The next thing to do is finally test it by running the command: **sudo dig** raspberry.com/kb @localhost and as we can see the **query time is 48 msec**.



13. I want to test it once again to see if the query time has changed, and as it displays the query time has to **0 msec** we can verify that the address has been cached.

**Note:** the next step supposedly is to configure the endpoints/devices to use the Raspberry Pi as a DNS server however that is beyond this documentation.

References: https://phoenixnap.com/kb/raspberry-pi-dns-server



14. As a bonus I added a text file called **dns\_info.txt** so that if anyone wants to know the commands executed for the raspberry pi running as a DNS server, they

can read that file. It also states who executed the commands previously, since I added the command history there.

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                        dnsserver@raspberry...
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 File Edit Tabs Help
dnsserver@raspberry:~ $ ls -l
total 40
drwxr-xr-x 2 dnsserver dnsserver 4096 Jun 27 13:04 Bookshelf
drwxr-xr-x 2 dnsserver dnsserver 4096 Jun 27 13:23 Desktop
-rw-r--r-- 1 root
                                   702 Jun 27 15:55 dns_info.txt
drwxr-xr-x 2 dnsserver dnsserver 4096 Jun 27 13:23 Documents
drwxr-xr-x 2 dnsserver dnsserver 4096 Jun 27 13:23 Downloads
drwxr-xr-x 2 dnsserver dnsserver 4096 Jun 27 13:23 Music
drwxr-xr-x 2 dnsserver dnsserver 4096 Jun 27 13:23 Pictures
drwxr-xr-x 2 dnsserver dnsserver 4096 Jun 27 13:23 Public
drwxr-xr-x 2 dnsserver dnsserver 4096 Jun 27 13:23 Templates
drwxr-xr-x 2 dnsserver dnsserver 4096 Jun 27 13:23 Videos
dnsserver@raspberry:~ $
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