

**Communication Networks – HW5**  
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**Question 1 – HTTP:**

- a)
- i) Persistent Connection: Instead of opening and closing a TCP connection to the server for each image, we can utilize a single TCP connection that stays open. This eliminates the need of additional handshakes, reducing the number of RTT necessary.
  - ii) Pipelining: Instead of sending a request for an image and waiting for a response to send the next request, we can send all requests sequentially, without waiting for a response. The server will then answer with our requests in order. This saves the RTT while waiting for a response.
  - iii) Multiplexing: Pipelines can cause application-level HOL blocking in case of a delayed response. With multiplexing we can open several streams on the same TCP connection which will take turns in utilizing it, preventing application-level HOL blocking, which of course reduces the time needed to load the full page.
- b) CDN and/or local caching. While it will **not reduce the number of RTT** needed to load the page it will **reduce the waiting time** by reducing the RTT itself.

**Question 2 – HTTP Versions:**

- a) Multiplexing, header compression, server push.
- b) UDP based, independent streams, integrated security in a single handshake, no transport layer HOL blocking.

**Question 3 – DNS:**

- a) `www.TauNetworksCourse.com: type CNAME (CN), class IN,`  
`CompNets.ABB.com`  
`CompNets.ABB.com: type A, class IN, 150.37.1.122`

CN – Canonical Name: This means that the requested name was an alias, and the host needs to ask for the IP of its matched value instead. (www is a nickname)

A – Address: The actual IPv4 address needed to connect to the requested destination.

- b) `www.TauNetworksCourse.com: type CN/NS, class IN, CompNets.ABB.com`  
`CompNets.ABB.com: type A, class IN, 150.37.1.122`

In the case `www.TauNetworksCourse.com` is a host name – CN + A: same as before.

In the case it's a delegated sub-zone – NS + A:

NS – Name Server: the DNS doesn't know where `www.TauNetworksCourse.com` is, so it references the resolver to the appropriate name server `CompNets.ABB.com`, which is the authoritative for that zone, where it can find an answer.

A – Address: a glue record. the address of the name server specified in the previous record to which `www.TauNetworksCourse.com` is delegated, so the resolver can request the information from there.

Question 4 – DNS Cache Poisoning:

- a) An attacker can get the RR to resolve a name they'd like to take over. Then they can flood spoofed responses with R, R+1, R+2,..., in order to “intercept” a future request, just as was shown in class.
- b)
  - i) Randomize the source port and require it to be returned in the response.
  - ii) Use DNS-0x20.  
Since DNS labels are case insensitive, randomize letter capitalization in the request and require the same capitalization to be returned in the response.