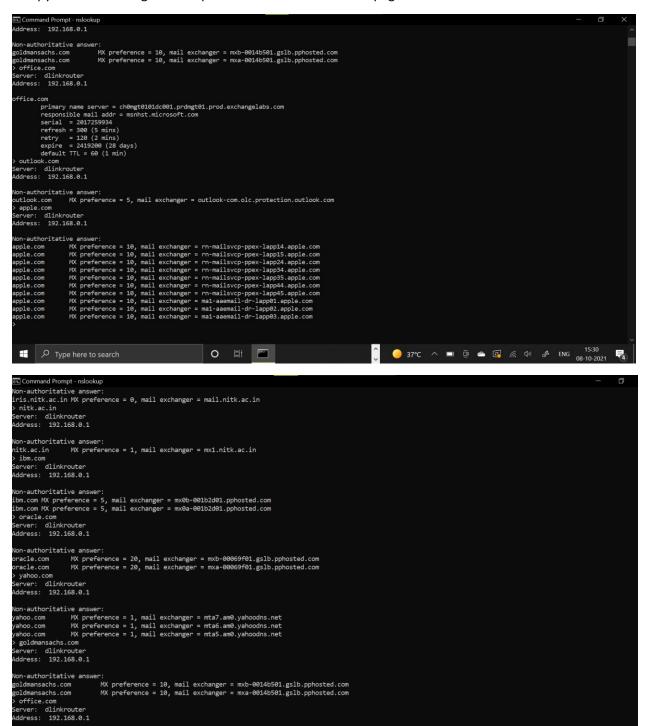
## CN LAB ASSIGNMENT-3

Ans.1. This is just a command line version of achieving the same results as writing a program in python. The python code along with output can be found in the next page.



Mail Exchange records are DNS records that are necessary for delivery of emails to any address. MX records are used because it gives the address of the server to which your mail should be delivered. No mails can be sent without DNS records.

MX records consists of two parts:

- 1.) Priority/preference of the particular server. Higher the value implies lower the priority.
- 2.) The second fields represents the actual address of the server which needs to be connected in order to reach your inbox. The actual address varies depending on which company hosts your email.

Priority is given to enable the use of primary and backup servers, so that the mail can be directed to a server which has the highest priority, and if in any case the primary server crashes, then the next server with the highest priority is given the message.

In the above tested domains for their MX servers, we observe that there could be multiple MX servers with the same priority. But there can also be domains who have different preferences/priorities for their MX servers.

Following is the program for the same to print mail servers along with their preference: (here google.com has been taken as the specefic domain, but the program will work for any domain)

The corresponding output is as follows:

```
(base) C:\Users\aashi\Downloads\CN Lab 3\Q.1. DNS program>python DNS_program.py
mail server alt2.aspmx.l.google.com. has preference 30

mail server aspmx.l.google.com. has preference 10

mail server alt4.aspmx.l.google.com. has preference 50

mail server alt3.aspmx.l.google.com. has preference 40

mail server alt1.aspmx.l.google.com. has preference 20

(base) C:\Users\aashi\Downloads\CN Lab 3\Q.1. DNS program>
```

## Ans.2.

IpConfig is a command that is primarily used to display the computer's IP address information. It also shows information such as system's IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway.

First we have the command 'ipconfig /all' which displays the full TCP/IP configuration for all adapter.

```
Windows IP Configuration
 . . . . . . . . : DESKTOP-5RLB38B
Ethernet adapter VirtualBox Host-Only Network:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
 DHCP Enabled. . . . . . . . . : No
 fec0:0:0:ffff::2%1
                               fec0:0:0:ffff::3%1
 NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . . : Enabled
Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:
  Media State . . . . . . . . : : : Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
                         . . . : Media disconnected
 Description . . . . : Microsoft Wi-Fi Direct Virtual Adapter Physical Address . . . . : 8C-8D-28-E6-C1-DA
 DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . : Yes
```

The next command we have is 'ipconfig /allcompartments' this command is used to show information about all compartments.

Another command of ipconfig is thr 'ipconfig /displaydns' which displays all the contents of the DNS resolver cache. Following is a part of the lengthy result of our running of this command.

Here are some of the subcommands that can be used with ipconfig

```
adapter
                          Connection name
                         (wildcard characters * and ? allowed, see examples)
Options:
                          Display this help message
                          Display full configuration information.
                         Release the IPv4 address for the specified adapter.
Release the IPv6 address for the specified adapter.
    /release
    /release6
                          Renew the IPv4 address for the specified adapter.
Renew the IPv6 address for the specified adapter.
    /renew
    /renew6
    /flushdns
                          Purges the DNS Resolver cache.
    /registerdns
                           Refreshes all DHCP leases and re-registers DNS names
                          Display the contents of the DNS Resolver Cache.
Displays all the dhcp class IDs allowed for adapter.
    /displaydns
    /showclassid
                         Modifies the dhcp class id.
Displays all the IPv6 DHCP class IDs allowed for adapter.
Modifies the IPv6 DHCP class id.
    /setclassid
    /showclassid6
    /setclassid6
```

Next we have the NSLOOKUP command. NsLookup queries the specified DNS server and retrieves the requested records that are associated with the domain name you provided. These records contain information like the domain name's IP addresses. Here we have used nslookup in interactive mode and used set type=mx command inorder to display mail server information of a specefic domain.

```
C:\Users\aashi>nslookup
Default Server: dlinkrouter
Address: 192.168.0.1

> google.com
Server: dlinkrouter
Address: 192.168.0.1

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: google.com
Addresses: 2a00:1450:4019:80d::200e
142.256.181.14

> set type=mx
> google.com
Addresses: 192.168.0.1

Non-authoritative answer:
google.com
MX preference = 30, mail exchanger = alt2.aspmx.l.google.com
google.com
MX preference = 50, mail exchanger = alt3.aspmx.l.google.com
google.com
MX preference = 40, mail exchanger = alt3.aspmx.l.google.com
google.com
MX preference = 20, mail exchanger = alt3.aspmx.l.google.com
google.com
MX preference = 20, mail exchanger = alt3.aspmx.l.google.com
google.com
MX preference = 20, mail exchanger = alt3.aspmx.l.google.com
Server: dlinkrouter
Address: 192.168.0.1

Non-authoritative answer:
microsoft.com
MX preference = 10, mail exchanger = microsoft-com.mail.protection.outlook.com
Server: dlinkrouter
Address: 192.168.0.1

Non-authoritative answer:
bing.com
MX preference = 10, mail exchanger = bing-com.mail.protection.outlook.com

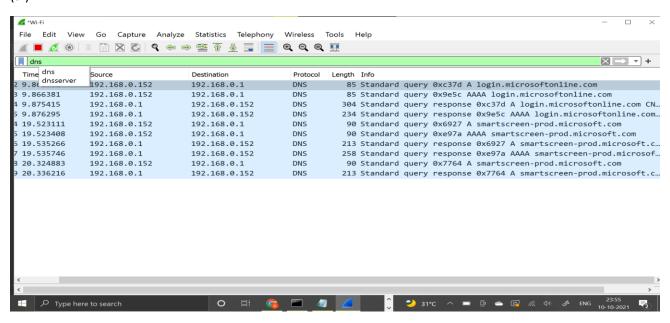
Non-authoritative answer:
bing.com
MX preference = 10, mail exchanger = bing-com.mail.protection.outlook.com
```

Next we have used the set type=ns command for nslookup in interactive mode as it displays the names of all authoritative servers of a domain. Following is a screenshot of the same for twitter.com as domain:

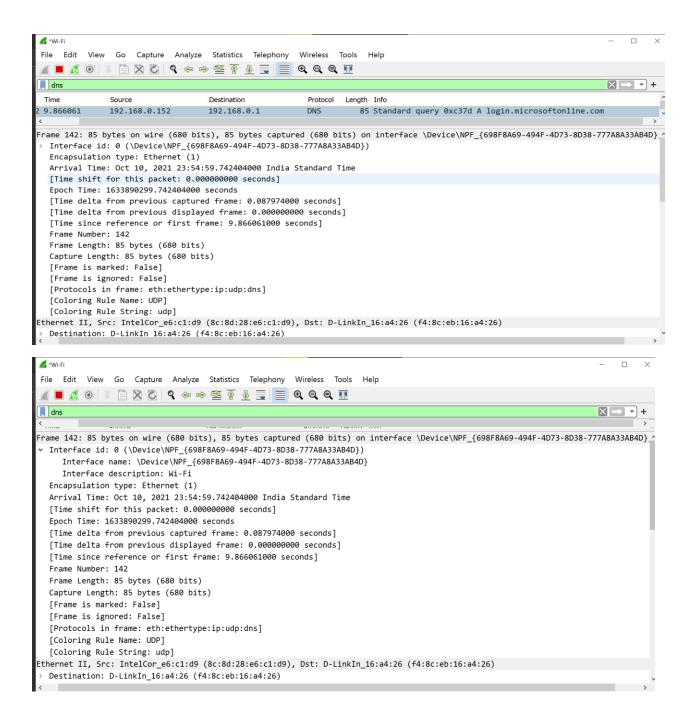
```
set query=ns
 twitter.com
Server: dlinkrouter
Address: 192.168.0.1
Non-authoritative answer:
                nameserver = d01-02.ns.twtrdns.net
twitter.com
twitter.com
                nameserver = ns1.p34.dynect.net
                nameserver = ns2.p34.dynect.net
twitter.com
                nameserver = d.r06.twtrdns.net
twitter.com
twitter.com
                nameserver = d01-01.ns.twtrdns.net
twitter.com
                nameserver = a.r06.twtrdns.net
                nameserver = ns3.p34.dynect.net
twitter.com
twitter.com
                nameserver = ns4.p34.dynect.net
twitter.com
                nameserver = c.r06.twtrdns.net
                nameserver = b.r06.twtrdns.net
twitter.com
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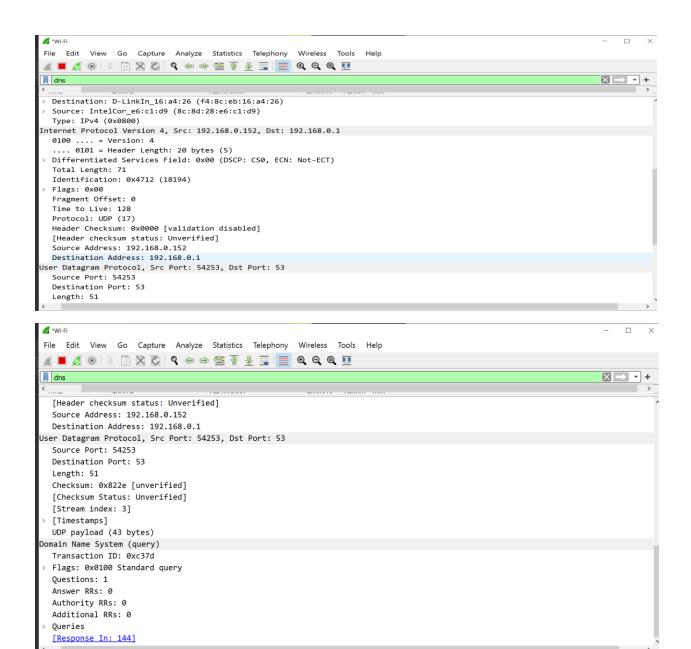
## Ans.3.

(a.)

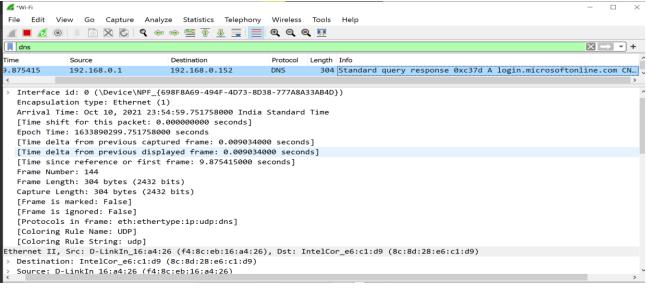


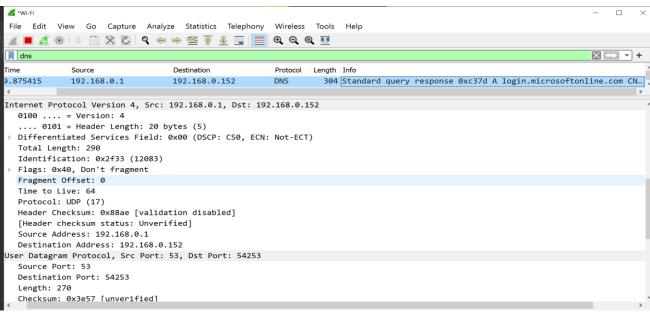
This is for the first query detail/analysis:

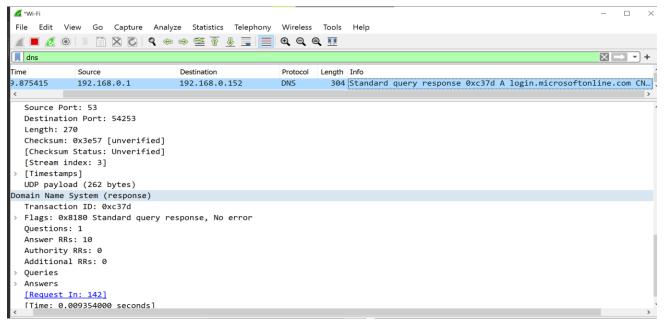




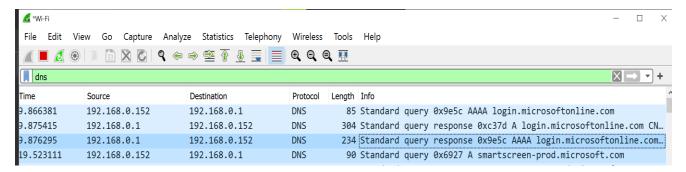
Analysis of response:





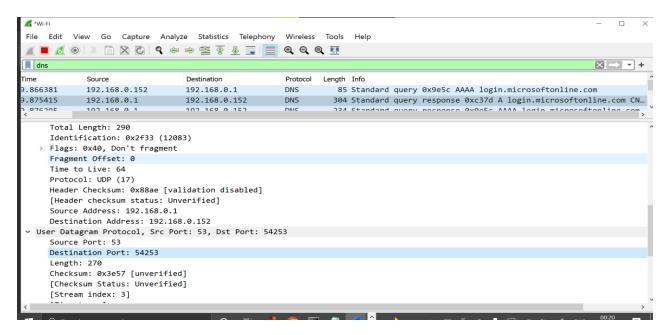


(b.)



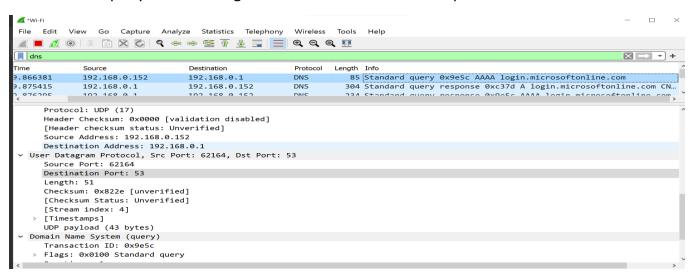
Here we observe that for the query which is in the first row, there are two responses for that query following it. The destination address for the query going from my laptop(IP address: 192.168.0.152) which is the source to the destination whose IP address is 192.168.0.1.

For the responses, the source and destination IP addresses are basically swapped. Now my computer is on the receiving end( IP address: 192.168.0.152 ) and login.microsoftonline.com(IP address: 192.168.0.1) is the source from which the response is sent. The details of source and destination ports is as follows for the query response:



Here the response coming from Microsoft originates in port 53 and my laptop receives it in port 54253.

For the same query the following is the source and destination port:



Here my laptop is sending a query from port 62164 and Microsoft receives the query in port 53.

The DNS uses TCP Port 53 for zone transfers.

(c.) the reason for multiple responses to a single query is since the same domain can have multiple IP addresses and hence when a response is sent it is sent from all the IP addresses of that domain and the DNS server to return all records for

that name. For example Microsoft.com can revolve to 4 different IP addresses. And since a socket is being used to receive responses from the server, hence it can also receive multiple responses.

Another main reason is because the DNS server returns all the IPs for services matching that A record. It is up to the client to resolve which IP to use, hence multiple responses.