COMPUTER NETWORK SECURITY

LAB-3

LOCAL DNS CACHE POISONING ATTACK

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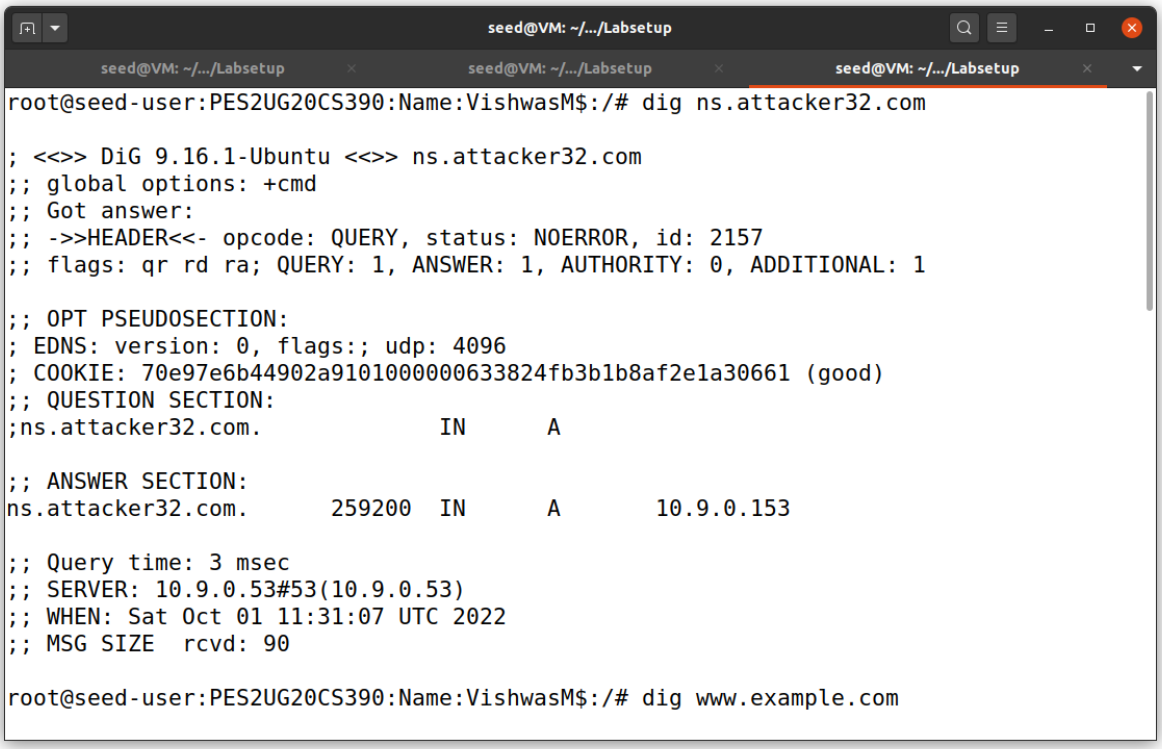
Verification of the DNS setup

From the **User container**, we will run a series of commands to ensure that our lab setup is correct. In your lab report, please document your testing results.

Get the IP address of ns.attacker32.com
When we run the following dig command, the local DNS server will forward the request to the Attacker name server due to the forward zone entry added to the local DNS server's configuration file. Therefore, the answer should come from the zone file (attacker32.com.zone) that we set up on the Attacker nameserver. If this is not what you get, your setup has issues.

On the victim terminal run the command:

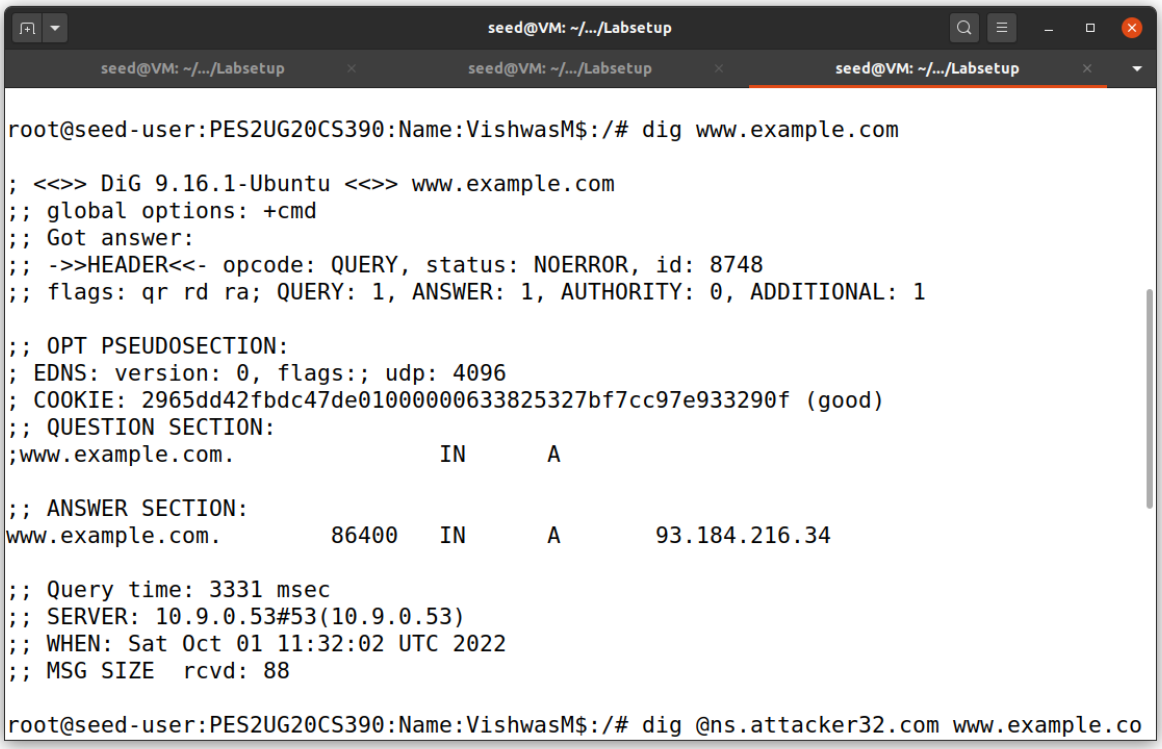
 # dig ns.attacker32.com



Get the IP address of www.example.com
Two nameservers are now hosting the example.com domain, one is the domain's official nameserver, and the other is the Attacker container. We will query these two nameservers and see what response we will get. Please run the following two commands (from the User machine), and describe your observation.

On the victim terminal run the commands:

 # dig www.example.com
 # dig @ns.attacker32.com www.example.com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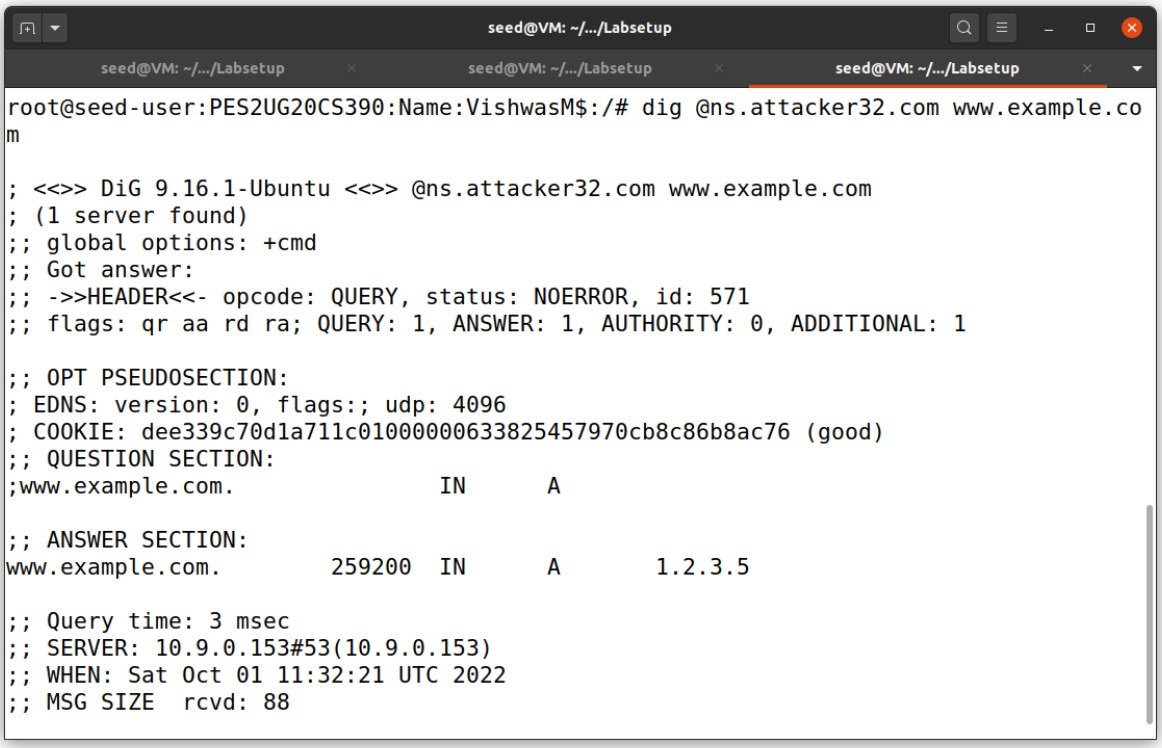
; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> www.example.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 8748
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
; COOKIE: 2965dd42fbdc47de01000000633825327bf7cc97e933290f (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.example.com. IN A
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.com. 86400 IN A 93.184.216.34
;; Query time: 3331 msec
;; SERVER: 10.9.0.53#53(10.9.0.53)
;; WHEN: Sat Oct 01 11:32:02 UTC 2022
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 88
root@seed-user:PES2UG20CS390:Name:VishwasM$:/# dig @ns.attacker32.com www.example.co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; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> @ns.attacker32.com www.example.com
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 571
;; flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
; COOKIE: dee339c70d1a711c01000000633825457970cb8c86b8ac76 (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.example.com. IN A
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.com. 259200 IN A 1.2.3.5
;; Query time: 3 msec
;; SERVER: 10.9.0.153#53(10.9.0.153)
;; WHEN: Sat Oct 01 11:32:21 UTC 2022
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 88

Attacks on DNS

The main objective of DNS attacks on a user is to redirect the user to another machine B when the user tries to get to machine A using A's host name. For example, when the user tries to access online banking, if the adversaries can redirect the user to a malicious web site that looks very much like the main web site of the bank, the user might be fooled and give away the password of his/her online banking account.

Task 1: Directly Spoofing Response to User

In this task, when the client sends the DNS request to the local DNS server it accepts a response back, but if the attacker sends a spoofed DNS response to the user before the legitimate attack from the local DNS server then the attack is successful.

First show the legitimate response from the example.com domain's authoritative nameserver as well as the requests as seen in wireshark.

Please remember to clear the cache on the local DNS server first.

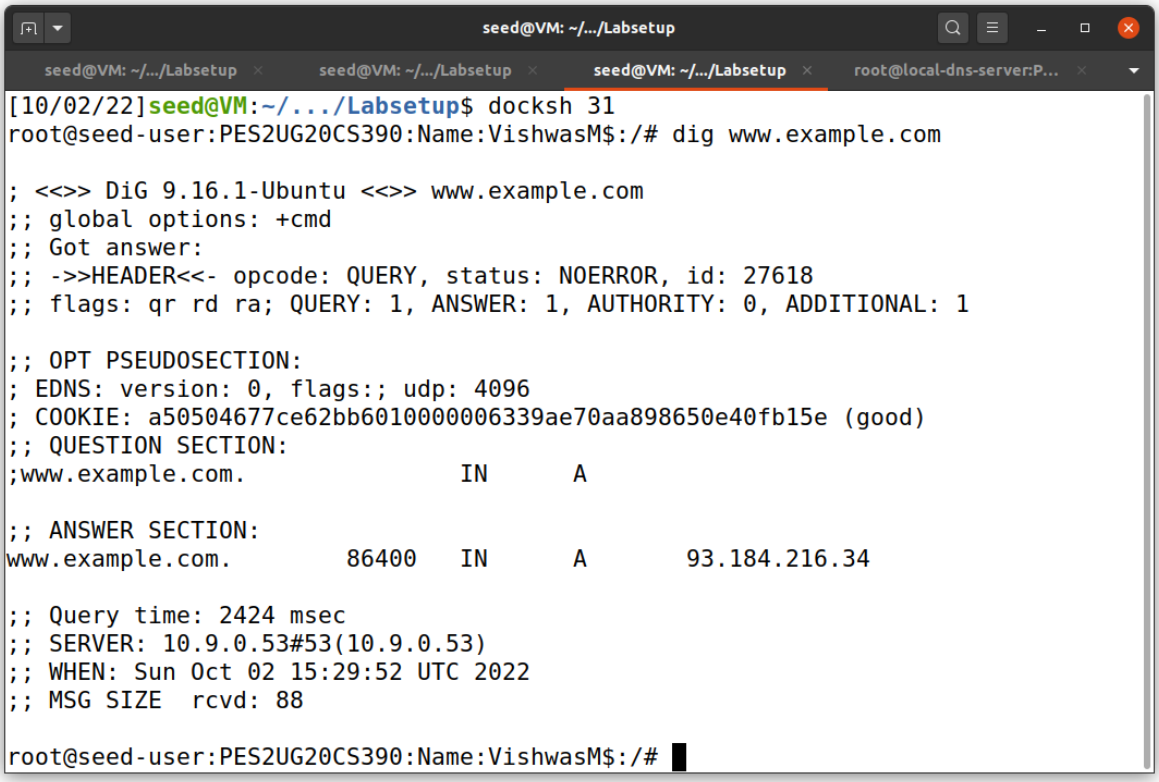
On the local DNS server's terminal run the command:

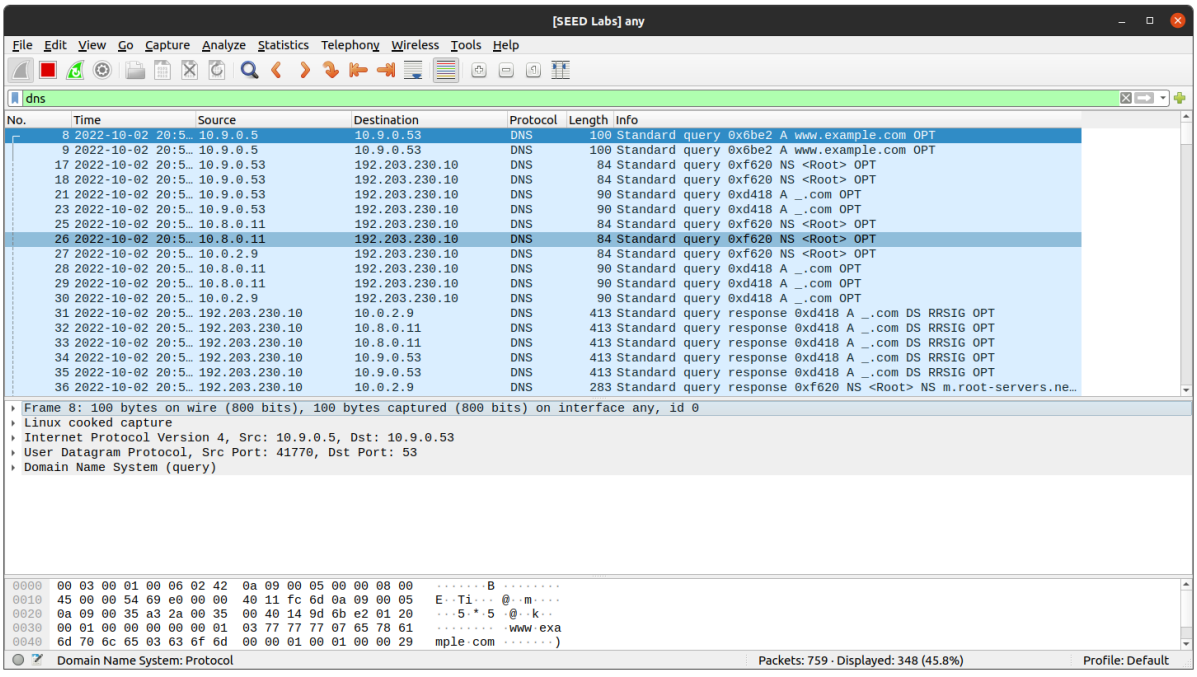
 # rndc flush

The victim machine sends out a DNS query to the local DNS server, which will eventually send out a DNS query to the authoritative nameserver of the example.com domain. This is done using the dig command. Before running the command keep wireshark open to view the packets being sent.

On the victim terminal run the command:

 # dig www.example.com





Before launching the attack, make sure that the cache in the local DNS server is cleaned. If the cache has the answer, the reply from the local DNS server will be faster than the one you spoofed, and your attack will not be able to succeed. The following command is used on the local DNS server to clear its cache.

On the local DNS server's terminal run the command:

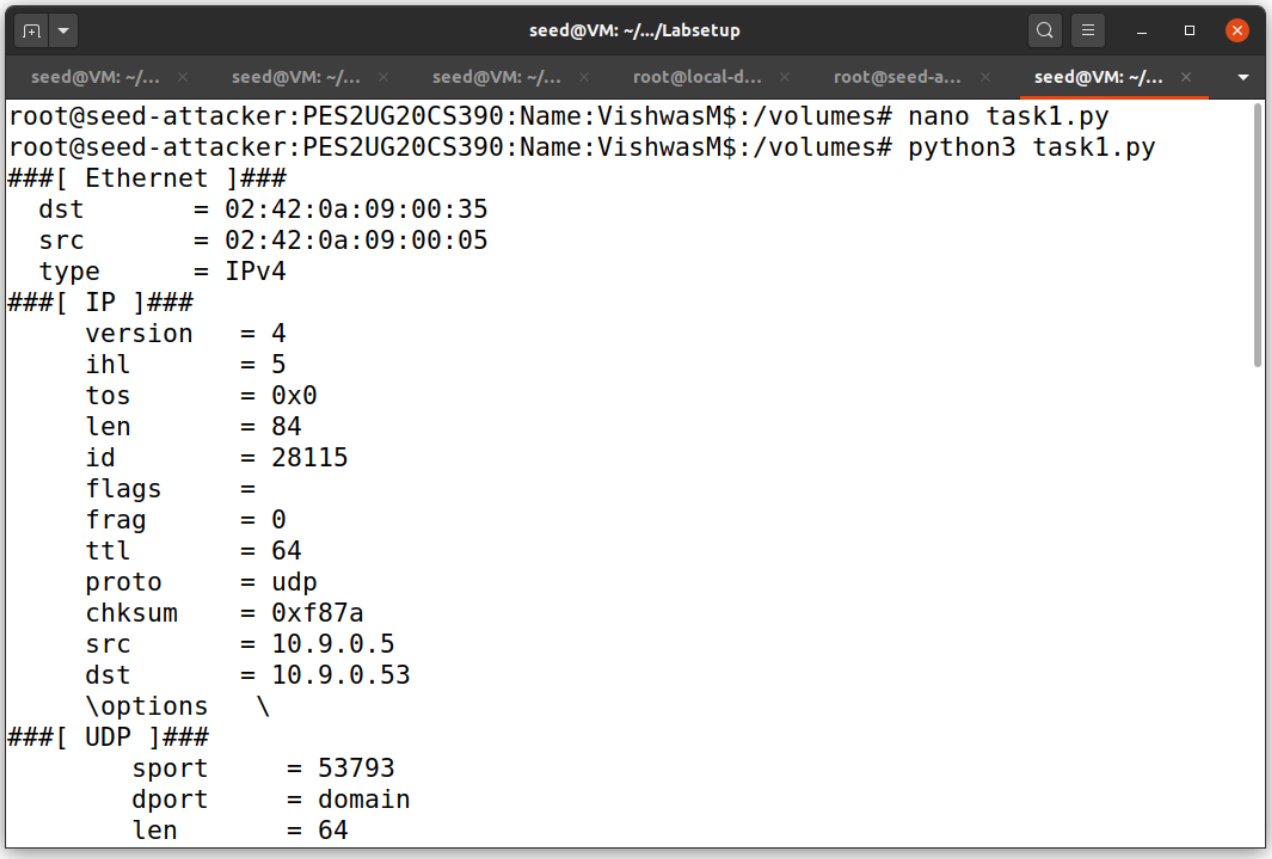
 # rndc flush

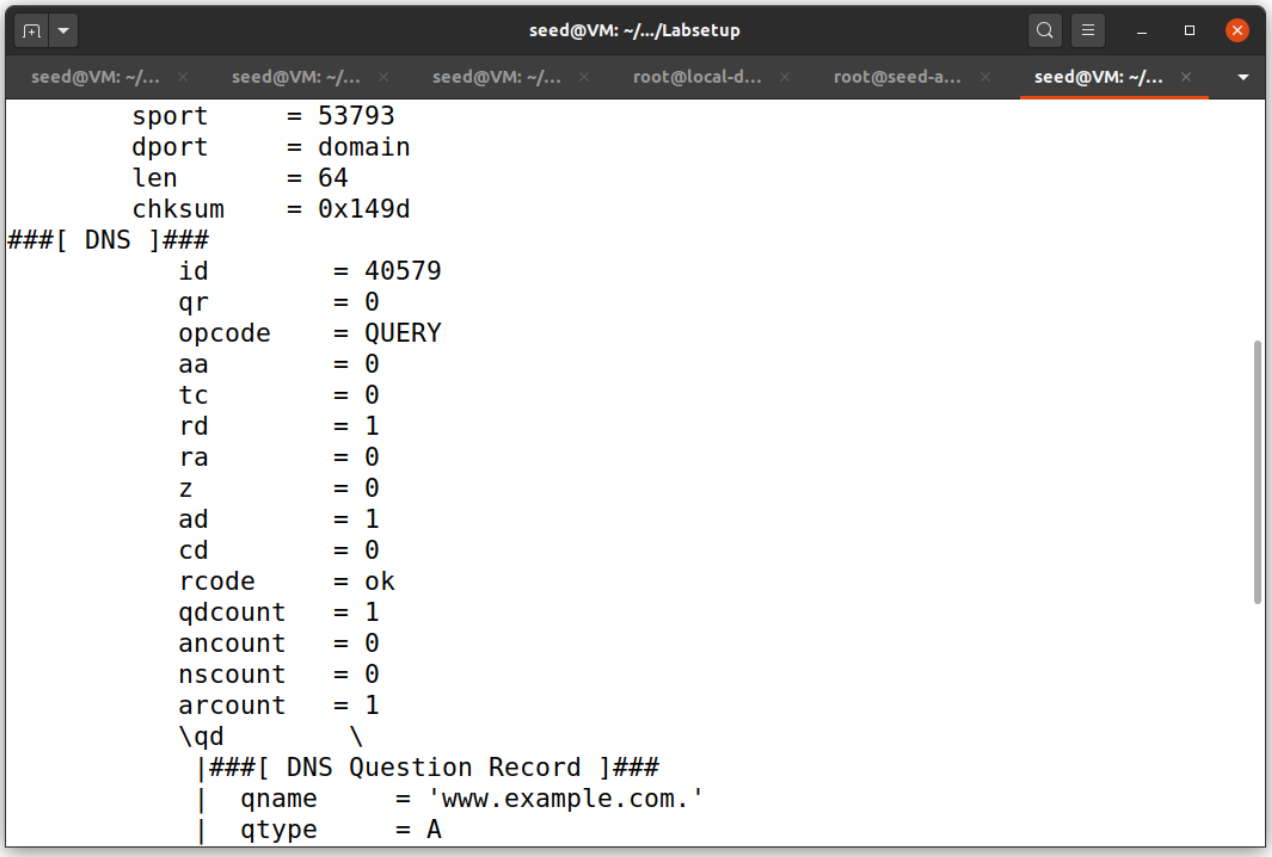
Now run the program in the attacker machine and show your spoofed information in the reply. Compare your results obtained before and after the attack. Also show the **spoofed packet captured on wireshark** and the cache of the local DNS server and explain your results.

Fill in the appropriate interface name in the code for task 1. More detailed instructions on finding the interface of the attacker machine can be found in the lab setup instructions document. Modify the tasks code and launch the attack.

On the attacker terminal run the command:

 # python3 task1.py

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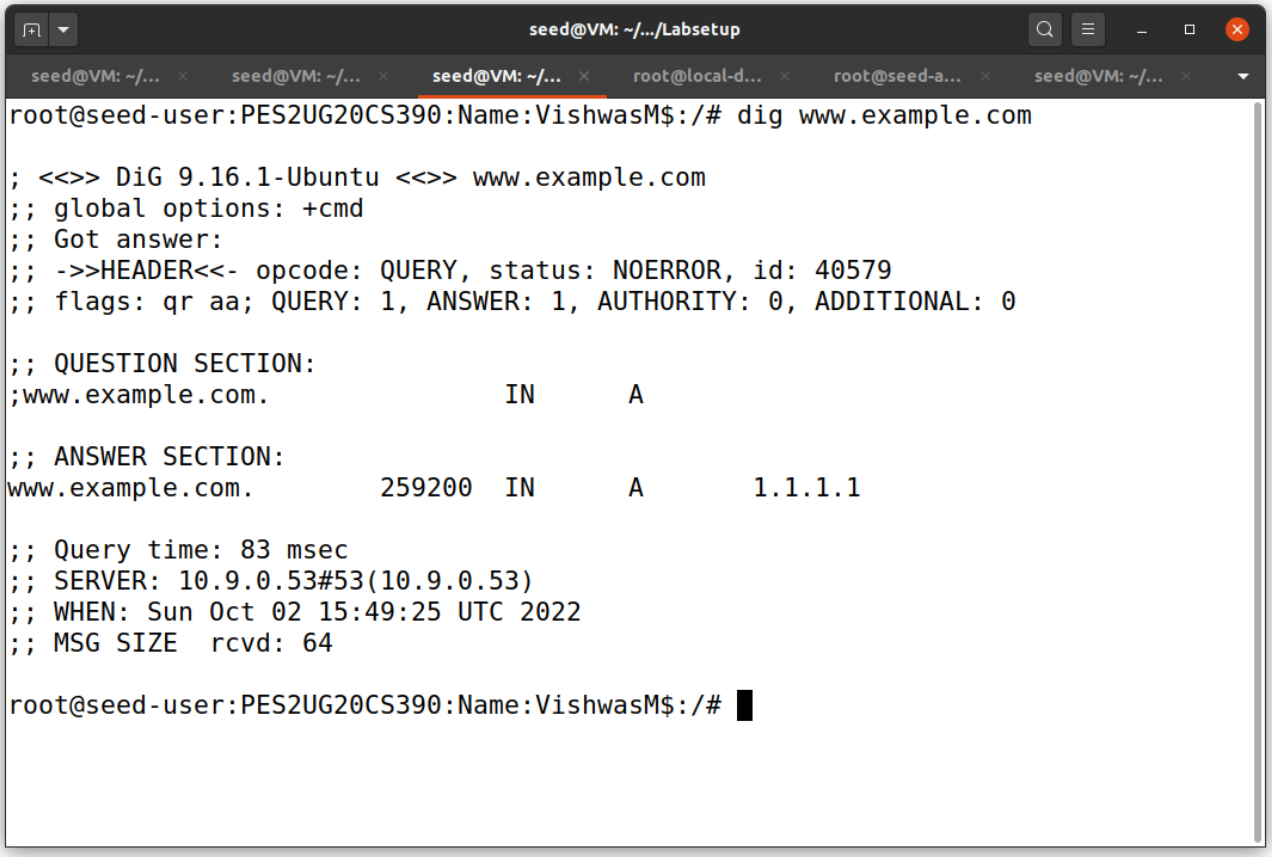
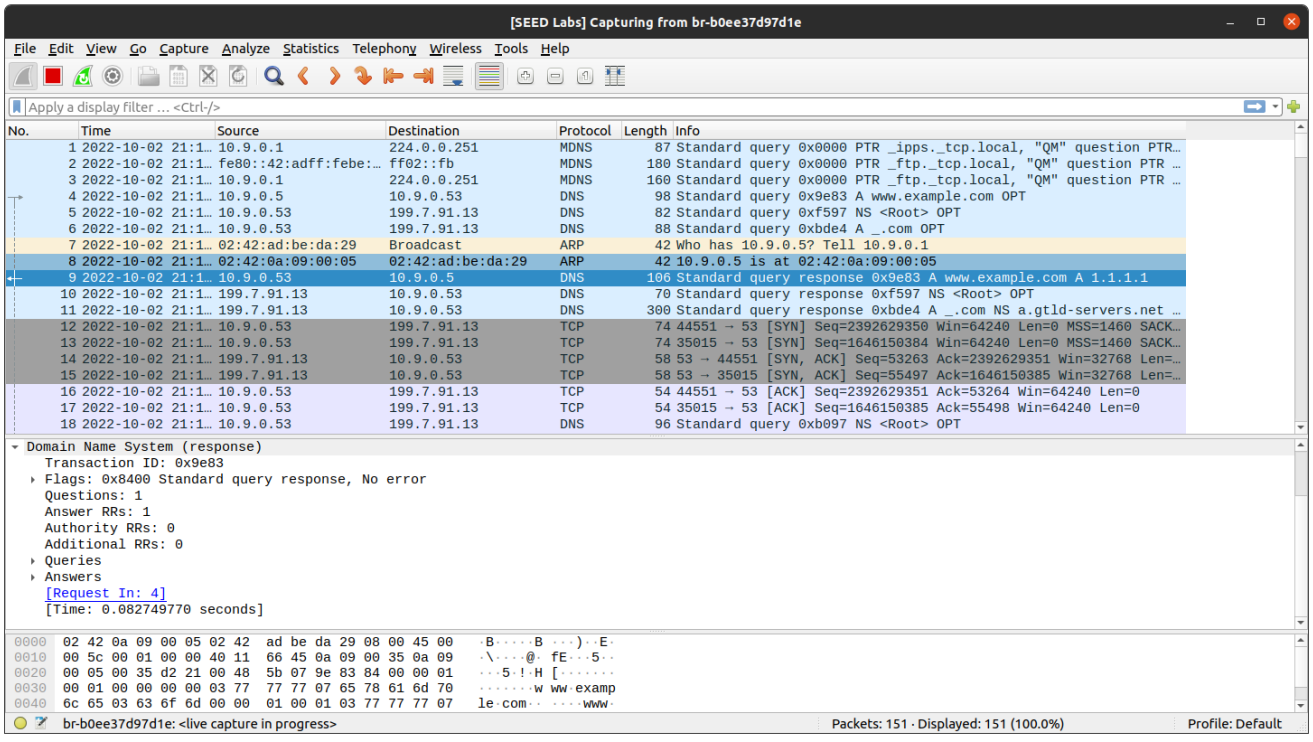
root@local-d...
root@seed-a...
seed@VM: ~/...
sport = 53793
dport = domain
len = 64
chksum = 0x149d
###[DNS]###
id = 40579
qr = 0
opcode = QUERY
aa = 0
tc = 0
rd = 1
ra = 0
z = 0
ad = 1
cd = 0
rcode = ok
qdcount = 1
ancount = 0
nscount = 0
arcount = 1
\qd \
|###[DNS Question Record]###
| qname = 'www.example.com.'
| qtype = A

On the victim terminal run the command:

 # dig www.example.com





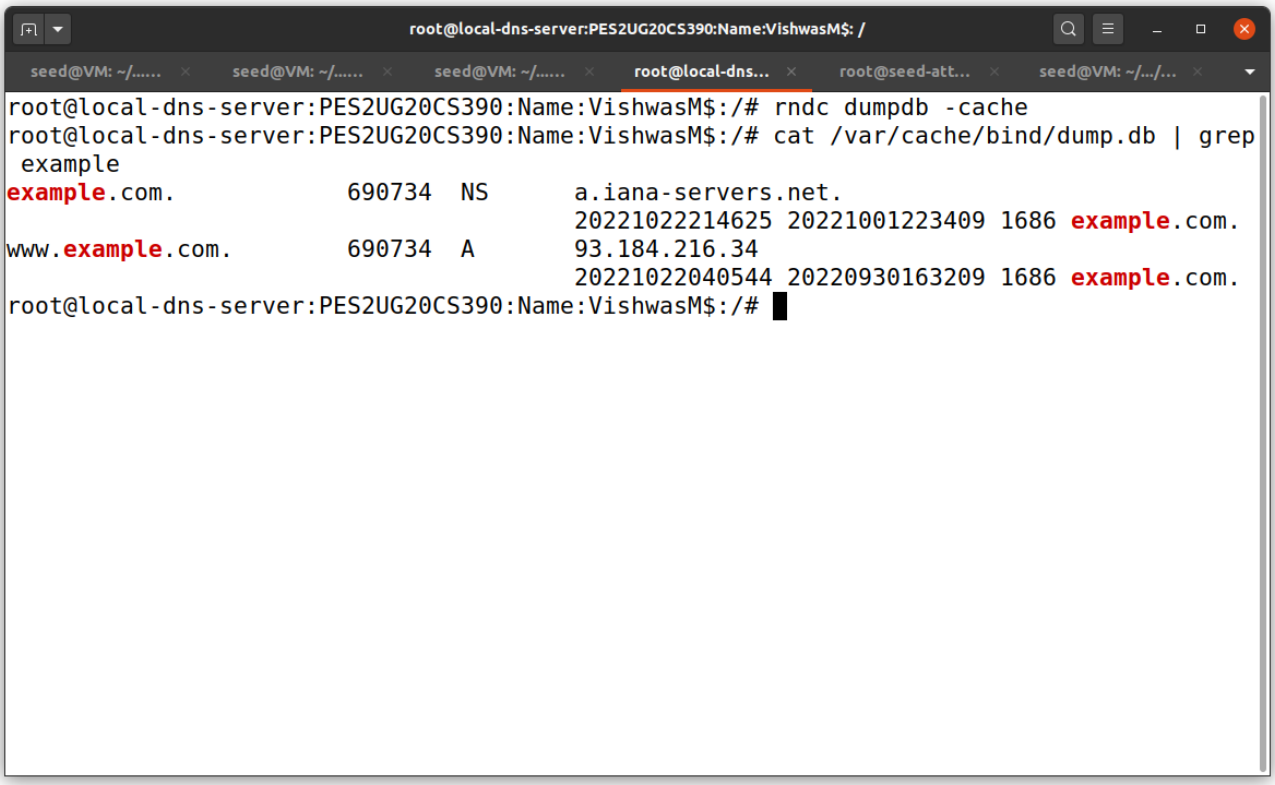
The Wireshark on the attacker machine shows the spoofed response which is sent to the victim. The IP address mapped to www.example.com is 1.1.1.1 which is seen in the above image. We can see that the spoofed response comes before the legitimate response and hence is displayed as such in the victim machine.

To view the cache on the local DNS server we can use the rndc command to dump the cache and this dump is stored in **/var/cache/bind/dump.db** in our case.

On the local DNS server's terminal run the commands:

 # rndc dumpdb -cache

 # cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db | grep example



Task 2: DNS Cache Poisoning Attack – Spoofing Answers

The above attack targets the user's machine. In order to achieve long-lasting effect, every time the user's machine sends out a DNS query for www.example.com the attacker's machine must send out a spoofed DNS response. This might not be so efficient; there is a much better way to conduct attacks by targeting the DNS server, instead of the user's machine.
When a local DNS server receives a query, it first looks for the answer from its own cache; if the answer is there, the DNS server will simply reply with the information from its cache. If the answer is not in the cache, the DNS server will try to get the answer from other DNS servers. When it gets the answer, it will store the answer in the cache, so next time, there is no need to ask another DNS server.

Also fill in the appropriate interface name in the code for task 2 as done in previous tasks.

Modify the tasks code and launch the attack. Before doing the attack, please remember to clear the cache on the local DNS server first.

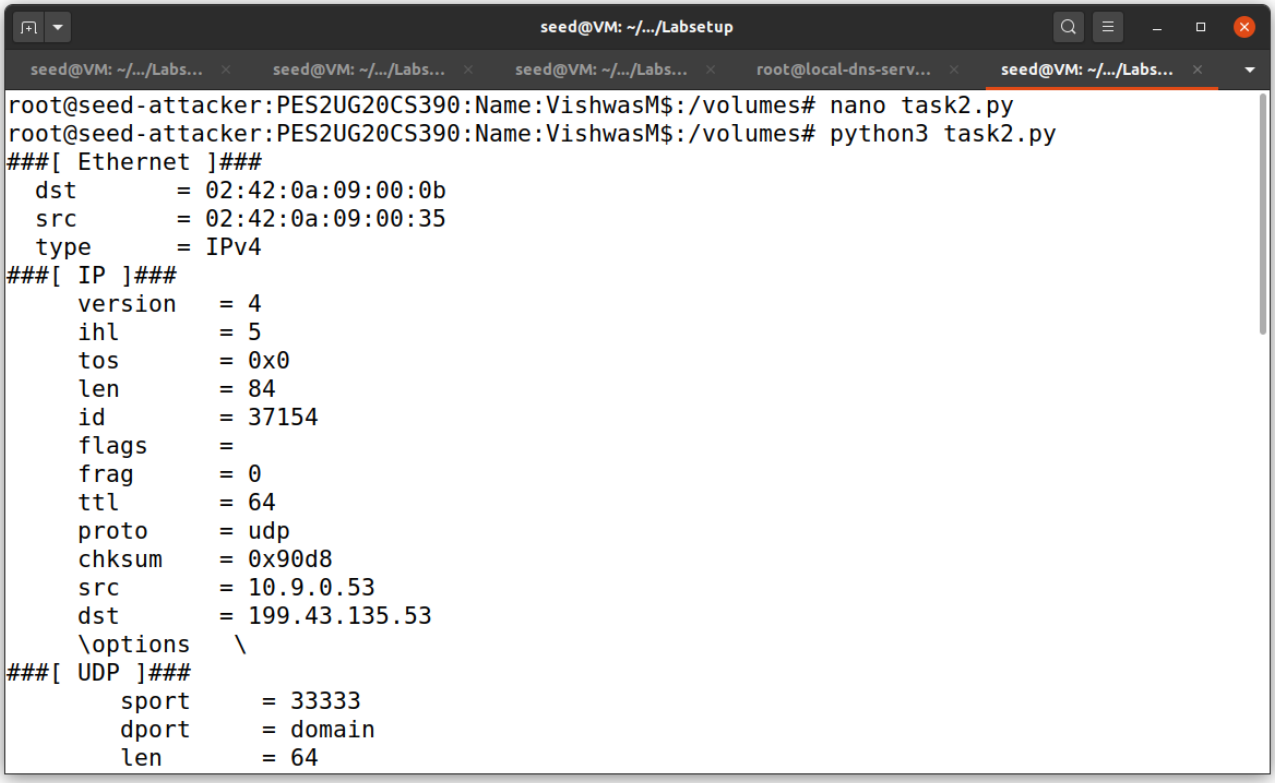
On the local DNS server's terminal run the command:

 # rndc flush

Now run the program **in the attacker terminal** and show your spoofed information in the reply. The victim machine sends out a DNS query to the local DNS server using the dig command. Also show the spoofed packet captured on wireshark and the cache of the local DNS server and explain your results.

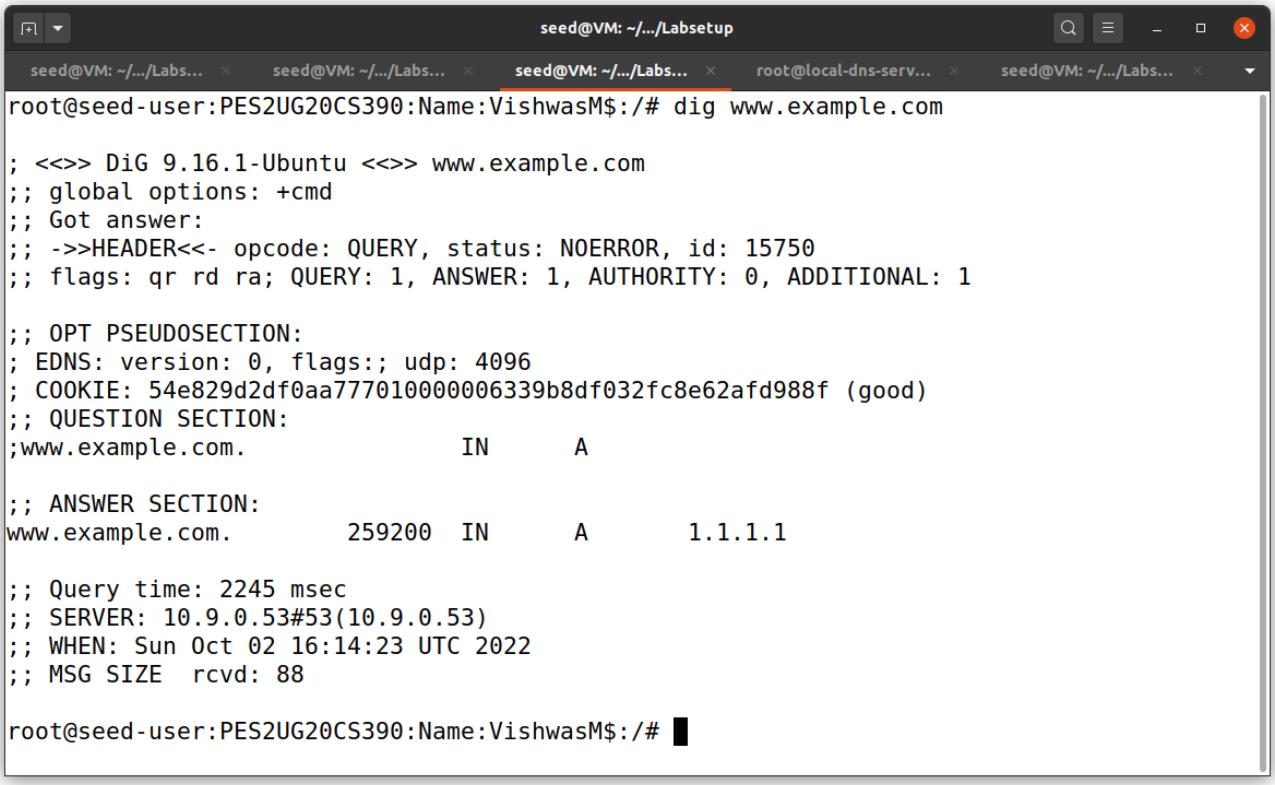
On the attacker terminal run the command:

 # python3 task2.py



On the victim terminal run the command:

 # dig www.example.com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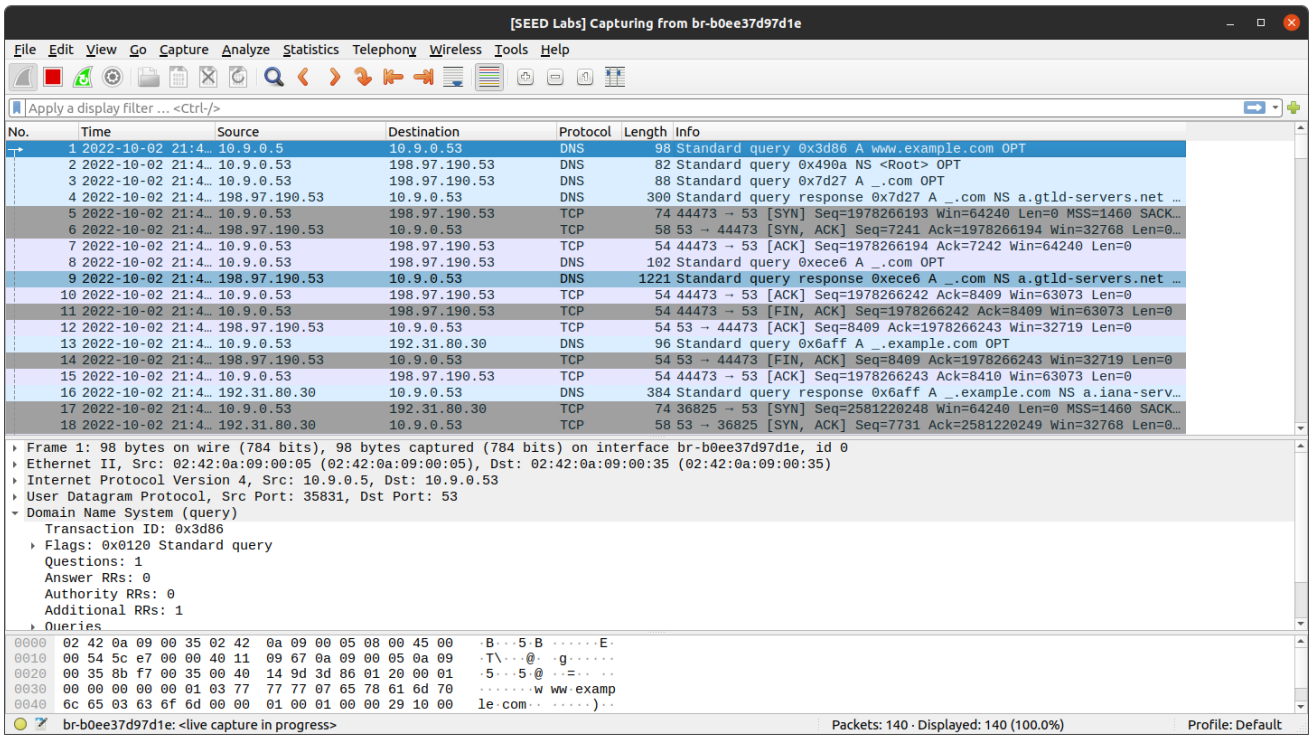
root@local-dns-serv...
seed@VM: ~/.../Labs...
root@seed-user:PES2UG20CS390:Name:VishwasM$:/# dig www.example.com
; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> www.example.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 15750
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
; COOKIE: 54e829d2df0aa777010000006339b8df032fc8e62afd988f (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.example.com. IN A
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.com. 259200 IN A 1.1.1.1
;; Query time: 2245 msec
;; SERVER: 10.9.0.53#53(10.9.0.53)
;; WHEN: Sun Oct 02 16:14:23 UTC 2022
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 88
root@seed-user:PES2UG20CS390:Name:VishwasM$:/#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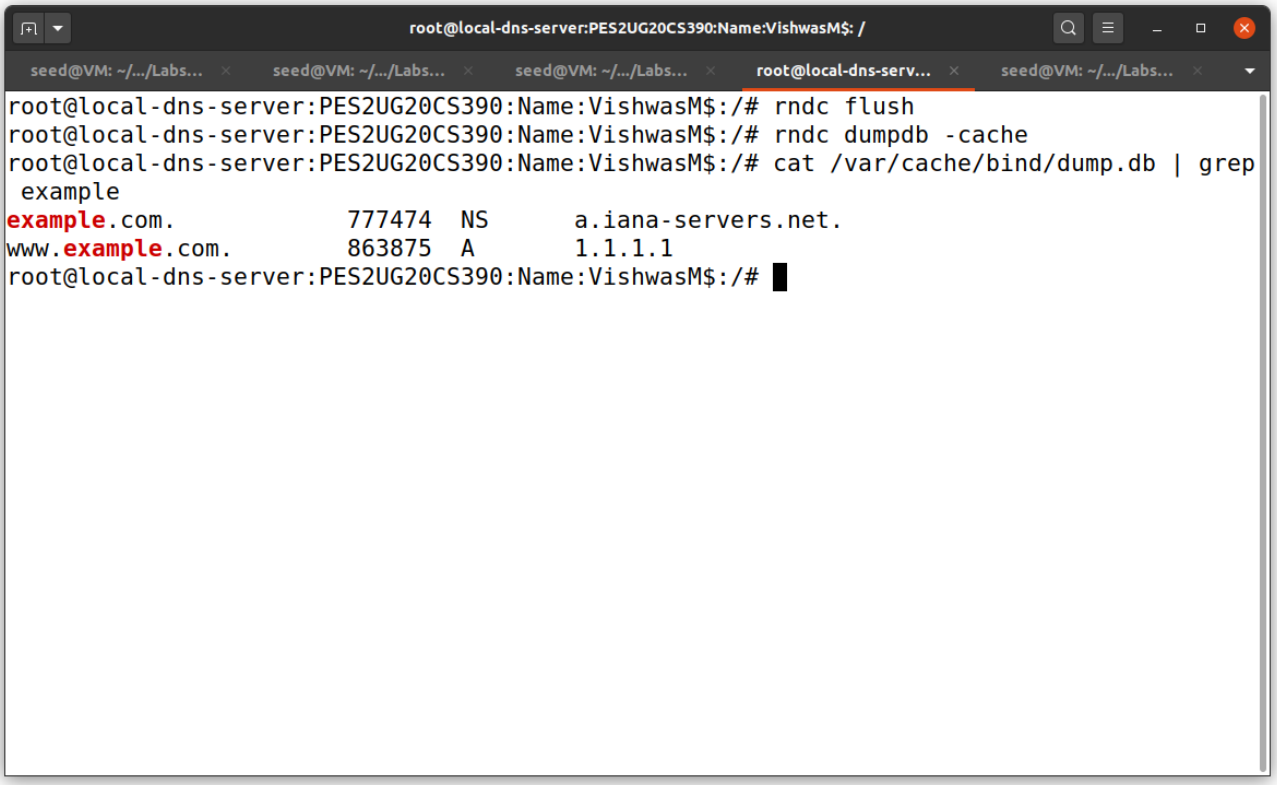
1 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.5 10.9.0.53 DNS 98 Standard query 0x3d86 A www.example.com OPT
2 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 198.97.190.53 DNS 82 Standard query 0x490a NS <Root> OPT
3 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 198.97.190.53 DNS 88 Standard query 0x7d27 A _.com OPT
4 2022-10-02 21:4... 198.97.190.53 10.9.0.53 DNS 300 Standard query response 0x7d27 A _.com NS a.gtld-servers.net ...
5 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 198.97.190.53 TCP 74 44473 → 53 [SYN] Seq=1978266193 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK...
6 2022-10-02 21:4... 198.97.190.53 10.9.0.53 TCP 58 53 → 44473 [SYN, ACK] Seq=7241 Ack=1978266194 Win=32768 Len=0...
7 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 198.97.190.53 TCP 54 44473 → 53 [ACK] Seq=1978266194 Ack=7242 Win=64240 Len=0
8 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 198.97.190.53 DNS 102 Standard query 0xece6 A _.com OPT
9 2022-10-02 21:4... 198.97.190.53 10.9.0.53 DNS 1221 Standard query response 0xece6 A _.com NS a.gtld-servers.net ...
10 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 198.97.190.53 TCP 54 44473 → 53 [ACK] Seq=1978266242 Ack=8409 Win=63073 Len=0
11 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 198.97.190.53 TCP 54 44473 → 53 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1978266242 Ack=8409 Win=63073 Len=0
12 2022-10-02 21:4... 198.97.190.53 10.9.0.53 TCP 54 53 → 44473 [ACK] Seq=8409 Ack=1978266243 Win=32719 Len=0
13 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 192.31.80.30 DNS 96 Standard query 0x6aff A _.example.com OPT
14 2022-10-02 21:4... 198.97.190.53 10.9.0.53 TCP 54 53 → 44473 [FIN, ACK] Seq=8409 Ack=1978266243 Win=32719 Len=0
15 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 198.97.190.53 TCP 54 44473 → 53 [ACK] Seq=1978266243 Ack=8410 Win=63073 Len=0
16 2022-10-02 21:4... 192.31.80.30 10.9.0.53 DNS 384 Standard query response 0x6aff A _.example.com NS a.iana-serv...
17 2022-10-02 21:4... 10.9.0.53 192.31.80.30 TCP 74 36825 → 53 [SYN] Seq=2581220248 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK...
18 2022-10-02 21:4... 192.31.80.30 10.9.0.53 TCP 58 53 → 36825 [SYN, ACK] Seq=7731 Ack=2581220249 Win=32768 Len=0...
Frame 1: 98 bytes on wire (784 bits), 98 bytes captured (784 bits) on interface br-b0ee37d97d1e, id 0
Ethernet II, Src: 02:42:0a:09:00:05 (02:42:0a:09:00:05), Dst: 02:42:0a:09:00:35 (02:42:0a:09:00:35)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.9.0.5, Dst: 10.9.0.53
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 35831, Dst Port: 53
Domain Name System (query)
Transaction ID: 0x3d86
Flags: 0x0120 Standard query
Questions: 1
Answer RRs: 0
Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 1
Queries
0000 02 42 0a 09 00 35 02 42 0a 09 00 05 08 00 45 00 .B...5.B ......E.
0010 00 54 5c e7 00 00 40 11 09 67 0a 09 00 05 0a 09 .T\...@. .g......
0020 00 35 8b f7 00 35 00 40 14 9d 3d 86 01 20 00 01 .5...5.@ ..=.. ..
0030 00 00 00 00 00 01 03 77 77 77 07 65 78 61 6d 70 ....w ww.examp
0040 6c 65 03 63 6f 6d 00 00 01 00 01 00 00 29 10 00 le.com.. .....)..
br-b0ee37d97d1e: <live capture in progress>
Packets: 140 · Displayed: 140 (100.0%)
Profile: Default

To view the cache on the local DNS server we can use the rndc command to dump the cache.

On the local DNS server's terminal run the commands:

 # rndc dumpdb -cache

 # cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db | grep example



Task 3: Spoofing NS Records

In the previous task, our DNS cache poisoning attack only affects one hostname, i.e., www.example.com. If users try to get the IP address of another hostname, such as mail.example.com, we need to launch the attack again. It will be more efficient if we launch one attack that can affect the entire example.com domain.

The idea is to use the Authority section in DNS replies. Basically, when we spoofed a reply, in addition to spoofing the answer (in the Answer section), we add the following in the Authority section.

When this entry is cached by the local DNS server, ns.attacker32.com will be used as the nameserver for future queries of any hostname in the example.com domain. Since ns.attacker32.com is controlled by attackers, it can provide a forged answer for any query.

```
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
example.com.            259200  IN      NS      ns.attacker32.com.
```

Fill in the appropriate interface name in the code for task 3 as done in previous tasks.

Before launching the attack, please remember to clear the cache on the local DNS server first.

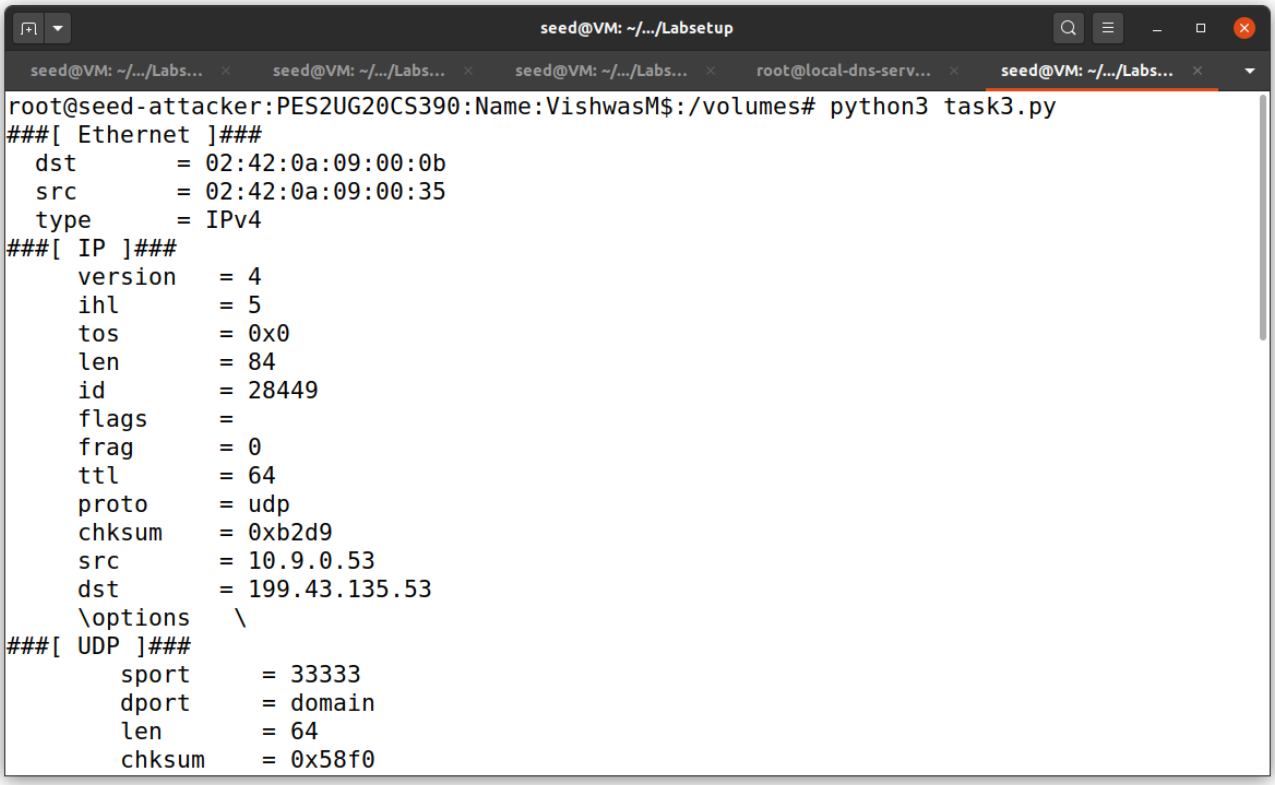
On the local DNS server's terminal run the command:

 # rndc flush

Now run the program **in the attacker terminal** and show your spoofed information in the reply. The victim machine sends out a DNS query to the local DNS server using the dig command. Also show the spoofed packet captured on wireshark and the cache of the local DNS server and explain your results.

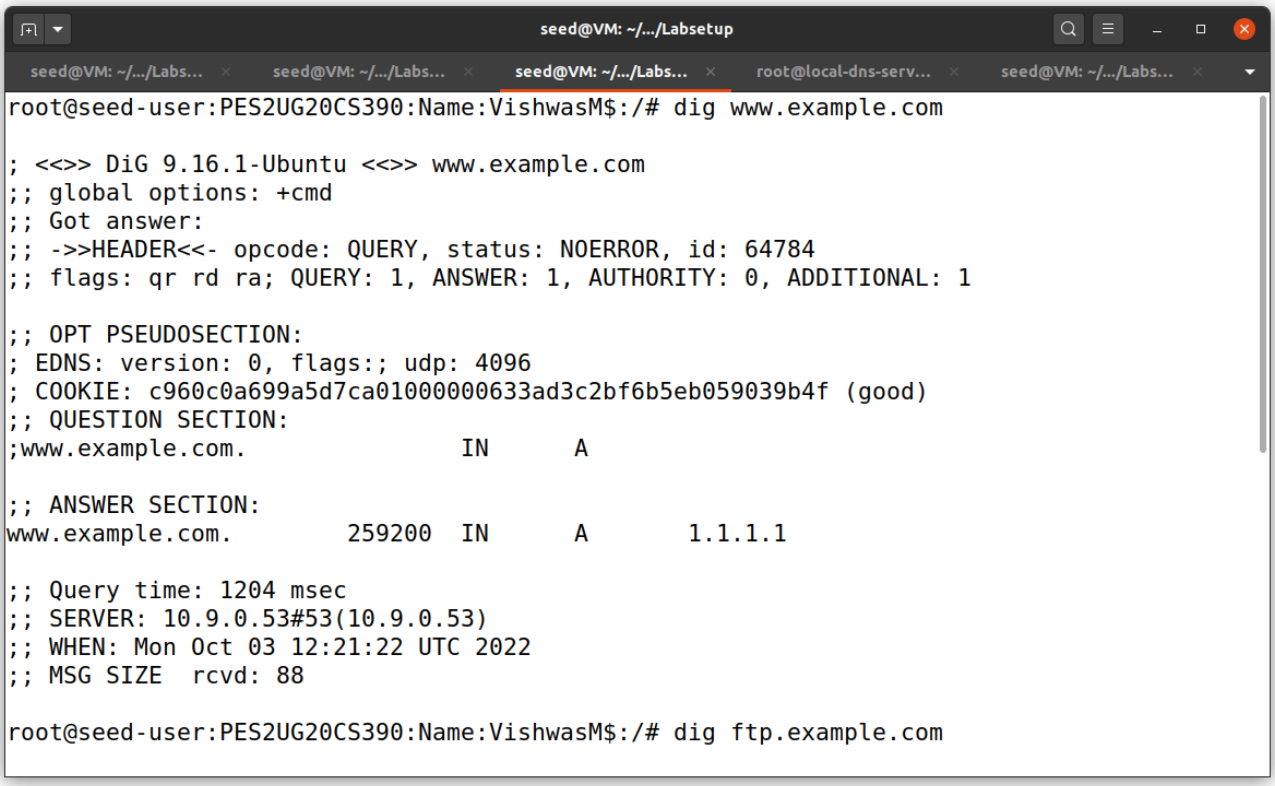
On the attacker terminal run the command:

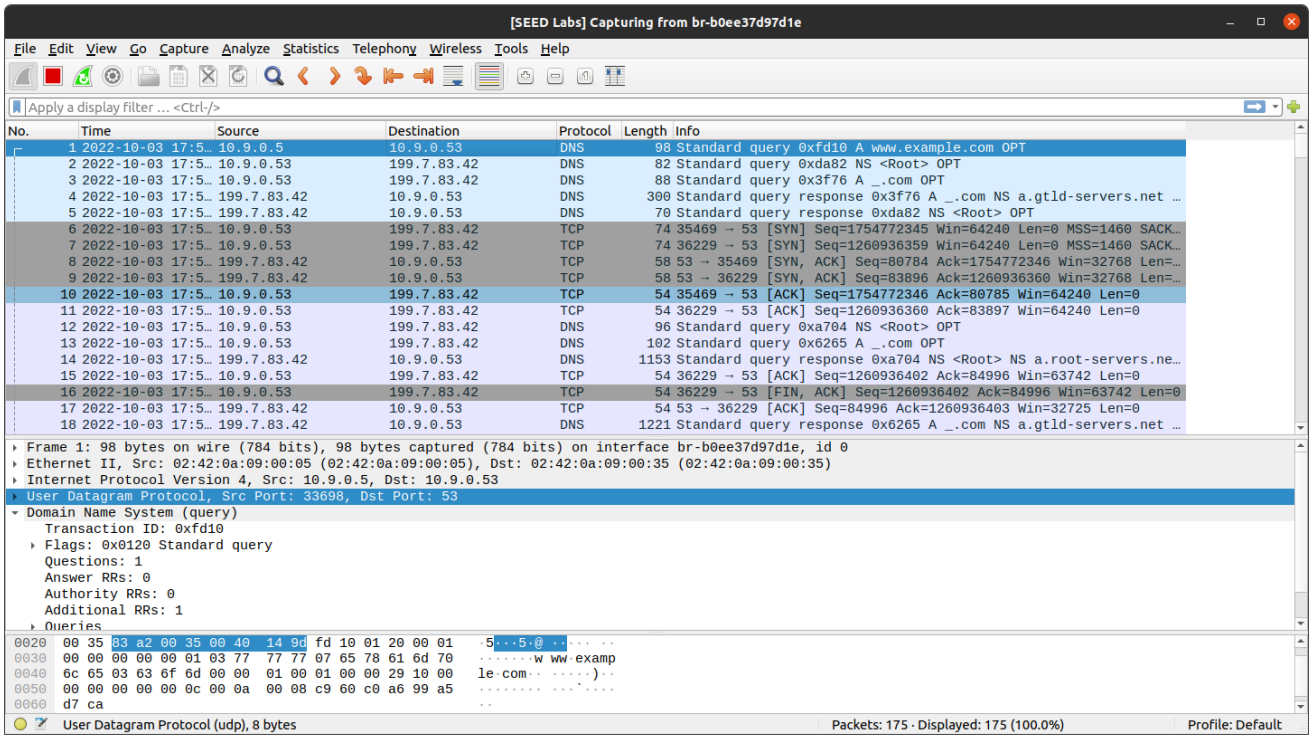
 # python3 task3.py



On the victim terminal run the command:

 # dig www.example.com



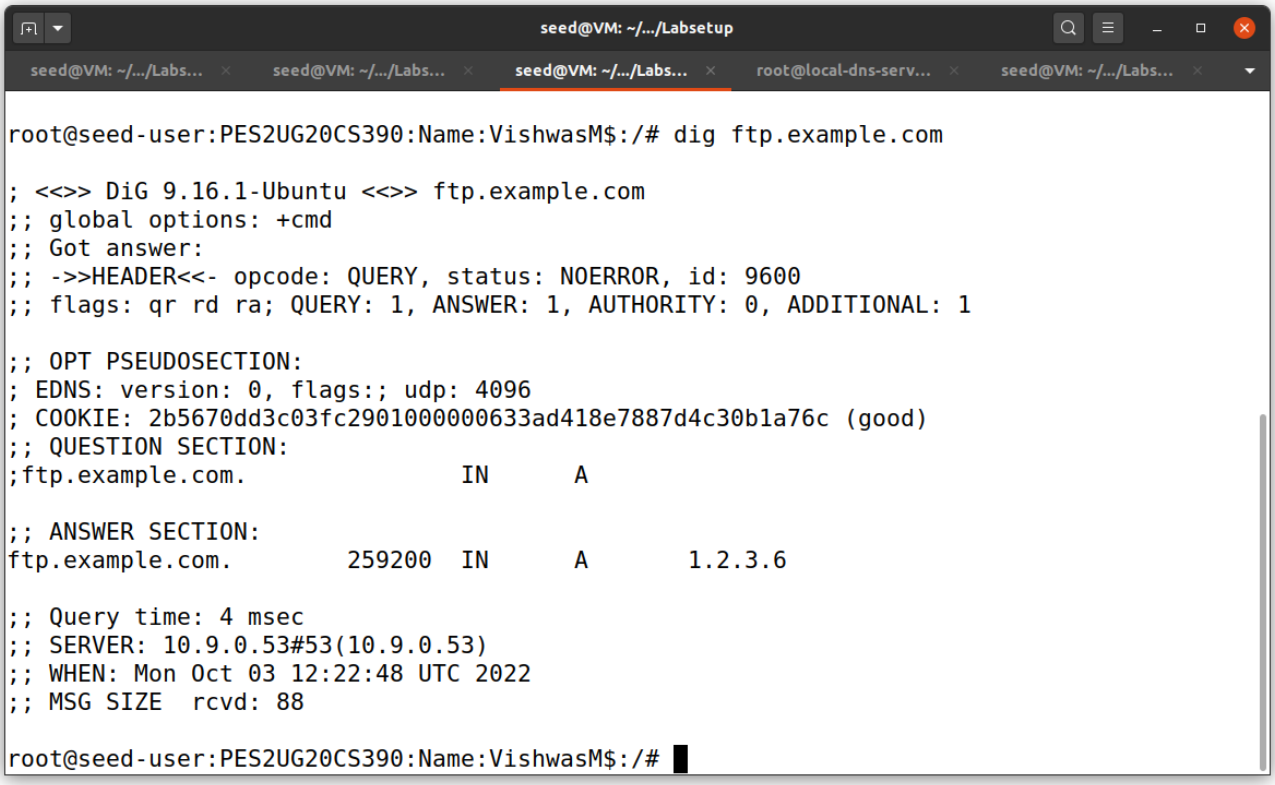


If your attack is successful, when you run the dig command on the user machine for any hostname in the example.com domain, you will get the fake IP address provided by ns.attacker32.com.

On the victim terminal run the command:

 # dig www.example.com

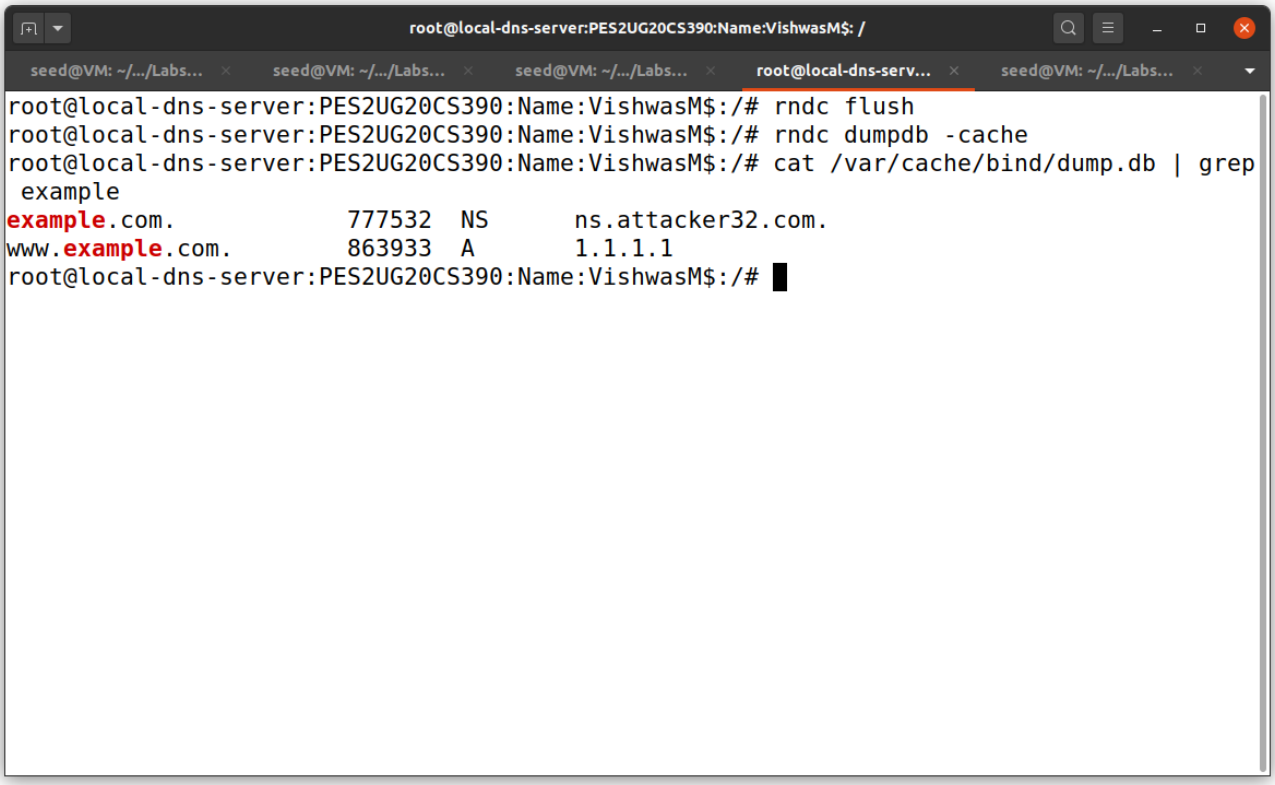
 # dig ftp.example.com



On the local DNS server's terminal run the commands:

 # rndc dumpdb -cache

 # cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db | grep example



Task 4: Spoofing NS Records for Another Domain

In the previous attack, we successfully poison the cache of the local DNS server, so ns.attacker32.com
becomes the nameserver for the example.com domain. Inspired by this success, we would like to extend its impact to other domains. Namely, in the spoofed response triggered by a query for www.example.com, we would like to add additional entry in the Authority section (see the following), so ns.attacker32.com is also used as the nameserver for google.com. The goal of this task is to see whether the entries we provide in the authority section are cached on the local DNS server or not and explain your results.

```
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
example.com.            259200  IN      NS      ns.attacker32.com.
google.com.             259200  IN      NS      ns.attacker32.com.
```

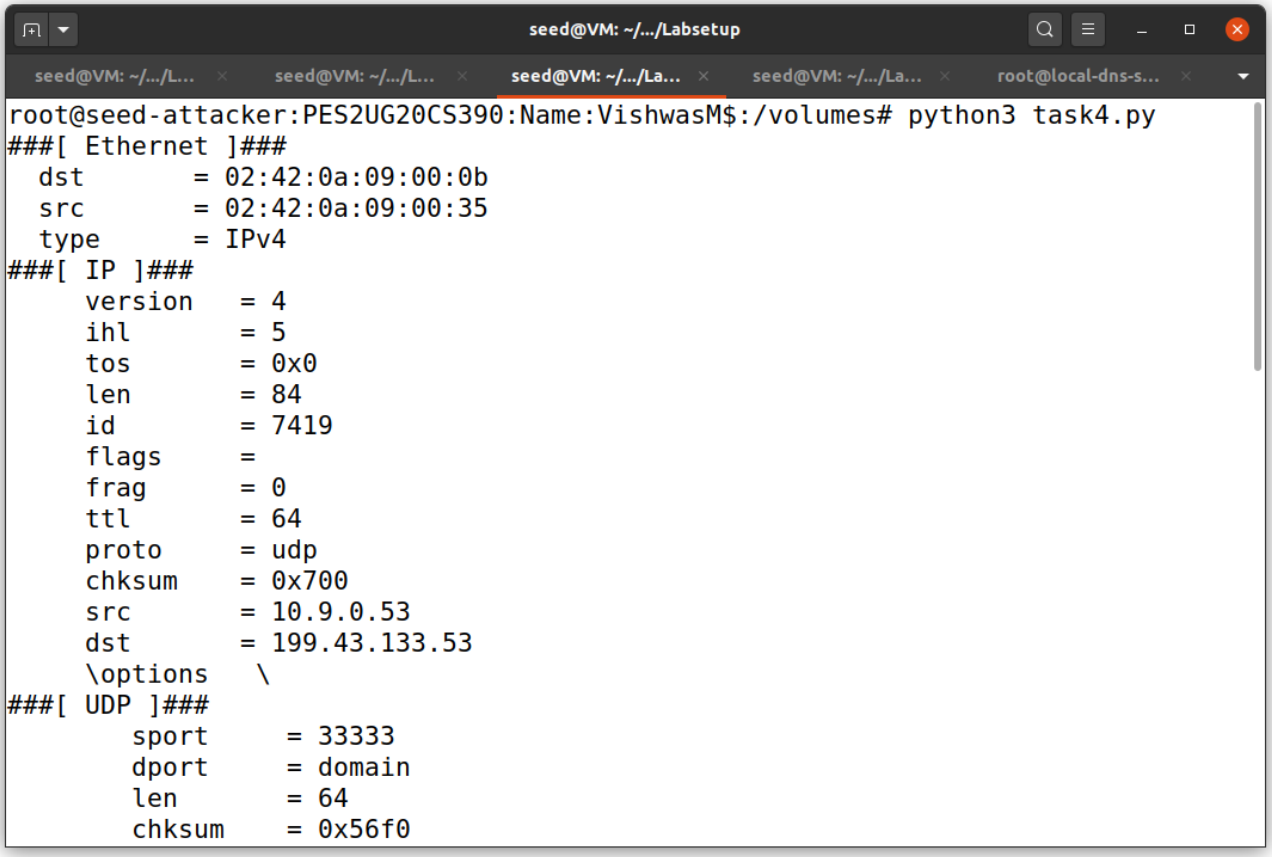
On the local DNS server's terminal run the command:

 # rndc flush

Now run the program in the attacker machine and show your spoofed information in the reply. Also show the **spoofed packet captured on wireshark** and the cache of the local DNS server and explain your results.

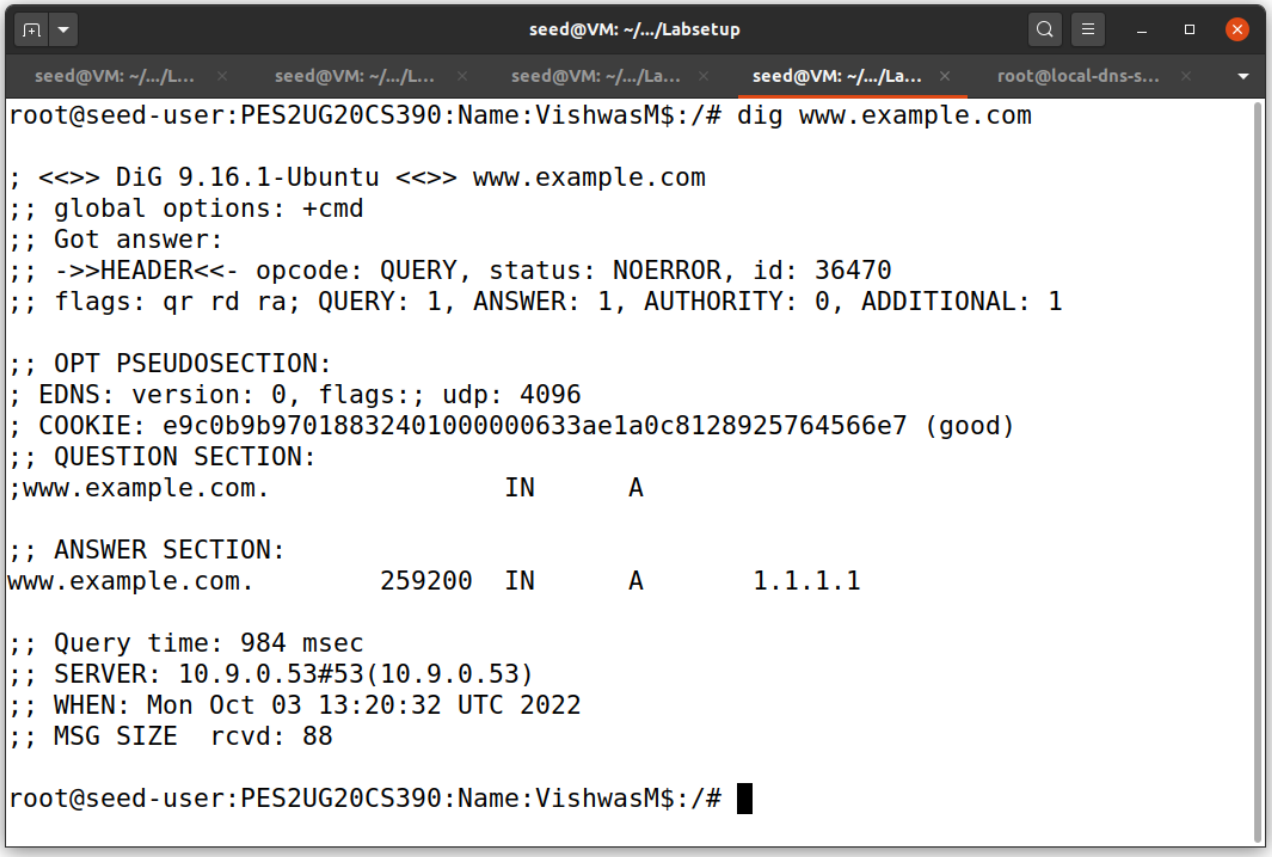
On the attacker terminal run the command:

 # python3 task4.py



On the victim terminal run the command:

 # dig www.example.com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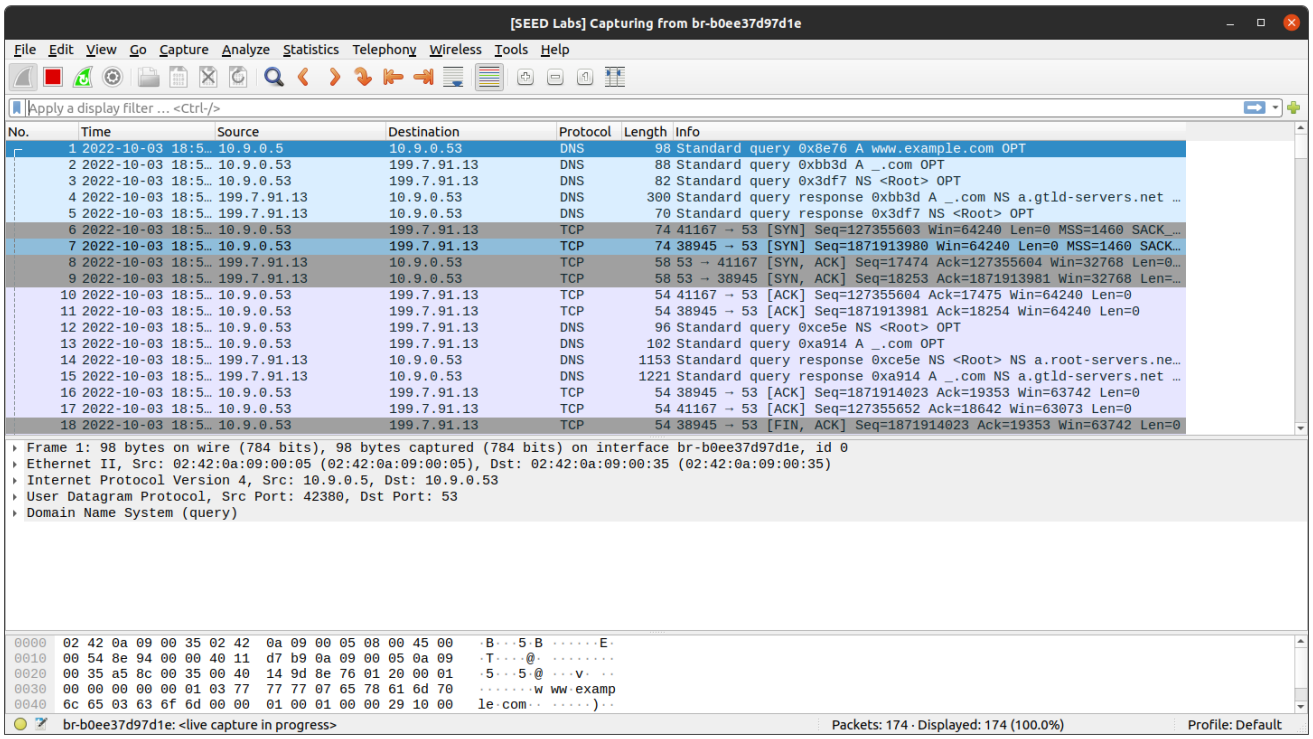
seed@VM: ~/.../La...
seed@VM: ~/.../La...
root@local-dns-s...
root@seed-user:PES2UG20CS390:Name:VishwasM$:/# dig www.example.com
; <<>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <<>> www.example.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 36470
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
; COOKIE: e9c0b9b97018832401000000633ae1a0c8128925764566e7 (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.example.com. IN A
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.com. 259200 IN A 1.1.1.1
;; Query time: 984 msec
;; SERVER: 10.9.0.53#53(10.9.0.53)
;; WHEN: Mon Oct 03 13:20:32 UTC 2022
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 88
root@seed-user:PES2UG20CS390:Name:VishwasM$:/#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No. Time Source Destination Protocol Length Info
1 2022-10-03 18:5... 10.9.0.5 10.9.0.53 DNS 98 Standard query 0x8e76 A www.example.com OPT
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3 2022-10-03 18:5... 10.9.0.53 199.7.91.13 DNS 82 Standard query 0x3df7 NS <Root> OPT
4 2022-10-03 18:5... 199.7.91.13 10.9.0.53 DNS 300 Standard query response 0xbb3d A _.com NS a.gtld-servers.net ...
5 2022-10-03 18:5... 199.7.91.13 10.9.0.53 DNS 70 Standard query response 0x3df7 NS <Root> OPT
6 2022-10-03 18:5... 10.9.0.53 199.7.91.13 TCP 74 41167 → 53 [SYN] Seq=127355603 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_...
7 2022-10-03 18:5... 10.9.0.53 199.7.91.13 TCP 74 38945 → 53 [SYN] Seq=1871913980 Win=64240 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK...
8 2022-10-03 18:5... 199.7.91.13 10.9.0.53 TCP 58 53 → 41167 [SYN, ACK] Seq=17474 Ack=127355604 Win=32768 Len=0...
9 2022-10-03 18:5... 199.7.91.13 10.9.0.53 TCP 58 53 → 38945 [SYN, ACK] Seq=18253 Ack=1871913981 Win=32768 Len=...
10 2022-10-03 18:5... 10.9.0.53 199.7.91.13 TCP 54 41167 → 53 [ACK] Seq=127355604 Ack=17475 Win=64240 Len=0
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14 2022-10-03 18:5... 199.7.91.13 10.9.0.53 DNS 1153 Standard query response 0xce5e NS <Root> NS a.root-servers.ne...
15 2022-10-03 18:5... 199.7.91.13 10.9.0.53 DNS 1221 Standard query response 0xa914 A _.com NS a.gtld-servers.net ...
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18 2022-10-03 18:5... 10.9.0.53 199.7.91.13 TCP 54 38945 → 53 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1871914023 Ack=19353 Win=63742 Len=0
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Ethernet II, Src: 02:42:0a:09:00:05 (02:42:0a:09:00:05), Dst: 02:42:0a:09:00:35 (02:42:0a:09:00:35)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.9.0.5, Dst: 10.9.0.53
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 42380, Dst Port: 53
Domain Name System (query)
0000 02 42 0a 09 00 35 02 42 0a 09 00 05 08 00 45 00 .B...5.B ......E.
0010 00 54 8e 94 00 00 40 11 d7 b9 0a 09 00 05 0a 09 .T....@. ....
0020 00 35 a5 8c 00 35 00 40 14 9d 8e 76 01 20 00 01 .5...5.@ ...v....
0030 00 00 00 00 00 01 03 77 77 77 07 65 78 61 6d 70 .... www.examp
0040 6c 65 03 63 6f 6d 00 00 01 00 01 00 00 29 10 00 le.com.. .....)..
br-b0ee37d97d1e: <live capture in progress>
Packets: 174 · Displayed: 174 (100.0%)
Profile: Default

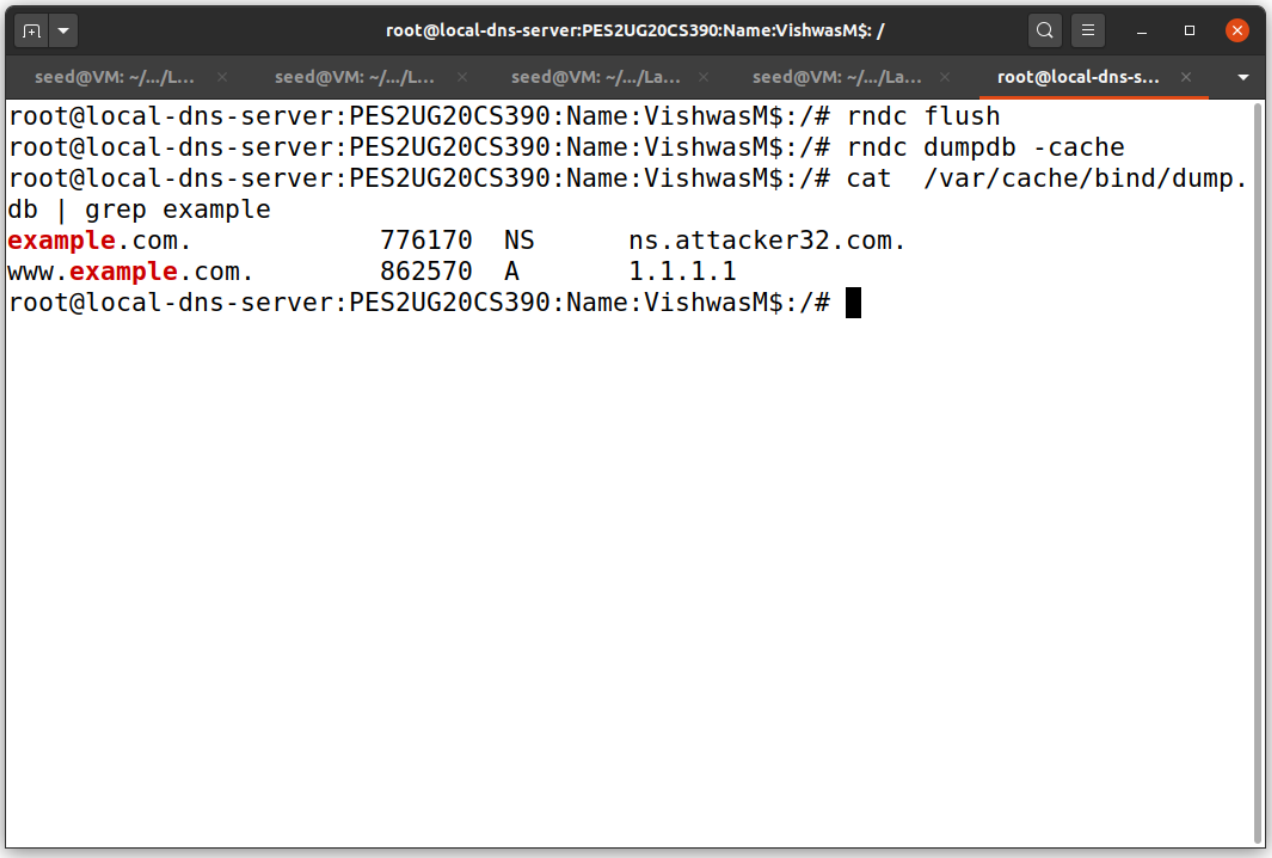
Please also check the cache on the local DNS server and see whether the spoofed NS record is in the cache or not.

To view the cache on the local DNS server we can use the rndc command to dump the cache.

On the local DNS server's terminal run the commands:

 # rndc dumpdb -cache

 # cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db | grep example



Task 5: Spoofing Records in the Additional Section

In DNS replies, there is a section called Additional Section, which is used to provide additional information. In practice, it is mainly used to provide IP addresses for some hostnames, especially for those appearing in the Authority section. In particular, when responding to the query for www.example.com, we add the following entries in the spoofed reply, in addition to the entries in the Answer section. The goal of this task is to spoof some entries in this section and see whether they will be successfully cached by the target local DNS server.

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;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
example.com.            259200   IN    NS    ns.attacker32.com.
example.com.            259200   IN    NS    ns.example.com.

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.attacker32.com.      259200   IN    A     1.2.3.4    ①
ns.example.net.         259200   IN    A     5.6.7.8    ②
www.facebook.com.       259200   IN    A     3.4.5.6    ③
```

On the local DNS server's terminal run the command:

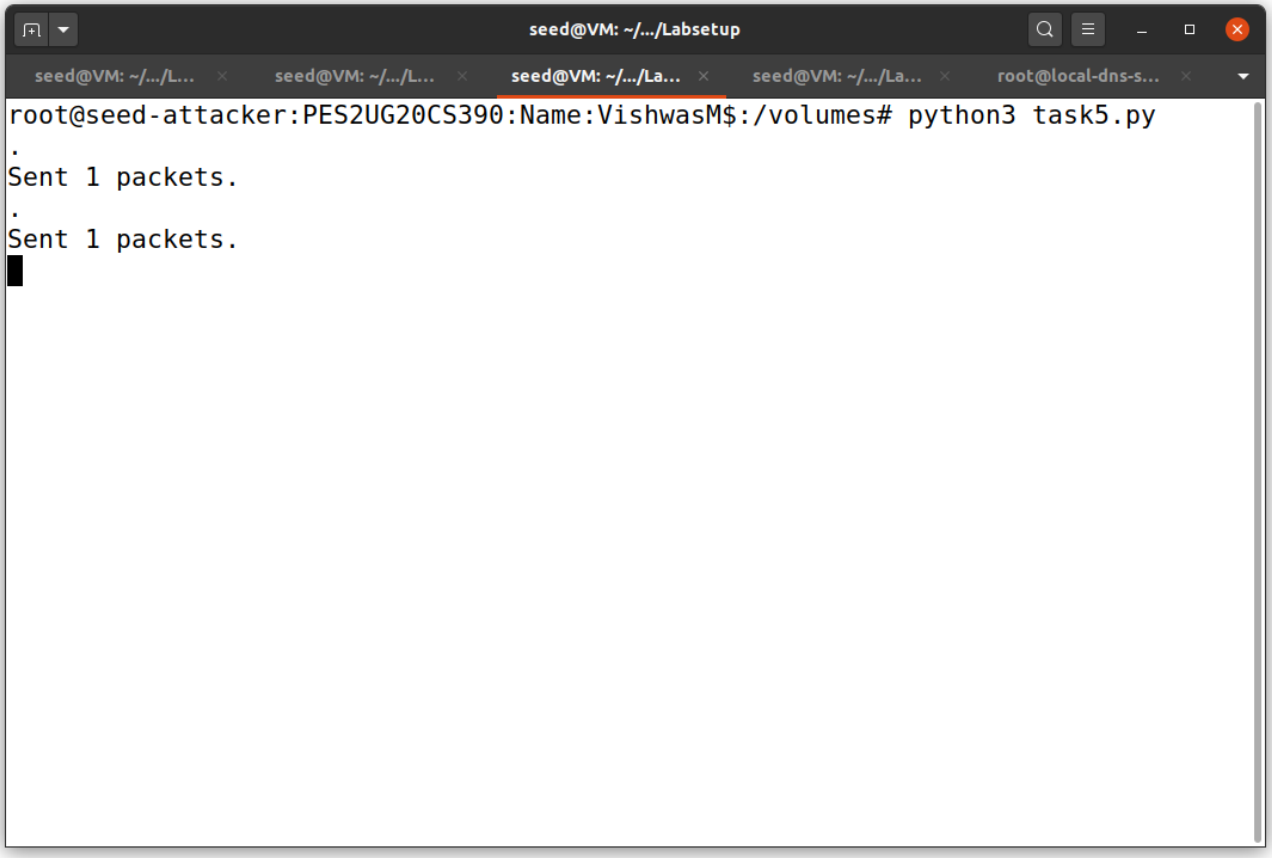
 # rndc flush

Now run the program in the attacker machine and show your spoofed information in the reply. Also show the **spoofed packet captured on wireshark** and the cache of the local DNS server and explain your results.

The victim machine sends out a DNS query to the local DNS server using the dig command. Before launching the attack, keep wireshark open to capture the response packet.

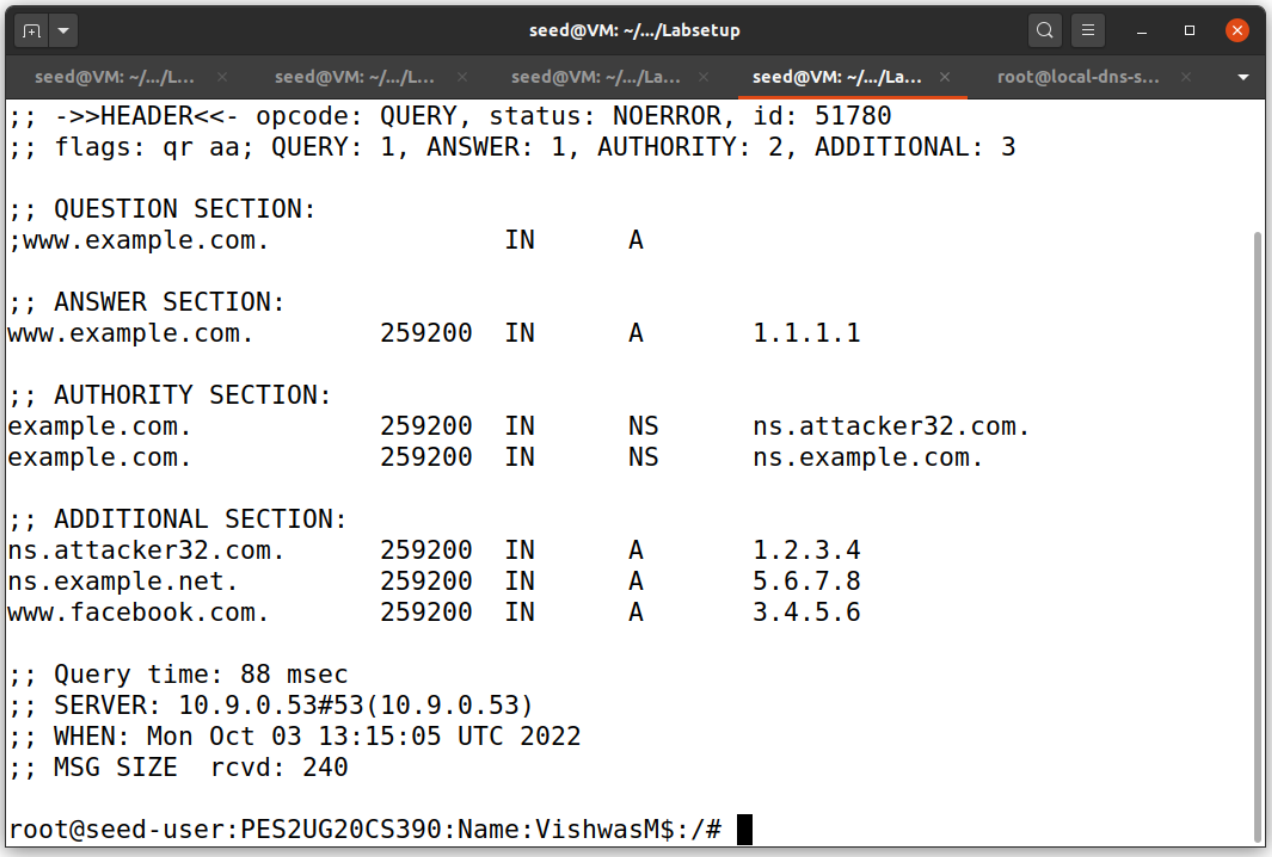
On the attacker terminal run the command:

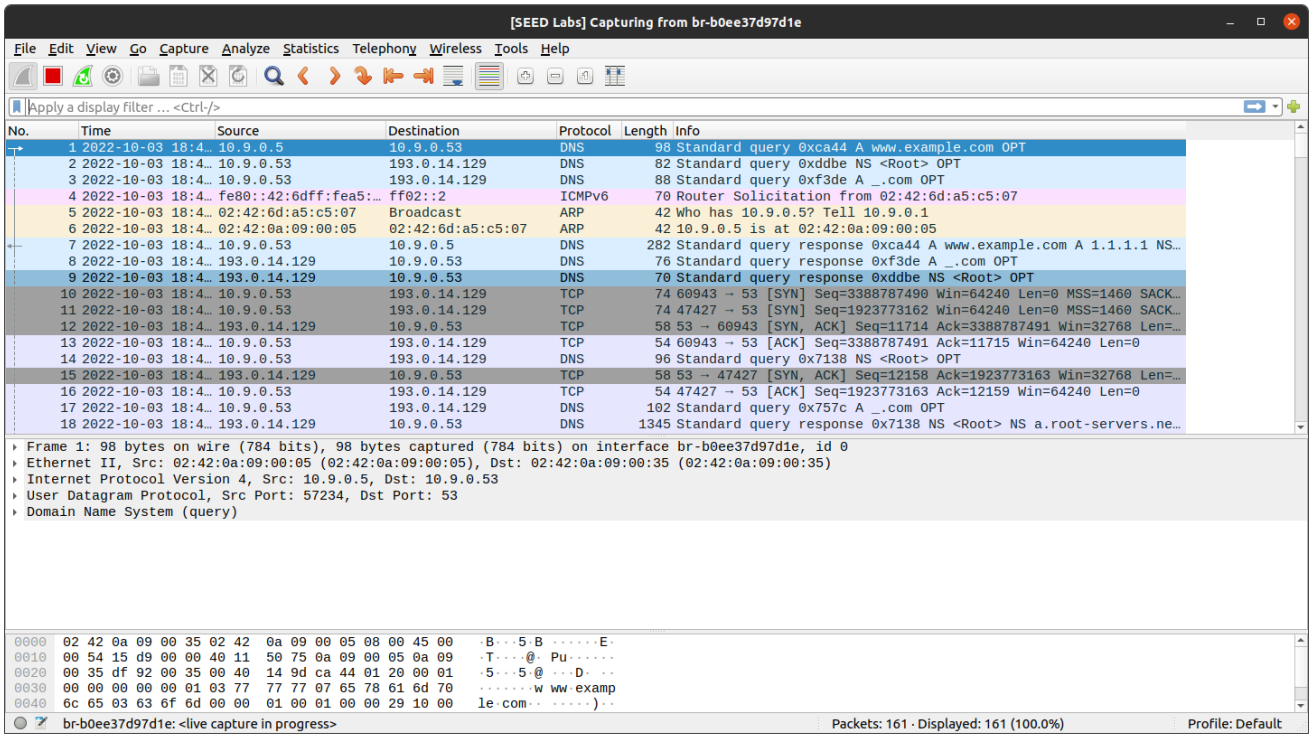
 # python3 task5.py



On the victim terminal run the command:

 # dig www.example.com





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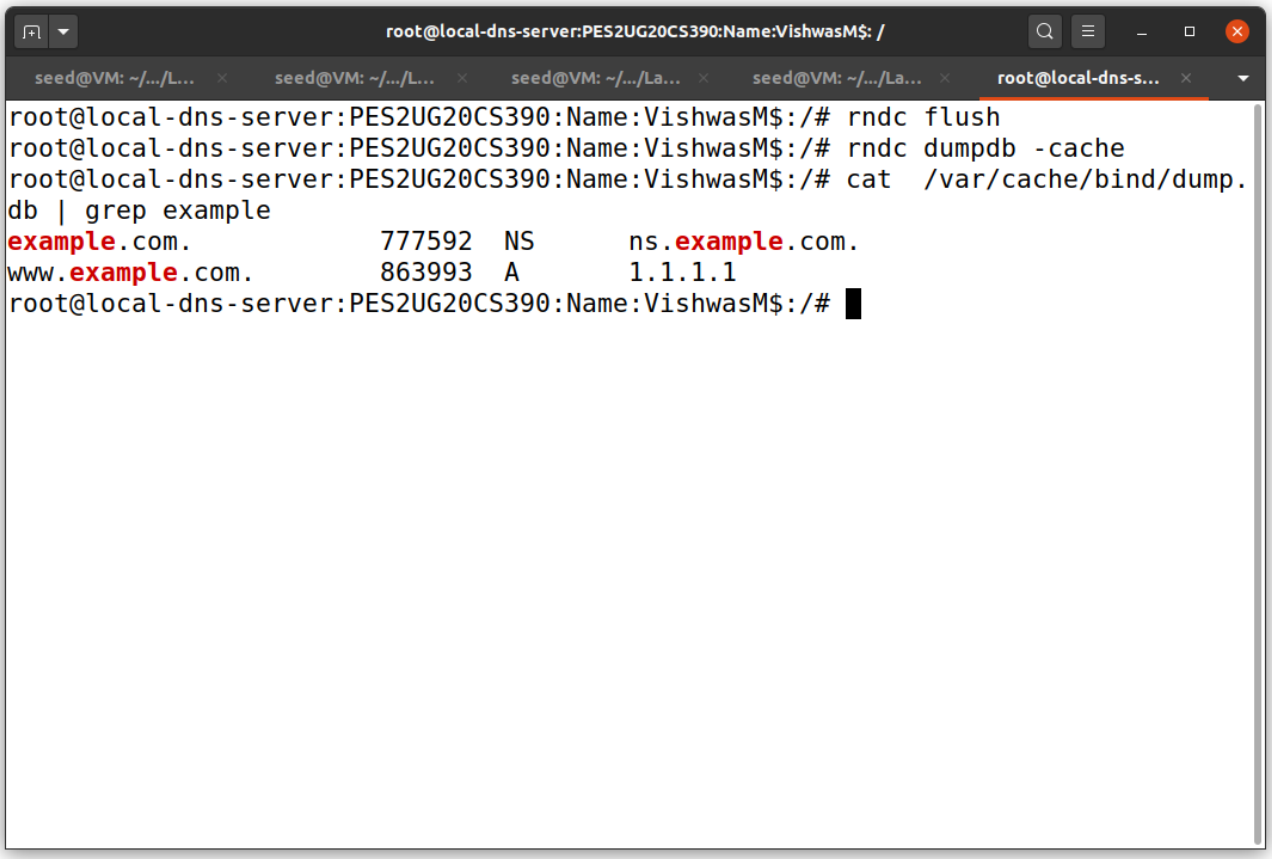


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