

Design and Implementation of Traditional DNS Protocol

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Abstract—Hosts need to identify their location on the Internet. One way is to use an IP address. In IPV4 networks, each computer is identified by a unique 4-byte number, which is generally written as a four-point format, such as 199.1.35.90. When data are transmitted via the network, the header of the packet will contain the IP address of the destination host. Another method is to use the host name to identify themselves, such as www.yahoo.com, www.google.com. Compared with the IP address, it is more memorable. However, the host name provides little or no information about the host's location in the network. In addition, since host names are usually composed of alphanumeric characters of varying lengths, routers are better at handling fixed-length, hierarchical IP addresses. Therefore, domain name system (DNS) has been developed for converting host names that are easy to be remembered by humans into digital Internet addresses. But the use of DNS sometimes reduces the efficiency of accessing the network because the network environment varies all the time, which results in the transmission rate of information between the client and the DNS server. If the package losses due to timeout, the respond of the DNS server cannot be received. As a result, this paper designs a model that can decrease the probability of these problems by introducing a local DNS database.

Keywords—Host; IP; DNS; local database (key words)

I. INTRODUCTION

Until now, many sites still use DNS load balancing to keep their websites addressable and operating well. DNS's technology is more flexible and convenient. Besides, it is cheap and suitable for most TCP / IP applications^[1]. For Web applications, it is unnecessary to make any changes for the code. In response to the huge amount of traffic, DNS uses caching and distributed databases. However, DNS protocol has some detects. The DNS server evenly distributes Http requests to the backend Web server regardless of the current load on each Web server. If the configuration and processing power of different backend Web server are unequal, the slowest Web server will become the bottleneck of the system, servers with strong processing power can not fully play their role. Therefore, building a local DNS database can effectively improve the efficiency of the DNS protocol. This can also reduce the situation client requests concentrated on a single server.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Port.

Modern computers run different processes at the same time. For example, an email process needs to be separated from an FTP request, and FTP is separated from Web flow. These are all achieved through the port. Each computer has nearly a few thousand logical ports, each transport layer protocol has 65535 ports. These are just abstractions in computer memory, unlike physical entities like USB ports. Each port is identified by a decimal number between 1 and 65535, and it can be assigned as a specific task. For instance, the underlying HTTP protocol for the Web generally uses port number 80^[2].

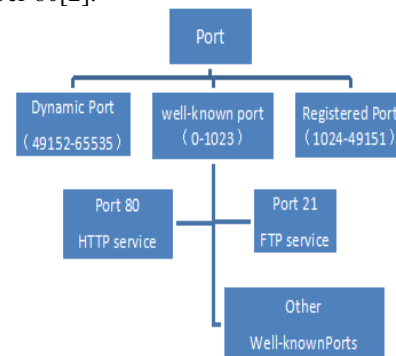


Figure 1. Classifications of port

B. User Datagram Protocol.

TCP / IP network provides two different transport protocols for the application. One is User Datagram Protocol (UDP), which is a lightweight transport protocol that does not provide unnecessary service, only process-to-process data delivery and error checking are available. UDP provides unreliable, connectionless service for the application process that invokes it, so there is no handshake before two processes communicating. Unlike TCP, when a process sends a message into a UDP socket, the UDP protocol does not ensure the message to reach the destination process of the receiver completely. Besides, the packets that arrive at the receiving process may be out of order^[3].

1) UDP port number of DNS

DNS is a distributed database implemented by a tiered DNS server, also an application layer protocol that enables hosts to query distributed databases. DNS resolution is the actual addressing method for the vast majority of Internet applications. It operates on UDP, using port 53, which is mainly used for domain name resolution. Applications run on the end system (host) need to convert the host name to an IP address. So these hosts will call the DNS client and send the host name that needs to be converted. After the host name is received by DNS on the user host, a DNS query message will be generated and sent to the network. All DNS request and reply messages are sent via this port using UDP datagrams. The re-development of domain name technology

and the wide variety of applications based on domain name technology have enriched Internet applications and protocols[4].

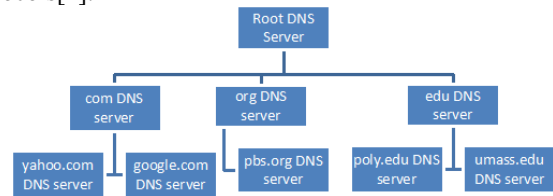


Figure 2. DNS Server

2) Other commonly used UDP port

udp.port == 67						
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
91	18.694957	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0xfa582baf
96	18.742015	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x456dfd00
150	23.269575	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Discover - Transaction ID 0x456dfd00
152	23.290803	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	368	DHCP Request - Transaction ID 0x456dfd00
236	34.464400	10.205.10.38	255.255.255.255	DHCP	342	DHCP Inform - Transaction ID 0x30ce51bd

> Frame 91: 342 bytes on wire (2736 bits), 342 bytes captured (2736 bits) on interface 0
 > Ethernet II, Src: IntelCor_bc:aa:61 (e4:f8:9c:bc:aa:61), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
 > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 0.0.0.0, Dst: 255.255.255.255
 > User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 68, Dst Port: 67
 > Bootstrap Protocol (Discover)

Figure 3. UDP port 67

Port 67 Description: Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP), which is a local area network protocol that is primarily used to automatically assign an IP addresses to

internal network or Internet Service Provider (ISP), as a mean to give users or internal network administrators central management of all computers.

udp.port==138						
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
188	26.996382	169.254.0.88	169.254.255.255	BROWSER	228	Request Announcement USER-BQG6J46QGR
189	26.997524	169.254.0.88	169.254.255.255	BROWSER	243	Host Announcement USER-BQG6J46QGR, Wor
194	28.496177	169.254.0.88	169.254.255.255	BROWSER	228	Request Announcement USER-BQG6J46QGR
197	29.996194	169.254.0.88	169.254.255.255	BROWSER	228	Request Announcement USER-BQG6J46QGR
243	37.458337	10.205.10.38	10.205.10.63	BROWSER	228	Request Announcement USER-BQG6J46QGR
244	37.461891	10.205.10.38	10.205.10.63	BROWSER	243	Host Announcement USER-BQG6J46QGR, Wor

> Frame 188: 228 bytes on wire (1824 bits), 228 bytes captured (1824 bits) on interface 0
 > Ethernet II, Src: IntelCor_bc:aa:61 (e4:f8:9c:bc:aa:61), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)
 > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 169.254.0.88, Dst: 169.254.255.255
 > User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 138, Dst Port: 138
 > NetBIOS Datagram Service
 > SMB (Server Message Block Protocol)
 > SMB MailSlot Protocol
 > Microsoft Windows Browser Protocol

Figure 4. UDP port 138

Port 138 Description: Both Ports 137 and 138 belong to the UDP port and transfer file information to each other on

the LAN. 138 port is to provide the computer name browsing under the NetBIOS environment.

udp.port == 137						
No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
123	20.997155	169.254.0.88	169.254.255.255	NBNS	110	Registration NB USER-BQG6J46QGR<00>
124	20.997959	169.254.0.88	169.254.255.255	NBNS	110	Registration NB WORKGROUP<00>
125	20.997960	169.254.0.88	169.254.255.255	NBNS	110	Registration NB USER-BQG6J46QGR<20>
140	21.746121	169.254.0.88	169.254.255.255	NBNS	110	Registration NB USER-BQG6J46QGR<20>
141	21.746800	169.254.0.88	169.254.255.255	NBNS	110	Registration NB WORKGROUP<00>
> Frame 123: 110 bytes on wire (880 bits), 110 bytes captured (880 bits) on interface 0 > Ethernet II, Src: IntelCor_bc:aa:61 (e4:f8:9c:bc:aa:61), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff) > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 169.254.0.88, Dst: 169.254.255.255 > User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 137, Dst Port: 137 > NetBIOS Name Service						

Figure 5. UDP port 137

Port 137 Description: Used primarily for NetBIOS Name Service. The user only needs to send a request to port 137 of a computer on the local area network or the Internet, then it can obtain the name of the computer and the registered user name and other information.

3) UDP Application Instance

The UDP protocol is applicable to scenarios that require high transmission efficiency and relatively low transmission accuracy. In the poor network environment, UDP protocol tends to have more packet loss. However, since UDP is not a connection-type protocol, it has the advantages of small resource consumption and high processing speed. So usually audio, video and ordinary data are transmitted using UDP, because even if one or two data packets are lost occasionally, it will not have much impact on the overall reception result of such data. At the same time UDP's high transmission efficiency also meets real-time transmission needs. For example, the social application QQ uses the UDP protocol[5].

TABLE 1. APPLICATIONS IN UDP

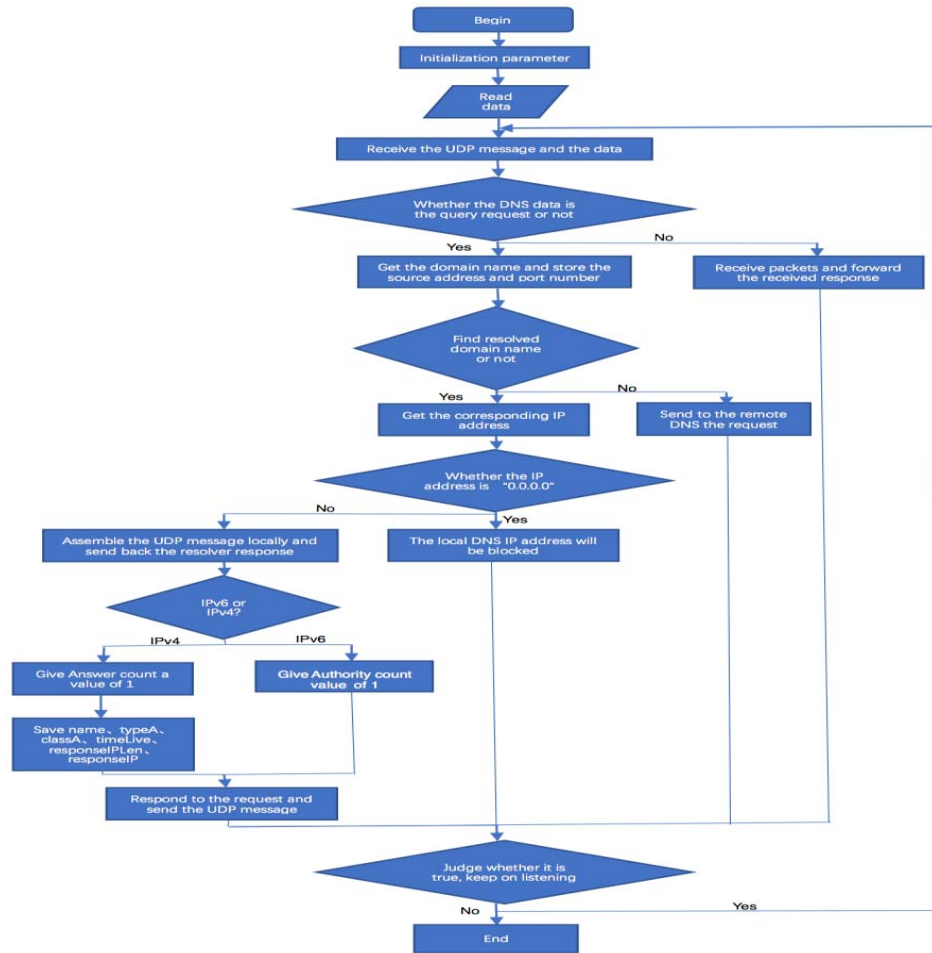
Application layer protocol	application
DNS	domain name service
TFTP	file transfer
RIP	routing protocol
SNMP	network management
NFS	remote file server
BOOTH, DHCP	IP address configuration

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF TRADITIONAL DNS

A Design Implementation

Binding the socket to the port whose port number is 53 and continuously take the action of listening. During the continuously listening, it will receive the UDP message and the data of DNS. Judging whether the DNS data is the query request or not. If the DNS data is not the query request, it will receive packets and forward the received response from the remote DNS. If the DNS data is the query request, it will get the domain name and store the source address and port number of the message. And then, the program will search the resolved domain name in the local domain name resolution table[6]. If the program can not find the resolved domain name, it will send to the remote DNS request and store this ID. If successfully find the resolved domain name, it will get the corresponding IP address and begin to judge whether the local DNS IP address is "0.0.0.0" or not. If the DNS IP address is "0.0.0.0", the local DNS IP address will be blocked, the position of the cursor will be changed and it will wrap the data and send the data. If the local DNS IP address is not "0.0.0.0", it will assemble the UDP message locally and send back the resolver response. And then judge whether the request is sent by IPv6 or IPv4[7]. If it is IPv6 request, change the position of the cursor and give Authority count a value of 1[8]. If it is IPv4 request, it will be returned by the package, the position of the cursor will be changed and it will give Answer count a value of 1[9]. And, the program will store name, typeA, classA, timeLive, responseIPLen and responseIP. After that the program will respond to the request and send the UDP message. At last, it begins to run and read the data.

B Flow Chart



C Pseudocode

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public void init() {
    DatagramSocket socket ← null
    try {
        // bind to port 53
        socket ← new DatagramSocket(LOCAL_PORT)
        // keep on listening
        while (true) {
            // receive UDP message
            socket.receive(inPacket)
            // receive DNS data
            byte[] sendData ← inPacket.getData()
            // judge whether the DNS data is the query request or not
            if (((sendData[2] & 0x80) == 0x00)) { // query
                print ("Receive time: " + new java.util.Date())
                // get the domain name

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                domainNameStr ← getDomainName(sendData)
                System.out.println("Domain name : " + domainNameStr)
                // store the source address and port number of the message
                resolverAddress ← inPacket.getAddress()
                resolverPort ← inPacket.getPort()
                // find the resolved domain name in the local domain name resolution table
                if (Check.ipTable.containsKey(domainNameStr)) then { // get the
                    // corresponding IP address
                    String LocalDNSipAddress ← Check.ipTable.get(domainNameStr)
                    if (LocalDNSipAddress.equals("0.0.0.0")) then { // If IP is 0.0.0.0
                        print ("Function: " + "block") // block
                        // change the position of the cursor response (flag=0x8183)
                        sendData[2] ← (byte) (sendData[2] | 0x81)
                        sendData[3] ← (byte) (sendData[3] | 0x83)
                        // wrap the data and send the data

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outPacket←new DatagramPacket(sendData,sendData.length,
resolverAddress,resolverPort)
socket.send(outPacket)
IPv6_Flag ← false
} else { // If IP is not 0.0.0.0 assemble the UDP message locally and send
back the resolver response
byte[] finalData ← new byte[udpCursor + 16]
int cur ← 0 // answer cursor
if (IPv6_Flag) { // If it is IPv6 request
System.out.println("Function: " + "IPv6 locally response")
// change the position of the cursor response (flag=0x8180)
// give Authority count a value of 1
sendData[2] ← (byte) (sendData[2] | 0x81)
sendData[3] ← (byte) (sendData[3] | 0x80)
sendData[8] ← (byte) (sendData[8] | 0x00)
sendData[9] ← (byte) (sendData[9] | 0x01)
System.arraycopy(sendData, 0, finalData, cur,udpCursor)
IPv6_Flag ← false
} else { // IPv4 is returned by the package
System.out.println("Function: " + "IPv4 locally response")
// change the position of the cursor response (flag=0x8180)
// give Answer count a value of 1
sendData[2] ← (byte) (sendData[2] | 0x81)
sendData[3] ← (byte) (sendData[3] | 0x80)
sendData[6] ← (byte) (sendData[6] | 0x00)
sendData[7] ← (byte) (sendData[7] | 0x01)
System.arraycopy(sendData, 0, finalData, cur,udpCursor)
// store name
cur ← cur+udpCursor
byte[] name ← {(byte) 0xc0,(byte)0x0c}
System.arraycopy(name, 0,finalData, cur, 2)
// store typeA
cur ← cur + 2
byte[] typeA ← {(byte) 0x00,(byte)0x01}
System.arraycopy(typeA, 0,finalData, cur, 2)
// store classA
cur ← cur + 2
byte[] classA ← {(byte) 0x00,(byte)0x01}
System.arraycopy(classA, 0,finalData, cur, 2)
// store timeLive
cur ← cur + 2
byte[] timeLive ← {(byte)0x00,(byte)0x01,(byte)0x51,(byte)0x80}
System.arraycopy(timeLive, 0,finalData, cur, 4)

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// store responseIPLen
cur ← cur + 4
byte[] responseIPLen ← {(byte) 0x00,(byte)0x04}
System.arraycopy(responseIPLen, 0,finalData, cur, 2)
// store responseIP
cur ← cur + 2
byte[] responseIP
←InetAddress.getByName( Check.ipTable.get(domainNameStr)).getAddre
ss()
System.arraycopy(responseIP, 0, finalData, cur, 4)
cur ← cur + 4
} End if
// respond to the request and send the UDP message
outPacket ← new DatagramPacket(finalData,finalData.length,
resolverAddress,resolverPort)
socket.send(outPacket)
} End if
} else { // can not find the resolved domain name in the local domain name
resolution table
// send to the remote DNS request
outPacket ← new DatagramPacket(sendData,sendData.length,
InetAddress.getByName(DNS_IP),DNS_PORT)
socket.send(outPacket)
print("Forward time: " + new java.util.Date())

IPv6_Flag ← false
print ("Function: " + "forward to the remote DNS")
// store this ID
IDTransition idTransition ← new IDTransition( (int) byte2Short(sendData,
0),resolverPort, resolverAddress)
idMap.put(idTransition.getId(), idTransition)
} End if
} else { // response
// receive packets
int responseID ← byte2Short(sendData, 0)
// outPacket = new DatagramPacket(sendData,
// sendData.length, resolverAddress, resolverPort)
// socket.send(outPacket)
if (idMap.containsKey(responseID)) then
{ IDTransition id ← idMap.get(responseID)
// forward the received response from the remote DNS
outPacket ← new DatagramPacket(sendData,sendData.length,
id.getAddr(), id.getPort())

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socket.send(outPacket)
}
} End if
} End while
} catch (Exception e) {
// close socket
socket.close()
e.printStackTrace()
}
}

public static void main(String[] args) throws UnknownHostException {
try {
Check.readData("src\\dnsrelay.txt") // read data
} catch (IOException e) {
e.printStackTrace()
}

print("Name Server: " + DNS_IP)
print ("Debug Level: 0")
print ("Bind UDP port " + LOCAL_PORT + " ...OK!")
print ("Try to load table \"dnsrelay.txt\" " + " ...OK!")
print (Check.ipTable.size() + " names," + "occupy " + Check.fileSize + "
bytes memory")
print
("=====")
(new DNSRelay()).init() // start program
}
}

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IV. PROGRAM TEST

A Operation Result

The test host is using a wireless network connection, wireless LAN adapter parameters are as follows

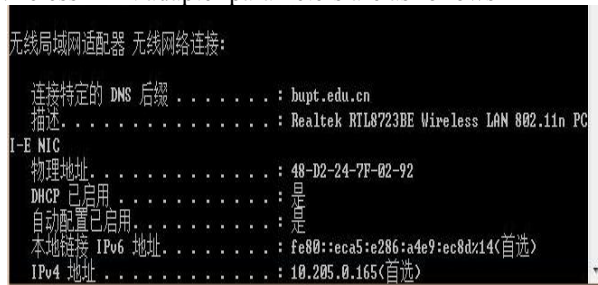


Figure 7. IP configuration

The local database presets the IP addresses of four domain names:



Figure 8. Local database

Then use CMD to run the program: Firstly, we test the domain name that are stored in local database. We received the corresponding IP address successfully.



Figure 9. Flow1

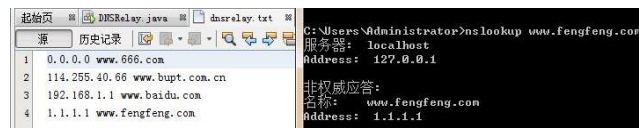


Figure 10. Flow2

In addition, if we enter the domain name that has the IP address 0.0.0.0, this local DNS IP address will be blocked. This means the program will return "Non-existent domain".

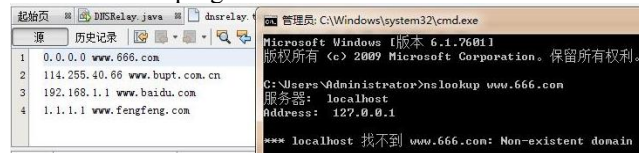


Figure 11. Flow3

Then we test the domain name that is not stored in the local database. So the program will access the DNS server to find the IP address.



Figure 12. Flow4

We want to visit wpad.bupt.edu.cn which is not stored in the local database. The package we captured by Wireshark are shown as follows:

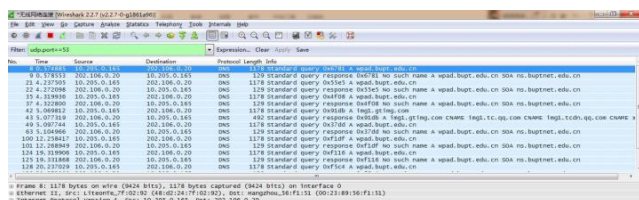


Figure 13. Flow5

And there were the packages captured when we entered www.hao123.com. The data of OSI application layer, transport layer and network layer including the port numbers are shown explicitly.

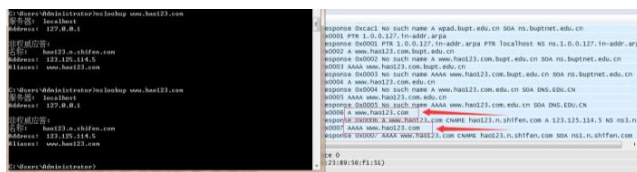


Figure 14. Flow6

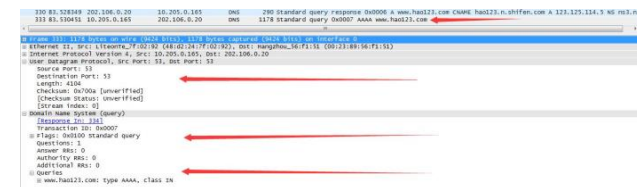


Figure 15. Flow7

V. SUMMARY

By Wireshark and the results, we prove that our program queried the local database preferentially. And return the corresponding IP address if there has. Or a DNS query message will be generated and sent to the network through UDP port 53. Accessing local database is more conveniently than querying the DNS server. Since the latter usually depends on the network environment. You may even can not receive the respond from the DNS server if there exists a timeout caused by congestion. Hence, our design improves the efficiency that find the IP address of a domain name.

The program can abandon the IPv6 and just use the IPv4 so that it can significantly increase the rate of query and access. It can also reduce the cache redundancy (in the underlying network) in the cache step of the query results.[10] And the proposal to this method is to improve the safety of the DNS message. In order to improve the safety of the query, the program should encrypt data at the network layer and verify the segment of the entire IP message.[11] Python can be used to crawl secure internet address, store the data in the database and classify the domain names according to the security classification (special domain, organizational domain, ordinary domain and so on).

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