COMP3331 LAB_3 Report

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Exercise 3: Digging into DNS

1. What is the IP address of www.cecs.anu.edu.au. What type of DNS query is sent to get this answer?

```
z5219960@tabla05:~$ dig www.cecs.anu.edu.au
; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u18-Debian <<>> www.cecs.anu.edu.au
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 15719
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 7
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
                                ΤN
;www.cecs.anu.edu.au.
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.cecs.anu.edu.au.
                       2186
                                IN
                                        CNAME rproxy.cecs.anu.edu.au.
rproxy.cecs.anu.edu.au. 2151
                                IN
                                                150.203.161.98
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
cecs.anu.edu.au. 153
                                IN
IN
IN
                                        NS
NS
NS
                                                ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au.
cecs.anu.edu.au.
                        153
                                                ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au.
cecs.anu.edu.au.
                        153
                                                ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
                        1947
                                IN
                                                150.203.161.36
ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au.
                                       AAAA 2001:388:1034:2905::24
                                IN
                        1482
ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au.
                        1530
                                                150.203.161.50
ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au.
                                IN
IN
                                        AAAA
                                                2001:388:1034:2905::32
ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au.
                        1482
ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au.
                        1482
                                                 150.203.161.38
                              IN
                                       AAAA 2001:388:1034:2905::26
ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au.
                        1482
;; Query time: 0 msec
;; SERVER: 129.94.208.3#53(129.94.208.3)
;; WHEN: Tue Oct 08 15:07:54 AEDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 271
```

Ans:

IP address of www.cecs.anu.edu.au is 150.203.161.98 (from answer section) and the type of DNS query is type A (from question section).

2. What is the canonical name for the CECS ANU web server? Suggest a reason for having an alias for this server.

Ans:

Canonical name for the CECS ANU web server is rproxy.cecs.anu.edu.au (from answer section – CNAME).

Alias of the server always could be memorized easier than the canonical name. A server could have more than one alias.

3. What can you make of the rest of the response (i.e. the details available in the Authority and Additional sections)?

Ans:

Authority section provides the record of authoritative servers Additional section provides other useful record.

For CECS ANU web server, Authority section provides other NS type record of name servers. Besides, the Additional section provides the Type A record of each name servers with their own IP address.

4. What is the IP address of the local nameserver for your machine?

Ans:

Use dig command then scroll down to bottom would get the IP address of the local nameserver. It is 129,94,208,3

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;; SERVÉR: 129.94.208.3#53(129.94.208.3)
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5. What are the DNS nameservers for the "cecs.anu.edu.au" domain (note: the domain name is cecs.anu.edu.au and not www.cecs.anu.edu.au)? Find out their IP addresses? What type of DNS query is sent to obtain this information?

```
wagner % dig cecs.anu.edu.au NS
; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u18-Debian <<>> cecs.anu.edu.au NS
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 10522
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 3, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 7
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;cecs.anu.edu.au.
;; ANSWER SECTION:
cecs.anu.edu.au. 22 IN NS ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au.
cecs.anu.edu.au. 22 IN NS ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au.
cecs.anu.edu.au. 22 IN NS ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au.
:: ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au. 22 IN A 150.203.161.36
ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au. 2724 IN AAAA 2001:388:1034:2905::24
                          22
                                   IN
ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au.
ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au.
                           22 IN
2724 IN
                                             A 150.203.161.50
AAAA 2001:388:1034:2905::32
                           22 IN
2724 IN
ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au. 22
                                                      150.203.161.38
                                                     2001:388:1034:2905::26
                                             AAAA
ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au.
:: Ouerv time: 7 msec
;; SERVER: 129.94.242.2#53(129.94.242.2)
;; WHEN: Fri Oct 11 01:04:45 AEDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 230
```

Ans:

By mapping each NS record in answer section with A record in Additional Section. We can obtain

NameServer	ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au	ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au	ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au
IP Address	150.203.161.36	150.203.161.50	150.203.161.38

The type of DNS query is Type NS (obtained from the question section)

6. What is the DNS name associated with the IP address 111.68.101.54? What type of DNS query is sent to obtain this information?

Ans:

There's no DNS name associated with this IP address.

We can check the status said NXDOMAIN which means Non-existent Internet Domain Names. The type of DNS query is type NS.

7. Run dig and query the CSE nameserver (129.94.242.33) for the mail servers for Yahoo! Mail (again the domain name is yahoo.com, not www.yahoo.com). Did you get an authoritative answer? Why?

Ans:

Did not get an authoritative answer. According to the flags on the 6th line, there's no aa flag aa flag stands for Authoritative Answer.

8. Repeat the above (i.e. Question 7) but use one of the nameservers obtained in Question 5. What is the result?

```
wagner % dig @129.94.242.33 cecs.anu.edu.au NS
; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u18-Debian <<>> @129.94.242.33 cecs.anu.edu.au NS
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 1170
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 3, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 7
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;cecs.anu.edu.au.
                               IN
                                        NS
;; ANSWER SECTION:
cecs.anu.edu.au.
                     56 IN NS ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au.
56 IN NS ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au.
56 IN NS ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au.
cecs.anu.edu.au.
cecs.anu.edu.au.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au. 3356 IN A 150.203.161.36
ns2.cecs.anu.edu.au. 2150 IN AAAA 2001:388:1034:
                                       AAAA 2001:388:1034:2905::24
ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au. 3379 IN
                                               150.203.161.50
ns3.cecs.anu.edu.au. 2150 IN
                                       AAAA 2001:388:1034:2905::32
                                       Α
                                               150.203.161.38
ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au. 3379 IN
                                       AAAA 2001:388:1034:2905::26
ns4.cecs.anu.edu.au. 2150 IN
;; Query time: 7 msec
;; SERVER: 129.94.242.33#53(129.94.242.33)
;; WHEN: Fri Oct 11 01:14:19 AEDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 230
```

Ans:

Still not get any authoritative answer (no aa flag).

To get the authoritative answer, we need IP address provided by the Type A record from the additional section or nameserver provided by the Type NS record from the authority section to dig the server.

9. Obtain the authoritative answer for the mail servers for Yahoo! mail. What type of DNS query is sent to obtain this information?

```
weill % dig @68.180.131.16 yahoo.com MX
; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u18-Debian <<>> @68.180.131.16 yahoo.com MX
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 29165
;; flags: qr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 3, AUTHORITY: 5, ADDITIONAL: 9
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
:: OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1272
:: OUESTION SECTION:
:vahoo.com.
;; ANSWER SECTION:
                             1800 IN MX
1800 IN MX
1800 IN MX
                                                             1 mta7.am0.yahoodns.net.
yahoo.com.
                                                        1 mta7.am0.yahoodns.net.
1 mta6.am0.yahoodns.net.
yahoo.com.
yahoo.com.
                                                             1 mta5.am0.yahoodns.net.
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
                                                         ns4.yahoo.com.
                             172800 IN NS
172800 IN NS
yahoo.com.
yahoo.com.
                                                             ns2.yahoo.com.
                              172800 IN NS ns3.yahoo.com.
172800 IN NS ns1.yahoo.com.
172800 IN NS ns5.yahoo.com.
yahoo.com.
vahoo.com.
yahoo.com.
:: ADDITIONAL SECTION:
                      1209600 IN
                             1209600 IN A 68.180.131.16

1209600 IN A 68.142.255.16

1800 IN A 27.123.42.42

1209600 IN A 98.138.11.157

1209600 IN A 119.160.253.83

86400 IN AAAA 2001:4998:130::1001

86400 IN AAAA 2001:4998:140::1002

1800 IN AAAA 2406:8600:f03f:1f8::1003
ns1.yahoo.com.
ns2.yahoo.com.
ns3.yahoo.com.
ns4.yahoo.com.
ns5.yahoo.com.
ns1.yahoo.com.
ns2.yahoo.com.
ns3.yahoo.com.
;; Query time: 145 msec
;; SERVER: 68.180.131.16#53(68.180.131.16)
:: WHEN: Thu Oct 10 23:57:50 AEDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 371
```

Ans:

By using the IP or nameserver from one of the nameservers in yahoo.com domain, I got an authority answer. The type of DNS query is type MX.

10.In this exercise you simulate the iterative DNS query process to find the IP address of your machine (e.g. lyre00.cse.unsw.edu.au). First, find the name server (query type NS) of the "." domain (root domain). Query this nameserver to find the authoritative name server for the "au." domain. Query this second server to find the authoritative nameserver for the "edu.au." domain. Now query this nameserver to find the authoritative nameserver of unsw.edu.au". Next query the nameserver of unsw.edu.au. Now query the nameserver of cse.unsw.edu.au. Now query the nameserver of cse.unsw.edu.au to find the IP address of your host. How many DNS servers do you have to query to get the authoritative answer?

Ans:

1st dig: use dig . NS to get the nameservers of root.

```
weill % dig . NS
; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u18-Debian <<>> . NS
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 31061
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 13, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 27
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
                                               NS
:: ANSWER SECTION:
                            65722
                                                        a.root-servers.net.
                                    IN
IN
                                                        e.root-servers.net.
k.root-servers.net.
                            65722
                                               NS
                            65722
                            65722
65722
                                    IN
                                                       d.root-servers.net.
                                    IN
                                                       i.root-servers.net.
                                               NS
                            65722
                                                        c.root-servers.net.
                                    IN
                            65722
                                              NS
                                                       h.root-servers.net.
                            65722
                                                       m.root-servers.net.
                            65722
                                    IN
                                               NS
                                                        g.root-servers.net.
                            65722
                                    IN
                                               NS
                                                        j.root-servers.net.
                            65722
                                    IN
                                               NS
                                                        b.root-servers.net.
                                    IN
                            65722
                                               NS
                                                        f.root-servers.net.
                            65722
                                                        l.root-servers.net.
```

2nd dig: use one of the nameserver from root to dig au. NS

```
; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u18-Debian <<>> @a.root-servers.net. au. NS
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 22648
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 9, ADDITIONAL: 18
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1472
;; QUESTION SECTION:
                                                   NS
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
                              172800 IN
au.
                                                   NS
                                                             a.au.
                               172800 IN
au.
                                                             c.au.
                              172800 IN
172800 IN
au.
                                                   NS
                                                             d.au.
                                                   NS
au.
                                                             q.au.
                              172800 IN
172800 IN
au.
                                                   NS
                                                             s.au.
                               172800 IN
au.
                                                             t.au.
au.
                               172800 IN
                                                   NS
                                                             u.au.
                              172800 IN
                                                             v.au.
au.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
                              172800 IN
172800 IN
172800 IN
                                                             58.65.254.73
c.au.
                                                   Α
                                                             162.159.24.179
d.au.
                                                             162.159.25.38
                                                             65.22.196.1
65.22.197.1
q.au.
                              172800 IN
                              172800 IN
r.au.
                             172800 IN
172800 IN
s.au.
                                                             65.22.198.1
                                                             65.22.199.1
t.au.
                              172800 IN
172800 IN
                                                             211.29.133.32
v.au.
                                                             202.12.31.53
                              172800 IN
                                                   AAAA
                                                             2407:6e00:254:306::73
a.au.
                              172800 IN
172800 IN
                                                   AAAA
AAAA
                                                             2400:cb00:2049:1::a29f:18b3
2400:cb00:2049:1::a29f:1926
c.au.
d.au.
q.au.
                              172800 IN
                                                   AAAA
                                                             2a01:8840:be::1
                                                   AAAA
                                                             2a01:8840:bf::1
r.au.
                              172800 IN
                               172800 IN
                                                   AAAA
                                                              2a01:8840:c0::1
s.au.
t.au.
                               172800 IN
                                                   AAAA
                                                             2a01:8840:c1::1
                               172800
                                                             2001:dd8:12::53
v.au.
;; Query time: 177 msec
;; SERVER: 198.41.0.4#53(198.41.0.4)
;; WHEN: Fri Oct 11 00:12:26 AEDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 543
```

3rd dig: use one of the nameserver from au. to dig edu.au. NS

```
weill % dig @a.au. edu.au. NS
; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u18-Debian <<>> @a.au. edu.au. NS
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 14651
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 4, ADDITIONAL: 9
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
                                                                      NS
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
                                  86400 IN
86400 IN
86400 IN
edu.au.
                                                          NS
                                                                      s.au.
edu.au.
                                                          NS
                                                                      r.au.
                                                                      t.au.
edu.au.
                                                          NS
                                                                      q.au.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
                                  86400 IN
q.au.
r.au.
                                                                     65.22.196.1
                                                                      65.22.197.1
s.au.
                                                                      65.22.198.1
                                                                      65.22.199.1
t.au.
                                                                   2a01:8840:be::1
2a01:8840:bf::1
2a01:8840:c0::1
2a01:8840:c1::1
q.au.
                                                          AAAA
r.au.
                                                          AAAA
                                                          AAAA
s.au.
t.au.
                                                          AAAA
;; Query time: 14 msec
;; SERVER: 58.65.254.73#53(58.65.254.73)
;; WHEN: Fri Oct 11 00:15:50 AEDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 275
```

4th dig: use one of the nameserver from edu.au. to dig unsw.edu.au. NS

```
weill % dig @q.au. unsw.edu.au. NS
 ; <<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u18-Debian <<>> @q.au. unsw.edu.au. NS
 ; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 32557
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 3, ADDITIONAL: 6
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
 ;; QUESTION SECTION:
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
unsw.edu.au. 900 IN
unsw.edu.au. 900 IN
900 IN
                                                 NS
;unsw.edu.au.
                                                 NS
                                                          ns1.unsw.edu.au.
                                                 NS
NS
                                                           ns2.unsw.edu.au.
                                                           ns3.unsw.edu.au.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns1.unsw.edu.au. 900
ns2.unsw.edu.au. 900
                                                 A
A
                                                           129.94.0.192
                                       IN
IN
IN
                                                           129.94.0.193
192.155.82.178
ns3.unsw.edu.au.
                              900
                                                            2001:388:c:35::1
ns2.unsw.edu.au.
                            900
                                      IN
                                                AAAA
                                                          2001:388:c:35::2
;; Query time: 7 msec
;; SERVER: 65.22.196.1#53(65.22.196.1)
;; WHEN: Fri Oct 11 00:18:59 AEDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 198
```

5th dig: use one of the nameserver from unsw.edu.au. to dig cse.unsw.edu.au. NS

```
weill % dig @ns1.unsw.edu.au. cse.unsw.edu.au NS
: <<>> DiG 9.9.5-9+deb8u18-Debian <<>> @ns1.unsw.edu.au. cse.unsw.edu.au NS
; (1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->= HEADER<-- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 65464
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 2, ADDITIONAL: 5
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
 ; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;cse.unsw.edu.au.
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
cse.unsw.edu.au. 10800 IN NS beethoven.orchestra.cse.unsw.edu.au.
cse.unsw.edu.au. 10800 IN NS maestro.orchestra.cse.unsw.edu.au.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
beethoven.orchestra.cse.unsw.edu.au. 10800 IN A 129.94.242.2
beethoven.orchestra.cse.unsw.edu.au. 10800 IN A 129.94.172.11
beethoven.orchestra.cse.unsw.edu.au. 10800 IN A 129.94.208.3 maestro.orchestra.cse.unsw.edu.au. 10800 IN A 129.94.242.33
;; Query time: 3 msec
;; SERVER: 129.94.0.192#53(129.94.0.192)
;; WHEN: Fri Oct 11 00:24:40 AEDT 2019
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 164
```

6th dig: use one of the nameserver from cse.unsw.edu.au. to dig vx1.cse.unsw.edu.au (default type A to get the IP address)

To sum up, it took 6 steps to get an authoritative answer (aa flag).

11.Can one physical machine have several names and/or IP addresses associated with it?

Ans:

Yes, one physical machine could have several names or IP addresses.

IP address is associated with Lan port and not the computer itself.

For example, normal laptop could have an ethernet port and a WIFI port.

Thus, it could have 2 IP addresses.

As long as the names are registered to DNS server, a physical machine could have several names by just adding an additional type A record into the DNS server.