## **README**

## Usage

The program is based on the python 3.10 environment. Use python 3.10 interpreter interpret script mydig.py. Then the code prompts the user to enter a domain name in the terminal. A dig-like info will be printed to the terminal. Format ex:

## Description

The code defines two functions: mydig and dig that perform a DNS query to obtain the IP addresses associated with a domain name. The code uses the dns library to perform the query, which provides a Python interface to the DNS protocol.

The mydig function iteratively queries a list of root DNS servers until it obtains a response or a timeout occurs. The function then checks the additional records in the response for any A records and passes them to the dig function to be processed. If no A records are found, the function checks the authority records in the response for any NS records and performs a recursive call to mydig with the target domain name. The function also collects any CNAME records that it encounters in the cname list.

The dig function takes a domain name and a source IP address as input and performs a DNS query using the dns library. The function checks the answer section of the response for any A records, collects the IP addresses in the answers list, and also checks for any CNAME records and passes them to the mydig function to be resolved recursively. If no A or CNAME records are found in the answer section, the function checks the additional records in the response for any A records and passes them to a recursive call to dig function. If no additional records are found, the function checks the authority section for any NS records and calls mydig with the target domain name.

Finally, the code prompts the user to enter a domain name and measures the time taken to perform the query using the datetime library. The result of the query is printed to the console in the format of

a standard dig command.

## **External Libraries Used**

dnspython