Unit 3- Network Scanning Exercise

How many hops from your machine to your assigned website?

The traceroute command "traceroute + "IP address" allows a maximum of 64 hops. With my local router being the first hop, the scan started losing packets and looping in the same IP address on the eleventh hop. Following this, I stopped running the command.

Which step causes the biggest delay in the route? What is the average duration of that delay?

The biggest latency was recorded to the final target. This could be a result of an active firewall blocking requests or a slow internet connection at the target. The average delay was 120 ms.

What are the main nameservers for the website?

175.2.209.18.in-addr.arpa and ec2-18-209—2-175.compute-1.amazonaws.com

```
Antonios-MBP:~ akalaitzakis$ nslookup 18.209.2.175

Server: 192.168.1.1

Address: 192.168.1.1#53

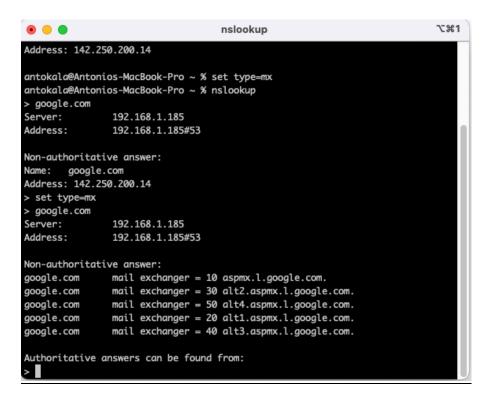
Non-authoritative answer: 175.2.209.18.in-addr.arpa name = ec2-18-209-2-175.compute-1.amazonaws.com.

Authoritative answers can be found from:

Antonios-MBP:~ akalaitzakis$
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What is the MX record for the website?

I do not have the MX records of the target website, and since the server is down, I performed an MX scan against google.com in order to show the way we can obtain the MX records.



Where is the website hosted?

The website is hosted in Northern Virginia, US.

Issues with the scans:

When we first received the target server, the IP address provided was wrong. I was running the ping command, but it was resulting in timeout errors.

```
ping
Last login: Sun Jun 6 22:19:22 on ttys002
The default interactive shell is now zsh.
To update your account to use zsh, please run `chsh -s /bin/zsh`
For more details, please visit https://support.apple.com/kb/HT208050.
Antonios-MBP:~ akalaitzakis$ ping 52.3.25.148
PING 52.3.25.148 (52.3.25.148): 56 data bytes
Request timeout for icmp_seq 0
Request timeout for icmp_seq 1
Request timeout for icmp_seq 2
Request timeout for icmp_seq 3
Request timeout for icmp_seq 4
Request timeout for icmp_seq 5
Request timeout for icmp_seq 6
Request timeout for icmp_seq 7
Request timeout for icmp_seq 8
Request timeout for icmp_seq 9
Request timeout for icmp_seq 10
Request timeout for icmp_seq 11
Request timeout for icmp_seq 12
Request timeout for icmp_seq 13
Request timeout for icmp_seq 14
Request timeout for icmp_seq 15
Request timeout for icmp_seq 16
```

In order to overcome the error, I run the "ping" command again, but I used the domain name rather than its IP. As a result, the domain replied with its correct IP address.

```
--- PING nismphp-env.eba-ytbpbyww.us-east-1.elasticbeanstalk.com (18.209.2.175) 56(84) bytes of data. ---
64 bytes from 18.209.2.175: icmp_seq=1 ttl=237 time=95.4 ms
64 bytes from 18.209.2.175: icmp_seq=2 ttl=237 time=95.9 ms
64 bytes from 18.209.2.175: icmp_seq=4 ttl=237 time=95.3 ms
64 bytes from 18.209.2.175: icmp_seq=4 ttl=237 time=95.3 ms

--- nismphp-env.eba-ytbpbyww.us-east-1.elasticbeanstalk.com ping statistics ---

packets transmitted 4
received 4
packet loss 0 %
time 3012 ms

--- Round Trip Time (rtt) ---

min 95.345 ms
avg 95.505 ms
max 95.886 ms
mdev 0.221 ms
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