# CSCE 612 / HW2

### Case 1

#### A. random0.irl

```
02 00 00 00 45 00 00 6e c3 6e 00 00 80 11 00 00
7f 00 00 01 7f 00 00 01 00 35 e4 c4 00 5a e2 37
                                                    · · · · · · · · · · 5 · · · Z · 7
68 85 84 00 00 01 00 02 00 00 00 00 07 72 61 6e
                                                    h····ran
                                                    dom@.irl .....ra
64 6f 6d 30 03 69 72 6c 00 00 01 00 01 <mark>06 72 61</mark>
6e 64 6f 6d 03 69 72 6c
                         c0 04 00 01 00 01 00 00
                                                    ndom·irl ······
00 1e 00 04 01 01 01 01
                         06 72 61 6e 64 6f 6d 03
                                                     ············random·
69 72 6c 00 00 01 00 01
                         00 00 00 1e 00 04 02 02
                                                     irl.....
02 02
```

The previous Wireshark output reveals a jump into the fixed DNS header.

A pointer (0xC0 0x04) directs to an offset within the fixed DNS header. Since 4 falls within the range of 0-12 (the size of the fixed DNS header), this results in an invalid reference.

Thus, the error message correctly identifies the issue.

#### B. random3.irl

```
Frame 3286: 40 bytes on wire (320 bits), 40 bytes captured (320 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_Loopback, id 0

Null/Loopback
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.1

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 55775

Domain Name System (response)
Transaction ID: 0x6b64

Flags: 0x8400 Standard query response, No error
Questions: 1

Answer RRs: 0

[Malformed Packet: DNS]

F[Expert Info (Error/Malformed): Malformed Packet (Exception occurred)]
```

The response is only 8 bytes long, which is smaller than the standard 12-byte fixed DNS header. This indicates an issue with the response format.

To further validate this, the Wireshark output below confirms the malformed nature of the packet.

The packet is flagged as a **malformed DNS packet**, **reinforcing** that the response is incorrectly formatted.

#### C. random5.irl

```
Lookup : random5.irl
Query : random5.irl, type 1, TXID 0x6DA9
Server : 127.0.0.1
Attempt 0 with 29 bytes... response in 1 ms with 71 bytes
     TXID: 0x6DA9, Flags: 0x8400, Questions: 1, Answers: 2, Authority: 0, Additional: 0
     succeeded with Rcode = 0
     random5.irl, type 1, class 1
     ----- [answers] -----
     random.irl A 1.1.1.1 TTL = 30
     ++ invalid record: jump beyond packet boundary
▶ Frame 3750: 103 bytes on wire (824 bits), 103 bytes captured (824 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_Loopback, id 0
Null/Loopback
 Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 127.0.0.1, Dst: 127.0.0.1
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 65016
 Domain Name System (response)
     Transaction ID: 0x6da9
  ▶ Flags: 0x8400 Standard query response, No error
     Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 2
Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 0
     Answers
       random.irl: type A, class IN, addr 1.1.1.1
Name: random.irl
Type: A (1) (Host Address)
          Class: IN (0x0001)
          Time to live: 30 (30 seconds)
          Data length: 4
          Address: 1.1.1.1
     [Expert Info (Error/Malformed): Malformed Packet (Exception occurred)]
        [Malformed Packet (Exception occurred)]
        [Severity level: Error]
[Group: Malformed]
0000 02 00 00 00 45 00 00 63 c3 72 00 00 80 11 00 00
                                                                                           · · · E · c · r · · · · ·
```

```
7f 00 00 01 7f 00 00 01 00 35 fd f8 00 4f e0 42
                                                     5 0 B
     6d a9 84 00 00 01 00 02 00 00 00 00 07 72 61 6e
                                                     m····ran
     64 6f 6d 35 03 69 72 6c 00 00 01 00 01 06 72 61
                                                     dom5.irl ....ra
0030
                            00 00 01 00 01 00 00 00
0040
     6e 64 6f 6d 03 69 72 6c
                                                     ndom∙irl ·····
     1e 00 04 01 01 01 01 c0
0050
                            6a 00 01
                                     00 01 00 00 00
     1e 00 04 02 02 02 02
0060
```

Here we can see that an issue occurred in the second answer, where a jump exceeded the packet boundary of **71 bytes**. Additionally, examining the Wireshark output confirms this issue. The response packet contains a **malformed DNS entry**, as indicated by the error message. The jump at **offset 6A (decimal 106)** attempts to reference data beyond the valid bounds of the packet, leading to a **packet parsing failure**.

### D. random6.irl

```
v Answers
v random6.irl: type CNAME, class IN, cname <Name contains a pointer that loops>
    Name: random6.irl
    Type: CNAME (5) (Canonical NAME for an alias)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
    Time to live: 30 (30 seconds)
    Data length: 2
    CNAME: <Name contains a pointer that loops>
v <Name contains a pointer that loops>: type A, class IN, addr 2.2.2.2
    Name: <Name contains a pointer that loops>
    Type: A (1) (Host Address)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
    Time to live: 30 (30 seconds)
    Data length: 4
    Address: 2.2.2.2
```

A jump loop appears to be present in the first answer of the response. The console output confirms this issue by detecting an invalid record due to a repeated offset (offset 43 revisited).

Wireshark further verifies this problem, showing that the CNAME field contains a pointer that loops back to an earlier position. This recursive reference prevents proper resolution and results in an incorrectly formatted DNS packet.

### Case 2 (random1.irl)

In this DNS query response, the program detected an inconsistency in the number of additional records **declared** versus the **actual number found**. The response header indicates 65,535 additional

records, an extremely high and likely incorrect value. However, upon parsing, only 11 additional records were present in the response. Which implies a malformed DNS response.

### Case 3 (random7.irl)

The response packet for **random7.irl** contains a truncated jump offset, as indicated by the **0xC0** byte at the end of the packet. Normally, a **0xC0XX** compression pointer should be followed by a valid offset within the packet. However, in this case, **0xC0** appears at the very end, meaning there is no second byte to complete the offset. This results in an invalid record because the jump target cannot be determined, confirming the **"truncated jump offset"** error.

## Case 4 (Random Malformed Responses - random4.irl)

#### A. truncated name

```
Lookup : random4.irl
Query : random4.irl, type 1, TXID 0x755D
Server : 127.0.0.1
Attempt 0 with 29 bytes... response in 1 ms with 250 bytes
   TXID: 0x755D, Flags: 0x8400, Questions: 1, Answers: 1, Authority: 0, Additional: 11
   succeeded with Rcode = 0
   ----- [questions] ------
   random4.irl, type 1, class 1
   -----[answers] ----
   random.irl A 1.1.1.1 TTL = 30
   ----- [additional]
   Episode.IV A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   A.NEW.HOPE A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   It.is.a.period.of.civil.war A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   Rebel.spaceships A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   striking.from.a.hidden.base A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   ++ invalid record: truncated name (label length 7, but packet ends)
```

```
02 00 00 00 45 00 01 16
                         c3 7c 00 00 80 11 00 00
                                                        E
                                                    7f 00 00 01 7f 00 00 01
                         00 35 d7 32 01 02 9a a4
75 5d 84 00 00 01 00 01
                         00 00 00 0b 07 72 61 6e
                                                    u]····ran
64 6f 6d 34 03 69 72 6c
                         00 00 01 00 01 06
                                                    dom4·irl ····ra
                                           72 61
                         00 00 01 00 01 00 00 00
6e 64 6f 6d 03 69 72 6c
                                                    ndom·irl ·····
1e 00 04 01 01 01 01 <mark>07</mark>
                                                    ······· Episode
                         45
                               69
                                     6f
                                        64
                                              02
                            70
   56 00 00 01 00 01 00
                         00 00 1e 00 04 02
                                                    IV....
                                           02 02
02 01 41 03 4e 45 57 04
                         48 4f 50 45 00 00 01 00
                                                    · · A · NEW · HOPE · · ·
01 00 00 00 1e 00 04 02
                         02 02 02 02 49
                                        74 02 69
                                                             ····It·i
                                                    s∙a∙peri od∙of∙ci
73 01 61 06 70 65 72 69
                         6f 64 02 6f 66 05 63 69
                                              1e
                         00 01 00 01 00 00 00
                                                    vil·war∙
                                                     ·····R ebel·spa
                         65 62 65 6c 0a 73
00 04 02 02 02 02 05 52
                                              61
63 65 73 68 69 70 73 00
                         00 01 00 01 00 00 00
                                                    ceships · · · · · · ·
                         74 72 69 6b 69 6e 67 04
                                                     .....s triking
00 04 02 02 02 02 08 73
66 72 6f 6d 01 61 06 68
                         69 64 64 65 6e 04 62
                                                    from·a·h idden·ba
73 65 00 00 01 00 01 00
                         00 00 1e 00 04 02 02
                                              02
02 04 68 61 76 65 03 77
                         6f 6e 05
                                  74 68
                                        65
                                                     ··have·w on·their
                                                     ·first·v ic
  66 69
               74 07
                     76
                            63
```

```
Frame 565: 282 bytes on wire (2256 bits), 282 bytes captured (2256 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_Loopback, id 0
Null/Loopback

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

User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 55090

Domain Name System (response)
    Transaction ID: 0x755d

Flags: 0x8400 Standard query response, No error
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 1
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 11

Queries

Answers

* random.irl: type A, class IN, addr 1.1.1

Name: random.irl
    Type: A (1) (Host Address)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
    Time to live: 30 (30 seconds)
    Data length: 4
    Address: 1.1.1.1

Additional records

* [Malformed Packet: DNS]

* [Expert Info (Error/Malformed): Malformed Packet (Exception occurred)]
    [Severity level: Error]
    [Group: Malformed]
```

The DNS response contains a truncated name, as indicated by the final part of the record being cut off before the expected end. The response includes a label with a length of 7 (0x07), but the packet ends before the full name can be read. This is evident in the hex dump, where the expected characters are missing or incomplete.

In Wireshark, this is identified as a malformed packet, confirming that the response is incorrectly formatted. The issue occurs because the packet does not contain enough data to complete the name, leading to an error when parsing.

B. RR value length stretches the answer beyond the packet

```
Lookup : random4.irl
Query : random4.irl, type 1, TXID 0x7BD8
Server : 127.0.0.1
              ********************************
Attempt 0 with 29 bytes... response in 0 ms with 349 bytes
   TXID: 0x7BD8, Flags: 0x8400, Questions: 1, Answers: 1, Authority: 0, Additional: 11
   succeeded with Rcode = 0
    -----[questions]
   random4.irl, type 1, class 1
   random.irl A 1.1.1.1 TTL = 30
    ----- [additional]
   Episode.IV A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   A.NEW.HOPE A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   It.is.a.period.of.civil.war A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   Rebel.spaceships A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   striking.from.a.hidden.base A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   have.won.their.first.victory A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   against.the.evil.Galactic.Empire A 2.2.2.2 TTL = 30
   ++ invalid record: RR value length stretches the answer beyond packet
```

```
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      02 00 00 00 45 00 01 79
                               c3 90 00 00 80 11 00 00
      7f 00 00 01 7f 00 00 01
                               00 35 c0 18 01 65 84 9c
                                                                   5 - · · e · ·
      7b d8 84 00 00 01 00 01
                               00 00 00 0b 07 72 61 6e
                                                         {....ran
     64 6f 6d 34 03 69 72 6c
                                                         dom4·irl ····ra
                               00 00 01 00 01 06 72 61
     6e 64 6f 6d 03 69 72 6c
                               00 00 01 00 01 00 00 00
                                                         ndom·irl ·····
0040
     1e 00 04 01 01 01 01 07
                               45 70 69 73 6f 64 65 02
                                                         ····· Episode·
                                                         IV.....
     49 56 00 00 01 00 01 00
                               00 00 1e 00 04 02 02 02
                                                         ···A·NEW· HOPE····
     02 01 41 03 4e 45 57 04
                               48 4f 50 45 00 00 01 00
     01 00 00 00 1e 00 04 02
                               02 02 02 02 49 74 02 69
                                                         ····It·i
                                                         s·a·peri od·of·ci
      73 01 61 06 70 65 72 69
                               6f 64 02 6f 66 05 63 69
      76 69 6c 03 77 61 72 00
                               00 01 00 01 00 00 00 1e
                                                         vil·war· ·····
                                                         ·····R ebel·spa
     00 04 02 02 02 02 05 52
                               65 62 65 6c 0a 73 70 61
00b0
     63 65 73 68 69 70 73 00
                               00 01 00 01 00 00 00 1e
                                                         ceships · · · · · · · · ·
     00 04 02 02 02 02 08 73
                               74 72 69 6b 69 6e 67 04
                                                         ·····s triking·
00d0
     66 72 6f 6d 01 61 06 68
                               69 64 64 65 6e 04 62 61
                                                         from·a·h idden·ba
      73 65 00 00 01 00 01 00
                               00 00 1e 00 04 02 02 02
                                                         se..... .....
     02 04 68 61 76 65 03 77
                               6f 6e 05 74 68 65 69 72
                                                          ··have·w on·their
0110 05 66 69 72 73 74 07 76
                               69 63 74 6f 72 79 00 00
                                                         ·first·v ictory··
                                                         ....ag
     01 00 01 00 00 00 1e 00
                               04 02 02 02 02 07 61 67
     61 69 6e 73 74 03 74 68
                               65 04 65 76 69 6c 08 47
                                                         ainst·th e·evil·G
     61 6c 61 63 74 69 63 06
                               45 6d 70 69 72 65 00 00
                                                         alactic Empire · ·
     01 00 01 00 00 00 1e 00
                               04 02 02 02 02 06 44 75
                                                         .....Du
      72 69 6e 67 03 74 68 65
                               06 62 61 74 74 6c 65 00
                                                         ring·the ·battle·
                                                         0170
     00 01 00 01 00 00 00 1e
                               00 04 02 02 02
 [Expert Info (Error/Malformed): Malformed Packet (Exception occurred)]
[Malformed Packet (Exception occurred)]
    [Group: Malformed]
```

In the highlighted section of the DNS response, we observe the sequence **00 04 02 02 02.** The **04** byte represents the declared length of the RR (Resource Record) value. However, if the remaining packet size is less than the declared **4 bytes**, this results in an out-of-bounds read, leading to the error "RR value length stretches the answer beyond the packet." This discrepancy indicates a malformed DNS response where the actual data does not match the specified length, which can be caused by corruption or incorrect encoding of the response.

C. Truncated RR answer header

```
02 00 00 00 45 00 00 f2 c3 aa 00 00 80 11 00 00
                                                     - - - - E -
7f 00 00 01 7f 00 00 01
                         00 35 e3 7f 00 de 29 16
7e 0d 84 00 00 01 00 01 00 00 00 0b <mark>07</mark>
                                            61 6e
                                01 00 01
64 6f
      6d 34 03 69 72 6c
                          00 00
                                         06 72 61
                                                     dom4·irl
6e 64 6f 6d 03 69 72 6c
                          00 00 01 00 01 00 00 00
                                                     ndom irl
1e 00 04 01 01 01 01 07
                         45 70 69 73 6f 64 65 02
                                                              Episode
49 56 00 00 01 00 01 00
                         00 00 1e 00 04 02 02 02
                                                     TV - - - - -
02 01 41 03 4e 45 57 04
                         48 4f 50 45 00 00 01 00
                                                     · A NEW HOPE · · · ·
01 00 00 00 1e 00 04 02
                         02 02 02 02 49 74 02 69
                                                              ····It·i
73 01 61 06 70 65 72 69
                         6f 64 02 6f 66 05 63 69
                                                     s a peri od of ci
76 69 6c 03 77 61 72 00
                         00 01 00 01 00 00 00 1e
                                                     vil war-
00 04 02 02 02 02 05 52
                         65 62 65 6c 0a 73 70 61
                                                          ··R ebel spa
63 65 73 68 69 70 73 00
                         00 01 00 01 00 00 00 1e
                                                     ceships.
00 04 02 02 02 02 08 73
                         74 72 69 6b 69 6e 67 04
                                                     ·····s triking
66 72 6f 6d 01 61 06 68
                         69 64 64 65 6e 04 62 61
                                                     from a h idden ba
73 65 00 00 01 00
```

In the response, the additional section includes a **Resource Record (RR)** answer header, which is expected to be **10** bytes long. However, only **3** bytes are available before the packet ends. This results in a malformed packet error: "Truncated RR answer header in Additional (only **3** bytes available, expected **10)**", as confirmed by both the hex dump and the error message in Wireshark. As highlighted in red, if we compare them we can easily detect how is the second highlighted chunk is truncated.

### Extra Credit

the random8.irl server randomly generates replies that fits a random "lol's" inside the dns responses. This could lead to several malformed packets which for example includes too long label (label > 63 as per RFC 1035) (as shown below, after the code). Also, some malformed **DNS answer header** responses with different **DNS answer header** Types, Classes, TTLs and Data length that exceeds remaining bytes in the packet (as described in previous cases).

For example: ++ invalid record: label too long (label length 111 exceeds 63)

This error is caught using the following check in the code:

```
int label_length = *ptr++;
// Ensure valid label length (max 63 according to RFC 1035)
if (label_length > 63) {
    printf("
                  .
++ invalid record: label too long (label length %d exceeds 63)\n",        <mark>label_length</mark>);
    exit(0);
```

This check enforces the RFC 1035 standard (RFC 1035 - Section 3.1), which limits individual DNS labels to a maximum of 63 bytes. Since random8.irl generates unpredictable responses, some labels exceed this limit, causing the error to be detected and reported by our parser.

```
Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console
ookup : random8.irl
uery : random8.irl, type 1, TXID 0x5CC1
erver : 127.0.0.1
Attempt 0 with 29 bytes... response in 3 ms with 468 bytes
TXID: 0x5CC1, Flags: 0x8400, Questions: 1, Answers: 1, Authority: 0, Additional: 11
succeeded with Rcode = 0
  ++ invalid record: label too long (label length 111 exceeds 63)
```

Others could be checked with multiple checks like these for example:

```
if (ansHeader->_class != htons(1) && ansHeader->_class != htons(3)) {
   printf("
               ++ invalid record: Unsupported DNS class (0x%04X)\n", ntohs(ansHeader->_class));
   return;
if (ttl > 31536000) { // One year in seconds
   printf("
              ++ invalid record: TTL too high (%u seconds exceeds 1 year)\n", ttl);
   return;
```

Example on how do responses with "lol's" could look like:

```
x
dom8 irl
ndom irl
                                                                                               Episode
                                                                                   A NEW HOPE
                                                                                s a peri od of ci
vil war
R ebel spa
                                                                                ceships
s triking
from a h idden ba
                                                                                have w on their
first v ictory
ag
ainst th e evil G
alactic Empire
                                                                                 ring the battle
                                                                                 ebel spi es manag
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lollollo llolloll
ollollol lollollo
llol
```

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				01										dc					
				00										72			v! · · · · ·		
				38										6c			dom8 irl		
0040	6c	6f	6c	6c	6f	6c	6c	6f	6c	6c	6f	6c	6c	6f	6c	60	lollollo		
	6f	6c	6c	6f	6c	6c	6f	6c	6c	6f	6c	6c	6f	6c	6c	6f	ollollol		
	6c	6c	6f	6c	6c	6f	6c	00	00	00	1e	00	04	02	02	02	llollol.		
	02	01	41	03	4e	45	57	04	48	4f	50	45	00	00	01	00	· · A · NEW ·	HOPE	
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		01	61	06	70	65		69	6f	64	02	6f	66	05	63	69	s a peri	od of ci	
				03					00	01	00	03	00	00	00	1e	vil·war·		
				02															
				68										00			ceships ·		
				02										6e					
				6d										04			from a h		
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				61										65				on their	
				72										79			·first·v		
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				73										6с			ainst th		
				63										65			alactic ·		
				00										96					
				67										6c			ring the	battle R	
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01b0				6c										00			t plans		
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				6f										1e			eapon		
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