

# Computer Networks Laboratory Week #4

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## Implementation of a Local DNS Server and Authoritative NameServer

DNS (Domain Name System) is the Internet's phone book; it translates hostnames to IP addresses (and vice versa). This translation is through DNS resolution, which happens behind the scene.

The objectives of this lab are to understand:

- Install, set up and deploy a local DNS server
- Deploy authoritative nameserver for example.com domain

### Lab Setup (with Internet Connection)

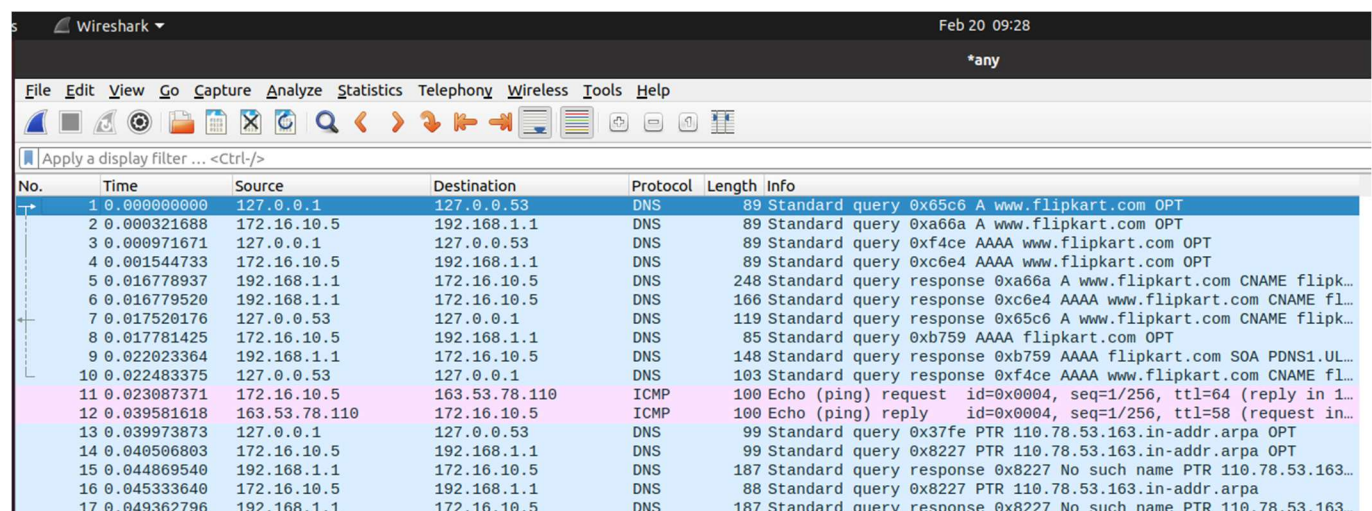
DNS Server: 10.2.22.184

User/Client:

10.2.22.195 **Note:** Use the default IP address provided by PESU LAN.

### Observation 1:

Ping a computer such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) (any domain). Please use Wireshark to show the DNS query triggered by your ping command and DNS response. Describe your observation.



The image shows a Wireshark network traffic capture. The top bar indicates the capture was taken on Feb 20 at 09:28. The filter bar shows '\*any'. The packet list table below shows 17 captured packets. The first 10 packets are DNS-related, showing queries and responses for 'www.flipkart.com'. The last 7 packets (11-17) are ICMP Echo (ping) requests and replies between 172.16.10.5 and 163.53.78.110.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000000	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	89	Standard query 0x65c6 A www.flipkart.com OPT
2	0.000321688	172.16.10.5	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0xa66a A www.flipkart.com OPT
3	0.000971671	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	89	Standard query 0xf4ce AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT
4	0.001544733	172.16.10.5	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0xc6e4 AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT
5	0.016778937	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.5	DNS	248	Standard query response 0xa66a A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipk...
6	0.016779520	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.5	DNS	166	Standard query response 0xc6e4 AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME fl...
7	0.017520176	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	119	Standard query response 0x65c6 A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipk...
8	0.017781425	172.16.10.5	192.168.1.1	DNS	85	Standard query 0xb759 AAAA flipkart.com OPT
9	0.022023364	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.5	DNS	148	Standard query response 0xb759 AAAA flipkart.com SOA PDNS1.UL...
10	0.022483375	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	103	Standard query response 0xf4ce AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME fl...
11	0.023087371	172.16.10.5	163.53.78.110	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) request id=0x0004, seq=1/256, ttl=64 (reply in 1...
12	0.039581618	163.53.78.110	172.16.10.5	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0004, seq=1/256, ttl=58 (request in...
13	0.039973873	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	99	Standard query 0x37fe PTR 110.78.53.163.in-addr.arpa OPT
14	0.040506803	172.16.10.5	192.168.1.1	DNS	99	Standard query 0x8227 PTR 110.78.53.163.in-addr.arpa OPT
15	0.044869540	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.5	DNS	187	Standard query response 0x8227 No such name PTR 110.78.53.163...
16	0.045333640	172.16.10.5	192.168.1.1	DNS	88	Standard query 0x8227 PTR 110.78.53.163.in-addr.arpa
17	0.049362796	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.5	DNS	187	Standard query response 0x8227 No such name PTR 110.78.53.163...

‣ Frame 1: 89 bytes on wire (712 bits), 89 bytes captured (712 bits) on interface any, id 0

‣ Linux cooked capture

Packet type: Unicast to us (0)  
Link-layer address type: 772  
Link-layer address length: 6  
Source: 00:00:00\_00:00:00 (00:00:00:00:00:00)  
Unused: 0000  
Protocol: IPv4 (0x0800)

‣ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.53

‣ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 43903, Dst Port: 53

‣ Domain Name System (query)

Transaction ID: 0x65c6

‣ Flags: 0x0120 Standard query

Questions: 1

Answer RRs: 0

Authority RRs: 0

Additional RRs: 1

‣ Queries

‣ www.flipkart.com: type A, class IN

Name: www.flipkart.com

[Name Length: 16]

[Label Count: 3]

Type: A (Host Address) (1)

Class: IN (0x0001)

‣ Additional records

[\[Response In: 7\]](#)

Packet type: Unicast to us (0)

Link-layer address type: 772

Link-layer address length: 6

Source: 00:00:00\_00:00:00 (00:00:00:00:00:00)

Unused: 0000

Protocol: IPv4 (0x0800)

‣ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.53, Dst: 127.0.0.1

‣ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 43903

‣ Domain Name System (response)

Transaction ID: 0x65c6

‣ Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error

[Questions: 1](#)

Answer RRs: 2

Authority RRs: 0

Additional RRs: 1

‣ Queries

‣ www.flipkart.com: type A, class IN

Name: www.flipkart.com

[Name Length: 16]

[Label Count: 3]

Type: A (Host Address) (1)

Class: IN (0x0001)

‣ Answers

‣ www.flipkart.com: type CNAME, class IN, cname flipkart.com

Name: www.flipkart.com

Type: CNAME (Canonical NAME for an alias) (5)

Class: IN (0x0001)

Time to live: 30 (30 seconds)

Data length: 2

CNAME: flipkart.com

‣ flipkart.com: type A, class IN, addr 163.53.78.110

Name: flipkart.com

Type: A (Host Address) (1)

Class: IN (0x0001)

Time to live: 23 (23 seconds)

Data length: 4

Address: 163.53.78.110

‣ Additional records

[\[Request In: 1\]](#)

[Time: 0.017520176 seconds]

## Observations -:

The messages are sent over UDP. The destination port for the DNS query message and the source port for the DNS response message is port 53. DNS query message is sent to 127.0.0.53. The IP address of the local DNS server is also the same. The DNS query message is of 'A' type. It does not contain any answers. The DNS response message provides 2 answers. The answer contains A type record along with flipkart's address 163.53.78.110. The destination of the IP address of the SYN packet corresponds to the IP address 163.53.78.110 provided in the response message.

## Part 1: Setting Up a Local DNS Server

### Task 1: Configure the User/Client Machine

```
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~$ sudo nano /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d/head
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~$ 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 192.168.11.5
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~$ sudo resolvconf -u
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~$ ping www.flipkart.com
PING flipkart.com (163.53.78.110) 56(84) bytes of data:
64 bytes from 163.53.78.110 (163.53.78.110): icmp_seq=1 ttl=56 time=24.9 ms
64 bytes from 163.53.78.110 (163.53.78.110): icmp_seq=2 ttl=56 time=18.4 ms
64 bytes from 163.53.78.110 (163.53.78.110): icmp_seq=3 ttl=56 time=16.9 ms
64 bytes from 163.53.78.110 (163.53.78.110): icmp_seq=4 ttl=56 time=17.2 ms
64 bytes from 163.53.78.110 (163.53.78.110): icmp_seq=5 ttl=56 time=21.9 ms
64 bytes from 163.53.78.110 (163.53.78.110): icmp_seq=6 ttl=56 time=22.7 ms
^C
--- flipkart.com ping statistics ---
6 packets transmitted, 6 received, 0% packet loss, time 9763ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 16.941/20.321/24.857/2.987 ms
```

Also, add 172.16.10.5 in 'Additional DNS servers' field in IPv4 settings of client machine.

Cancel Wired Apply

Details Identity **IPv4** IPv6 Security

**IPv4 Method**

- ☒ Automatic (DHCP)
- ☐ Link-Local Only
- ☐ Manual
- ☐ Disable
- ☐ Shared to other computers

**DNS** Automatic ☒

172.16.10.5

Separate IP addresses with commas

**Routes** Automatic ☒

Address	Netmask	Gateway	Metric

☐ Use this connection only for resources on its network

## Observation 2:

Ping a computer such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). Please use Wireshark to show the DNS query triggered by your ping command and DNS response. Describe your observation. (Take a screenshot).

### QUERY -:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000000	172.16.10.4	192.168.11.5	DNS	89	Standard query 0xbcf1 A www.flipkart.com OPT
2	0.000027142	172.16.10.4	192.168.11.5	DNS	89	Standard query 0x7fff AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT
3	5.005338552	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	89	Standard query 0xbcf1 A www.flipkart.com OPT
4	5.005362329	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	89	Standard query 0x7fff AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT
5	5.006183500	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0x7b1e A www.flipkart.com OPT
6	5.006616723	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0x6f40 AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT
7	5.018984933	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	248	Standard query response 0x7b1e A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com A 163.53.76.86 NS sdns14.ultradns.org NS sdns14.u
8	5.019297200	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	166	Standard query response 0x6f40 AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET OPT
9	5.019679966	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	119	Standard query response 0xbcf1 A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com A 163.53.76.86 OPT
10	5.019880117	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	85	Standard query 0x7cda AAAA flipkart.com OPT
11	5.032808756	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	148	Standard query response 0x7cda AAAA flipkart.com SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET OPT
12	5.033143315	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	103	Standard query response 0x7fff AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com OPT
13	5.033521104	172.16.10.4	163.53.76.86	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) request id=0x0005, seq=1/256, ttl=64 (reply in 14)
14	5.093541219	163.53.76.86	172.16.10.4	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0005, seq=1/256, ttl=56 (request in 13)
15	5.093711453	172.16.10.4	192.168.11.5	DNS	98	Standard query 0x14b1 PTR 86.76.53.163.in-addr.arpa OPT
16	10.099730485	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	98	Standard query 0x14b1 PTR 86.76.53.163.in-addr.arpa OPT
17	10.100205698	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	98	Standard query 0xee20 PTR 86.76.53.163.in-addr.arpa OPT
18	10.100596694	PcsCompu_d5:ae:45		ARP	44	Who has 172.16.10.1? Tell 172.16.10.4
19	10.101729203	RealtekU 12:35:00		ARP	62	172.16.10.1 is at 52:54:00:12:35:00
Frame 1: 89 bytes on wire (712 bits), 89 bytes captured (712 bits) on interface any, id 0						
Linux cooked capture v1						
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.16.10.4, Dst: 192.168.11.5						
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 39854, Dst Port: 53						
Domain Name System (query)						
Transaction ID: 0xbcf1						
Flags: 0x0120 Standard query						
Questions: 1						
Answer RRs: 0						
Authority RRs: 0						
Additional RRs: 1						
Queries						
www.flipkart.com: type A, class IN						
Additional records						

### RESPONSE -:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000000	172.16.10.4	192.168.11.5	DNS	89	Standard query 0xbcf1 A www.flipkart.com OPT
2	0.000027142	172.16.10.4	192.168.11.5	DNS	89	Standard query 0x7fff AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT
3	5.005338552	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	89	Standard query 0xbcf1 A www.flipkart.com OPT
4	5.005362329	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	89	Standard query 0x7fff AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT
5	5.006183500	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0x7b1e A www.flipkart.com OPT
6	5.006616723	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0x6f40 AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT
7	5.018984933	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	248	Standard query response 0x7b1e A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com A 163.53.76.86 NS sdns14.ultradns.org NS sdns14.u
8	5.019297200	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	166	Standard query response 0x6f40 AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET OPT
9	5.019679966	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	119	Standard query response 0xbcf1 A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com A 163.53.76.86 OPT
10	5.019880117	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	85	Standard query 0x7cda AAAA flipkart.com OPT
11	5.032808756	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	148	Standard query response 0x7cda AAAA flipkart.com SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET OPT
12	5.033143315	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	103	Standard query response 0x7fff AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com OPT
13	5.033521104	172.16.10.4	163.53.76.86	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) request id=0x0005, seq=1/256, ttl=64 (reply in 14)
14	5.093541219	163.53.76.86	172.16.10.4	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0005, seq=1/256, ttl=56 (request in 13)
15	5.093711453	172.16.10.4	192.168.11.5	DNS	98	Standard query 0x14b1 PTR 86.76.53.163.in-addr.arpa OPT
16	10.099730485	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	98	Standard query 0x14b1 PTR 86.76.53.163.in-addr.arpa OPT
17	10.100205698	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	98	Standard query 0xee20 PTR 86.76.53.163.in-addr.arpa OPT
18	10.100596694	PcsCompu_d5:ae:45		ARP	44	Who has 172.16.10.1? Tell 172.16.10.4
19	10.101729203	RealtekU 12:35:00		ARP	62	172.16.10.1 is at 52:54:00:12:35:00
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 59768						
Domain Name System (response)						
Transaction ID: 0x7b1e						
Flags: 0x8100 Standard query response, No error						
Questions: 1						
Answer RRs: 2						
Authority RRs: 4						
Additional RRs: 1						
Queries						
www.flipkart.com: type A, class IN						
Answers						
www.flipkart.com: type CNAME, class IN, cname flipkart.com						
flipkart.com: type A, class IN, addr 163.53.76.86						
Authoritative nameservers						
Additional records						
(Request In: 5)						

Messages are sent over UDP. Destination port for DNS query message and source port for query response message is port 53. DNS query is of A type and does not have any answers whereas DNS response has 2 answers.



## Task 2: Set Up a Local DNS Server

Note: If bind9 server is not already installed, install using the command

```
$ sudo apt-get update
```

```
$ sudo apt-get install bind9
```

### Step 1: Configure the BIND9 Server.

BIND9 gets its configuration from a file called `/etc/bind/named.conf`. This file is the primary configuration file, and it usually contains several “include” entries. One of the included files is called `/etc/bind/named.conf.options`. This is where we typically set up the configuration options. Let us first set up an option related to DNS cache by adding a dump-file entry to the options block. The above option specifies where the cache content should be dumped to if BIND is asked to dump its cache.

```
isfcr@isfcr-H110M-H:~$ sudo nano /etc/bind/named.conf.options
[sudo] password for isfcr:

GNU nano 2.5.3      File: /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";
}
```

The above option specifies where the cache content should be dumped to if BIND is asked to dump its cache. If this option is not specified, BIND dumps the cache to a default file called `/var/cache/bind/named_dump.db`.

### Step 2: Start DNS server

We start the DNS server using the command:

```
$ sudo service bind9 restart
```

```
isfcr@isfcr-H110M-H:~$ sudo service bind9 restart
isfcr@isfcr-H110M-H:~$
```

### Observation 3:

Now, go back to your user machine (10.2.22.195), and ping a computer such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) and describe your observation. Please use Wireshark to show the DNS query triggered by your ping command. Please also indicate when the DNS cache is used. (Take a screenshot).

### Query -:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000000	172.16.10.4	192.168.11.5	DNS	78	Standard query 0x1a77 A www.flipkart.com
2	0.000000000	172.16.10.4	192.168.11.5	DNS	78	Standard query 0x8f71 AAAA www.flipkart.com
3	5.00214383	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	78	Standard query 0x1a77 A www.flipkart.com
4	5.002181966	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	78	Standard query 0x8f71 AAAA www.flipkart.com
5	5.002612523	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0x2b65 A www.flipkart.com OPT
6	5.003292770	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0x0fd5 AAAA www.flipkart.com OPT
7	5.024610872	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	248	Standard query response 0x2b65 A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com A 163.53.78.110 NS sdn514.ultradns.org NS sdn514...
8	5.024914016	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	166	Standard query response 0x0fd5 AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET OPT
9	5.025340997	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	198	Standard query response 0x1a77 A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com A 163.53.78.110
10	5.025788310	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	85	Standard query 0x2329 AAAA flipkart.com OPT
11	5.037034677	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	148	Standard query response 0x2329 AAAA flipkart.com SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET OPT
12	5.037496960	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	92	Standard query response 0x8f71 AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME flipkart.com
13	5.038100196	172.16.10.4	163.53.78.110	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=1/256, ttl=64 (reply in 14)
14	5.055251839	163.53.78.110	172.16.10.4	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=1/256, ttl=56 (request in 13)
15	5.055520793	172.16.10.4	192.168.11.5	DNS	88	Standard query 0xc49e PTR 110.78.53.163.in-addr.arpa
16	5.177982913	PcsCompu_d5:ae:45	172.16.10.4	ARP	44	Who has 172.16.10.1? Tell 172.16.10.4
17	5.178535698	RealtekU_12:35:00	172.16.10.1	ARP	62	172.16.10.1 is at 52:54:00:12:35:00
18	10.061200145	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	88	Standard query 0xc49e PTR 110.78.53.163.in-addr.arpa
19	10.061559839	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	99	Standard query 0x74bf PTR 110.78.53.163.in-addr.arpa OPT

Frame 3: 78 bytes on wire (624 bits), 78 bytes captured (624 bits) on interface any, id 0  
Linux cooked capture v1  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.53  
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 50218, Dst Port: 53  
Domain Name System (query)  
Transaction ID: 0x1a77  
Flags: 0x0100 Standard query  
Questions: 1  
Answer RRs: 0  
Authority RRs: 0  
Additional RRs: 0  
Queries  
www.flipkart.com: type A, class IN  
[Response In: 9]

### Response -:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
9	10.061200145	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	198	Standard query response 0xc49e PTR 110.78.53.163.in-addr.arpa

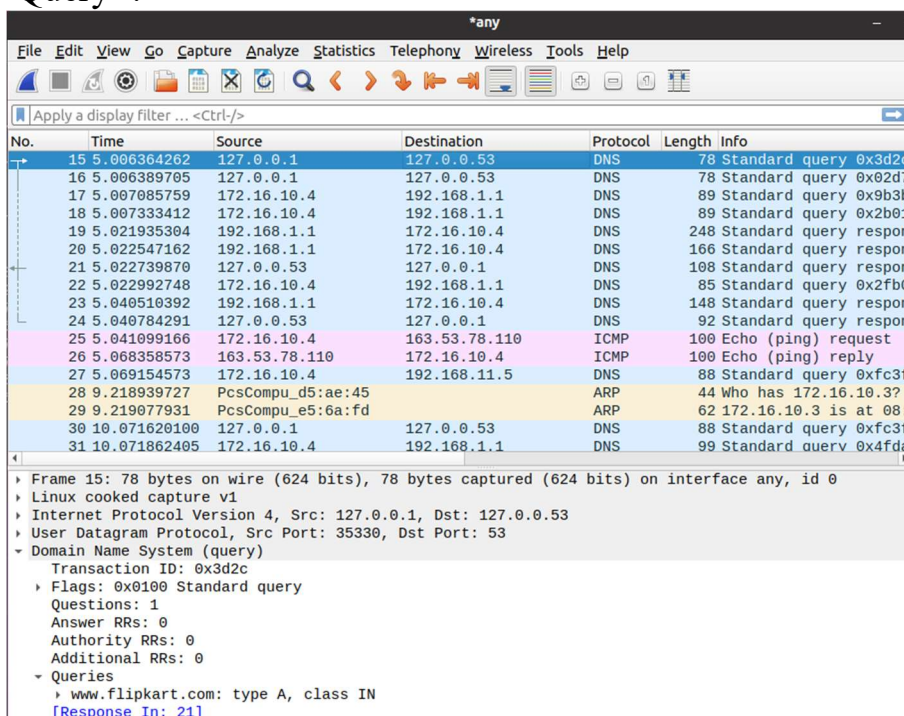
Frame 9: 108 bytes on wire (864 bits), 108 bytes captured (864 bits) on interface any, id 0  
Linux cooked capture v1  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.53, Dst: 127.0.0.1  
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 50218  
Domain Name System (response)  
Transaction ID: 0x1a77  
Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error  
Questions: 1  
Answer RRs: 2  
Authority RRs: 0  
Additional RRs: 0  
Queries  
www.flipkart.com: type A, class IN  
Name: www.flipkart.com  
[Name Length: 16]  
[Label Count: 3]  
Type: A (Host Address) (1)  
Class: IN (0x0001)  
Answers  
www.flipkart.com: type CNAME, class IN, cname flipkart.com  
Name: www.flipkart.com  
Type: CNAME (Canonical NAME for an alias) (5)  
Class: IN (0x0001)  
Time to live: 51 (51 seconds)  
Data length: 2  
CNAME: flipkart.com  
flipkart.com: type A, class IN, addr 163.53.78.110  
Name: flipkart.com  
Type: A (Host Address) (1)  
Class: IN (0x0001)  
Time to live: 2 (2 seconds)  
Data length: 4  
Address: 163.53.78.110  
[Request In: 3]  
[Time: 0.023196614 seconds]

## Observation 4:

The two commands shown below are related to DNS cache. The first command dumps the content of the cache to the file specified above, and the second command clears the cache. You need extract the DNS cache using 'grep' command and take screenshot of [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) DNS cache.

```
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~$ sudo service bind9 restart
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~$ sudo rndc dumpdb -cache
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~$ sudo rndc flush
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~$ cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db
;
; Start view _default
;
;
; Cache dump of view '_default' (cache _default)
;
; using a 604800 second stale ttl
$DATE 20210213180035
; secure
.
      1123191 IN NS      a.root-servers.net.
      1123191 IN NS      b.root-servers.net.
      1123191 IN NS      c.root-servers.net.
      1123191 IN NS      d.root-servers.net.
      1123191 IN NS      e.root-servers.net.
      1123191 IN NS      f.root-servers.net.
      1123191 IN NS      g.root-servers.net.
      1123191 IN NS      h.root-servers.net.
```

## Query -:



The screenshot shows a Wireshark packet capture window titled '\*any'. The packet list pane displays a series of network packets. The selected packet is packet 15, a DNS Standard query from 127.0.0.1 to 127.0.0.53. The packet details pane shows the structure of the DNS query, including the transaction ID (0x3d2c), flags (0x0100), and the query for www.flipkart.com.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
15	5.006364262	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	78	Standard query 0x3d2c
16	5.006389705	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	78	Standard query 0x02d7
17	5.007085759	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0x9b3b
18	5.007333412	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	89	Standard query 0x2b01
19	5.021935304	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	248	Standard query response
20	5.022547162	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	166	Standard query response
21	5.022739870	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	108	Standard query response
22	5.022992748	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	85	Standard query 0x2fb0
23	5.040510392	192.168.1.1	172.16.10.4	DNS	148	Standard query response
24	5.040784291	127.0.0.53	127.0.0.1	DNS	92	Standard query response
25	5.041099166	172.16.10.4	163.53.78.110	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) request
26	5.068358573	163.53.78.110	172.16.10.4	ICMP	100	Echo (ping) reply
27	5.069154573	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	88	Standard query 0xfc3f
28	9.218939727	PcsCompu_d5:ae:45		ARP	44	Who has 172.16.10.3?
29	9.219077931	PcsCompu_e5:6a:fd		ARP	62	172.16.10.3 is at 08:00:00:00:00:00
30	10.071620100	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.53	DNS	88	Standard query 0xfc3f
31	10.071862405	172.16.10.4	192.168.1.1	DNS	99	Standard query 0x4fda

Frame 15: 78 bytes on wire (624 bits), 78 bytes captured (624 bits) on interface any, id 0  
Linux cooked capture v1  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.53  
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 35330, Dst Port: 53  
Domain Name System (query)  
Transaction ID: 0x3d2c  
Flags: 0x0100 Standard query  
Questions: 1  
Answer RRs: 0  
Authority RRs: 0  
Additional RRs: 0  
Queries  
www.flipkart.com: type A, class IN  
[Response In: 21]



## Response -:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
▶	Frame 21:	108 bytes on wire (864 bits), 108 bytes captured (864 bits) on interface any, id 0				
▶	Linux cooked capture v1					
▶	Internet Protocol Version 4,	Src: 127.0.0.53, Dst: 127.0.0.1				
▶	User Datagram Protocol,	Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 35330				
▼	Domain Name System (response)					
	Transaction ID:	0x3d2c				
▶	Flags:	0x8180 Standard query response, No error				
	Questions:	1				
	Answer RRs:	2				
	Authority RRs:	0				
	Additional RRs:	0				
▼	Queries					
▶	www.flipkart.com:	type A, class IN				
▼	Answers					
▼	www.flipkart.com:	type CNAME, class IN, cname flipkart.com				
	Name:	www.flipkart.com				
	Type:	CNAME (Canonical NAME for an alias) (5)				
	Class:	IN (0x0001)				
	Time to live:	6 (6 seconds)				
	Data length:	2				
	CNAME:	flipkart.com				
▼	flipkart.com:	type A, class IN, addr 163.53.78.110				
	Name:	flipkart.com				
	Type:	A (Host Address) (1)				
	Class:	IN (0x0001)				
	Time to live:	12 (12 seconds)				
	Data length:	4				
	Address:	163.53.78.110				
	<a href="#">[Request In: 15]</a>					
	[Time: 0.016375608 seconds]					

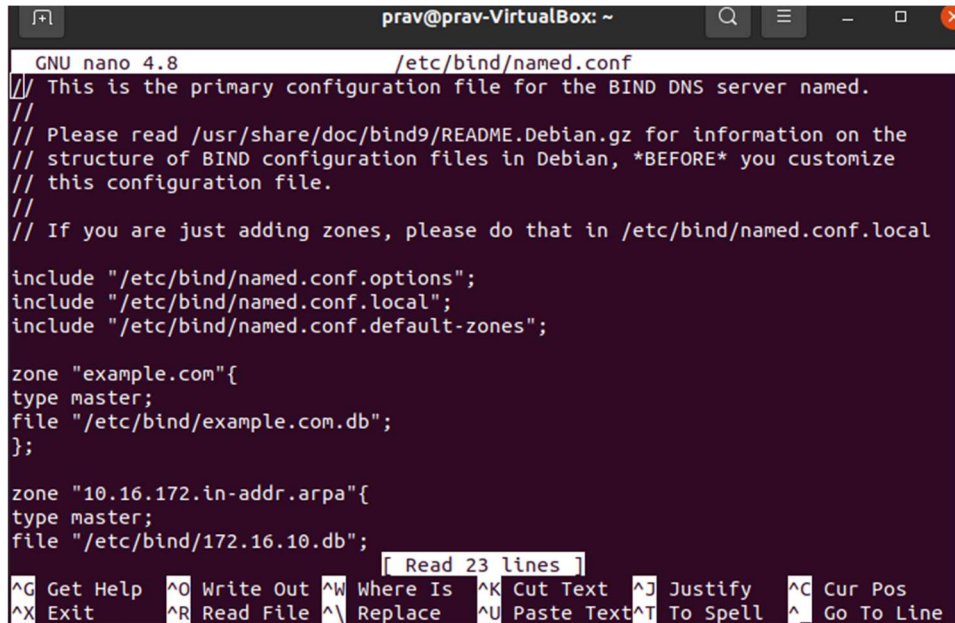
```
776421 NS sdns14.ultradns.net.
776421 NS sdns14.ultradns.org.
; answer
603682 \-AAAA ;-$NXRRSET
; flipkart.com. SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET. sysadmin.flipkart.com. 2017031451 10800 3600 604800 60
; secure
604522 \-DS ;-$NXRRSET
; com. SOA a.gtld-servers.net. nstld.verisign-grs.com. 1601217418 1800 900 604800 86400
; com. RRSIG SOA ...
; 9DA2HK6CJ3BHAHTF53KBTDGK69URBEOM.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ...
; 9DA2HK6CJ3BHAHTF53KBTDGK69URBEOM.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - 9DA371G06E8VFLGI7IRRDEHQP1Q5807 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 ...
; 894I08AM9NDQ8VM84GPASGU0QDHFLFS1.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ...
; 894I08AM9NDQ8VM84GPASGU0QDHFLFS1.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - 894K5P3AV8ST0BT00AAM4718T0USQMAT NS DS RRSIG
```



## Part 2: Setting Up Authoritative Nameserver for example.com domain

### Task 3: Host a Zone in the Local DNS server.

#### Step 1: Create Zones



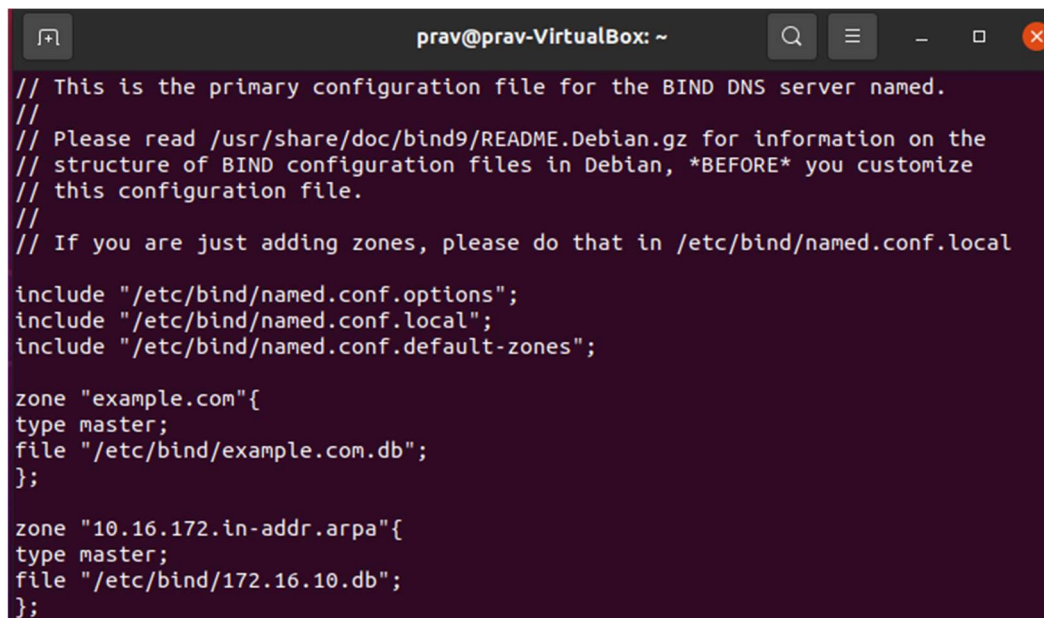
```
GNU nano 4.8 /etc/bind/named.conf
// This is the primary configuration file for the BIND DNS server named.
//
// Please read /usr/share/doc/bind9/README.Debian.gz for information on the
// structure of BIND configuration files in Debian, *BEFORE* you customize
// this configuration file.
//
// If 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 "10.16.172.in-addr.arpa"{
type master;
file "/etc/bind/172.16.10.db";
};

Read 23 lines
^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
```



```
// This is the primary configuration file for the BIND DNS server named.
//
// Please read /usr/share/doc/bind9/README.Debian.gz for information on the
// structure of BIND configuration files in Debian, *BEFORE* you customize
// this configuration file.
//
// If you are just adding zones, please do that in /etc/bind/named.conf.local

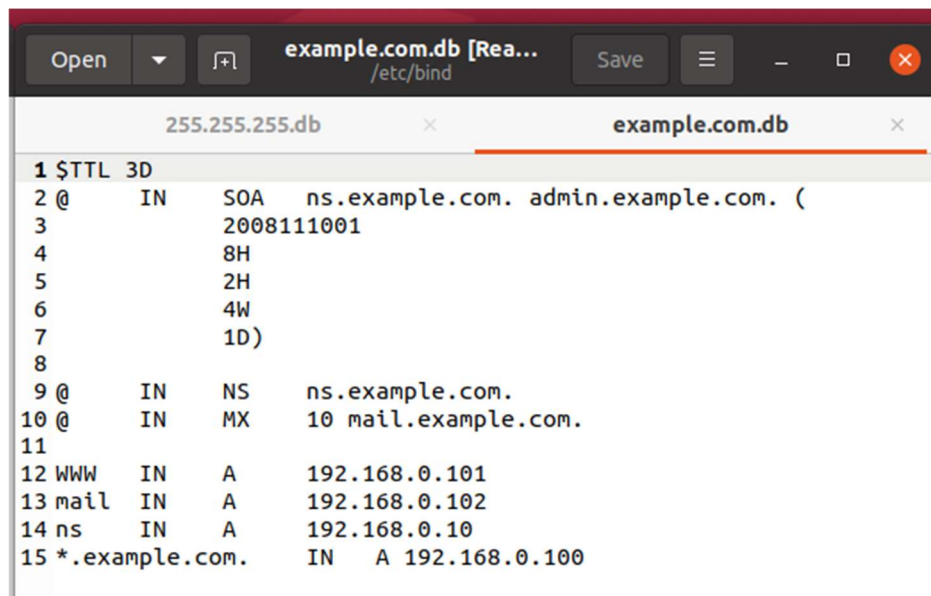
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.options";
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.local";
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.default-zones";

zone "example.com"{
type master;
file "/etc/bind/example.com.db";
};

zone "10.16.172.in-addr.arpa"{
type master;
file "/etc/bind/172.16.10.db";
};
```

## Step 2: Setup the forward lookup zone file

We create **example.com.db** zone file with the following contents in the **/etc/bind/** directory where the actual DNS resolution is stored.



```
1 $TTL 3D
2 @      IN      SOA  ns.example.com. admin.example.com. (
3          2008111001
4          8H
5          2H
6          4W
7          1D)
8
9 @      IN      NS   ns.example.com.
10 @     IN      MX   10 mail.example.com.
11
12 WWW   IN      A    192.168.0.101
13 mail  IN      A    192.168.0.102
14 ns    IN      A    192.168.0.10
15 *.example.com. IN  A  192.168.0.100
```

The symbol '@' is a special notation representing the origin specified in **named.conf** (the string after "zone"). Therefore, '@' here stands for **example.com**. This zone file contains 7 resource records (RRs), including a SOA (Start Of Authority) RR, a NS (Name Server) RR, a MX (Mail eXchanger) RR, and 4 A (host Address) RRs.

## Step 3: Setup the reverse lookup zone file

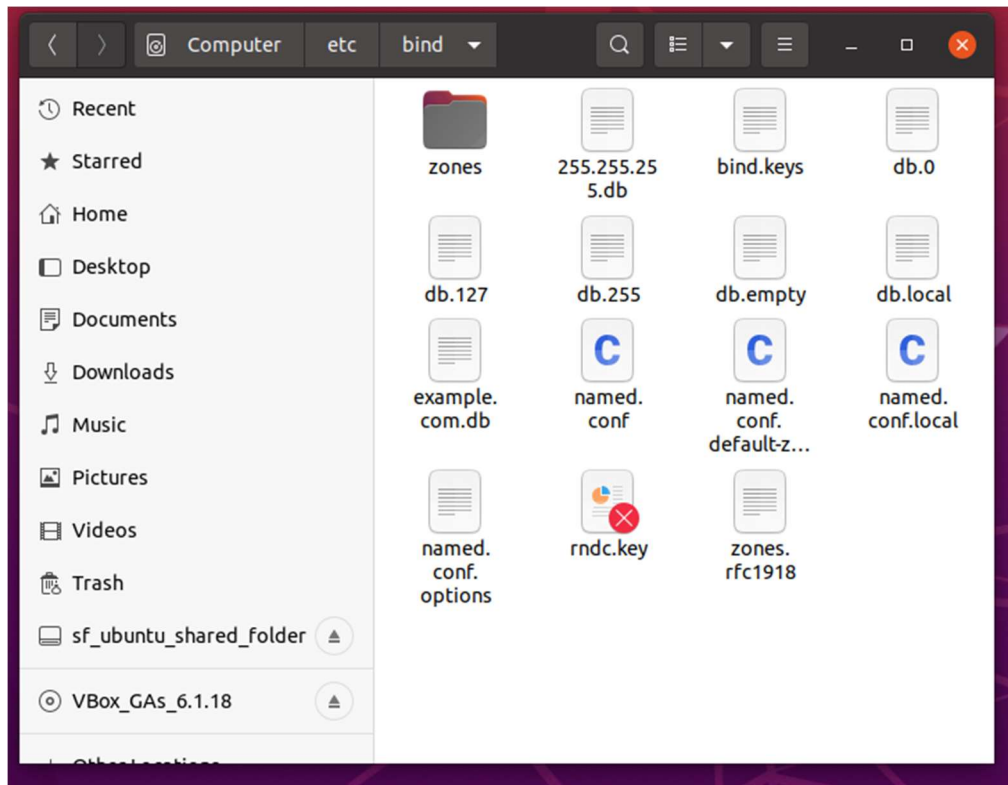
We create a reverse DNS lookup file called **255.255.255.db** for the example.net domain to support DNS reverse lookup, i.e., from IP address to hostname in the **/etc/bind/** directory with the following contents.



```
1 $TTL 3D
2 @      IN      SOA  ns.example.com. admin.example.com. (
3          2008111001
4          8H
5          2H
6          4W
7          1D)
8 @      IN      NS   ns.example.com.
9
10 101    IN      PTR  www.example.com.
11 102    IN      PTR  mail.example.com.
12 10     IN      PTR  ns.example.com.
```

**Step 4:** Copy the above files into **/etc/bind** location.

```
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~/Documents$ sudo cp 255.255.255.db /etc/bind
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~/Documents$ sudo cp example.com.db /etc/bind
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~/Documents$
```



**Task 4: Restart the BIND server and test**

**Step 1:** When all the changes are made, remember to restart the BIND server. Now we will restart the DNS server using the following command:

**\$ sudo service bind9 restart**

```
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~/Documents$ sudo service bind9 restart
prav@prav-VirtualBox:~/Documents$
```

**Step 2:** Now, go back to the client machine and ask the local DNS server for the IP address of **www.example.com** using the **dig** command.

**Dig** stands for (Domain Information Groper) is a network administration command-line tool for querying DNS name servers. It is useful for verifying and troubleshooting DNS problems and also to perform DNS lookups and displays the answers that are returned from the name server



that were queried. dig is part of the BIND domain name server software suite.

```
; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> www.example.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 38921
;; flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
; COOKIE: f1a950155f34f6ed010000005f708c04d4cfa9d4ece5a3ec (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.example.com.                IN      A

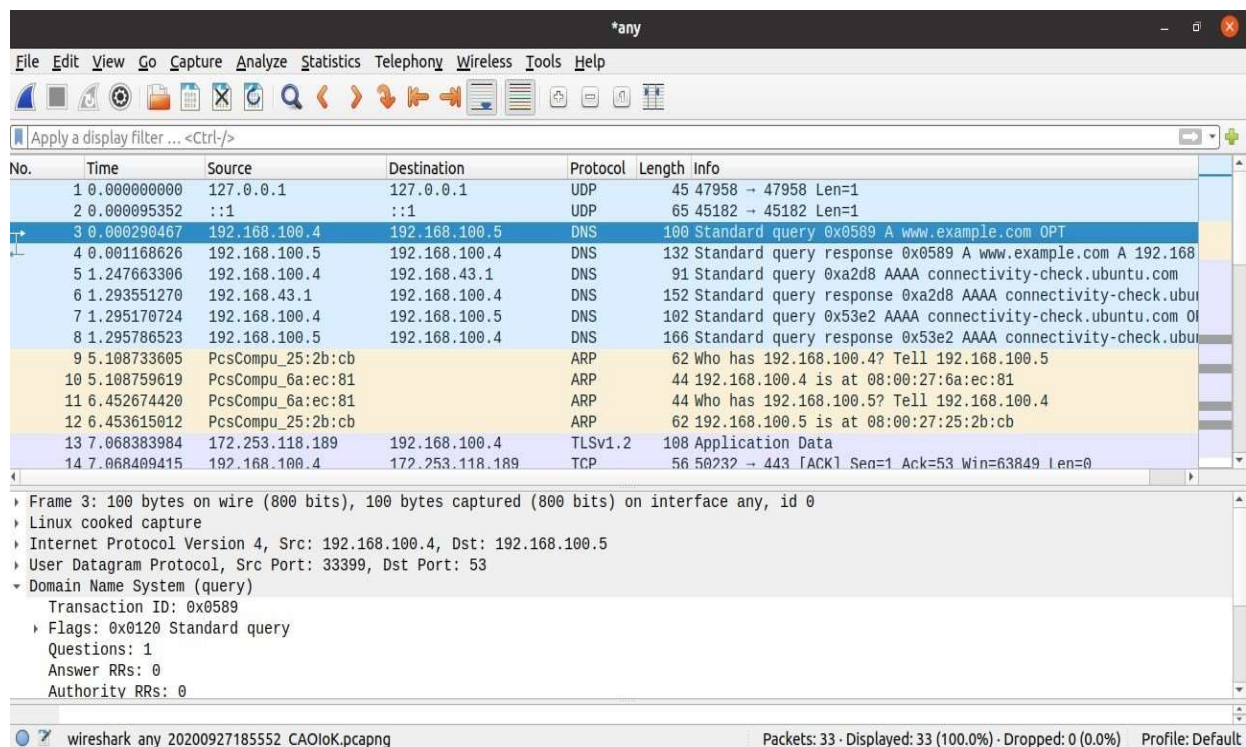
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.com.                259200  IN      A      192.168.100.101

;; Query time: 0 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.100.5#53(192.168.100.5)
```

We can see that the ANSWER SECTION contains the DNS mapping. We can see that the IP address of [www.example.com](http://www.example.com) is now 10.2.22.101, which is what we have setup in the DNS server.

### Step 3: Observe the results in Wireshark capture.

#### Query -:



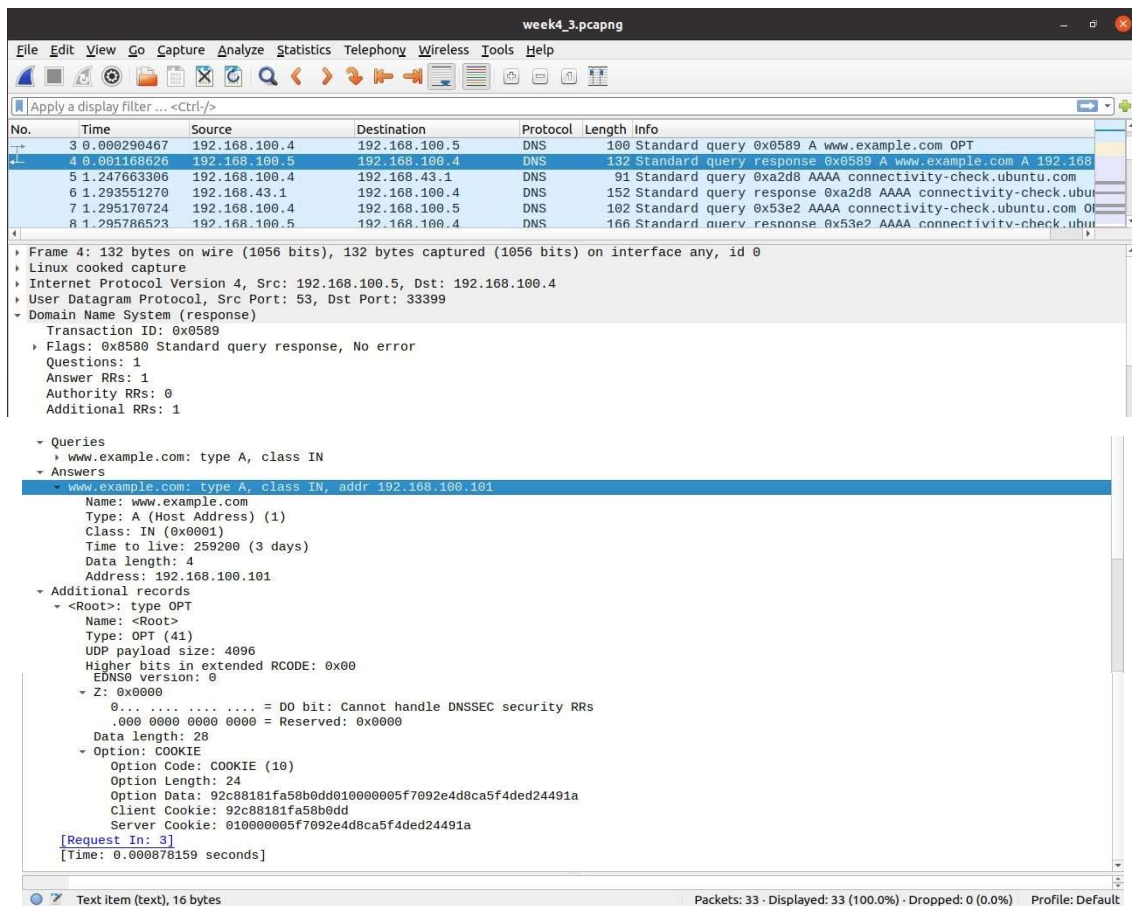
The image shows a Wireshark network capture window. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Go, Capture, Analyze, Statistics, Telephony, Wireless, Tools, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. A display filter bar shows "Apply a display filter... <Ctrl-/>". The main packet list table has columns for No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, Length, and Info. The table contains 14 packets. Packet 3 is a DNS Standard query from 192.168.100.4 to 192.168.100.5. Packet 4 is a DNS Standard query response from 192.168.100.5 to 192.168.100.4. The packet details pane on the right shows the selected packet (Frame 3) with its structure: Ethernet II, Internet Protocol Version 4, User Datagram Protocol, and Domain Name System (query). The DNS query details show Transaction ID: 0x0589, Flags: 0x0120 Standard query, Questions: 1, Answer RRs: 0, and Authority RRs: 0.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000000	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	UDP	45	47958 → 47958 Len=1
2	0.000095352	::1	::1	UDP	65	45182 → 45182 Len=1
3	0.000290467	192.168.100.4	192.168.100.5	DNS	100	Standard query 0x0589 A www.example.com OPT
4	0.001168626	192.168.100.5	192.168.100.4	DNS	132	Standard query response 0x0589 A www.example.com A 192.168
5	1.247663306	192.168.100.4	192.168.43.1	DNS	91	Standard query 0xa2d8 AAAA connectivity-check.ubuntu.com
6	1.293551270	192.168.43.1	192.168.100.4	DNS	152	Standard query response 0xa2d8 AAAA connectivity-check.ubun
7	1.295170724	192.168.100.4	192.168.100.5	DNS	102	Standard query 0x53e2 AAAA connectivity-check.ubuntu.com O
8	1.295786523	192.168.100.5	192.168.100.4	DNS	166	Standard query response 0x53e2 AAAA connectivity-check.ubun
9	5.108733605	PcsCompu_25:2b:cb		ARP	62	Who has 192.168.100.4? Tell 192.168.100.5
10	5.108759619	PcsCompu_6a:ec:81		ARP	44	192.168.100.4 is at 08:00:27:6a:ec:81
11	6.452674420	PcsCompu_6a:ec:81		ARP	44	Who has 192.168.100.5? Tell 192.168.100.4
12	6.453615012	PcsCompu_25:2b:cb		ARP	62	192.168.100.5 is at 08:00:27:25:2b:cb
13	7.068383984	172.253.118.189	192.168.100.4	TLSv1.2	108	Application Data
14	7.068409415	192.168.100.4	172.253.118.189	TCP	56	50232 → 443 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=53 Win=63849 Len=0

Frame 3: 100 bytes on wire (800 bits), 100 bytes captured (800 bits) on interface any, id 0  
Linux cooked capture  
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.100.4, Dst: 192.168.100.5  
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 33399, Dst Port: 53  
Domain Name System (query)  
Transaction ID: 0x0589  
Flags: 0x0120 Standard query  
Questions: 1  
Answer RRs: 0  
Authority RRs: 0

wireshark\_any\_20200927185552\_CAIOlK.pcapng      Packets: 33 · Displayed: 33 (100.0%) · Dropped: 0 (0.0%)      Profile: Default

Response -:



## Observation Notebook Requirements:

For 'ping **www.flipkart.com**', answer the following questions

- 1) Locate the DNS query and response messages. Are then sent over UDP or TCP?

The DNS query and response messages are sent over UDP.

- 2) What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of DNS response message?

The destination port for the query message and the source port for the DNS response message is port 53.

- 3) 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?

The DNS query message is made to server at the IP Address 192.168.100. Yes, the 2 IP Addresses are the same.

- 4) Examine the DNS query message. What “Type” of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any “answers”?

It is of type A, which means authoritative. The query message does not contain any answers.

- 5) Examine the DNS response message. How many “answers” are provided? What do each of these answers contain?

The answer section of DNS response message contains 1 resource record, which is from example.com and its of type A, class IN.

- 6) 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?

The destination IP address of the SYN packet corresponds to the IP address of hostname ([www.example.com](http://www.example.com)) retrieved from the response message.