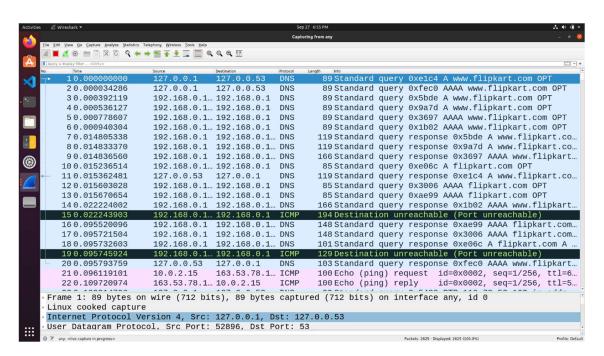
CN Lab Report – Week 4

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1. First Test - Pinging using default DNS

- Wireshark is used to capture the packets in the background while pinging www.flipkart.com
- The IP Address of the Local DNS server is observed to be 127.0.0.53.
- The query is of type **A** which stands for authoritative. The answer contains the **A** type record along with the IP address of the website **163.53.78.110**.
- The first query and authoritative response are shown below.



Wireshark Packet Capture

```
Frame 1: 89 bytes on wire (712 bits), 89 bytes captured (712 bits) on interface any, id 0
         Linux cooked capture
          Packet type: Unicast to us (0)
          Link-layer address type: 772
Link-layer address length: 6
Source: 00:00:00_00:00:00 (00:00:00:00:00:00)
          Unused: 0000
        Unused: 0000
Protocol: IPv4 (0x0800)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.53
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 52896, Dst Port: 53
Domain Name System (query)
Transaction ID: 0xe1c4
Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
Questions: 1
          Answer RRs: 0
          Authority RRs: 0
          Additional RRs: 1
          Queries
           -www.flipkart.com: type A, class IN
              Name: www.flipkart.com
[Name Length: 16]
[Label Count: 3]
               Type: A (Host Address) (1)
              Class: IN (0x0001)
         Additional records
[Response In: 11]
***
```

DNS Query

```
Answer RRs: 2
Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 1
Queries
 -www.flipkart.com: type A, class IN
    Name: www.flipkart.com
    [Name Length: 16]
[Label Count: 3]
Type: A (Host Address) (1)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
- Answers
 - www.flipkart.com: type CNAME, class IN, cname flipkart.com
Name: www.flipkart.com
Type: CNAME (Canonical NAME for an alias) (5)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
 Time to live: 34 (34 seconds)
Data length: 2
CNAME: flipkart.com
-flipkart.com: type A, class IN, addr 163.53.78.110
    Name: flipkart.com
Type: A (Host Address) (1)
Class: IN (0x0001)
     Time to live: 25 (25 seconds)
Data length: 4
Address: 163.53.78.110
Additional records
 [Request In: 3]
 [Time: 0.014413219 seconds]
```

DNS Response

2. Task 1 – Configuring Client Machine

- The IP Address of the client machine is **10.0.2.4** and the IP Address of the server machine is **10.0.2.15**.
- We need to add the IP Address of the custom DNS server (10.0.2.15) to the client machine.
- This is done by adding the IP address of the server to the file
 /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d/head which stores the order of DNS server
 resolution. This ensures that the custom DNS server will be used to resolve names.
- The IP Address of the custom DNS server is also added to the DNS menu under the IPv4 Network Settings.
- The changes are applied by using the command sudo resolvconf -u

```
Additeya@computer-network-2:~/Desktop$ cat /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d/head

# Dynamic resolv.conf(5) file for glibc resolver(3) generated by resolvconf(8)

# DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE BY HAND -- YOUR CHANGES WILL BE OVERWRITTEN

# 127.0.0.53 is the systemd-resolved stub resolver.

# run "systemd-resolve --status" to see details about the actual nameservers.

nameserver 10.0.2.15

aditeya@computer-network-2:~/Desktop$ sudo resolvconf -u

aditeya@computer-network-2:~/Desktop$

# aditeya@computer-network-2:~/Desktop$

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# 127.0.0.53 is the systemd-resolver.

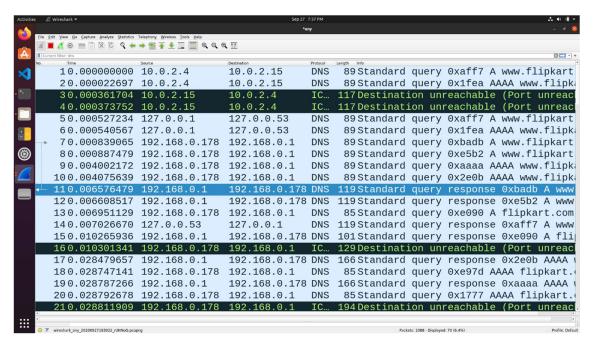
# run "systemd-resolver."

# run "systemd-resol
```

Reconfiguring name server resolution order

3. Second Test

- The Flipkart website is pinged again, and Wireshark is used to capture packets.
- We obtain a destination unreachable error in Wireshark as the server machine does not have a DNS server associated with it.
- The client tries to obtain the DNS record from 10.0.2.15 but it does not receive any hence it resorts to using the default DNS server at 127.0.0.53.



Wireshark Packet Capture

4. Task 2 – Setting Up Local DNS Server

- The **bind9** server is used as the DNS server on the server machine. It is installed using **sudo apt install bind9**.
- The configuration file for the server is /etc/bind/named.conf.options.
- An entry specifying the dump file for the DNS cache is added to the configuration file.
- The cache can be dumped into the file using sudo rndc dumpdb -cache and can be cleared or flushed out using sudo rndc flush.

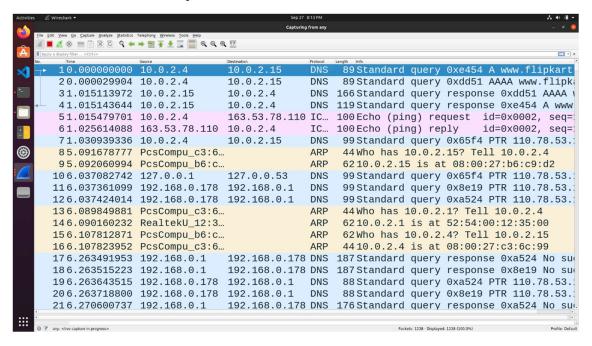
```
GNU nano 4.8
                                                                                                 /etc/bind/named.conf.options
                     directory "/var/cache/bind";
                     // If there is a firewall between you and nameservers you want
// to talk to, you may need to fix the firewall to allow multiple
// ports to talk. See http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/800113
                     // If your ISP provided one or more IP addresses for stable
// nameservers, you probably want to use them as forwarders.
// Uncomment the following block, and insert the addresses replacing
// the all-0's placeholder.
                     dump-file "/var/cache/bind/dump.db";
                     // forwarders {
// 0.0.0.0;
                     // If BIND logs error messages about the root key being expired,
// you will need to update your keys. See https://www.isc.org/bind-keys
                     dnssec-validation auto:
                     listen-on-v6 { any; };
                                                                                                       [ Wrote 26 lines ]
^G Get Help
^X Exit
                                   ^O Write Out
^R Read File
                                                                   Where Is
Replace
                                                                                          ^K Cut Text
^U Paste Text
                                                                                                                                                                                                           M-A Mark Text
M-6 Copy Text
                                                                                                                       \J Justif
```

```
aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ sudo service bind9 restart
   aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ sudo rndc dumpdb -cache aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ sudo rndc flush
   aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db
     Start view _default
     Cache dump of view '_default' (cache _default)
   ; using a 604800 second stale ttl
$DATE 20200920143234
   ; secure
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 a.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 b.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 c.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 d.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 e.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
1123162 IN NS
                                                 f.root-servers.net.
                                                 g.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 h.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                  i.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 j.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 k.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 l.root-servers.net.
                               1123162 IN NS
                                                 m.root-servers.net.
; secure
```

Viewing the cache dump file

5. Third Test

- The Flipkart website is pinged again with Wireshark running in the background.
- The IP Address of the local DNS server is clearly seen in the screenshots below.
- The cache is dumped into the dumpfile so it can be seen.
- The cache file also contains the canonical hostname and the A type records with the IP Address of the Flipkart website.



Wireshark Packet Capture

```
Frame 1: 89 bytes on wire (712 bits), 89 bytes captured (712 bits) on interface any, id
    Linux cooked capture
    Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.4, Dst: 10.0.2.15
     0100 .... = Version: 4
     .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
    Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
     Total Length: 73
     Identification: 0x1ce2 (7394)
    Flags: 0x4000, Don't fragment
     Fragment offset: 0
     Time to live: 64
     Protocol: UDP (17)
     Header checksum: 0x05b0 [validation disabled]
     [Header checksum status: Unverified]
     Source: 10.0.2.4
     Destination: 10.0.2.15
    User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 51454, Dst Port: 53
    Domain Name System (query)
     Transaction ID: 0xe454
    Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
     Questions: 1
     Answer RRs: 0
     Authority RRs: 0
***
```

DNS Query Packet

```
Destination: 10.0.2.4
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 51454
Domain Name System (response)
Transaction ID: 0xdd51
Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
 Questions: 1
 Answer RRs: 1
 Authority RRs: 1
 Additional RRs: 1
 Queries
Answers
 -www.flipkart.com: type CNAME, class IN, cname flipkart.com
   Name: www.flipkart.com
   Type: CNAME (Canonical NAME for an alias) (5)
   Class: IN (0x0001)
   Time to live: 60 (1 minute)
   Data length: 2
   CNAME: flipkart.com
Authoritative nameservers
 flipkart.com: type SOA, class IN, mname PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET
-Additional records
 <Root>: type OPT
 [Request In: 2]
                                                                                 X Close ∷Help
```

DNS Response Packet

```
776421 NS
                                                sdns14.ultradns.org.
  answer
                                                ;-$NXRRSET
                             603682 \-AAAA
  flipkart.com. SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET.
                                                sysadmin.flipkart.com. 2017031451 10800 3600 604800 60
                             604522 \-DS
                                                ;-$NXRRSET
; com. SOA a.gtld-servers.net. nstld.verisign-grs.com. 1601217418 1800 900 604800 86400 ; com. RRSIG SOA ... ; 9DA2HK6CJ3BHAHTF53KBTDGK69URBEOM.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ... ; 9DA2HK6CJ3BHAHTF53KBTDGK69URBEOM.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - 9DA371GO6E8VFLGI7IRRDHEQPP1Q5807 NS DS RRSIG
; CK0POJMG874LJREF7EFN8430QVIT8BSM.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ..
  CK0POJMG874LJREF7EFN8430QVIT8BSM.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - CK0Q1GIN43N1ARRC90SM6QPQR81H5M9A NS SOA RRSIG D
NSKEY NSEC3PARAM
: answer
                             603652 A
                                                163.53.78.110
www.flipkart.com.
                                     CNAME
                                                flipkart.com.
; glue
ubuntu.com.
                             776361
                                                ns1.canonical.com.
                             776361
                                      NS
                                                ns2.canonical.com.
                                      NS
                             776361
                                                ns3.canonical.com.
: secure
                             604462 \-DS
                                                :- $NXRRSET
  com. SOA a.gtld-servers.net. nstld.verisign-grs.com. 1601217358 1800 900 604800 86400
  com. RRSIG SOA ...
  894IO8AM9NDQ8VM84GPASGU0QDHFLFS1.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ...
  894I08AM9ND08VM84GPASGU00DHFLFS1.com.
                                               NSEC3 1 1 0 - 894K5P3AV8ST0BIOOAAM4718T0USOMAT NS DS RRSIG
```

Cache Dumpfile

6. Task 3 – Hosting a Zone in the Local DNS Server

6.1 Zone Creation

- The two zones corresponding to the domain www.example.com must be added to the /etc/bind/named.conf file in the server.
- The first zone corresponds to the forward lookup (translation from hostname to IP Address) and the second zone is for the reverse lookup (translation from IP Address to hostname).

```
GNU nano 4.8
                                          /etc/bind/named.conf
  // If you are just adding zones, please do that in /etc/bind/named.conf.local
   include "/etc/bind/named.conf.options";
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.local";
   include "/etc/bind/named.conf.default-zones";
📘 zone "example.com" {
type master;

file "/etc/bind/example.com.db";
= };
   zone "2.0.10.in-addr.arpa" {
   type master;
file "/etc/bind/10.0.2.db";
  };
[
      Get Help
                  ^O Write Out ^W Where Is
                                                 ^K Cut Text
                                                                ^J Justify
                                                                                 ^C Cur Pos
                                                    Paste Text<mark>^T</mark>
      Exit
                  ^R
                     Read File ^\ Replace
                                                                    To Spell
                                                                                    Go To Line
```

6.2 Forward and Reverse Lookup

- The forward lookup file is located at /etc/bind/example.com.db
- The symbol @ is used to indicate the origin specified, in this case www.example.com
- There are 7 records in the lookup file, an SOA record, a nameserver, a mailserver and 4 authoritative records.
- The TTL field tells the server how long this record should stay in the cache before being removed. In this case the local DNS server requests for a fresh entry from the name server.

```
aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ sudo cat /etc/bind/example.com.db
$TTL 3D
                         ns.example.com. admin.example.com. (
        IN
                 2008111001
                 8H
                 2H
                 4W
                 1D)
                 NS
        IN
                         ns.example.com.
        IN
                 MX
                         10 mail.example.com.
WWW
        IN
                         10.0.2.101
mail
        IN
                 Α
                         10.0.2.102
        IN
                         10.0.2.10
ns
                         IN A 10.0.2.100
*.example.com.
aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$
```

Forward Lookup file

- The reverse lookup file is stored at /etc/bind/10.0.2.db and is used to translate IP Addresses to hostnames for the given domain, in this case example.com.
- For each IP Address defined in the forward lookup file, a corresponding hostname is referenced here.
- The record type here is PTR or DNS Pointer Record.

```
aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ sudo cat /etc/bind/10.0.2.db
          IN
×1 @
                   SOA
                           ns.example.com. admin.example.com. (
                   2008111001
                   8H
                   2H
                   4W
                   1D)
          IN
                   NS
                           ns.example.com.
  101
          IN
                   PTR
                           www.example.com.
  102
          IN
                           mail.example.com.
                   PTR
  10
          IN
                   PTR
                           ns.example.com
  aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$
***
```

Reverse Lookup file

7. Fourth Test - Testing www.example.com

- The dig command is used to lookup name servers specified in the file /etc/resolv.conf
- Wireshark is used to capture the packets while running the command dig www.example.com
- The IP Address of the DNS Server and the returned IP Address of the domain set by us can be seen in the query and response packets.

```
diteya@computer-network-2:~/Desktop$ dig www.example.com
; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> www.example.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 16117
;; flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 2
   OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
COOKIE: df536d30078d2c4b010000005f70cd2af17dee477b384be2 (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION: ;www.example.com.
;; ANSWER SECTION: www.example.com.
                                                                                  10.0.2.101
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
example.com.
                                         259200 IN
                                                                    NS
                                                                                  ns.example.com.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.example.com.
                                         259200 IN
                                                                                  10.0.2.10
;; Query time: 0 msec
;; SERVER: 10.0.2.15#53(10.0.2.15)
;; WHEN: Sun Sep 27 23:04:34 IST 2020
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 121
aditeya@computer-network-2:~/Desktop$
```

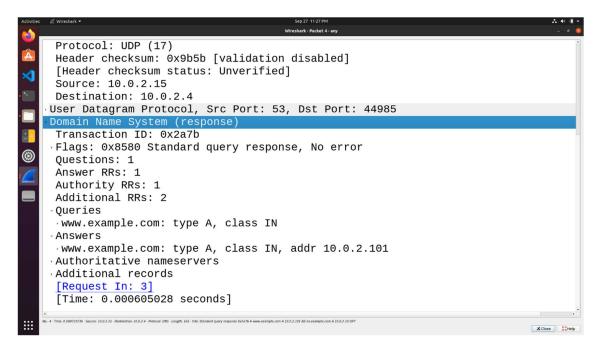
dig www.example.com

```
30.0001247... 10.0.2.4
                              10.0.2.15
                                              DNS 100Standard query 0x2a7b A www.exan
                                                   165Standard query response 0x2a7b A
  40.0007297... 10.0.2.15
                              10.0.2.4
                                              DNS
                                              DNS 102Standard query 0x5b84 AAAA conne
55100.80940... 192.168.0.178192.168.0.1
56100.80994... 192.168.0.178192.168.0.1
                                              DNS 102Standard query 0x738f AAAA conne
57100.81275... 192.168.0.1 192.168.0.178 DNS 163 Standard query response 0x5b84 / 58100.81295... 192.168.0.1 192.168.0.178 DNS 163 Standard query response 0x738f /
 59100.81452... 10.0.2.4
                                              DNS 102 Standard query 0x383b AAAA conne
                              10.0.2.15
 60 100 . 81456 ... 10 . 0 . 2 . 4
                              10.0.2.15
                                              DNS 102Standard query 0xa63d AAAA conne
 61100.81643... 10.0.2.15
                                              DNS 166 Standard query response 0x383b /
                              10.0.2.4
 62100.81808... 10.0.2.15
                              10.0.2.4
                                              DNS 166 Standard query response 0xa63d A
```

Wireshark Packet Capture

```
Frame 4: 165 bytes on wire (1320 bits), 165 bytes captured (1320 bits) on interf\epsilon
Linux cooked capture
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.15, Dst: 10.0.2.4
0100 .... = Version: 4
 .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes (5)
Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
 Total Length: 149
 Identification: 0x86ea (34538)
Flags: 0x4000, Don't fragment
 Fragment offset: 0
 Time to live: 64
 Protocol: UDP (17)
 Header checksum: 0x9b5b [validation disabled]
 [Header checksum status: Unverified]
 Source: 10.0.2.15
 Destination: 10.0.2.4
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 44985
Domain Name System (response)
 Transaction ID: 0x2a7b
Flags: 0x8580 Standard query response, No error
 Questions: 1
 Ancwar DDc 1
```

DNS Response Packet



DNS Response Packet

8. Questions

Q1. Locate the DNS query and response messages. Are then sent over UDP or TCP?

Answer - The DNS Query and Response messages are visible in the screenshots. They are sent over UDP.

Q2. What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of DNS response message?

Answer – The destination and source ports of the DNS query and response messages are the same. The port number for DNS protocol is 53.

Q3. To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Use ipconfig to determine the IP address of your local DNS server. Are these two IP addresses the same?

Answer – The DNS query is made to server at the IP Address 10.0.2.15. This is the same as the local DNS server configured.

Q4. Examine the DNS query message. What "Type" of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any "answers"?

Answer – The DNS Query is of type **A** since it requests for an authoritative record. The answer section is empty since it does not have any answer.

Q5. Examine the DNS response message. How many "answers" are provided? What do each of these answers contain?

Answer – The answer section of the DNS response message contains two Resource Records.

- *CNAME RR*: This determines that the hostname flipkart.com refers to the canonical hostname www.flipkart.com.
- A type RR: This provides the IP Address of the canonical hostname.

Q6. Consider the subsequent TCP SYN packet sent by your host. Does the destination IP address of the SYN packet correspond to any of the IP addresses provided in the DNS response message?

Answer – The destination IP Address of the SYN packet corresponds to the IP Address of hostname (www.flipkart.com) retrieved from the response message.