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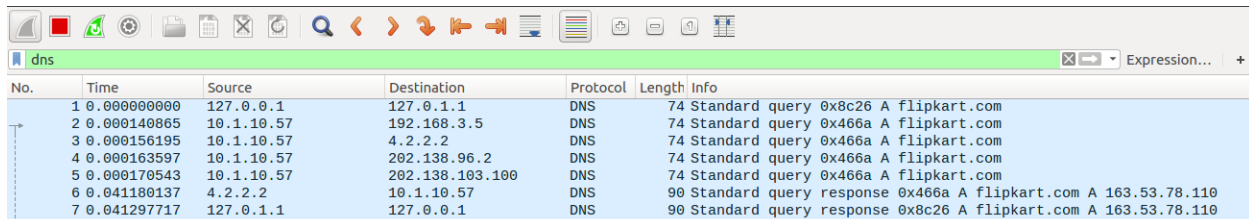
Week 4

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SECTION I

First Test - Pinging using default DNS

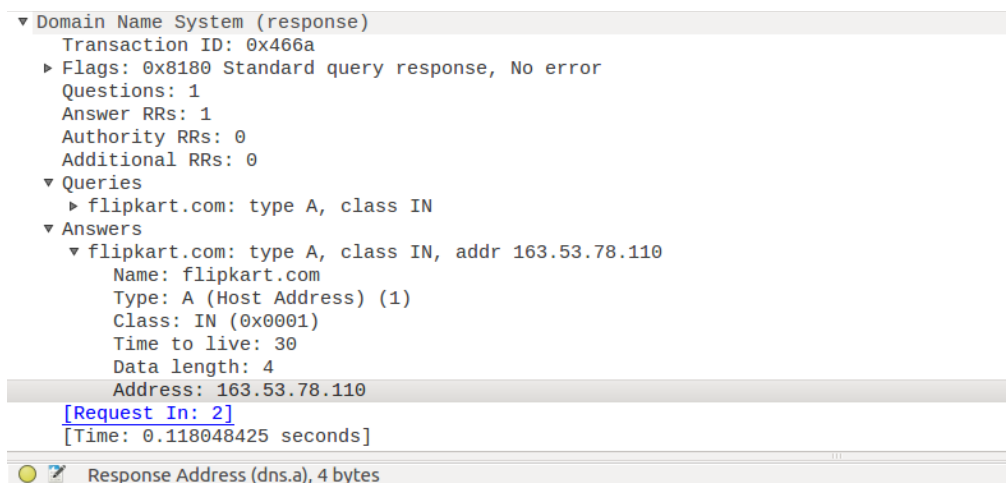
Wireshark is used to capture the packets in the background while pinging www.flipkart.com.

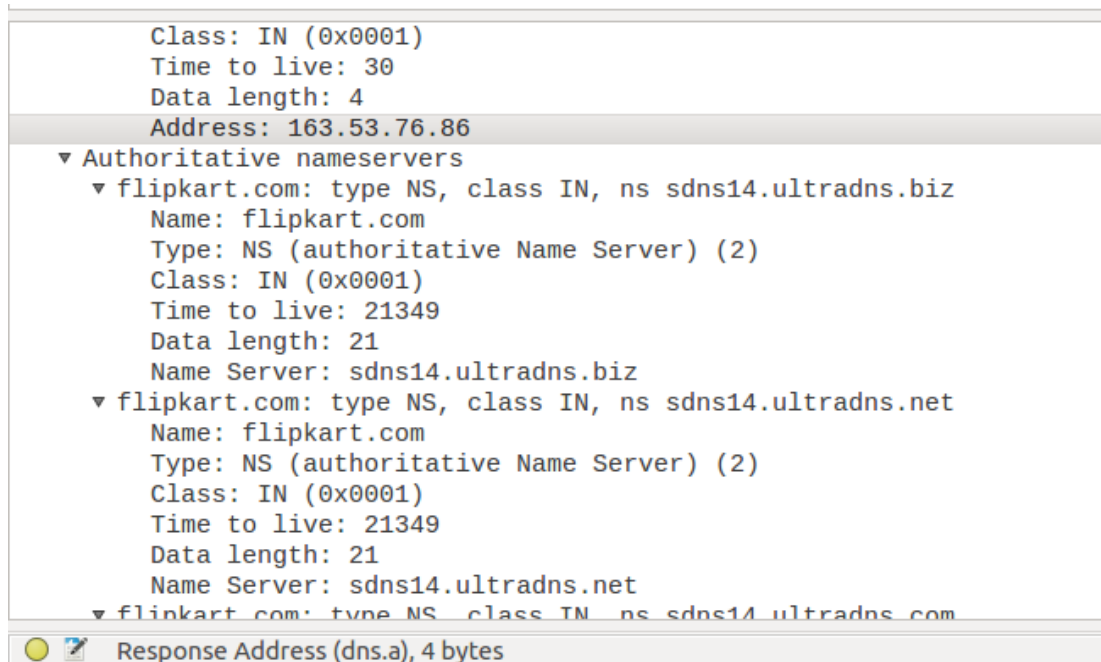
The IP Address of the Local DNS server is observed to be 127.0.1.1. The query is of type A which stands for **authoritative**. The answer contains the A type record along with the IP address of the website – 163.53.78.110



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000000	127.0.0.1	127.0.1.1	DNS	74	Standard query 0x8c26 A flipkart.com
2	0.000140865	10.1.10.57	192.168.3.5	DNS	74	Standard query 0x466a A flipkart.com
3	0.000156195	10.1.10.57	4.2.2.2	DNS	74	Standard query 0x466a A flipkart.com
4	0.000163597	10.1.10.57	202.138.96.2	DNS	74	Standard query 0x466a A flipkart.com
5	0.000170543	10.1.10.57	202.138.103.100	DNS	74	Standard query 0x466a A flipkart.com
6	0.041180137	4.2.2.2	10.1.10.57	DNS	90	Standard query response 0x466a A flipkart.com A 163.53.78.110
7	0.04129717	127.0.1.1	127.0.0.1	DNS	90	Standard query response 0x8c26 A flipkart.com A 163.53.78.110

The first query and authoritative response are shown below.





Task 1 - Configuring Client Machine

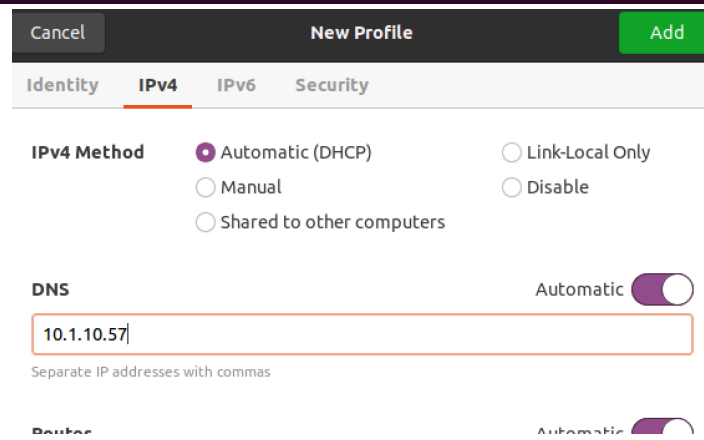
The IP Address of the client machine is **10.1.10.68** and the IP Address of the server machine is **10.1.10.57**. We need to add the IP Address of the custom DNS server (**10.1.10.57**) in the client machine. We can do this by adding the server's IP address to the file `/etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d/head`

This ensures that the custom DNS server will be used to resolve names. The IP Address of the custom DNS server is also added to the DNS menu under the IPv4 Network Settings. Finally, the changes can be saved by typing the command `$ sudo resolvconf -u`

```

student@CSELAB:~$ cat /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d/head
# 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 10.1.10.57
student@CSELAB:~$ sudo resolvconf -u
student@CSELAB:~$

```

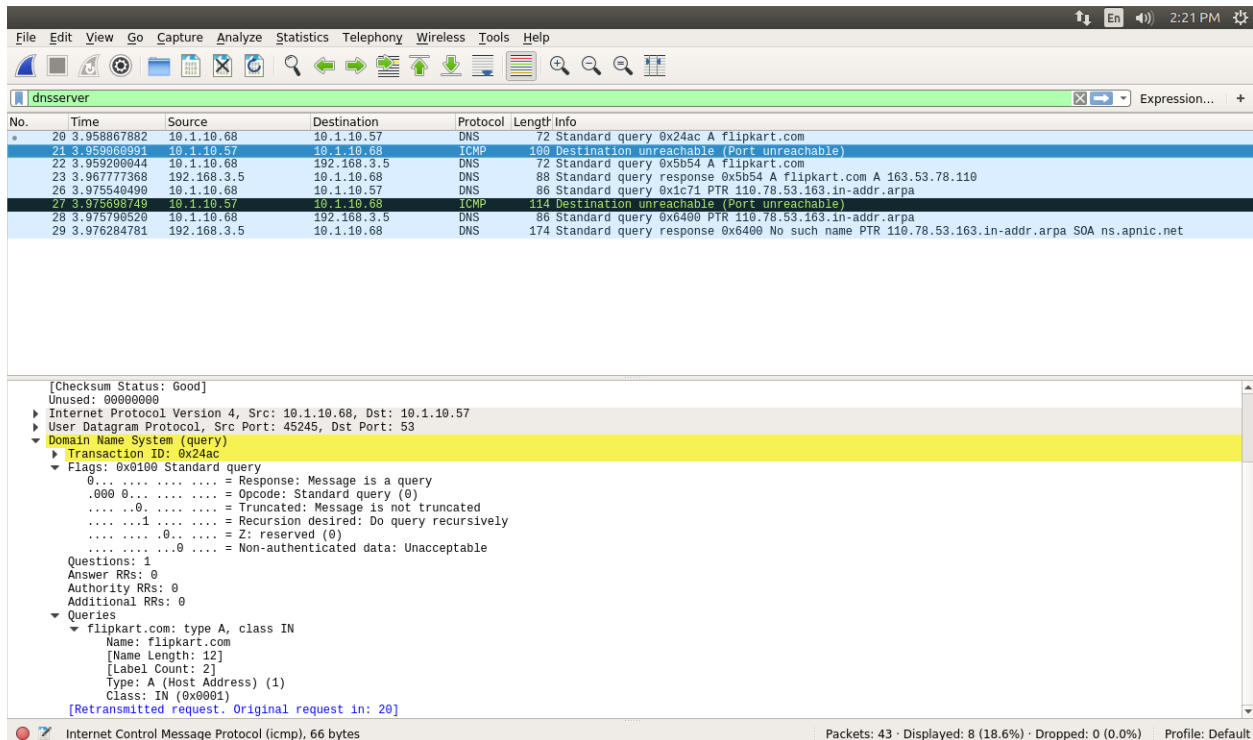


Adding **10.1.10.57** in IPv4 settings of client machine.

Second Test

The Flipkart website is pinged again, and Wireshark is used to capture packets.

During packet capture, we get **destination unreachable error** as the server machine does not have a DNS server associated with it. The client tries to obtain the DNS record from **10.1.10.57** but it does not receive any and hence it resorts to using the default DNS server at **127.0.1.1**.



Packet capture in wireshark

Task 2 - Setting Up Local DNS Server

The **bind9** server is used as the DNS server on the server machine. **Bind9** can be installed on the server machine by typing the command `$ sudo apt install bind9` in the terminal .

The configuration file for the server is `/etc/bind/named.conf.options`

In the configuration file of the server, we need to specify path of the dump file for DNS cache. This can be done by adding the following into `/etc/bind/named.conf.options` file as shown below.

```

root@CSELAB:/home/student# cat /etc/bind/named.conf.options
options {
    directory "/var/cache/bind";

    // If there is a firewall between you and nameservers you want
    // to talk to, you may need to fix the firewall to allow multiple
    // ports to talk.  See http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/800113

    // If your ISP provided one or more IP addresses for stable
    // nameservers, you probably want to use them as forwarders.
    // Uncomment the following block, and insert the addresses replacing
    // the all-0's placeholder.

    dump-file "/var/cache/bind/dump.db";

    // forwarders {
    //     0.0.0.0;
    // };

    //=====
    // If BIND logs error messages about the root key being expired,
    // you will need to update your keys.  See https://www.isc.org/bind-keys
    //=====
    dnssec-validation auto;

    auth-nxdomain no;      # conform to RFC1035
    listen-on-v6 { any; };
};

root@CSELAB:/home/student# █

```

Adding path to dump-file in bind9 config files

The cache can be dumped into the file using the following command `$ sudo rndc dumpdb -cache` and can be cleared using `$ sudo rndc flush`.

```

student@CSELAB:~$ sudo rndc dumpdb -cache
student@CSELAB:~$ sudo rndc flush

```

We will check the contents of the cache file by typing the command in the terminal.
`$ cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db`

```

student@CSELAB:~$ sudo rndc dumpdb -cache
student@CSELAB:~$ sudo rndc flush
student@CSELAB:~$ cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db

;
Start view _default
;
Cache dump of view '_default' (cache _default)
$DATE 20210219090119
; secure
518099 IN NS a.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS b.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS c.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS d.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS e.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS f.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS g.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS h.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS i.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS j.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS k.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS l.root-servers.net.
518099 IN NS m.root-servers.net.
; secure
518160 RRSIG NS 8 0 518400 (
20210304050000 20210219040000 42351 .
X0e4ITrSZueR1BY0DTDXjoIfJQ0gHpp8XSjp
yLYINhxxvQRuGI8FMQf0/TldNBm+XCxG2W3+
HXu9zpgdNK0BRT5RqN4DV4sbxauwplIzqw3v
aHs/vvsgTKxEIcGvfumEoPn1HhxxM1DdRFPt
ikVUTjTCcXzSSN1xh2GxV5PURITEJIphlZvf
RZnHWTGcw7INF8VQmN34R+apQCjja10iBnun
gigFkdv9H/vSHvIW2xKFDcMvsbaB8Z3moPuQ
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FUoXfwbinPgIPbcGDkTL3PkR1tF+tByN25rt
jx88rJvBoGn864fdow== )
; secure
172499 DNSKEY 256 3 8 (
AwEAAbKGKqc1VAVQr48iPf9Nd39f337Mitg

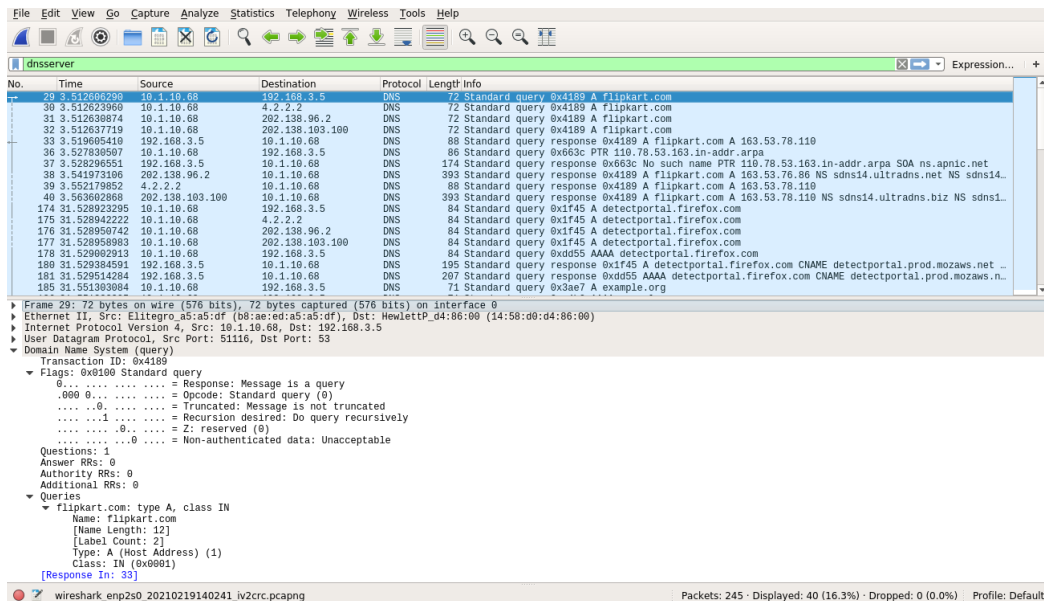
```

Contents of dump.db

Third Test

The Flipkart website is pinged again with Wireshark running in the background monitoring 'any' interface with DNS filter enabled.

The IP Address of the local DNS server is clearly seen in the screenshots below. The cache is dumped into the dump file.



DNS Query packet in Wireshark

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
29	3.512666290	10.1.10.68	192.168.3.5	DNS	72	Standard query 0x4189 A flipkart.com
30	3.512623960	10.1.10.68	4.2.2.2	DNS	72	Standard query 0x4189 A flipkart.com
31	3.512630874	10.1.10.68	202.138.96.2	DNS	72	Standard query 0x4189 A flipkart.com
32	3.512637719	10.1.10.68	202.138.193.100	DNS	72	Standard query 0x4189 A flipkart.com
33	3.519605410	192.168.3.5	10.1.10.68	DNS	88	Standard query response 0x4189 A flipkart.com A 163.53.78.110
36	3.527830507	10.1.10.68	192.168.3.5	DNS	86	Standard query 0x663c PTR 110.78.53.163.in-addr.arpa
37	3.528290551	192.168.3.5	10.1.10.68	DNS	174	Standard query response 0x663c No such name PTR 110.78.53.163.in-addr.arpa SOA ns.apnic.net
38	3.541973196	202.138.96.2	10.1.10.68	DNS	393	Standard query response 0x4189 A flipkart.com A 163.53.76.86 NS sdns14.ultradns.net NS sdns14...
39	3.552179852	4.2.2.2	10.1.10.68	DNS	88	Standard query response 0x4189 A flipkart.com A 163.53.78.110
40	3.563602868	202.138.193.100	10.1.10.68	DNS	393	Standard query response 0x4189 A flipkart.com A 163.53.78.110 NS sdns14.ultradns.biz NS sdns1...
174	31.528923295	10.1.10.68	192.168.3.5	DNS	84	Standard query 0x1f45 A detectportal.firefox.com
175	31.528942222	10.1.10.68	4.2.2.2	DNS	84	Standard query 0x1f45 A detectportal.firefox.com
176	31.528950742	10.1.10.68	202.138.96.2	DNS	84	Standard query 0x1f45 A detectportal.firefox.com
177	31.528950903	10.1.10.68	202.138.193.100	DNS	84	Standard query 0x1f45 A detectportal.firefox.com
178	31.529002913	10.1.10.68	192.168.3.5	DNS	84	Standard query 0xdd55 AAAA detectportal.firefox.com
180	31.529384591	192.168.3.5	10.1.10.68	DNS	195	Standard query response 0x1f45 A detectportal.firefox.com CNAME detectportal.prod.mozaws.net ...
181	31.529514284	192.168.3.5	10.1.10.68	DNS	207	Standard query response 0xdd55 AAAA detectportal.firefox.com CNAME detectportal.prod.mozaws.n...
185	31.551303084	10.1.10.68	192.168.3.5	DNS	71	Standard query 0x3ae7 A example.org

.....0.. = Z: reserved (0)
0. = Answer authenticated: Answer/authority portion was not authenticated by the server
0. = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
0000 = Reply code: No error (0)
 Questions: 1
 Answer RRs: 1
 Authority RRs: 0
 Additional RRs: 0
 Queries
 ▼ flipkart.com: type A, class IN
 Name: flipkart.com
 [Name Length: 12]
 [Label Count: 2]
 Type: A (Host Address) (1)
 Class: IN (0x0001)
 ▼ Answers
 ▼ flipkart.com: type A, class IN, addr 163.53.78.110
 Name: flipkart.com
 Type: A (Host Address) (1)
 Class: IN (0x0001)
 Time to live: 8
 Data length: 4
 Address: 163.53.78.110
 [Request In: 29]
 [Time: 0.006999120 seconds]

wireshark_enc2s0_20210219140241_iv2ccr.pcapng Packets: 245 · Displayed: 40 (16.3%) · Dropped: 0 (0.0%) Profile: Default

DNS Response Packet

```

770421 NS sdns14.ultradns.net.
776421 NS sdns14.ultradns.org.
; answer
        603682 \-AAAA ;-NXRRSET
; flipkart.com. SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET. sysadmin.flipkart.com. 2017031451 10800 3600 604800 60
; secure
        604522 \-DS ;-NXRRSET
; com. SOA a.gtld-servers.net. nstld.verisign-grs.com. 1601217418 1800 900 604800 86400
; com. RRSIG SOA ...
; 9DA2HK6CJ3BHAHTF53KBDGK69URBEOm.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ...
; 9DA2HK6CJ3BHAHTF53KBDGK69URBEOm.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - 9DA371G06E8VFLGI7IRRDHEQPP1Q5807 NS DS RRSIG
; CK0POJMG874LJREF7EFN8430QVIT8BSM.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ...
; CK0POJMG874LJREF7EFN8430QVIT8BSM.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - CK0Q1GIN43N1ARRC90SM6QPQR81H5M9A NS SOA RRSIG D
NSKEY NSEC3PARAM
; answer
        603652 A 163.53.78.110
; answer
www.flipkart.com. 603682 CNAME flipkart.com.
; glue
ubuntu.com. 776361 NS ns1.canonical.com.
776361 NS ns2.canonical.com.
776361 NS ns3.canonical.com.
; secure
        604462 \-DS ;-NXRRSET
; com. SOA a.gtld-servers.net. nstld.verisign-grs.com. 1601217358 1800 900 604800 86400
; com. RRSIG SOA ...
; 894IO8AM9NDQ8VM84GPASGU0QDHFLFS1.com. RRSIG NSEC3 ...
; 894IO8AM9NDQ8VM84GPASGU0QDHFLFS1.com. NSEC3 1 1 0 - 894K5P3AV8ST0BT00AAM4718T0USOMAT NS DS RRSIG

```

Cache in Dumpfile

Task 3 - Hosting a Zone in the Local DNS Server

Creating a zone

The two zones corresponding to the domain `www.example.com` must be added to the `/etc/bind/named.conf` file in the server.

The first zone corresponds to the forward lookup (translation from hostname to IP Address) and the second zone is for the reverse lookup (translation from IP Address to hostname).



```
1 // This is the primary configuration file for the BIND DNS server named.
2 //
3 // Please read /usr/share/doc/bind9/README.Debian.gz for information on the
4 // structure of BIND configuration files in Debian, *BEFORE* you customize
5 // this configuration file.
6 //
7 // If you are just adding zones, please do that in /etc/bind/named.conf.local
8
9 include "/etc/bind/named.conf.options";
10 include "/etc/bind/named.conf.local";
11 include "/etc/bind/named.conf.default-zones";
12
13 zone "example.com" {
14 type master
15 file "/etc/bind/example.com.db";
16 };
17
18 zone "10.1.10.in-addr.arpa" {
19 type master
20 file "/etc/bind/10.1.10.db";
21 };
```

Creating Zones in named.conf file

Forward and Reverse Lookup

The forward lookup file is located at `/etc/bind/example.com.db`. The symbol `@` is used to indicate the origin specified, in this case `www.example.com`.

There are 7 records in the lookup file, an SOA record, a nameserver, a mail server and 4 authoritative records.

The TTL field tells the server how long this record should stay in the cache before being removed. In this case the local DNS server requests for a fresh entry from the name server.


```

student@CSELAB:~$ cat /etc/bind/example.com.db
@ IN SOA ns.example.com. admin.example.com. (
2008111001
8H
2H
4W
1D)
@ IN NS ns.example.com.
@ IN MX 10 mail.example.com.
www IN A 10.1.10.57
mail IN A 10.1.10.57
ns IN A 10.1.10.57
*.example.com. IN A 10.1.10.57
student@CSELAB:~$

```

Forward Lookup File

The reverse lookup file is stored at **/etc/bind/10.1.10.db** and is used to translate IP Addresses to hostnames for the given domain, in this case example.com.

For each IP Address defined in the forward lookup file, a corresponding hostname is referenced here. The record type here is PTR or DNS Pointer Record.

```

student@CSELAB:~$ cat /etc/bind/10.1.10.db
$TTL 3D
@ IN SOA ns.example.com. admin.example.com. (
2008111001
8H
2H
4W
1D)
@ IN NS ns.example.com.
101 IN PTR www.example.com.
102 IN PTR mail.example.com.
10 IN PTR ns.example.com.
student@CSELAB:~$ █

```

Reverse Lookup File

Fourth Test – Testing www.example.com

The dig command is used to lookup name servers specified in the file `/etc/resolv.conf`.

Wireshark is used to capture the packets while running the command `$ dig www.example.com`. The IP Address of the DNS Server and the returned IP Address of the domain set by us can be seen in the query and response packets.

```
student@CSELAB:~$ dig www.example.com

; <<>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <<>> www.example.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 16351
;; flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 2

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

;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.com.                259200  IN      A      10.1.10.57

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

;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.example.com.                259200  IN      A      10.1.10.57

;; Query time: 0 msec
;; SERVER: 10.1.10.57#53(10.1.10.57)
;; WHEN: Fri Feb 19 15:09:08 IST 2021
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 93

student@CSELAB:~$
```

Running dig www.example.com in terminal

Packet Capture in Wireshark

The screenshot shows a Wireshark packet capture on the 'dnsserver' interface. The packet list displays two DNS packets: a standard query (No. 13) and a standard query response (No. 14). The packet details pane for packet 14 shows the following structure:

- Frame 13: 86 bytes on wire (688 bits), 86 bytes captured (688 bits) on interface 0
- Ethernet II, Src: Ellitegro_a5:a5:df (b8:ae:ed:a5:a5:df), Dst: Ellitegro_a5:a5:90 (b8:ae:ed:a5:a5:90)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.1.10.68, Dst: 10.1.10.57
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 34534, Dst Port: 53
- Domain Name System (query)
 - Transaction ID: 0x35a9
 - Flags: 0x0120 Standard query
 - 0... .. = Response: Message is a query
 - .000 0... .. = Opcode: Standard query (0)
 -0... .. = Truncated: Message is not truncated
 -1... .. = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
 -0... .. = Z: reserved (0)
 -1... .. = AD bit: Set
 -0... .. = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
 - Questions: 1
 - Answer RRs: 0
 - Authority RRs: 0
 - Additional RRs: 1
 - Queries
 - www.example.com: type A, class IN
 - Name: www.example.com
 - [Name Length: 15]
 - [Label Count: 3]
 - Type: A (Host Address) (1)
 - Class: IN (0x0001)
 - Additional records
 - <Root>: type OPT
 - Name: <Root>
 - Type: OPT (41)
 - UDP payload size: 4096
 - Higher bits in extended RCODE: 0x00
 - EDNS0 version: 0
 - Z: 0x0000
 - 0... .. = DO bit: Cannot handle DNSSEC security RRs
 - .000 0000 0000 0000 = Reserved: 0x0000
 - Data length: 0
- [Response In: 14]

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'enp2s0: <live capture in progress>' and 'Packets: 60 · Displayed: 2 (3.3%)'.

DNS Query Packet

The screenshot shows a Wireshark packet capture on the 'dnsserver' interface. The packet list displays three DNS packets: a standard query (No. 6), a standard query response (No. 7), and a standard query response (No. 97). The packet details pane for packet 7 shows the following structure:

- Frame 7: 135 bytes on wire (1080 bits), 135 bytes captured (1080 bits) on interface 0
- Ethernet II, Src: Ellitegro_a5:a5:90 (b8:ae:ed:a5:a5:90), Dst: Ellitegro_a5:a5:df (b8:ae:ed:a5:a5:df)
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.1.10.57, Dst: 10.1.10.68
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 50470
- Domain Name System (response)
 - Transaction ID: 0x36cf
 - Flags: 0x8500 Standard query response, No error
 - 1... .. = Response: Message is a response
 - .000 0... .. = Opcode: Standard query (0)
 -1... .. = Authoritative: Server is an authority for domain
 -0... .. = Truncated: Message is not truncated
 -1... .. = Recursion desired: Do query recursively
 -0... .. = Z: reserved (0)
 -1... .. = Answer authenticated: Answer/authority portion was not authenticated by the server
 -0... .. = Non-authenticated data: Unacceptable
 -0000 = Reply code: No error (0)
 - Questions: 1
 - Answer RRs: 1
 - Authority RRs: 1
 - Additional RRs: 2
 - Queries
 - www.example.com: type A, class IN
 - Name: www.example.com
 - [Name Length: 15]
 - [Label Count: 3]
 - Type: A (Host Address) (1)
 - Class: IN (0x0001)
 - Answers
 - www.example.com: type A, class IN, addr 10.1.10.57
 - Name: www.example.com
 - Type: A (Host Address) (1)
 - Class: IN (0x0001)
 - Time to live: 259200
 - Data length: 4
 - Address: 10.1.10.57
 - Authoritative nameservers
 - example.com: type NS, class IN, ns ns.example.com
 - Name: example.com
 - Type: NS (Authoritative Name Server) (2)

The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Text item (text), 16 bytes' and 'Packets: 208 · Displayed: 14 (6.7%) · Dropped: 0 (0.0%)'.

DNS Response Packet

Questions

Q1. Locate the DNS query and response messages. Are they sent over UDP or TCP?

Answer : The DNS Query and Response messages are visible in the screenshots. They are sent over UDP.

Q2. What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of the DNS response message?

Answer – The destination and source ports of the DNS query and response messages are the same. The port number for DNS protocol is 53.

Q3. To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Use ifconfig to determine the IP address of your local DNS server. Are these two IP addresses the same?

Answer – The DNS query is made to the server at the IP Address 10.2.20.161 This is the same as the local DNS server configured.

Q4. Examine the DNS query message. What "Type" of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any "answers"?

Answer – The DNS Query is of type A since it requests for an authoritative record. The answer section is empty since it does not have any answer.

Q5. Examine the DNS response message. How many "answers" are provided? What do each of these answers contain?

Answer – The answer section of the DNS response message contains two Resource Records.

- CNAME RR : This determines that the hostname flipkart.com refers to the canonical hostname www.flipkart.com.
- A type RR : This provides the IP Address of the canonical hostname.

Q6. Consider the subsequent TCP SYN packet sent by your host. Does the destination IP address of the SYN packet correspond to any of the IP addresses provided in the DNS response message?

Answer – The destination IP Address of the SYN packet corresponds to the IP Address of hostname (www.flipkart.com) retrieved from the response message.