

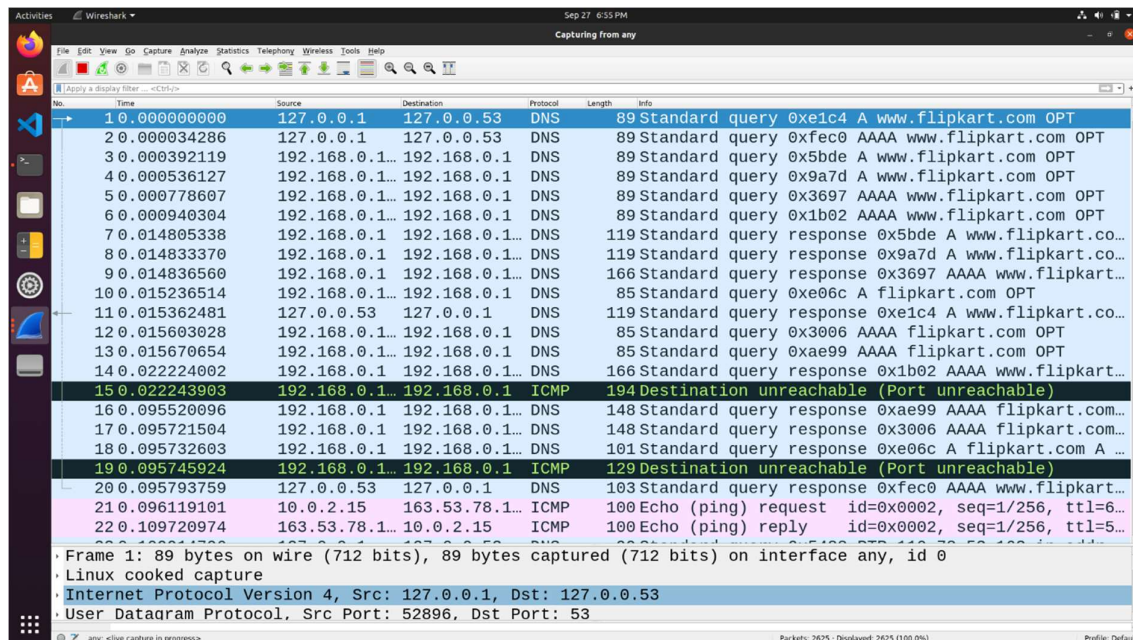
CN Lab Report – Week 4

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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.

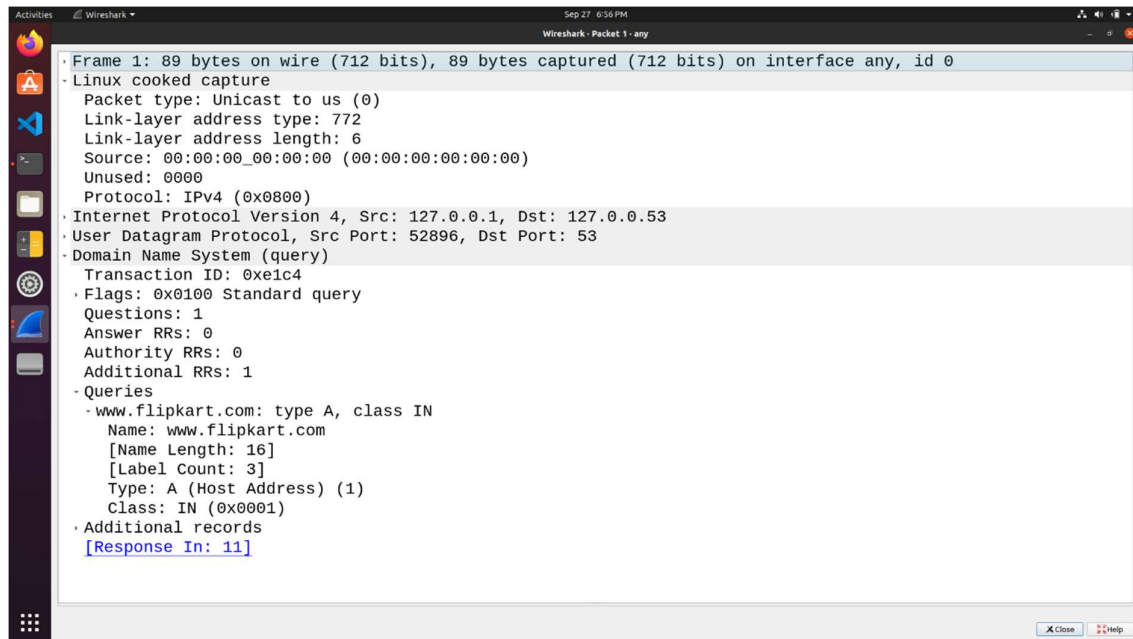


The screenshot shows a Wireshark packet capture with the following details:

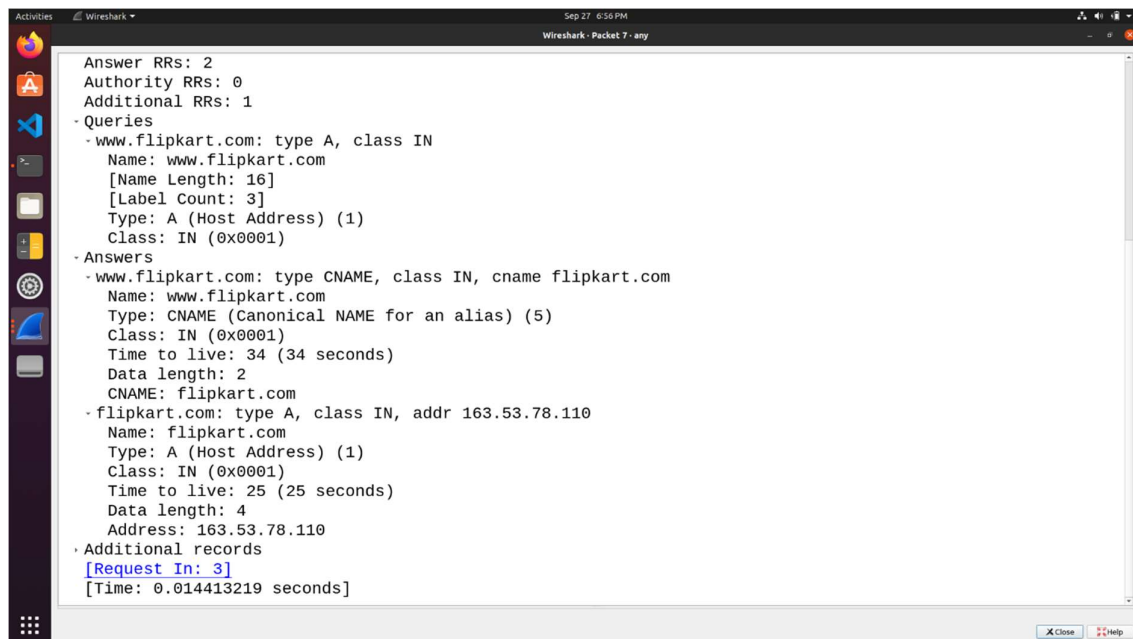
| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
|-----|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------|--------|---|
| 1 | 0.000000000 | 127.0.0.1 | 127.0.0.53 | DNS | 89 | Standard query 0xe1c4 A www.flipkart.com OPT |
| 2 | 0.000034286 | 127.0.0.1 | 127.0.0.53 | DNS | 89 | Standard query 0xfec0 AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT |
| 3 | 0.000392119 | 192.168.0.1... | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 89 | Standard query 0x5bde A www.flipkart.com OPT |
| 4 | 0.000536127 | 192.168.0.1... | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 89 | Standard query 0x9a7d A www.flipkart.com OPT |
| 5 | 0.000778607 | 192.168.0.1... | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 89 | Standard query 0x3697 AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT |
| 6 | 0.000940304 | 192.168.0.1... | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 89 | Standard query 0x1b02 AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT |
| 7 | 0.014805338 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.1... | DNS | 119 | Standard query response 0x5bde A www.flipkart.co... |
| 8 | 0.014833370 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.1... | DNS | 119 | Standard query response 0x9a7d A www.flipkart.co... |
| 9 | 0.014836560 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.1... | DNS | 166 | Standard query response 0x3697 AAAA www.flipkart... |
| 10 | 0.015236514 | 192.168.0.1... | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 85 | Standard query 0xe06c A flipkart.com OPT |
| 11 | 0.015362481 | 127.0.0.53 | 127.0.0.1 | DNS | 119 | Standard query response 0xe1c4 A www.flipkart.co... |
| 12 | 0.015603028 | 192.168.0.1... | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 85 | Standard query 0x3006 AAAA flipkart.com OPT |
| 13 | 0.015670654 | 192.168.0.1... | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 85 | Standard query 0xae99 AAAA flipkart.com OPT |
| 14 | 0.022224002 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.1... | DNS | 166 | Standard query response 0x1b02 AAAA www.flipkart... |
| 15 | 0.022243903 | 192.168.0.1... | 192.168.0.1 | ICMP | 194 | Destination unreachable (Port unreachable) |
| 16 | 0.095520096 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.1... | DNS | 148 | Standard query response 0xae99 AAAA flipkart.com... |
| 17 | 0.095721504 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.1... | DNS | 148 | Standard query response 0x3006 AAAA flipkart.com... |
| 18 | 0.095732603 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.1... | DNS | 101 | Standard query response 0xe06c A flipkart.com A ... |
| 19 | 0.095745924 | 192.168.0.1... | 192.168.0.1 | ICMP | 129 | Destination unreachable (Port unreachable) |
| 20 | 0.095793759 | 127.0.0.53 | 127.0.0.1 | DNS | 103 | Standard query response 0xfec0 AAAA www.flipkart... |
| 21 | 0.096119101 | 10.0.2.15 | 163.53.78.1... | ICMP | 100 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0002, seq=1/256, ttl=6... |
| 22 | 0.109720974 | 163.53.78.1... | 10.0.2.15 | ICMP | 100 | Echo (ping) reply id=0x0002, seq=1/256, ttl=5... |

Frame 1: 89 bytes on wire (712 bits), 89 bytes captured (712 bits) on interface any, id 0
Linux cooked capture
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.53
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 52896, Dst Port: 53

Wireshark Packet Capture



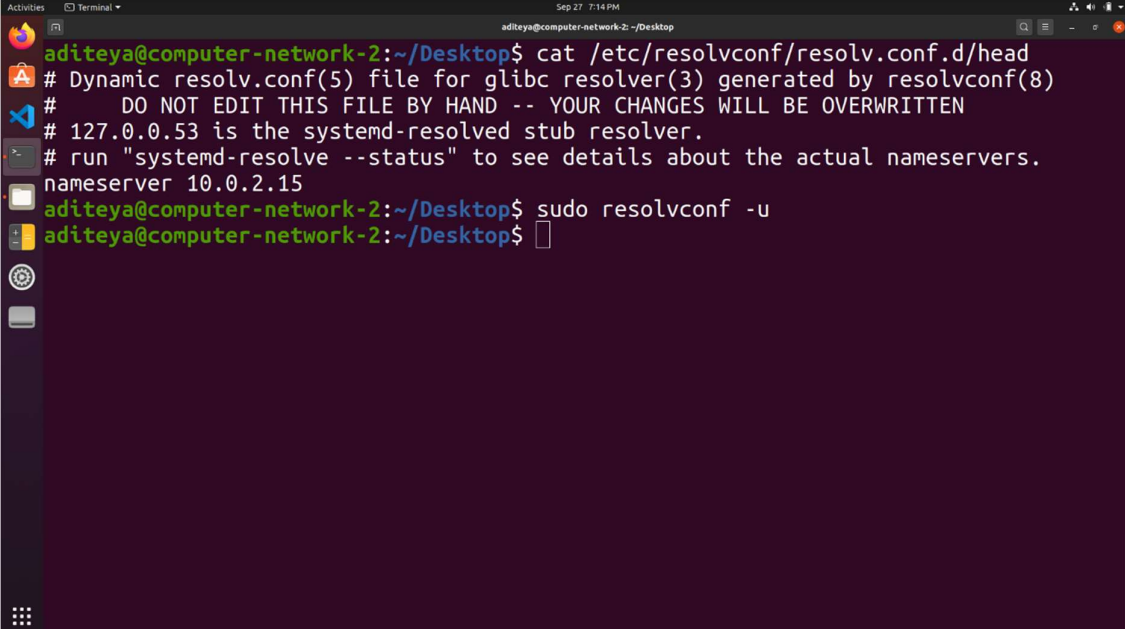
DNS Query



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**

A terminal window screenshot showing the configuration of DNS on a client machine. The user 'aditeya' is at the prompt 'aditeya@computer-network-2:~/Desktop'. They run 'cat /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d/head' which displays the contents of the file: a comment about the dynamic resolv.conf(5) file, a warning not to edit by hand, and a list of nameservers including 127.0.0.53 and 10.0.2.15. Then, they run 'sudo resolvconf -u' to apply the changes, and the prompt returns to the user.

```
aditeya@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$
```

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**.

Activities

Wireshark

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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
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; };
};
  
```



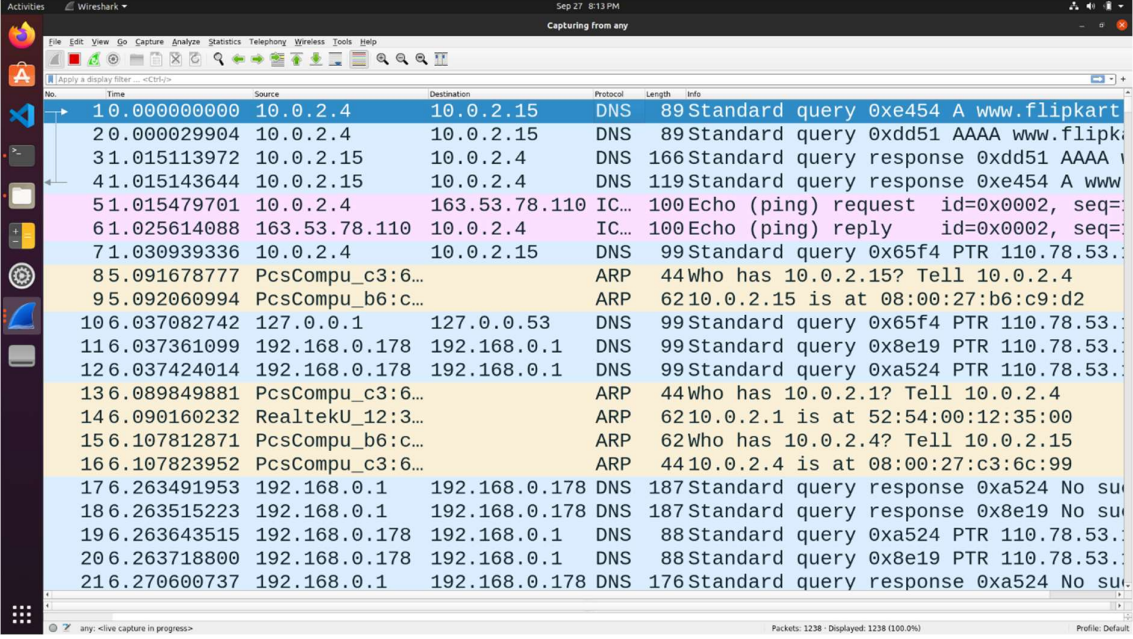
```
aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ sudo service bind9 restart
aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ sudo rndc dumpdb -cache
aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ sudo rndc flush
aditeya@computer-network-1:~/Desktop$ cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db

; 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      f.root-servers.net.
      1123162 IN NS      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

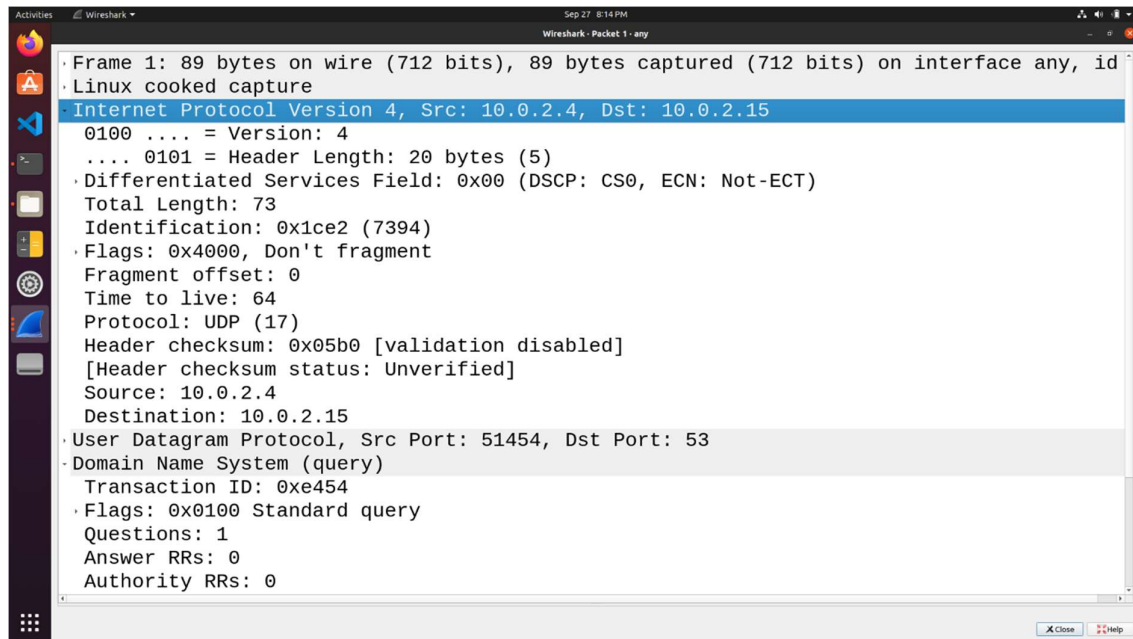
- The Flipkart website is pinged again with Wireshark running in the background.
- The IP Address of the local DNS server is clearly seen in the screenshots below.
- The cache is dumped into the dumpfile so it can be seen.
- The cache file also contains the canonical hostname and the **A** type records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



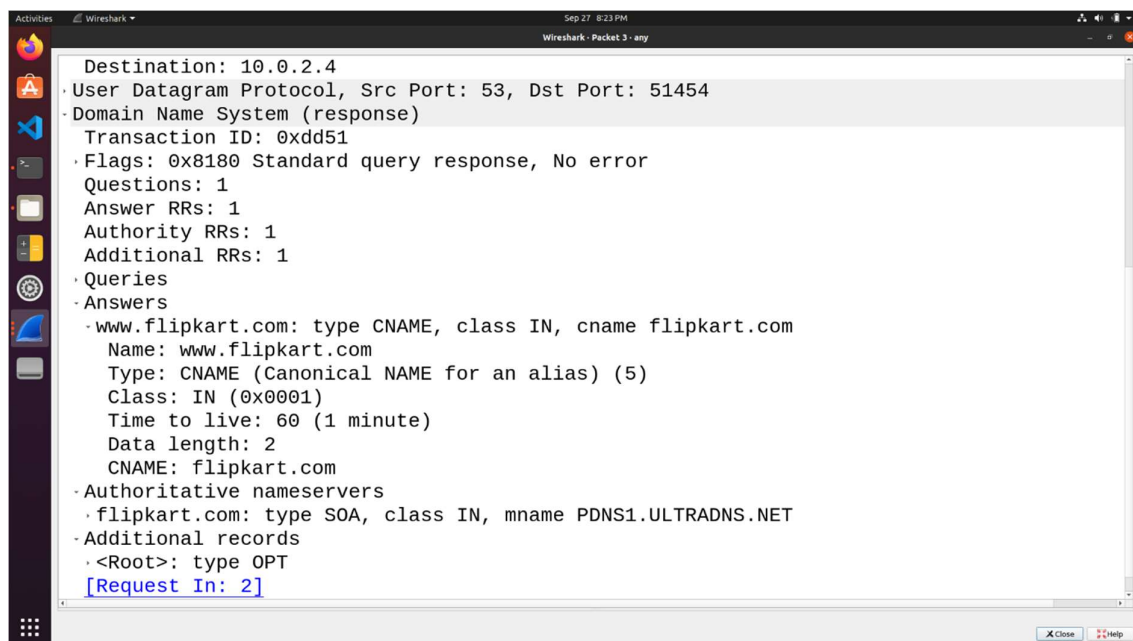
The screenshot shows a Wireshark packet capture with the following data:

| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
|-----|-------------|------------------|---------------|----------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 10 | 0.000000000 | 10.0.2.4 | 10.0.2.15 | DNS | 89 | Standard query 0xe454 A www.flipkart |
| 20 | 0.000029904 | 10.0.2.4 | 10.0.2.15 | DNS | 89 | Standard query 0xdd51 AAAA www.flipk |
| 31 | 0.015113972 | 10.0.2.15 | 10.0.2.4 | DNS | 166 | Standard query response 0xdd51 AAAA |
| 41 | 0.015143644 | 10.0.2.15 | 10.0.2.4 | DNS | 119 | Standard query response 0xe454 A www |
| 51 | 0.015479701 | 10.0.2.4 | 163.53.78.110 | ICMP | 100 | Echo (ping) request id=0x0002, seq= |
| 61 | 0.025614088 | 163.53.78.110 | 10.0.2.4 | ICMP | 100 | Echo (ping) reply id=0x0002, seq= |
| 71 | 0.030939336 | 10.0.2.4 | 10.0.2.15 | DNS | 99 | Standard query 0x65f4 PTR 110.78.53. |
| 85 | 0.091678777 | PcsCompu_c3:6... | | ARP | 44 | Who has 10.0.2.15? Tell 10.0.2.4 |
| 95 | 0.092060994 | PcsCompu_b6:c... | | ARP | 62 | 10.0.2.15 is at 08:00:27:b6:c9:d2 |
| 106 | 0.037082742 | 127.0.0.1 | 127.0.0.53 | DNS | 99 | Standard query 0x65f4 PTR 110.78.53. |
| 116 | 0.037361099 | 192.168.0.178 | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 99 | Standard query 0x8e19 PTR 110.78.53. |
| 126 | 0.037424014 | 192.168.0.178 | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 99 | Standard query 0xa524 PTR 110.78.53. |
| 136 | 0.089849881 | PcsCompu_c3:6... | | ARP | 44 | Who has 10.0.2.1? Tell 10.0.2.4 |
| 146 | 0.090160232 | RealtekU_12:3... | | ARP | 62 | 10.0.2.1 is at 52:54:00:12:35:00 |
| 156 | 0.107812871 | PcsCompu_b6:c... | | ARP | 62 | Who has 10.0.2.4? Tell 10.0.2.15 |
| 166 | 0.107823952 | PcsCompu_c3:6... | | ARP | 44 | 10.0.2.4 is at 08:00:27:c3:6c:99 |
| 176 | 0.263491953 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.178 | DNS | 187 | Standard query response 0xa524 No su |
| 186 | 0.263515223 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.178 | DNS | 187 | Standard query response 0x8e19 No su |
| 196 | 0.263643515 | 192.168.0.178 | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 88 | Standard query 0xa524 PTR 110.78.53. |
| 206 | 0.263718800 | 192.168.0.178 | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 88 | Standard query 0x8e19 PTR 110.78.53. |
| 216 | 0.270600737 | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.178 | DNS | 176 | Standard query response 0xa524 No su |

Wireshark Packet Capture



DNS Query Packet



DNS Response Packet

```

Activities Terminal Sep 27 8:30 PM
aditeya@computer-network-1: ~/Desktop
776421 NS sdns14.ultradns.org.
; answer
603682 \-AAAA ;-NXRRSET
; flipkart.com. SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET. sysadmin.flipkart.com. 2017031451 10800 3600 604800 60
; secure
604522 \-DS ;-NXRRSET
; com. SOA a.gtld-servers.net. nstld.verisign-grs.com. 1601217418 1800 900 604800 86400
; com. RRSIG SOA ...
9DA2HK6CJ3BHAHTF53KBDGK69URBEOM.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ...
9DA2HK6CJ3BHAHTF53KBDGK69URBEOM.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - 9DA371G06E8VFLGI7IRRDHEQPP1Q5807 NS DS RRSIG
CK0P0JMG874LJREF7EFN8430QVIT8BSM.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ...
CK0P0JMG874LJREF7EFN8430QVIT8BSM.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - CK0Q1GIN43N1ARRC90SM6QPQR81H5M9A NS SOA RRSIG D
NSKEY NSEC3PARAM
; answer
603652 A 163.53.78.110
; answer
www.flipkart.com. 603682 CNAME flipkart.com.
; glue
ubuntu.com. 776361 NS ns1.canonical.com.
776361 NS ns2.canonical.com.
776361 NS 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 ...
894I08AM9NDQ8VM84GPASGU00DHFLFS1.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ...
894I08AM9NDQ8VM84GPASGU00DHFLFS1.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - 894K5P3AV8ST0BIOQAAM4718TOUSOMAT 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).

```

Activities Terminal Sep 27 9:30 PM
aditeya@computer-network-1: ~/Desktop
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";
};

```

^G Get Help ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^K Cut Text ^J Justify ^C Cur Pos
 ^X Exit ^R Read File ^\ Replace ^U Paste Text ^T 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
@      IN      SOA      ns.example.com. admin.example.com. (
                        2008111001
                        8H
                        2H
                        4W
                        1D)
@      IN      NS       ns.example.com.
@      IN      MX       10 mail.example.com.

www    IN      A        10.0.2.101
mail   IN      A        10.0.2.102
ns     IN      A        10.0.2.10
*.example.com. IN A 10.0.2.100
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
$TTL 3D
@      IN      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      PTR      mail.example.com.
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.

```
aditeya@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.                IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.com.                259200  IN      A      10.0.2.101

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
example.com.                    259200  IN      NS      ns.example.com.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.example.com.                 259200  IN      A      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$
```

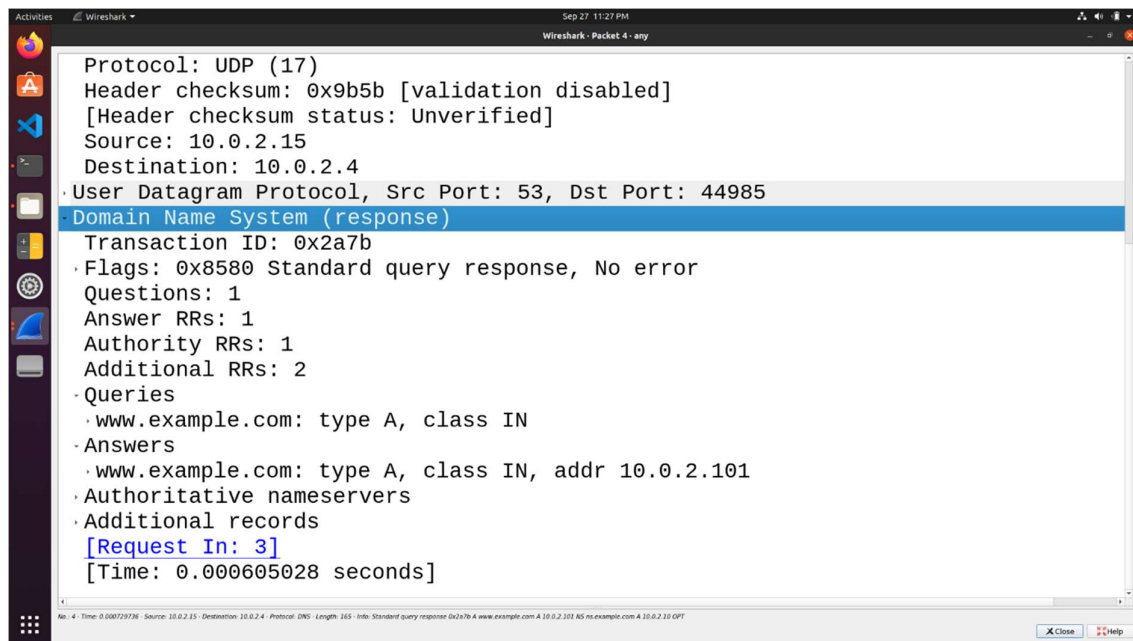
dig www.example.com

| No. | Time | Source | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info |
|-----|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------|--------|----------------------------------|
| 30 | 0.0001247... | 10.0.2.4 | 10.0.2.15 | DNS | 100 | Standard query 0x2a7b A www.exan |
| 40 | 0.0007297... | 10.0.2.15 | 10.0.2.4 | DNS | 165 | Standard query response 0x2a7b A |
| 55 | 100.80940... | 192.168.0.178 | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 102 | Standard query 0x5b84 AAAA conne |
| 56 | 100.80994... | 192.168.0.178 | 192.168.0.1 | DNS | 102 | Standard query 0x738f AAAA conne |
| 57 | 100.81275... | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.178 | DNS | 163 | Standard query response 0x5b84 A |
| 58 | 100.81295... | 192.168.0.1 | 192.168.0.178 | DNS | 163 | Standard query response 0x738f A |
| 59 | 100.81452... | 10.0.2.4 | 10.0.2.15 | DNS | 102 | Standard query 0x383b AAAA conne |
| 60 | 100.81456... | 10.0.2.4 | 10.0.2.15 | DNS | 102 | Standard query 0xa63d AAAA conne |
| 61 | 100.81643... | 10.0.2.15 | 10.0.2.4 | DNS | 166 | Standard query response 0x383b A |
| 62 | 100.81808... | 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 interface
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
Answer RRs: 1

DNS Response Packet



DNS Response Packet

8. Questions

Q1. *Locate the DNS query and response messages. Are they 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 the 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.