

Assignment No 1

DNS Configuration

Creating one DNS Server, one Web Server and one Client
accessing host using domain name.

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❖ Introduction:

1. DNS Server (PC2)

- Runs the **BIND9** service.
- Responsible for **resolving domain names into IP addresses**.
- Maintains a **zone file** for the domain mywebsite.local.
- Contains mapping:
 - www.mywebsite.local → 172.25.6.37

2. Web Server / HTTP Host (PC1)

- Runs **Apache web server**.
- Hosts a website inside /var/www/mywebsite.
- Configured with a **Virtual Host** so it responds to requests for www.mywebsite.local.
- When accessed via its IP or domain name, it serves index.html page.

3. Client (PC3)

- A normal user machine.

- Configured to use the **DNS Server (PC2)** as its nameserver in `/etc/resolv.conf`.
- When user types `www.mywebsite.local`, the client first queries DNS Server.
- After getting IP address, it sends HTTP request to Web Server.

Working of DNS Configuration:

☐ **User Request**

- Client enters `www.mywebsite.local` in browser.

☐ **DNS Query**

- The client contacts **DNS Server (PC2)**.
- DNS Server looks into its **zone file** and finds:
- `www.mywebsite.local` → `172.25.6.37`

☐ **IP Address Returned**

- DNS server replies back to the client with IP `172.25.6.37`.

☐ **HTTP Request**

- Client now knows the IP.
- It sends an **HTTP GET request** to **Web Server (PC1)** at `172.25.6.37`.

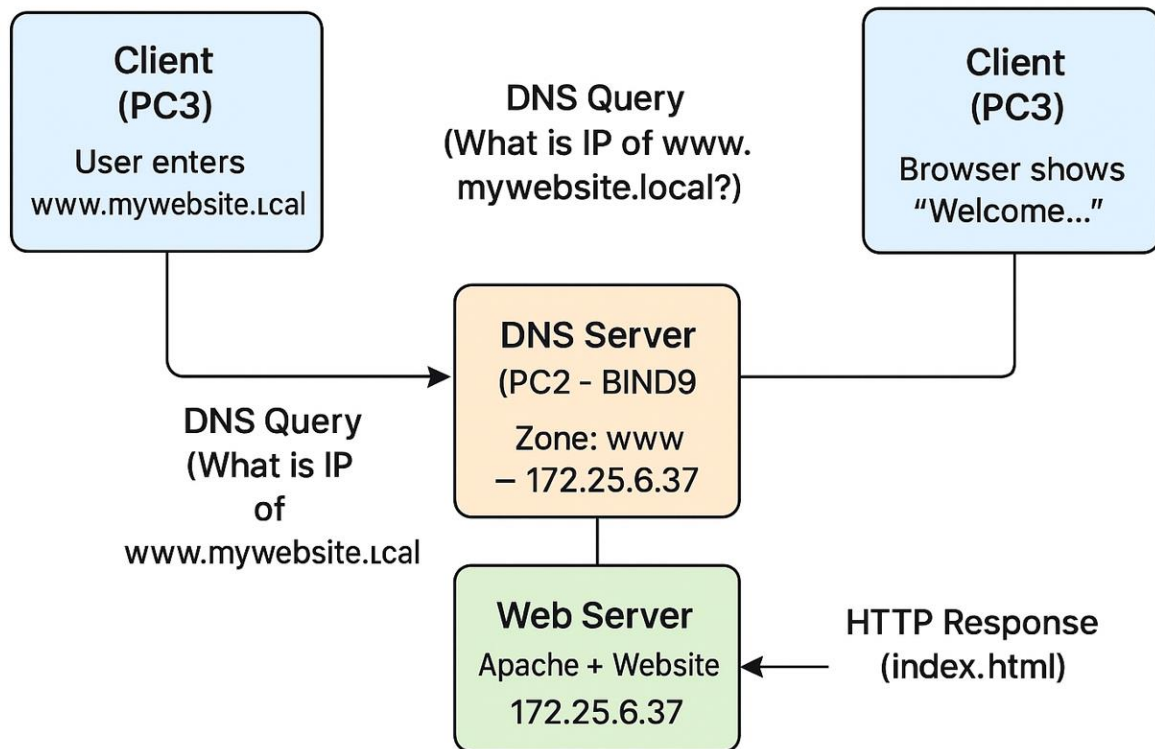
☐ **Web Page Response**

- Apache on PC1 receives the request.
- Finds `index.html` inside `/var/www/mywebsite`.
- Sends the HTML page back to the client.

☐ **User View**

- Client's browser displays:

Welcome to MyWebsite



❖ Implementation Steps:

We are using **three Ubuntu systems** in the same network.

- **PC1 (HTTP Server / Web Host)**
 - IP Address: 172.25.6.37
 - Runs Apache web server (`mywebsite.local`)
- **PC2 (DNS Server)**
 - IP Address: 172.25.6.38
 - Runs BIND9 DNS service, resolves domain names
- **PC3 (Client)**
 - IP Address: 172.25.6.39
 - Uses DNS Server (PC2) to resolve and access the website

Step 1: Configure the HTTP Host (PC1)

1. Install Apache Web Server

```
sudo apt update
```

```
sudo apt install apache2 -y
```

```
Terminal
Jul 30, 16:31
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: ~
Waiting for cache lock: Could not get lock /var/lib/dpkg/lock-frontent. It is held by process 15170 (unattended-upgr)
Waiting for cache lock: Could not get lock /var/lib/dpkg/lock-frontent. It is held by process 15170 (unattended-upgr)
Waiting for cache lock: Could not get lock /var/lib/dpkg/lock-frontent. It is held by process 15170 (unattended-upgr)
Waiting for cache lock: Could not get lock /var/lib/dpkg/lock-frontent. It is held by process 15170 (unattended-upgr)
Waiting for cache lock: Could not get lock /var/lib/dpkg/lock-frontent. It is held by process 15170 (unattended-upgr)
Waiting for cache lock: Could not get lock /var/lib/dpkg/lock-frontent. It is held by process 15170 (unattended-upgr)
Waiting for cache lock: Could not get lock /var/lib/dpkg/lock-frontent. It is held by process 15170 (unattended-upgr)
Waiting for cache lock: Could not get lock /var/lib/dpkg/lock-frontent. It is held by process 15170 (unattended-upgr)
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
apache2 is already the newest version (2.4.52-1ubuntu4.15).
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  libboost-filesystem1.74.0 liborcus-0.17-0 liborcus-parser-0.17-0 libreoffice-ogltrans libxnlsec1 libxnlsec1-nss
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 216 not upgraded.
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: ~$ sudo apt install apache2
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
apache2 is already the newest version (2.4.52-1ubuntu4.15).
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  libboost-filesystem1.74.0 liborcus-0.17-0 liborcus-parser-0.17-0 libreoffice-ogltrans libxnlsec1 libxnlsec1-nss
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 216 not upgraded.
```

2. Create a Website Directory

```
sudo mkdir /var/www/mywebsite
```

```
sudo nano /var/www/mywebsite/index.html
```

index.html:

```
<h1>Hello From Aarti, Tanvi, Payal</h1>
```

3. Create Apache Virtual Host File

```
sudo nano /etc/apache2/sites-available/mywebsite.local.conf
```

Add:

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
```

```
ServerAdmin admin@mywebsite.local
```

```
ServerName www.mywebsite.local
```

```
DocumentRoot /var/www/mywebsite
```

```
<Directory /var/www/mywebsite>
```

```
Options Indexes FollowSymLinks
```

```
AllowOverride All
```

```
Require all granted
```

```
</Directory>
```

```
ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/mywebsite_error.log
```

```
CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/mywebsite_access.log combined
```

```
</VirtualHost>
```

4. Enable Site and Restart Apache

```
sudo a2ensite mywebsite.local.conf  
sudo systemctl reload apache2
```

5. Test locally in PC1:

```
curl http://localhost
```

```
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ echo "<h1> Welcome to My Website</h1>" | sudo tee /var/www/html/index.html  
<h1> Welcome to My Website</h1>  
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ curl http://localhost  
Command 'curl' not found, but can be installed with:  
sudo apt install curl  
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo apt install curl  
Reading package lists... Done  
Building dependency tree... Done  
Reading state information... Done  
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:  
  libboost-filesystem1.74.0 liborcus-0.17-0 liborcus-parser-0.17-0 libreoffice-ogltrans libxmlsec1 libxmlsec1-nss  
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.  
The following NEW packages will be installed:  
  curl  
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 216 not upgraded.  
Need to get 194 kB of archives.  
After this operation, 455 kB of additional disk space will be used.  
Get:1 http://archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 curl amd64 7.81.0-1ubuntu1.20 [194 kB]  
Fetched 194 kB in 4s (52.7 kB/s)  
Selecting previously unselected package curl.  
(Reading database ... 204494 files and directories currently installed.)  
Preparing to unpack .../curl_7.81.0-1ubuntu1.20_amd64.deb ...  
Unpacking curl (7.81.0-1ubuntu1.20) ...  
Setting up curl (7.81.0-1ubuntu1.20) ...  
Processing triggers for man-db (2.10.2-1) ...  
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ curl http://localhost  
<h1> Welcome to My Website</h1>  
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$  
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$
```

Step 2: Configure the DNS Server (PC2)

1. Install BIND9

```
sudo apt update  
sudo apt install bind9 -y
```

2. Configure Forward Zone File

Edit BIND config:

```
sudo nano /etc/bind/named.conf.local
```

Add:

```
zone "mywebsite.local" {  
    type master;  
    file "/etc/bind/db.mywebsite.local";  
};
```

3. Create Zone File

Copy template and edit:

```
sudo cp /etc/bind/db.local /etc/bind/db.mywebsite.local
```

```
sudo nano /etc/bind/db.mywebsite.local
```

Example zone file:

```
@ IN SOA ns.mywebsite.local. admin.mywebsite.local. (  
    1; Serial  
    604800; Refresh  
    86400; Retry  
    2419200; Expire  
    604800); Negative Cache TTL
```

```
@ IN NS ns.mywebsite.local.
```

```
ns IN A 172.25.6.38
```

```
www IN A 172.25.6.37
```

4. Restart BIND Service

```
sudo systemctl restart bind9  
sudo systemctl enable bind9
```

5. Test DNS Resolution in PC2

```
dig @127.0.0.1 www.mywebsite.local
```



```
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo apt update
Hit:1 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy InRelease
Hit:2 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease [129 kB]
Hit:3 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates InRelease [128 kB]
Hit:4 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports InRelease [127 kB]
Hit:5 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 Packages [2,799 kB]
Hit:6 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/main i386 Packages [681 kB]
Hit:7 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main i386 Packages [852 kB]
Hit:8 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main Translation-en [442 kB]
Hit:9 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/main amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [112 kB]
Hit:10 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/main amd64 Packages [2,549 kB]
Hit:11 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/restricted amd64 Packages [4,144 kB]
Hit:12 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/main Translation-en [378 kB]
Hit:13 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/restricted Translation-en [749 kB]
Hit:14 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/restricted amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [212 B]
Hit:15 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/main amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [54.5 kB]
Hit:16 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/universe i386 Packages [780 kB]
Hit:17 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/restricted amd64 Packages [3,984 kB]
Hit:18 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/universe amd64 Packages [1,226 kB]
Hit:19 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/restricted Translation-en [721 kB]
Hit:20 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/universe Translation-en [304 kB]
Hit:21 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/universe amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [359 kB]
Hit:22 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/restricted amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [208 B]
Hit:23 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-updates/universe amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [940 B]
Hit:24 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/universe amd64 Packages [993 kB]
Hit:25 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports/main amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [7,056 B]
Hit:26 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports/restricted amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [212 B]
Hit:27 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports/universe amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [14.0 kB]
Hit:28 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/universe i386 Packages [671 kB]
Hit:29 http://in.archive.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-backports/multiverse amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [212 B]
Hit:30 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/universe Translation-en [216 kB]
Hit:31 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/universe amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [125 kB]
Hit:32 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security/multiverse amd64 DEP-11 Metadata [208 B]
Fetched 22.5 MB in 7s (3,172 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
24 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo apt install bind9 -y
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
bind9 is already the newest version (1:9.18.30-0ubuntu0.22.04.2).
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 24 not upgraded.
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo nano /etc/bind/named.conf.local
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo cp /etc/bind/db.local /etc/bind/db.mywebsite.local
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo nano /etc/bind/db.mywebsite.local
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo systemctl restart bind9
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC:~$ sudo ufw allow 53
Rules updated
Rules updated (v6)
```

```

ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: ~
Jul 30 21:05:50 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:503:ba3e::2:30#53
Jul 30 21:05:50 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './DNSKEY/IN': 2001:500:2f::f#53
Jul 30 21:05:50 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:500:2f::f#53
Jul 30 21:05:50 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './DNSKEY/IN': 2001:7fd::1#53
Jul 30 21:05:50 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:7fd::1#53
Jul 30 21:05:50 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './DNSKEY/IN': 2001:500:9f::42#53
Jul 30 21:06:00 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:500:9f::42#53
Jul 30 21:06:00 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: resolver priming query complete: timed out
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: $ sudo named-checkconf
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: $ sudo named-checkzone mywebsite.local /etc/bind/db.mywebsite.local
zone mywebsite.local/IN: loaded serial 2
OK
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: $ sudo systemctl status bind9
[sudo] password for ubuntu:
● named.service - BIND Domain Name Service
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/named.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Active: active (running) since Wed 2025-07-30 21:05:50 IST; 38min ago
     Docs: man:named(8)
  Process: 7506 ExecStart=/usr/sbin/named $OPTIONS (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
 Main PID: 7508 (named)
    Tasks: 38 (limit: 18711)
   Memory: 11.3M
      CPU: 534ms
   CGroup: /system.slice/named.service
           └─7508 /usr/sbin/named -u bind

Jul 30 21:43:49 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:500:a8::e#53
Jul 30 21:43:49 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:500:2::c#53
Jul 30 21:43:51 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: resolver priming query complete: timed out
Jul 30 21:43:51 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:7fd::1#53
Jul 30 21:43:51 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:dc3::35#53
Jul 30 21:43:51 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:500:2f::f#53
Jul 30 21:43:51 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:500:1:53#53
Jul 30 21:43:52 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:7fe::53#53
Jul 30 21:43:53 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:503:ba3e::2:30#53
Jul 30 21:43:53 ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC named[7508]: network unreachable resolving './NS/IN': 2001:500:2d::d#53
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: $ sudo named-checkzone mywebsite.local /etc/bind/db.mywebsite.local
zone mywebsite.local/IN: loaded serial 2
OK
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: $ cat /etc/bind/db.mywebsite.local
;
; BIND data file for local loopback interface
;
$TTL 604800
@ IN SOA ns1.mywebsite.local. admin.mywebsite.local. (
; Serial
2
; Refresh
604800
; Retry
86400
; Expire
2419200
604800 ) ; Negative Cache TTL
;
@ IN NS ns1.mywebsite.local.
ns1 IN A 172.25.6.38
www IN A 172.25.6.37
ubuntu@ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC: ~$

```


Step 3: Configure the Client (PC3)

1. **Set DNS Server in /etc/resolv.conf**

2. **Ubuntu Server (Netplan)**

Persistent and good for servers.

Find your interface name (e.g., enp3s0):

ip link

Edit your netplan YAML:

```
sudo nano /etc/netplan/01-netcfg.yaml
```

```
network:
```

```
  version: 2
```

```
  ethernets:
```

```
    enp3s0:
```

```
      dhcp4: yes
```

```
      nameservers:
```

```
        addresses: [172.25.6.38]
```

Apply:

```
sudo netplan apply
```

3. `sudo nano /etc/resolv.conf`

Add: nameserver 172.25.6.38

4. **Test DNS Resolution**

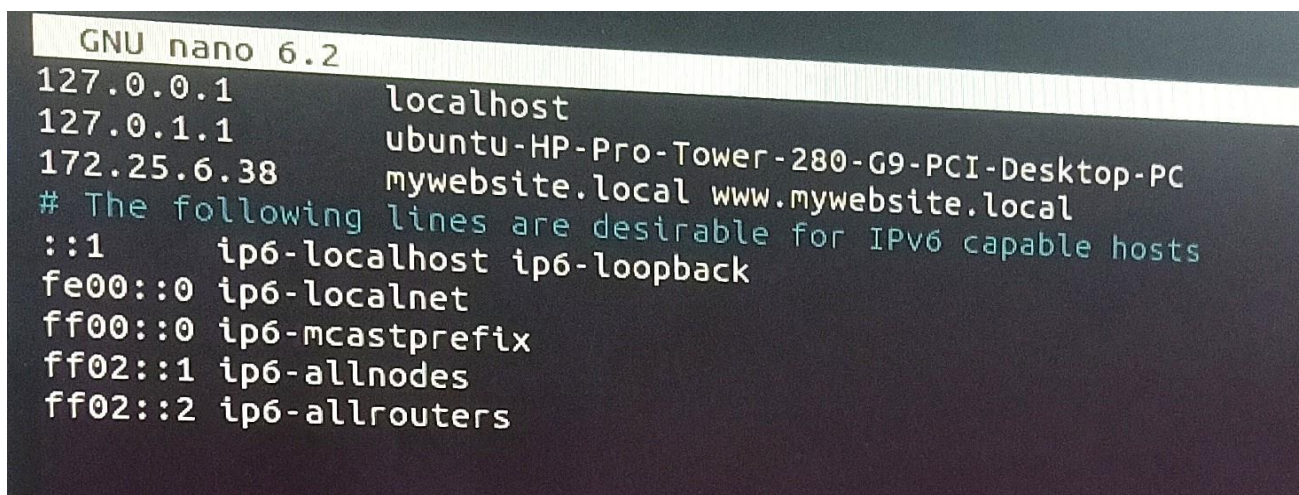
5. `nslookup www.mywebsite.local`

6. **Access Website via Browser or curl**

7. `curl http://www.mywebsite.local`

You should see:

<h1>Welcome to MyWebsite</h1>



```
GNU nano 6.2
127.0.0.1      localhost
127.0.1.1      ubuntu-HP-Pro-Tower-280-G9-PCI-Desktop-PC
172.25.6.38    mywebsite.local www.mywebsite.local
# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1           ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0       ip6-localnet
ff00::0       ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1       ip6-allnodes
ff02::2       ip6-allrouters
```


Final Output on Client(Browser) Machine:

