



Exercise 6.3: Create a reverse DNS zone for the 10.20.45.0/255.255.255.0 network listed above

Create an authoritative zone for the 45.20.10.in-addr.arpa domain.

Solution 6.3

1. Create an entry in the `named.conf` file for your new zone.

- For **OpenSUSE** or **CentOS** Edit the file `/etc/named.conf`.

Add a stanza like this:

```
zone "45.20.10.in-addr.arpa." IN {
    type master;
    file "45.20.10.in-addr.arpa.zone";
};
```

- For **Ubuntu** Edit the file `/etc/bind/named.conf.local`

Add a stanza like this:

```
zone "45.20.10.in-addr.arpa." IN {
    type master;
    file "/etc/bind/45.20.10.in-addr.arpa.zone";
};
```

2. Create a new zone file for the "45.20.10.in-addr.arpa" domain.

- For **CentOS** put your zone files in the directory `/var/named/`
- For **OpenSUSE** put your zone files in the directory `/var/lib/named/`
- For **Ubuntu** put your zone files in the directory `/etc/bind/`

```
$TTL 30
@ IN SOA localhost. admin.example.com. (
2012092901 ; serial YYYYMMDDRR format
3H        ; refresh
1H        ; retry
2H        ; expire
1M)       ; neg ttl
@ IN NS localhost.;
;generate 1-254
$GENERATE 1-254 $ IN PTR host$.example.com.
```

3. Test your configuration with **named-checkzone** or **named-checkconf -z**

4. Reload the **named** daemon.

```
# rndc reload
```

5. Test your new DNS entries.

```
$ host 10.20.45.7 localhost
$ host 10.20.45.37 localhost
$ host 10.20.45.73 localhost
```