

Tutorial 1 (Week 5)

Note: Some questions are from past exams. Please note that mid-term test is MCQs.

Section I - Multiple Choice, Fill-in Questions

1. List the four different types of delays encountered in packet switched networks:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
2. Consider the operation of downloading a Web page consisting of an index page that references 3 JPEG objects located on the same server. Ignoring latency involved in transferring the objects themselves, fill in the blanks below with the correct values:
 - a. Utilizing HTTP/1.0 with no parallel connection capability, the number of RTTs required to download the page is _____.
 - b. Utilizing the HTTP/1.1 with pipelining, _____ RTTs are required to download the page.
3. DNS responses have a TTL field. Why is this necessary?
 - a. The TTL field is decremented at each DNS server that the response passes through on its way to the client, and servers drop responses with a TTL of 0, so the TTL field prevents responses from looping indefinitely.
 - b. The TTL field allows DNS servers to prevent cache poisoning.
 - c. The TTL field is necessary for tracking the number of DNS servers involved in resolving the query.
 - d. The TTL field causes DNS servers to delete entries after some time, so that if the host moves and the underlying address changes, the server will eventually get the correct address.
4. Transport layer may be able to provide reliability by using its own mechanisms, despite working over an unreliable network layer.
 - a. True.
 - b. False.
5. UDP has which of the following characteristics:
 - a. Three-way hand shake for connection establishment.
 - b. Connection state at the server.
 - c. Regulated send rate.
 - d. None of the above.

Section II – Problem Solving

Instructions: For numerical questions, calculate the values requested and provide a *numeric answer* for each question. *Show your work* for each problem. Select the numeric result of your calculations from the choices provide, or fill in the blanks where requested.

1. Calculate the *end-to-end delay*, *d_{end-end}*, between the source host and the destination host in a network with 4 routers between source and destination? Assume that the network is NOT congested (i.e. *d_{queue}* is insignificant), and that:
 - i. all packets are 10,000 bits in length,
 - ii. each link between source and destination is 5 kilometers long,
 - iii. the processing time is 10msec at the source host and at each router,
 - iv. the transmission rate from the source host and each router is 1Mbps,
 - v. the propagation speed of each link is 2.5×10^8 meters/second.

ANSWER:

- a. 88 milliseconds
 - b. 100.1 milliseconds
 - c. 110 milliseconds
 - d. 1.21 seconds
2. UDP and TCP use 1s complement for their checksums. Suppose you have the following three 8-bit bytes: 01010101, 01110000, 01001100. What is the 1's complement of the sum of these 8-bit bytes? (Note although TCP and UDP use 16-bit words in computing the checksum, for this problem we will only consider 8-bit summands). Show all work. Is it possible that a 1-bit error will go undetected by the checksum? How about a two-bit error?
3. Answer these questions in a concise manner. A few sentences (2-3) should suffice.
 - a. List one advantage and one disadvantage of using a text-based header (as in HTTP) instead of a binary format (as in IP and TCP).
 - b. Web caches and content distribution networks (CDNs) both reduce the time for a client to download Web pages by moving content closer to the users. Give two reasons why CDNs have been more widely deployed (and successful) than Web caching?

4. Salil wants to watch a live stream of a UEFA soccer game using the VLC video player. He opens VLC and points it to `vidl.streaming.uefa.com`. The VLC player calls `gethostbyname()` with the given name to obtain the IP address of the server. As a result, of the `gethostbyname()` call, the local DNS client in Salil's machine contacts his local DNS server to translate the host name to an IP address. The local DNS server performs an **iterative lookup**. The table below contains the DNS entries with each row corresponding to a DNS record. The entries are grouped by the DNS server in which they are stored. For example, R1 and R2 are stored in the local DNS server (`localdns.localdomain.com`), R3 and R4 are stored in the E root server, and so on.

Record #	Name	TTL (sec)	IN	Type	Value
localdns.localdomain.com					
R1	.	262542	IN	NS	e.root-servers.net
R2	e.root-servers.net	348942	IN	A	192.203.230.10
e.root-servers.net					
R3	com.	172800	IN	NS	f.gtld-servers.net
R4	f.gtld-servers.net	172800	IN	A	192.35.51.30
f.gtld-servers.net					
R5	uefa.com.	172800	IN	NS	4klinsmann.uefa.com.
R6	4klinsmann.uefa.com.	172800	IN	A	205.153.37.175
4klinsmann.uefa.com.					
R7	streaming.uefa.com.	10	IN	NS	ns.streaming.uefa.com.
R8	ns.streaming.uefa.com.	10	IN	A	205.153.36.175
ns.streaming.uefa.com.					
R9	video.streaming.uefa.com.	10	IN	CNAME	vidl.streaming.uefa.com
R10	vidl.streaming.uefa.com.	10	IN	A	205.153.36.221

(a) Copy the figure below (Figure 1) to the answer booklet. Draw arrows to indicate the sequence of queries and responses exchanged among the different name servers. Label each arrow with a sequence number. Copy the table below to the answer booklet and fill in the table to indicate the following information:

- Sequence number indicating the ordering of the message exchanges.
- Message Type: use Q for query and R for response.
- Data: For queries use the value of the question data. For responses, specify the record ID(s) returned, if any, from the first column in the table above (e.g. R1, R2, ...).

Seq	Type	Data
1	Q	vidl.streaming.uefa.org (A)
		Add rows as necessary

Figure 1 already contains an arrow indicating the first message from the DNS client on Salil's machine to his local DNS server. The sequence number is 1 (first message), type = Q (query) and the data is the host name that the application wants to resolve (vidl.streaming.uefa.com). To make your sequence as simple as possible, assume that the server includes both the A and NS records when applicable.

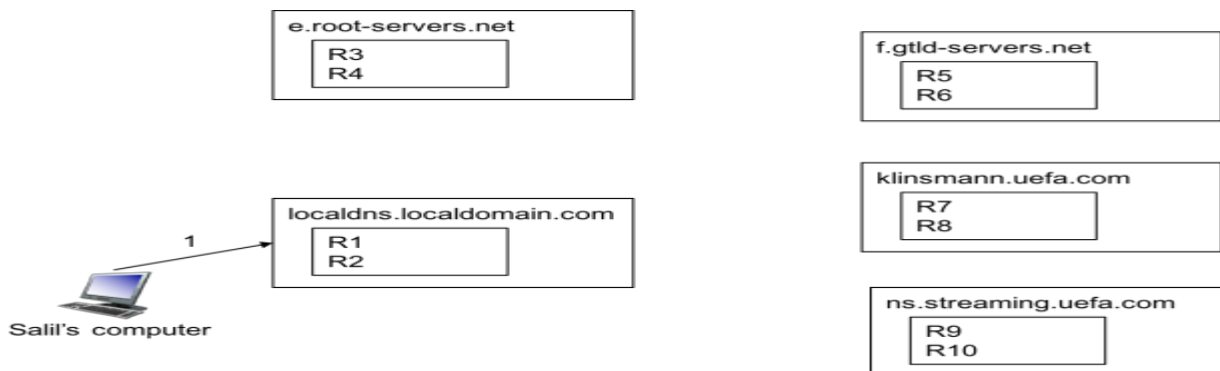
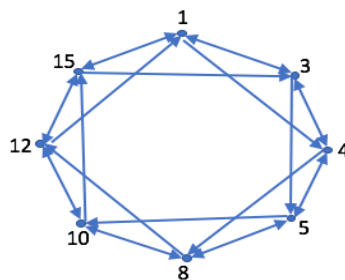


Figure 1: Figure for Question 4

(b) Salil repeats his query two minutes later. Show what happens for this subsequent query. Draw a new picture (Figure 1) showing the interactions between the various name servers and provide a new table showing the details of the DNS messages as in part (a).

5. Two hosts located at two ends of a continent are trying to transfer data using a window based reliable transport protocol (for pipelining). Suppose that the one-way propagation delay between the hosts is 15 milliseconds. If the hosts are using packets of length 1500 bytes over a 1 Gbps transmission link, how big the window size must be for the channel utilization to be greater than 98%?

6. Consider the circular DHT with shortcuts in Figure below, where each node in the DHT also keeps track of (i) its immediate predecessor, (ii) its immediate successor, and (iii) its second successor (i.e., the successor of the node's immediate successor).



- Suppose that peer 1 wants to learn where file with content ID 9 is stored. Write down the sequence of DHT protocol messages that the nodes exchange until peer 1 discovers the location of the file.
- Suppose that peer 3 learns that peer 5 has left. How does peer 3 update its successor state information?

Now consider that the DHT nodes do not keep track of their second successor (the figure should look like lecture notes with a simple circular DHT). Suppose that a new peer 6 wants to join the DHT and peer 6 initially only knows the IP address of peer 15. What steps are taken?