Packet Analysis

Programmazione di Reti

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Protocol Analyzer

- Tools for packet analysis of data arriving at the network interface card:
  - Tcpdump
  - Wireshark
- Packet header view
- Allow to
  - Debug network applications
  - Debug network itself

Tcpdump

- CLI (Command Line Interface) only
- Multiple parameters can be specified to define what you want to monitor
- Most common:
  - *-n*: do not resolve DNS name
  - *-v* (o *-vv*): verbose output
  - *-c* <n>: capture n packets
  - *-i* <Intf>: capture packets on Intf interface
- *Filters*: show only traffic that satisfy certain characteristics
  # tcpdump -q -n -c 10 ‘host 192.168.1.10 and port ssh’

Tcpdump: example

mininet@mininet-cluster3:~$ sudo tcpdump -nve –i eth3 icmp

tcpdump: listening on eth3, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 65535 bytes

08:17:17.051282 00:00:00:00:00:01 > 00:00:00:00:00:03, ethertype IPv4 (0x0800), length 98: (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 13417, offset 0, flags [DF], proto ICMP (1), length 84)

192.168.1.1 > 172.16.2.100: ICMP echo request, id 13352, seq 1, length 64

08:17:17.079350 00:00:00:00:00:03 > 00:00:00:00:00:01, ethertype IPv4 (0x0800), length 98: (tos 0x0, ttl 59, id 43350, offset 0, flags [none], proto ICMP (1), length 84)

172.16.2.100 > 192.168.1.1: ICMP echo reply, id 13352, seq 1, length 64

08:17:18.052525 00:00:00:00:00:01 > 00:00:00:00:00:03, ethertype IPv4 (0x0800), length 98: (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 13418, offset 0, flags [DF], proto ICMP (1), length 84)

192.168.1.1 > 172.16.2.100: ICMP echo request, id 13352, seq 2, length 64

08:17:18.059675 00:00:00:00:00:03 > 00:00:00:00:00:01, ethertype IPv4 (0x0800), length 98: (tos 0x0, ttl 59, id 43565, offset 0, flags [none], proto ICMP (1), length 84)

172.16.2.100 > 192.168.1.1: ICMP echo reply, id 13352, seq 2, length 64

08:17:19.053860 00:00:00:00:00:01 > 00:00:00:00:00:03, ethertype IPv4 (0x0800), length 98: (tos 0x0, ttl 64, id 13419, offset 0, flags [DF], proto ICMP (1), length 84)

192.168.1.1 > 172.16.2.100: ICMP echo request, id 13352, seq 3, length 64

08:17:19.059410 00:00:00:00:00:03 > 00:00:00:00:00:01, ethertype IPv4 (0x0800), length 98: (tos 0x0, ttl 59, id 43638, offset 0, flags [none], proto ICMP (1), length 84)

172.16.2.100 > 192.168.1.1: ICMP echo reply, id 13352, seq 3, length 64

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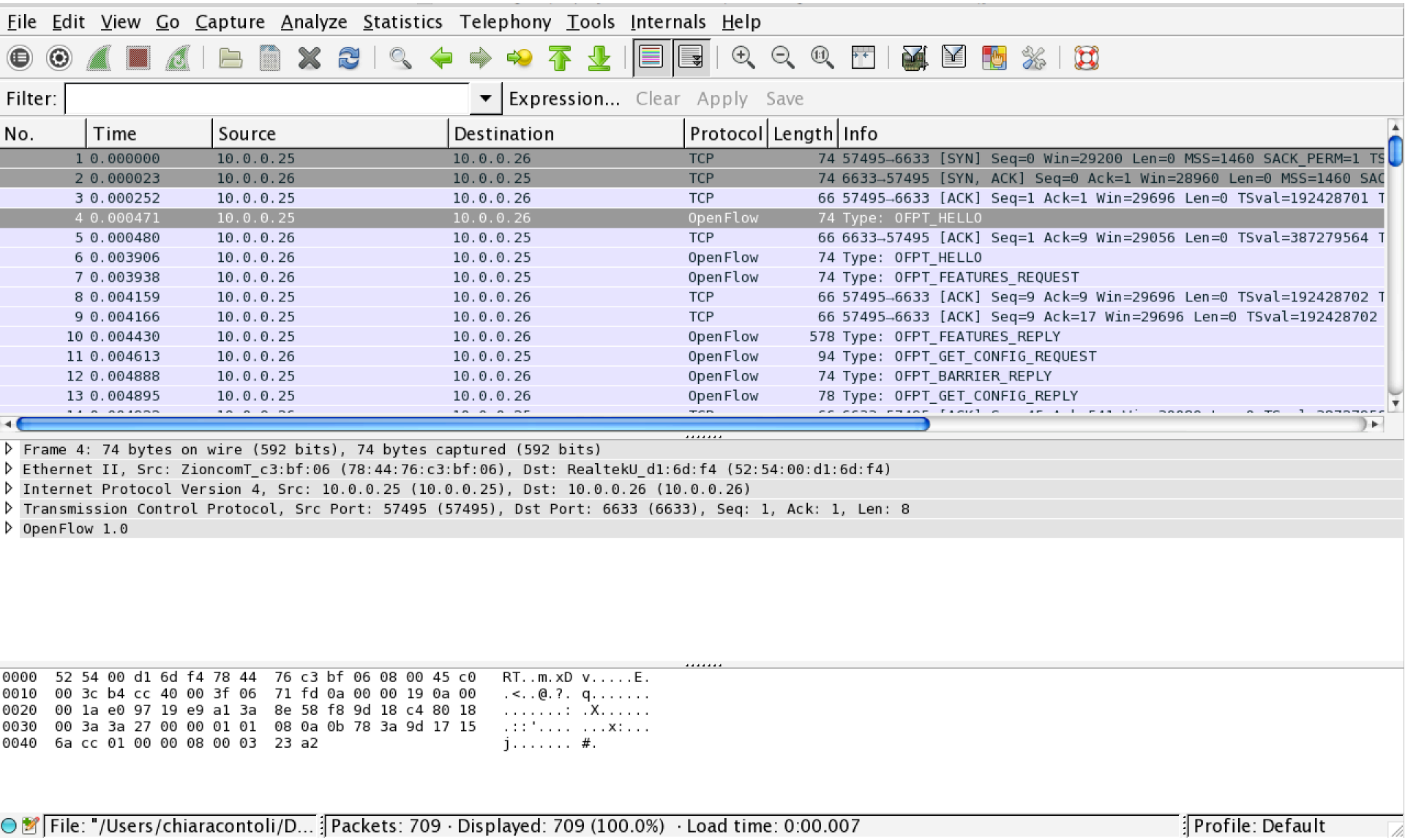
Wireshark

- GUI (Graphical User Interface) tool
- Allow to specify filters based on several criteria
- Most common criteria
  - Protocols
  - Addresses
  - Ports
  - Specific fields (e.g., flags)

Wireshark: example



Other useful tools

- TCP/IP parameters configuration
- Connectivity check

Command (Linux / Windows)	Description
ifconfig / ipconfig	Check network configuration
ping <host>	Connectivity check towards *host*
traceroute -n <host> / *tracert -d* <host>	(Not only) Connectivity check towards *host*
route -n / route print	Routing table status

FTP Analysis (File Transfer Protocol)

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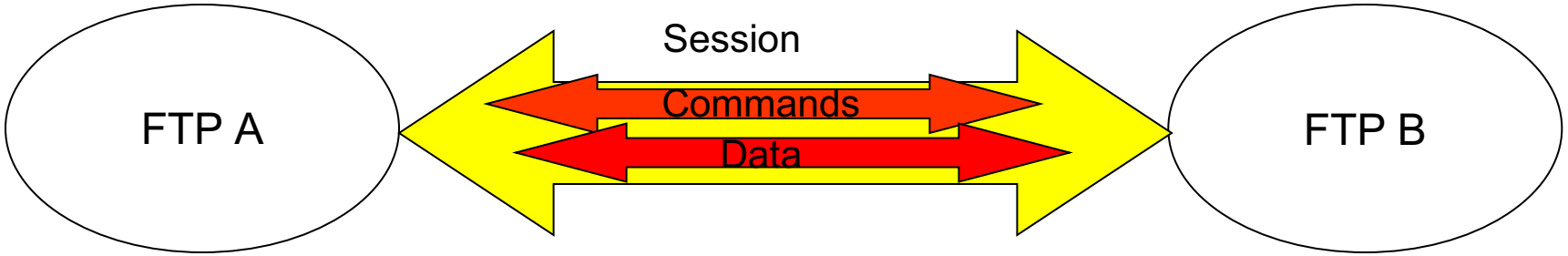
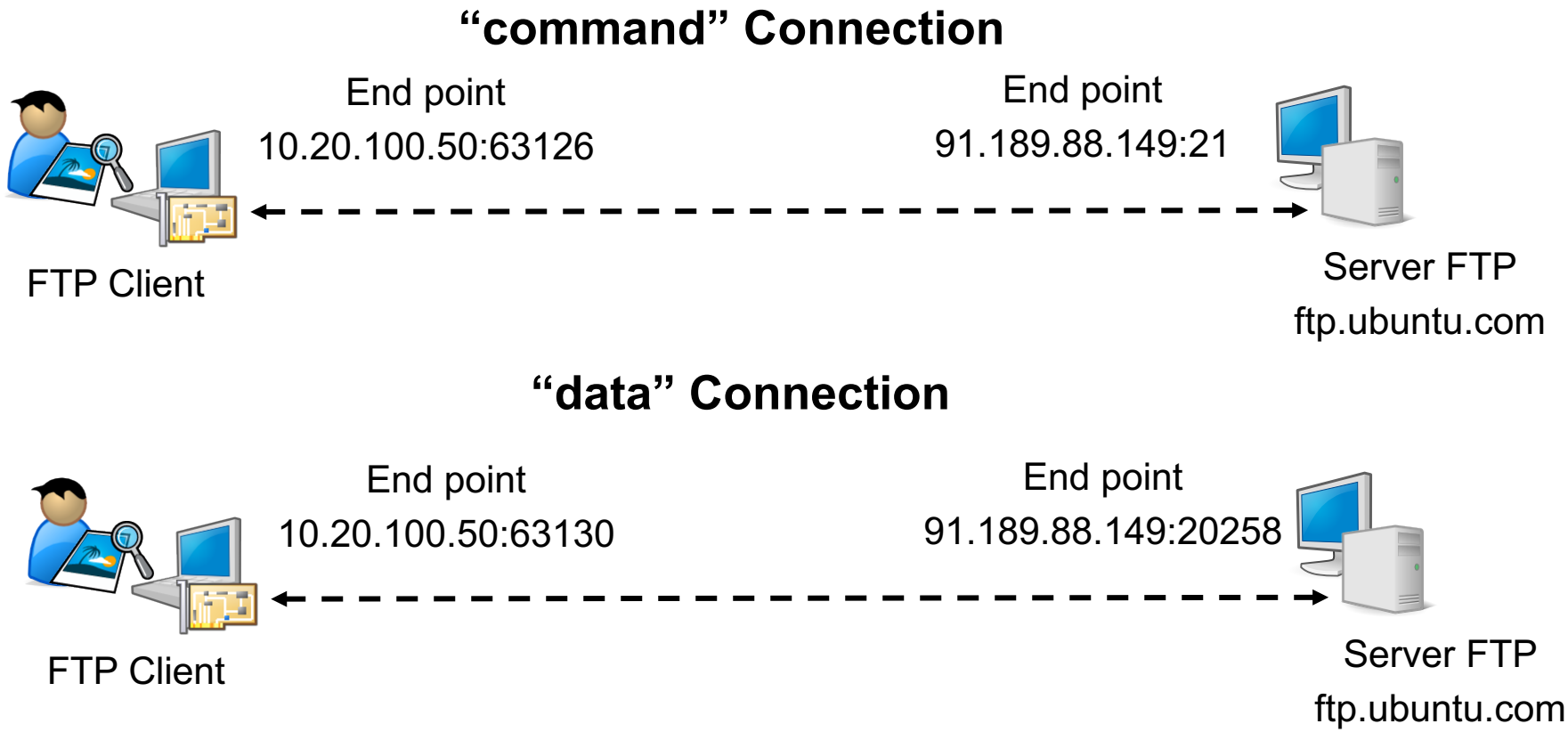
Session and connection

- At application level, 2 entities communicate using a session dialog
- A single session can include several transport connections at the same time
- FTP leverage 2 connections:
  - Command connection
  - Data connection



FTP Session

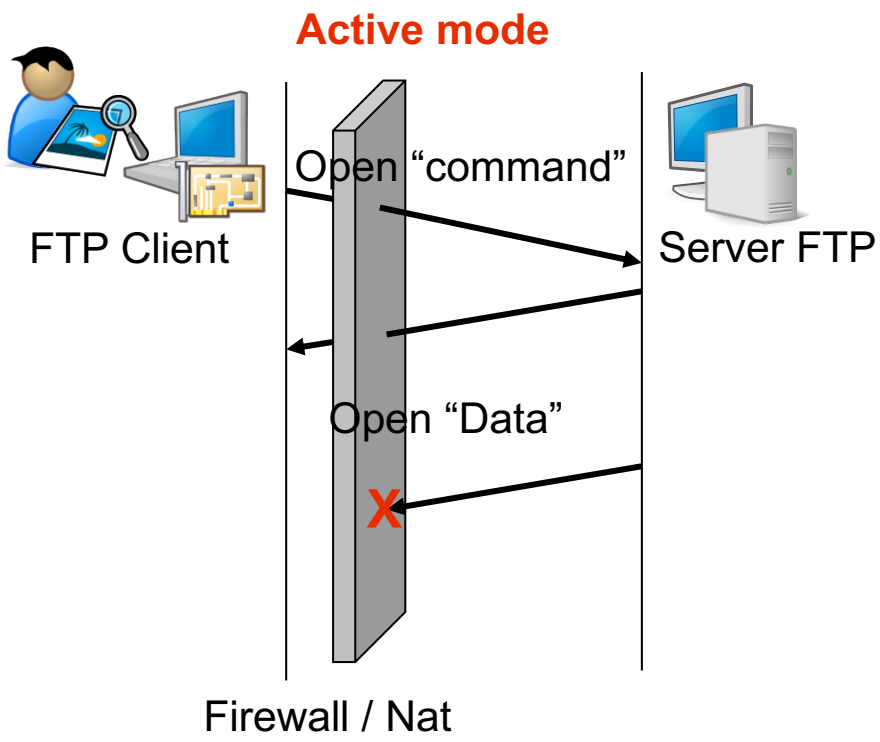

“command” Connection
End point
10.20.100.50:63126
End point
91.189.88.149:21
FTP Client
Server FTP
ftp.ubuntu.com
“data” Connection
End point
10.20.100.50:63130
End point
91.189.88.149:20258
FTP Client
Server FTP
ftp.ubuntu.com

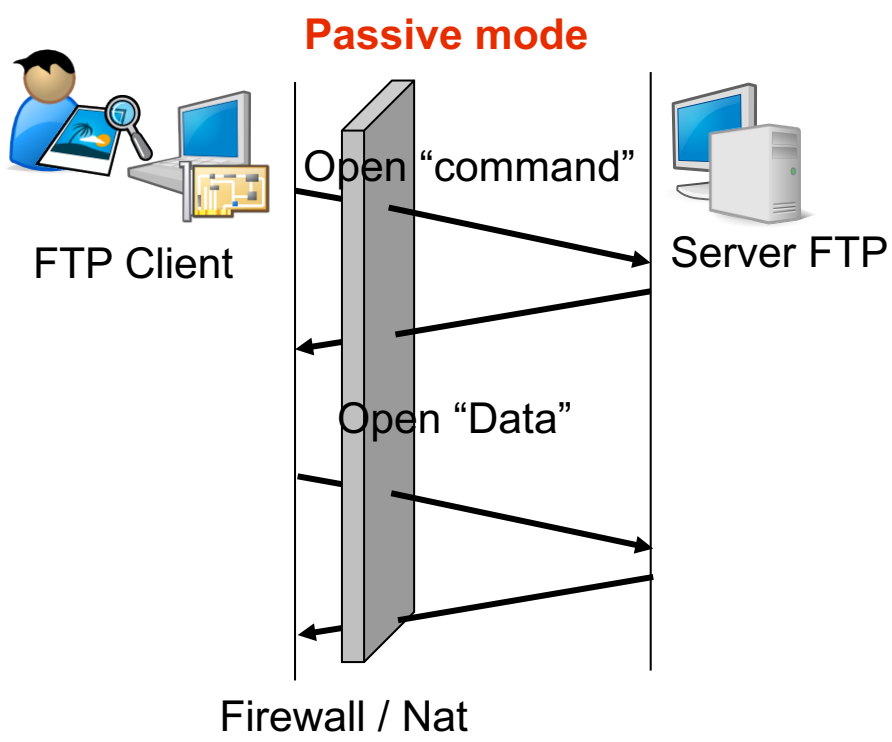
FTP: active mode and passive mode

- Who open the “command” connection?
  Clients connect to server on well known port 21
- Who open the “data” connection?
  - Active mode: server opens the “data” connection
  - Passive mode: client opens the “data” connection
- Passive mode
  - How does the client discover which port to use?
  - Port for “data” connection is provided by the server

What is better, Active or Passive mode?

- Active mode is about sending a connection request from server to client
  - If the client is behind a NAT or a firewall, the connection request is blocked





“command” connection opening

Server ftp Response

TCP three ways handshake

No.	Time	Source		Protocol	Length	Info
89	5.342098	137.204.75.199	91.1	TCP	66	1990 → 21 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=1 SACK_PERM=1
90	5.379700	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.1	TCP	66	21 → 1990 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 WS=128
91	5.379778	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0
94	5.421741	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	79	Response: 220 FTP server (vsftpd)
95	5.426115	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	68	Request: OPTS UTF8 ON
96	5.463869	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	60	21 → 1990 [ACK] Seq=26 Ack=15 Win=29312 Len=0
97	5.463870	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	80	Response: 200 Always in UTF8 mode.
98	5.514408	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=15 Ack=52 Win=8141 Len=
326	18.013386	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	70	Request: USER anonymous
327	18.051053	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	88	Response: 331 Please specify the password.
329	18.101868	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=31 Ack=86 Win=8107 Len=0
345	19.526100	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	61	Request: PASS
346	19.564060	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	77	Response: 230 Login successful.
348	19.614900	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152		54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=38 Ack=109 Win=8084 Len=0

▶ Frame 89: 66 bytes on wire (528 bits), 66 bytes c (528 b) on interface 0
▶ Ethernet II, Src: HewlettP_6f:85:22 (dc:4a:3e:), Dst: inet_09:00:0b (00:09:0f:09:00:0b)
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 137.204.7 t: 91.18 152
▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port Port: 21 : 0, Len: 0

Password transmission

Login successful

Connection request sent as “anonymous” user

Password request Response

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C:\Users\chiara.contoli2>cd Desktop

C:\Users\chiara.contoli2\Desktop>ftp ftp.ubuntu.com
Connesso a ftp.ubuntu.com.
220 FTP server (vsftpd)
200 Always in UTF8 mode.
Utente (ftp.ubuntu.com:(none)): anonymous
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
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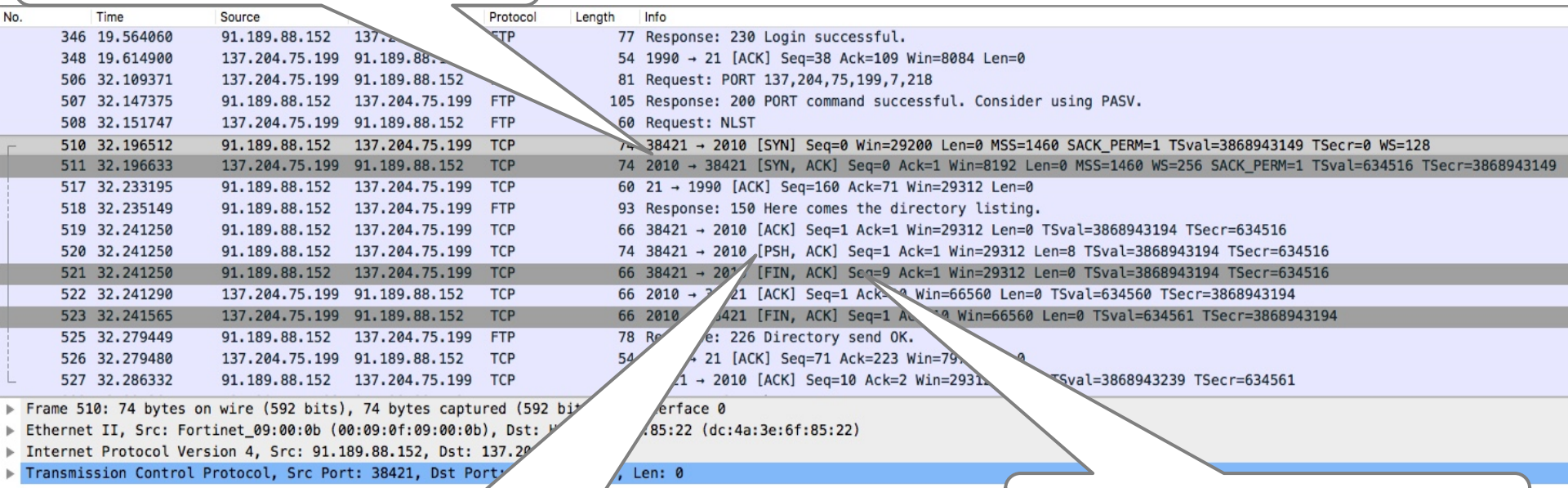
On FTP application interface

“data” connection

“data” connection opening



No.	Time	Source		Protocol	Length	Info
346	19.564060	91.189.88.152	137.2	FTP	77	Response: 230 Login successful.
348	19.614900	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.		54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=38 Ack=109 Win=8084 Len=0
506	32.109371	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152		81	Request: PORT 137,204,75,199,7,218
507	32.147375	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	105	Response: 200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
508	32.151747	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	60	Request: NLST
510	32.196512	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	74	38421 → 2010 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=3868943149 TSecr=0 WS=128
511	32.196633	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	74	2010 → 38421 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=634516 TSecr=3868943149
517	32.233195	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	60	21 → 1990 [ACK] Seq=160 Ack=71 Win=29312 Len=0
518	32.235149	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	93	Response: 150 Here comes the directory listing.
519	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	66	38421 → 2010 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
520	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	74	38421 → 2010 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=8 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
521	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	66	38421 → 201 [FIN, ACK] Seq=9 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
522	32.241290	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	66	2010 → 21 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack= Win=66560 Len=0 TSval=634560 TSecr=3868943194
523	32.241565	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	66	2010 8421 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1 A Win=66560 Len=0 TSval=634561 TSecr=3868943194
525	32.279449	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	78	Re e: 226 Directory send OK.
526	32.279480	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	21 [ACK] Seq=71 Ack=223 Win=79
527	32.286332	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP		1 → 2010 [ACK] Seq=10 Ack=2 Win=2931 TSval=3868943239 TSecr=634561

▶ Frame 510: 74 bytes on wire (592 bits), 74 bytes captured (592 bit erface 0
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Fortinet_09:00:0b (00:09:0f:09:00:0b), Dst: .85:22 (dc:4a:3e:6f:85:22)
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 91.189.88.152, Dst: 137.20
▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 38421, Dst Port , Len: 0

“data” connection closing

Sending data on “data” connection

Sending data on “data” connection

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
346	19.564060	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	77	Response: 230 Login successful.
348	19.614900	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=38 Ack=109 Win=8084 Len=0
506	32.109371	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	81	Request: PORT 137,204,75,199,7,218
507	32.147375	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	105	Response: 200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
508	32.151747	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	60	Request: NLST
510	32.196512	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	74	38421 → 2010 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=3868943149 TSecr=0 WS=128
511	32.196633	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	74	2010 → 38421 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=634516 TSecr=3868943149
517	32.233195	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	60	21 → 1990 [ACK] Seq=160 Ack=71 Win=29312 Len=0
518	32.235149	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	93	Response: 150 Here comes the directory listing.
519	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	66	38421 → 2010 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
520	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	74	38421 → 2010 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=8 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
521	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	66	38421 → 2010 [FIN, ACK] Seq=9 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
522	32.241290	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	66	2010 → 38421 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=10 Win=66560 Len=0 TSval=634560 TSecr=3868943194
523	32.241565	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	66	2010 → 38421 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=10 Win=66560 Len=0 TSval=634561 TSecr=3868943194
525	32.279449	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	78	Response: 226 Directory send OK.
526	32.279480	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=71 Ack=223 Win=7970 Len=0
527	32.286332	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	66	38421 → 2010 [ACK] Seq=10 Ack=2 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=3868943239 TSecr=634561

- Frame 510: 74 bytes on wire (592 bits), 74 bytes captured (592 bits) on interface 0
- Ethernet II, Src: Fortinet_09:00:0b (00:09:0f:09:00:0b), Dst: HewlettP_6f:85:22 (dc:4a:3e:6f:85:22)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 91.189.88.152, Dst: 137.204.75.199
- Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 38421, Dst Port: 2010, Seq: 0, Len: 0

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ftp> ls
200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
150 Here comes the directory listing.
ubuntu
226 Directory send OK.
ftp: 11 bytes received in 0.00secondi 11000.00Kbyte/sec)
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Active mode requested by client

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
327	18.051053	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	88	Response: 331 Please specify the password.
329	18.101868	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=31 Ack=86 Win=8107 Len=0
345	19.526100	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	61	Request: PASS
346	19.564060	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	77	Response: 230 Login successful.
348	19.614900	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=38 Ack=109 Win=8084 Len=0
506	32.109371	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	81	Request: PORT 137,204,75,199,7,218
507	32.147375	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	105	Response: 200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
508	32.151747	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	60	Request: NLST
510	32.196512	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	74	38421 → 2010 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=3868943149 TSecr=0 WS=128
511	32.196633	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	74	2010 → 38421 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=634516 TSecr=3868943149
517	32.233195	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	60	21 → 1990 [ACK] Seq=160 Ack=71 Win=29312 Len=0
518	32.235149	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	93	Response: 150 Here comes the directory listing.
519	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	66	38421 → 2010 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
520	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	74	38421 → 2010 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=8 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
521	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	66	38421 → 2010 [FIN, ACK] Seq=9 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
522	32.241290	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	66	2010 → 38421 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=10 Win=66560 Len=0 TSval=634560 TSecr=3868943194
523	32.241565	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	66	2010 → 38421 [FIN, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=10 Win=66560 Len=0 TSval=634561 TSecr=3868943194
525	32.279449	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	78	Response: 226 Directory send OK.
526	32.279480	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=71 Ack=223 Win=7970 Len=0
527	32.286332	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	66	38421 → 2010 [ACK] Seq=10 Ack=2 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=3868943239 TSecr=634561
822	52.885365	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	66	Request: CWD ubuntu
823	52.923059	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	60	21 → 1990 [ACK] Seq=223 Ack=83 Win=29312 Len=0
824	52.923059	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	91	Response: 250 Directory successfully changed.

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▶ Frame 506: 81 bytes on wire (648 bits), 81 bytes captured (648 bits) on interface 0
▶ Ethernet II, Src: HewlettP_6f:85:22 (dc:4a:3e:6f:85:22), Dst: Fortinet_09:00:0b (00:09:0f:09:00:0b)
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 137.204.75.199, Dst: 91.189.88.152
▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1990, Dst Port: 21, Seq: 38, Ack: 109, Len: 27
▼ File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
  ▼ PORT 137,204,75,199,7,218\r\n
      Request command: PORT
      Request arg: 137,204,75,199,7,218
      Active IP address: 137.204.75.199
      Active port: 2010
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Client requests Active Mode (PORT)

PORT is an option offered by server

Server opens a connection

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327	18.051053	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	88	Response: 331 Please specify the password.
329	18.101868	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=31 Ack=86 Win=8107 Len=0
345	19.526100	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	61	Request: PASS
346	19.564060	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	77	Response: 230 Login successful.
348	19.614900	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	TCP	54	1990 → 21 [ACK] Seq=38 Ack=109 Win=8084 Len=0
506	32.109371	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	81	Request: PORT 137,204,75,199,7,218
507	32.147375	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	105	Response: 200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
508	32.151747	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	60	Request: NLST
510	32.196512	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	74	38421 → 2010 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=29200 Len=0 MSS=1460 SACK_PERM=1 TSval=3868943149 TSecr=0 WS=128
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520	32.241250	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	74	38421 → 2010 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=29312 Len=8 TSval=3868943194 TSecr=634516
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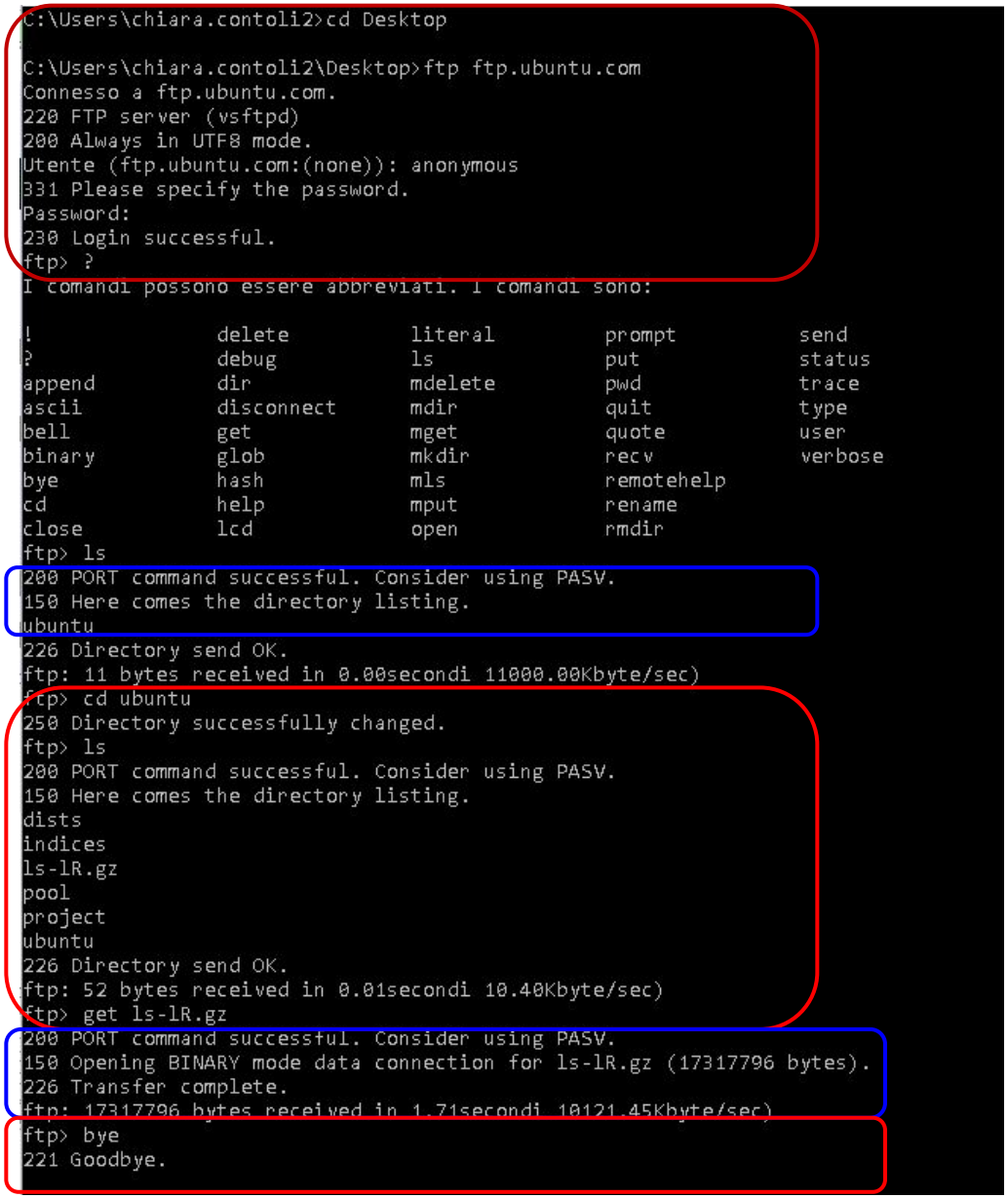
527	32.286332	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	66	38421 → 2010 [ACK] Seq=10 Ack=2 Win=29312 Len=0 TSval=3868943239 TSecr=634561
822	52.885365	137.204.75.199	91.189.88.152	FTP	66	Request: CWD ubuntu
823	52.923059	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	TCP	60	21 → 1990 [ACK] Seq=223 Ack=83 Win=29312 Len=0
824	52.923059	91.189.88.152	137.204.75.199	FTP	91	Response: 250 Directory successfully changed.

```
▶ Frame 507: 105 bytes on wire (840 bits), 105 bytes captured (840 bits) on interface 0
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Fortinet_09:00:0b (00:09:0f:09:00:0b), Dst: HewlettP_6f:85:22 (dc:4a:3e:6f:85:22)
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 91.189.88.152, Dst: 137.204.75.199
▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 21, Dst Port: 1990, Seq: 109, Ack: 65, Len: 51
▼ File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
  ▼ 200 PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.\r\n
      Response code: Command okay (200)
      Response arg: PORT command successful. Consider using PASV.
```

Server Response contains the positive reply to open “data” connection in active mode

FTP session: application



“command” connection
Client Port : 1990
Server Port : 21

“data” connection
Client Port : 2010
Server Port : 38421

“command” connection

“data” connection
Client Port : 2070
Server Port : 36121

“command” connection

Few words about Telnet

- Application level protocol (over Transmission Control Protocol, TCP) that provides
  - Bi-directional communication
  - Data transfer
  - Remote connection
- Telnet adopts well known port 25

Names and network addresses: Domain Name System

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Names and addresses

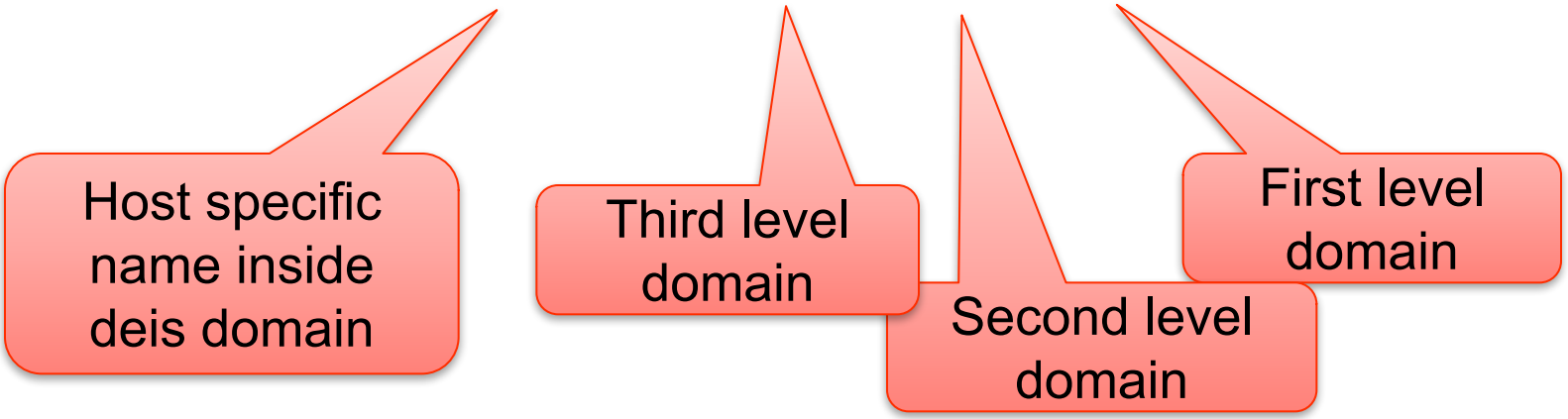
- For user convenience, IP addresses are associated to symbolic names
- Symbolic name
  - Alphanumeric strings splitted by dots
    http://www.informatica.unibo.it/
  - String names are virtually infinite

Which is the name composition?

- Strings are not arbitrarily chosen
- Name composition reflects a hierarchical Domain organization
- Domains are associated with conventional names
  - it = string identifying Italy domain
  - unibo = string identifying University of Bologna domain
  - informatica = string identifying a Department inside Unibo
- Domain can be splitted in subdomain
  - *unibo* is a subdomain of *it*
  - *Informatica* might have subdomain as well

The name

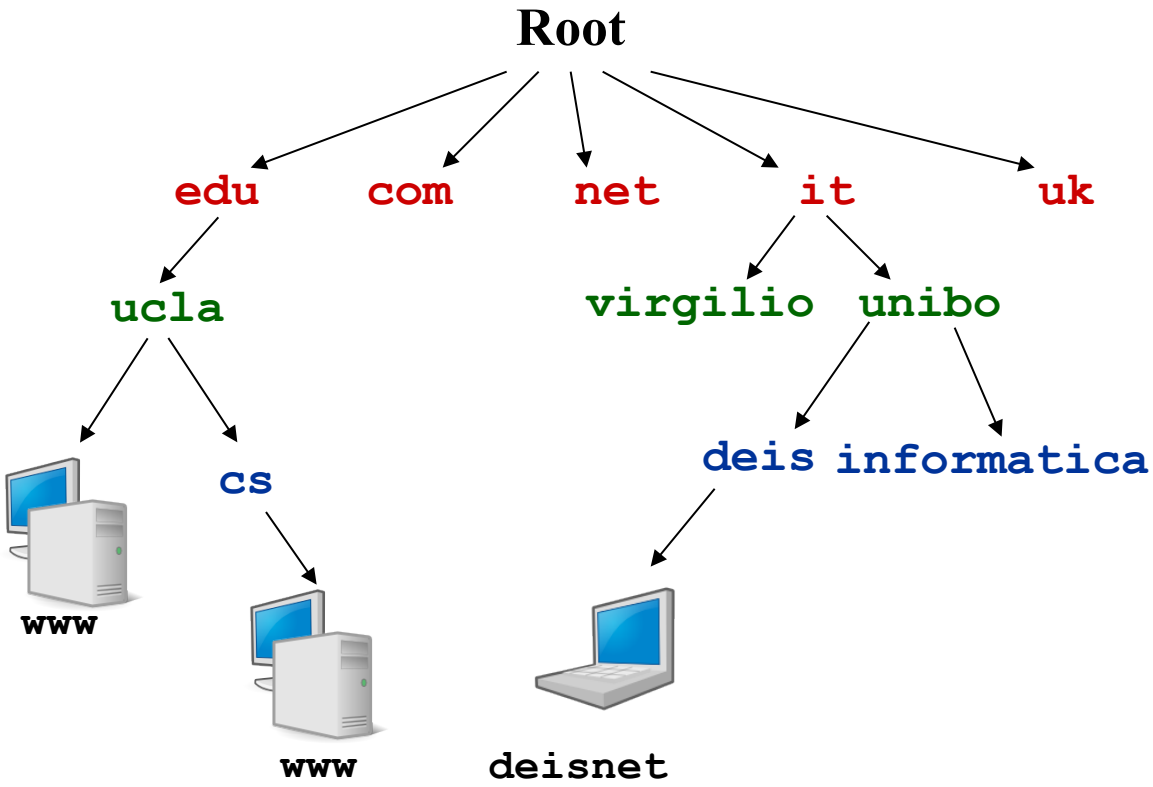
- Names sequence start from the right most part



- Host specific name is arbitrary
- Domain names are assigned by IANA

Example

deisnet.deis.unibo.it



PRIMARY DOMAINS

SECOND LEVEL DOMAINS

THIRD LEVEL DOMAINS

HOST

PRIMARY DOMAINS

edu educational and research organization in USA

gov governmental organization in USA

com commercial organization

mil military groups in USA

org other organizations

net centers for network support

country code standard acronym for nation identification (ISO 3166)

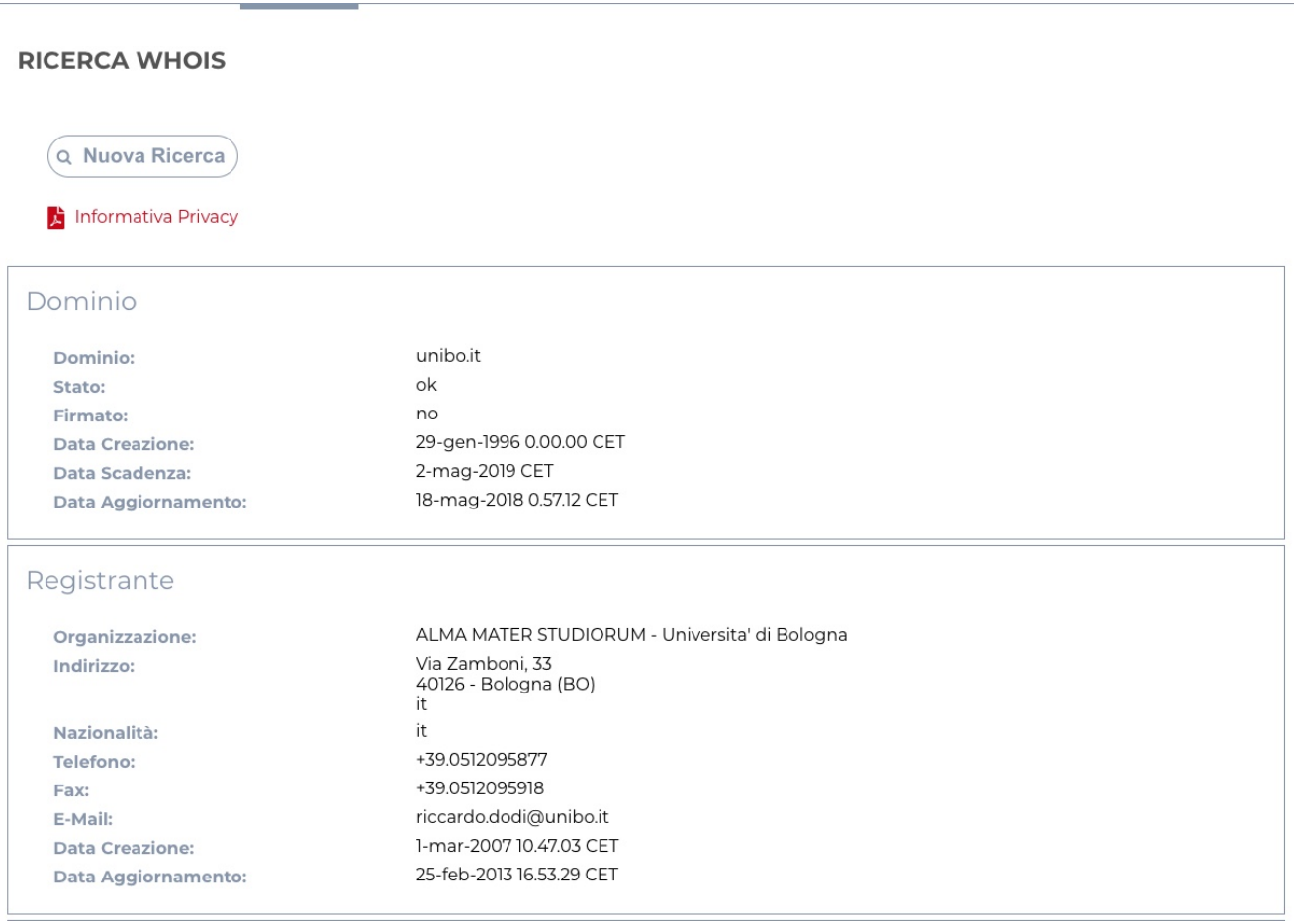
it fr uk de au jp ie dk br …

Registro.it (www.nic.it)

- Registro is a sort of “civil registry” for *.it* Internet domains
  - Only here you are allowed to ask for, modify or remove one or more *.it* domains
- Upon users request, Registro associates a numerical addresses group to a name
  - Such relation is memorized on the Dbna (database of assigned names). Dbna needs to be reachable from each computer on the Internet in order to be able to connect to a *.it* domain
- Rules on global network are established by an international organization known as ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers).
- In 1987, ICANN designated the National Council of Research to be *.it* Internet domain manager
  - Registro.it was born this way, located at the Computer Science and Telematics Institute of Cnr in Pisa

Whois service

- Whois service allows to verify if and to who a certain domain is assigned or not
- Searching for unibo.it returns the following



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Dominio

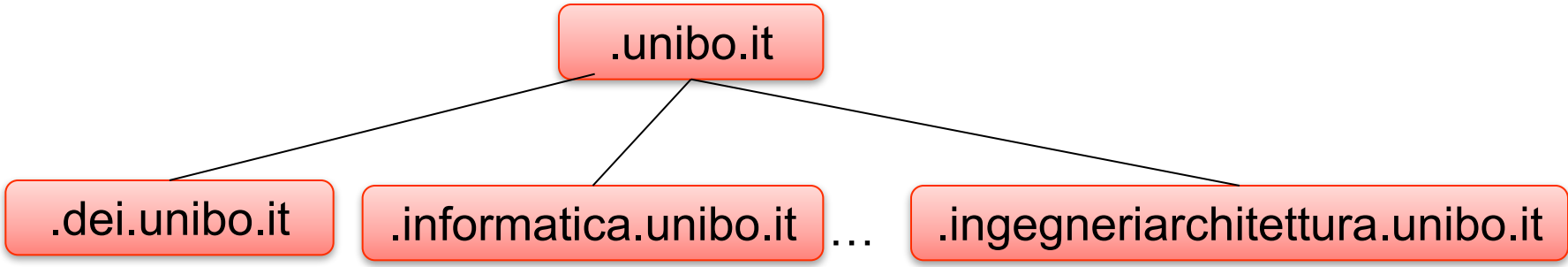
Dominio:	unibo.it
Stato:	ok
Firmato:	no
Data Creazione:	29-gen-1996 0.00.00 CET
Data Scadenza:	2-mag-2019 CET
Data Aggiornamento:	18-mag-2018 0.57.12 CET

Registrante

Organizzazione:	ALMA MATER STUDIORUM - Universita' di Bologna
Indirizzo:	Via Zamboni, 33 40126 - Bologna (BO) it
Nazionalità:	it
Telefono:	+39.0512095877
Fax:	+39.0512095918
E-Mail:	riccardo.dodi@unibo.it
Data Creazione:	1-mar-2007 10.47.03 CET
Data Aggiornamento:	25-feb-2013 16.53.29 CET

The hierarchy

- The recipient of the domain is responsible for possible subdomain management
  - Subdomains are not registered



Domain Name System

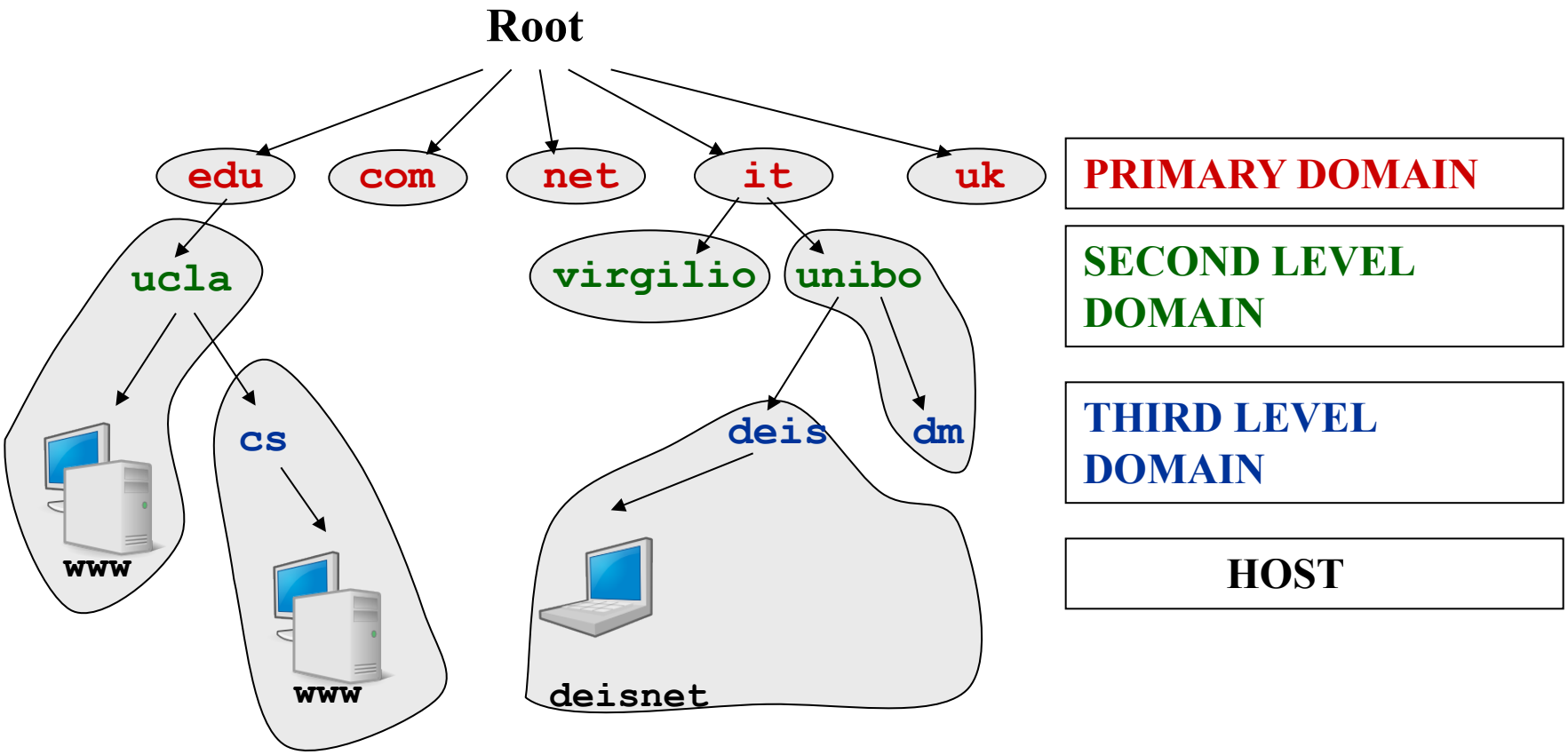
- An automatic service is adopted to resolve IP addresses starting from symbolic names
  - It's a sort of digital telephone list
- Domain Name System (DNS) is a distributed database that link to each Name a corresponding network address
- DNS "check" is performed through proper DNS "server"
  - Such check is transparent to the user
    - Browser knows how to interact with the DNS without interacting with the end user

Names database management

- **PROBLEM** – how do we handle a database containing all hosts Internet names?

- **SOLUTION** – distributed database
  - Names space is divided in non overlapping **zone**, which contain one or more subdomains
  - Each zone is composed of a main **name server** and one or more secondary servers
  - Each name server knows about IP addresses corresponding to hosts contained in its zone, for which the name server is responsible for

Zone subdivision



Resolve a name

- In order to resolve a name to an IP address
  - Hosts need to be equipped with a specific service known as name resolver
    - It depends on implementation and operating system
  - Host needs to be configured with IP address(es) of DNS server(s) of the belonging zone
  - Hosts can be pre-configured with some links names-addresses in a local archive
    - File name and syntax are implementation dependent
  - When an application needs to solve a name, it calls the *name resolver*

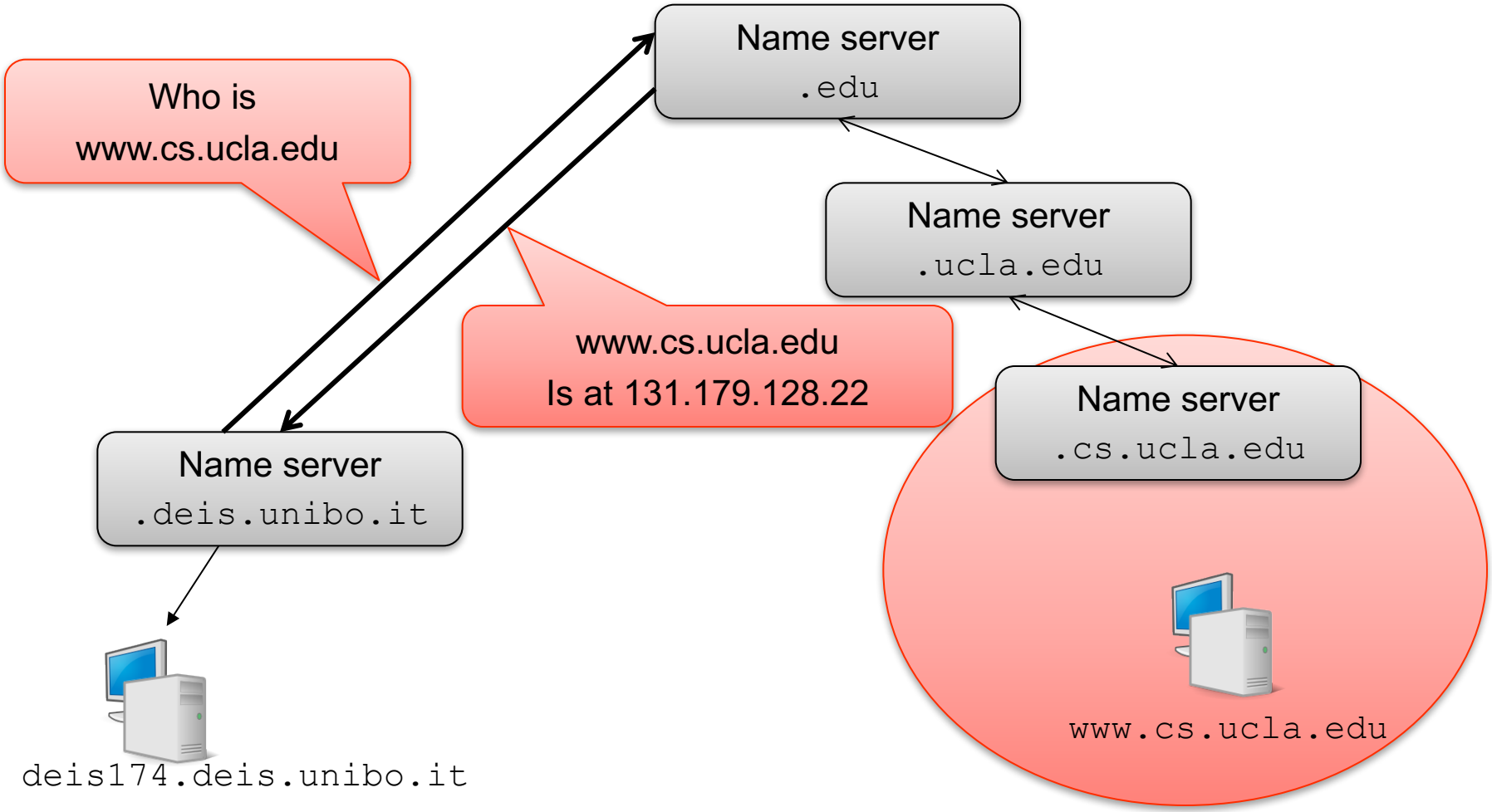
Name resolver

- Different situations may occur:
  - Name resolver may resolve the name locally (thanks to a local archive, cache or file)
    - It communicates directly with application IP address
  - Name resolver may not resolve the name locally
    - It sends a query to the name server of the zone to which the host belongs to
- Name server of the zone resolve the name cooperating with DNS servers of other zones
  - First of all, it contacts the name server of the primary level domain
  - Possibly, it contacts sublevel domains

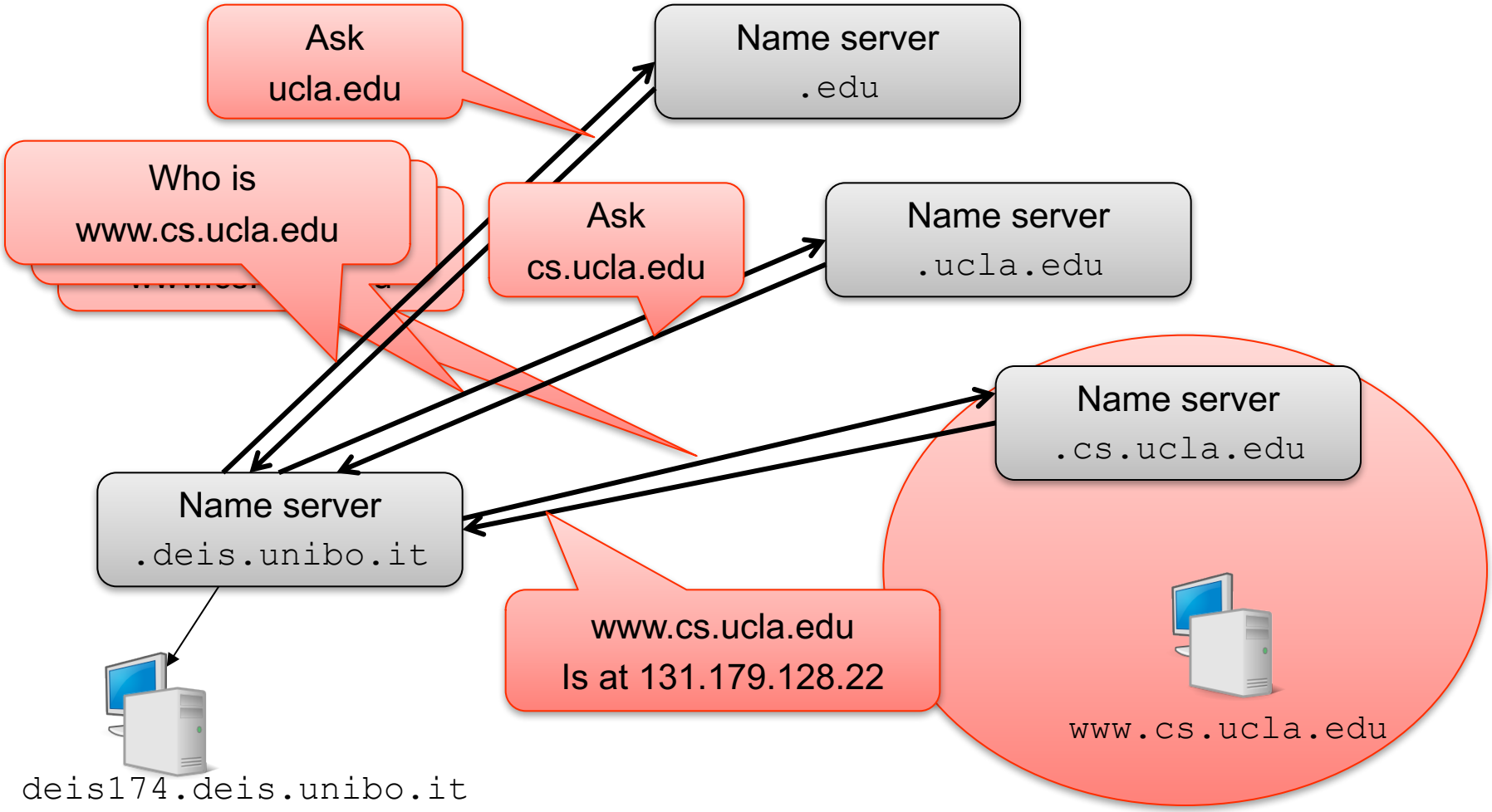
Iterative and recursive response

- Response to the query to the zone name server can be
  - Recursive
    - Queried name server is responsible for resolving the name possibly by sending a query to subdomain servers and then by sending back the response
  - Iterative
    - Queried name server send back a response indicating a subdomain name server to which the request will be forwarded in order to be resolved

Recursive mode



Iterative mode



Example (1)

- An application running on **`deis174.deis.unibo.it`** needs to contact host **`deisnet.deis.unibo.it`** of which it does not know the IP address
- To get the address, it calls a local application known as **name resolver**
- If the resolver already has the requested information (e.g. in cache or file) the response is directly communicated to the application
- Otherwise, the resolver queries the zone name server to which the local host belongs to, that is **`deis.unibo.it`** name server
- This name server has the information (because belongs to its competence) and it sends back the response to the resolver

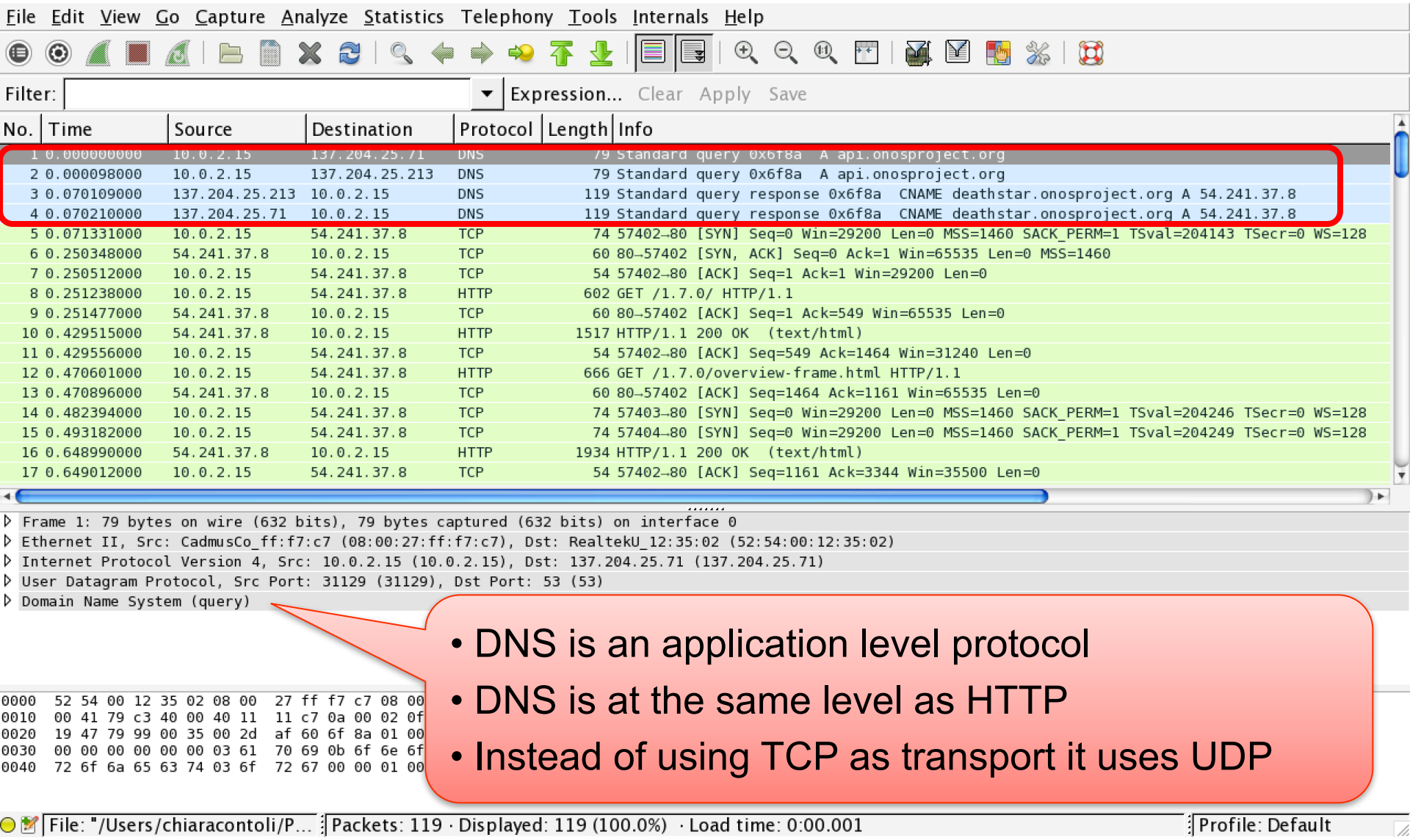
Example (2)

- An application running on **`deis174.deis.unibo.it`** needs to contact host **`www.cs.ucla.edu`** of which it does not know the IP address
- To get the address, it calls a local application known as name resolver
- If the resolver already has the requested information (e.g. in cache or file) response it's directly communicated to the application
- Otherwise, the resolver queries the zone name server to which the local host belongs to, that is **`deis.unibo.it`** name server
- If this name server has already the information (because in cache) it sends back the response to the resolver

Example (3)

- Otherwise, it contacts the name server of the primary level domain of the requested host, that is **`.edu`** (if it does not know the address, it asks for this information to one of the so called **root-server**)
- **`.edu`** name server provide name server address of **`.ucla.edu`** that, if does not know the required information, it send back the request to **`.cs.ucla.edu`** name server adopting two possible mode:
  - **recursive**: **`.ucla.edu`** name server search for the information and then send back the response to **`.deis.unibo.it`** name server
  - **Iterative**: **`.deis.unibo.it`** name server queries **`.cs.ucla.edu`** name server
- **`.deis.unibo.it`** name server sends to the resolver the required address

DNS Request



- DNS is an application level protocol
- DNS is at the same level as HTTP
- Instead of using TCP as transport it uses UDP

To get more information

- Sending request to a DNS server
  - *dig*
  - *nslookup* (interactive mode and non)
- Several type of requests can be performed
  - Given a name, find the IP address
  - Find a mail server linked to a name
- Most common Queries:
  - *A* (default query): given the host name, it returns the IP address
  - *ANY*: returns all DNS field associated to the address
  - *PTR*: given the IP address, returns the host name
  - *MX*: return the mail server associated to the domain name
- Example: nslookup -querytype=ANY www.cisco.com

To get more information

- `dig` : analyze a DNS request

```
$ dig www.cs.ucla.edu

; <<>> DiG 9.8.3-P1 <<>> www.cs.ucla.edu
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 5002
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.cs.ucla.edu.                IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.cs.ucla.edu.        12243   IN      A       164.67.100.181

;; Query time: 66 msec
;; SERVER: 192.168.43.1#53(192.168.43.1)
;; WHEN: Sun Mar 19 20:03:55 2017
;; MSG SIZE  rcvd: 49
```

To get more information

- Examples
  - nslookup -querytype=ANY www.cs.unibo.it
  - dig @ns1.garr.net cs.unibo.it ANY