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**Name of experiment:** Implementation of a Local DNS Server

**Date:** 30-09-2020

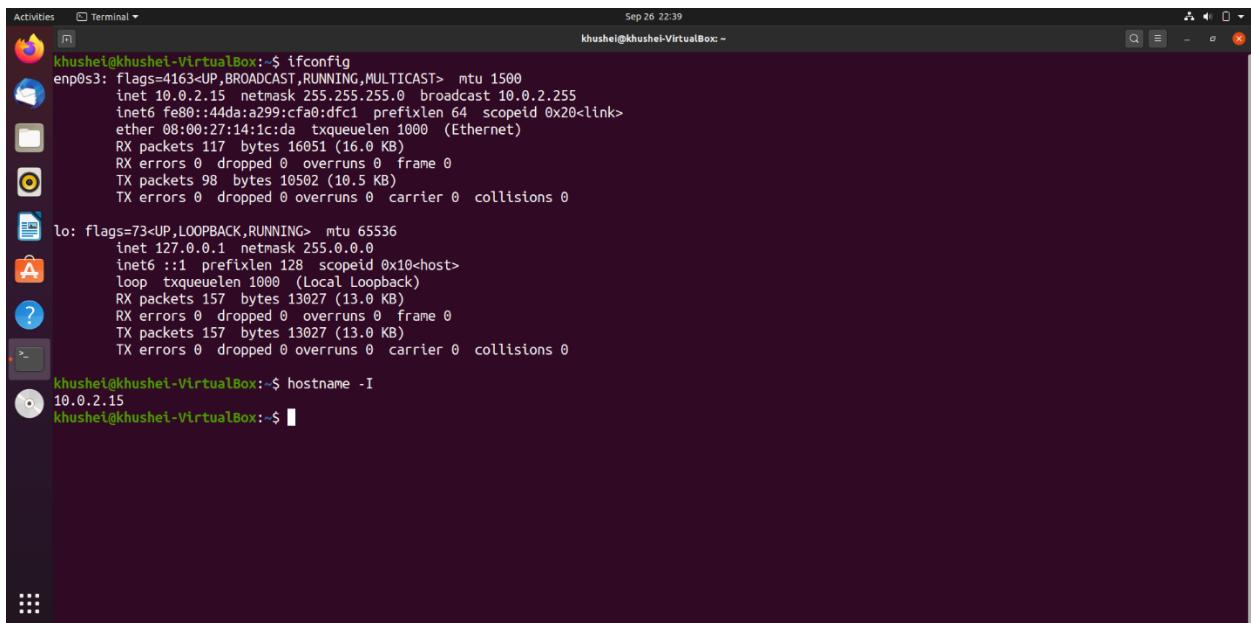
**Objectives of the experiment:** The objectives of this lab are to understand:

- DNS and how it works
- Install and set up a DNS server
- Functionality and operations

## Lab Setup

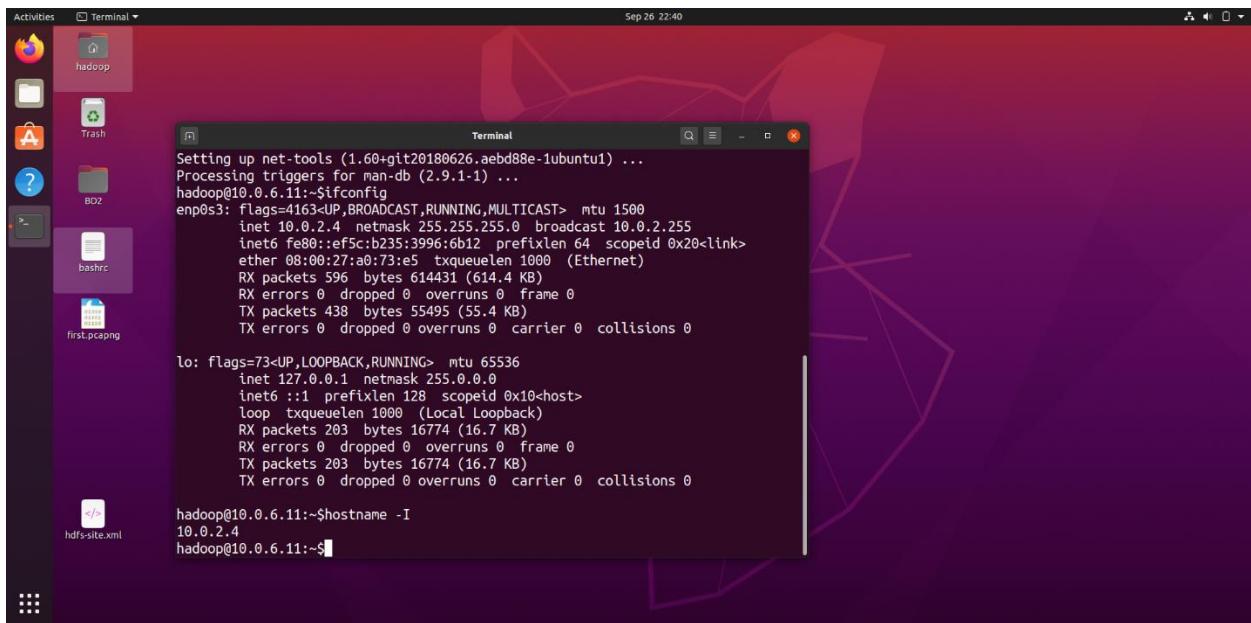
DNS Server: 10.0.2.15 User/Client: 10.0.2.4

Server:



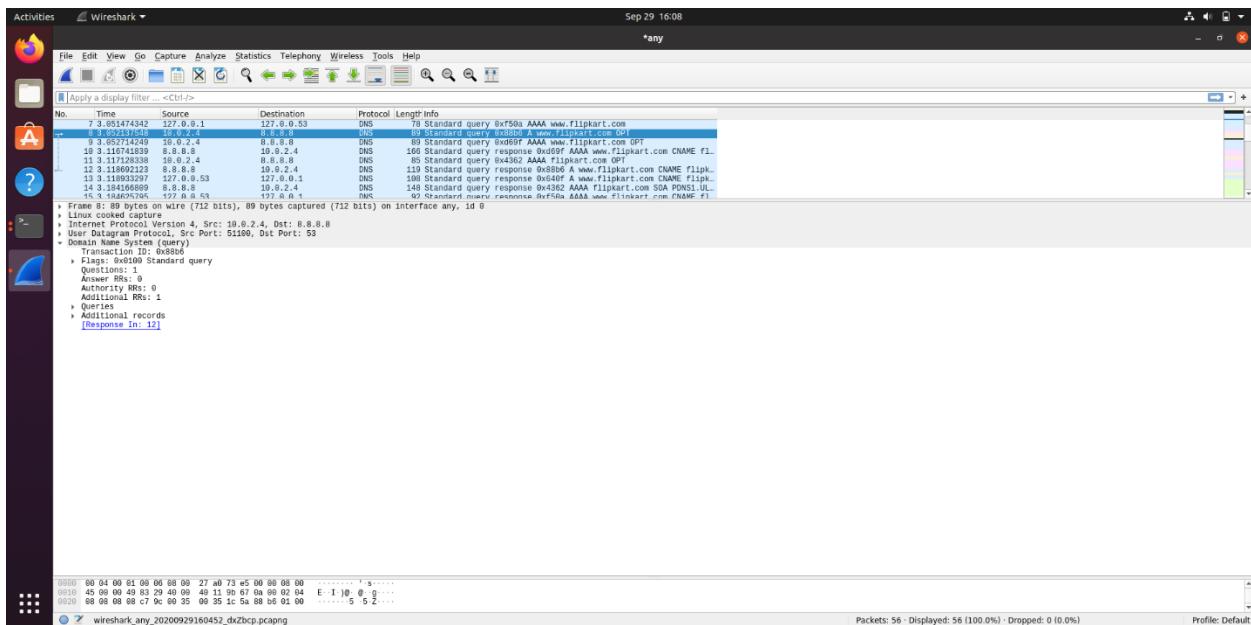
A screenshot of a Linux desktop environment showing a terminal window. The terminal window title is "khushet@khushet-VirtualBox ~". The terminal content shows the output of the "ifconfig" command, which lists network interfaces "enp0s3" and "lo". The "enp0s3" interface is connected to an Ethernet adapter with MAC address 08:00:27:14:1c:da, IP address 10.0.2.15, and subnet mask 255.255.255.0. The "lo" interface is a loopback interface with IP address 127.0.0.1. Below the "ifconfig" output, the command "hostname -I" is run, showing the IP address 10.0.2.15. The terminal window has a dark background and a light-colored text area. The desktop environment includes icons for a browser, file manager, terminal, and other applications.

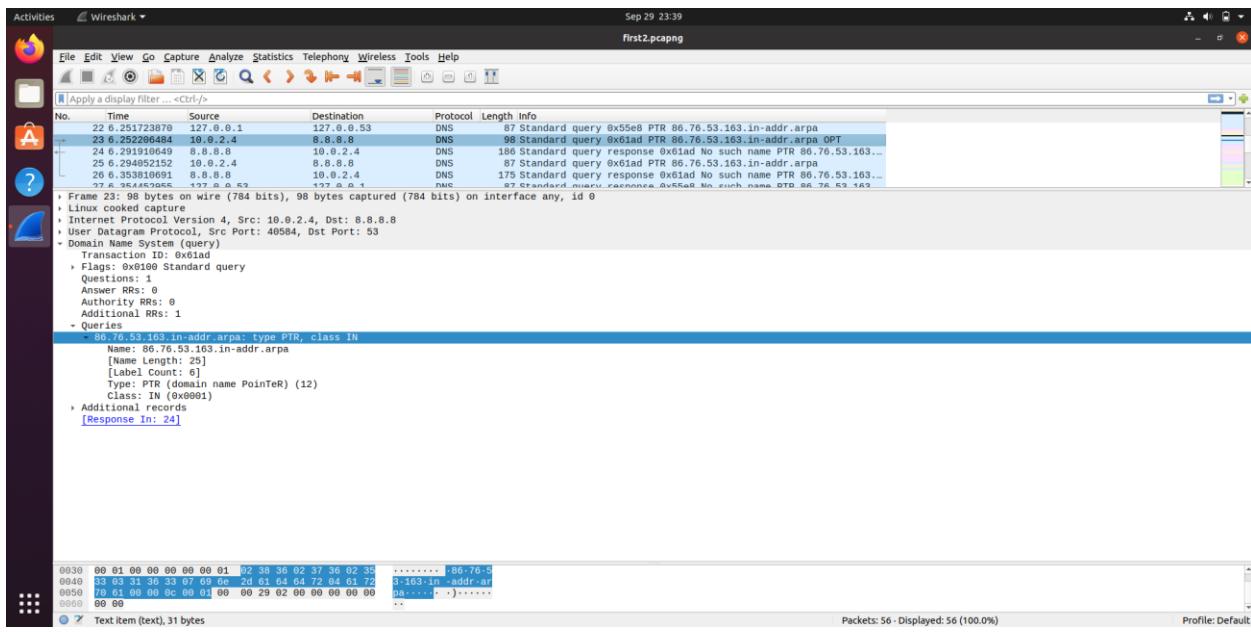
Client:



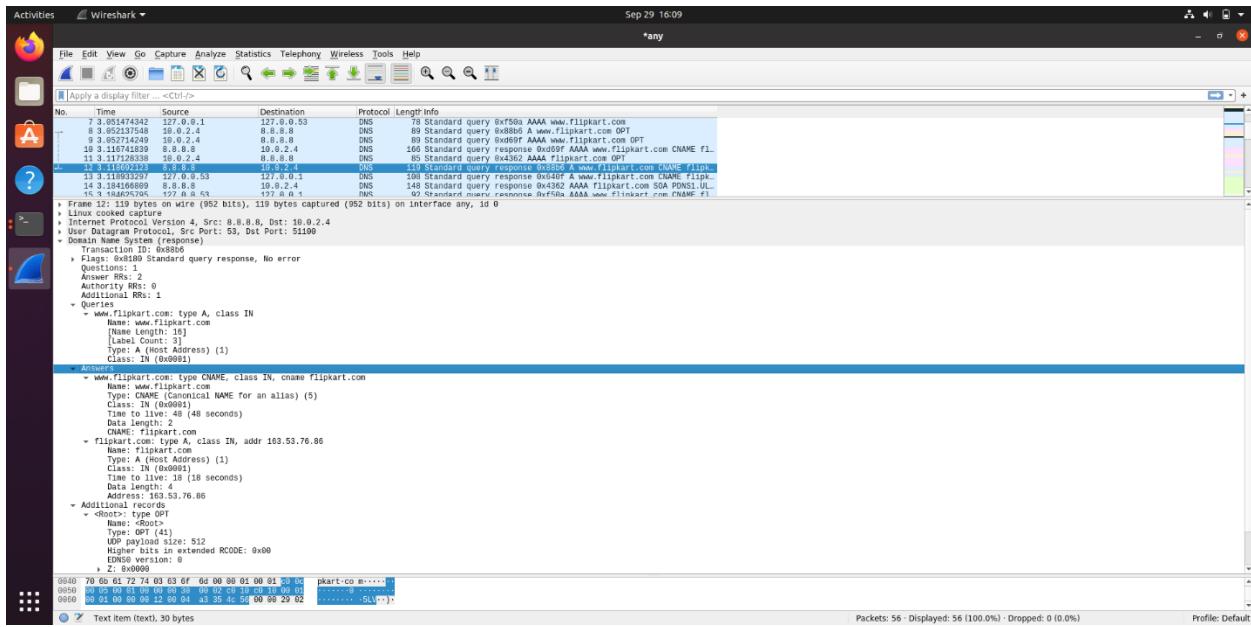
## First Test:

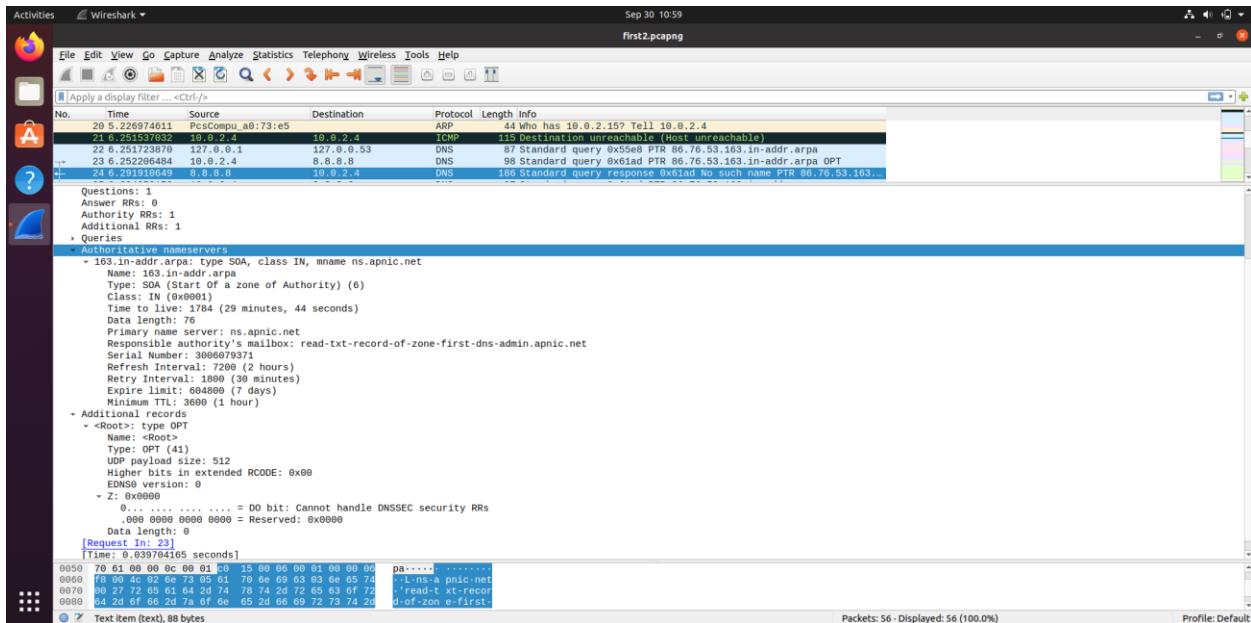
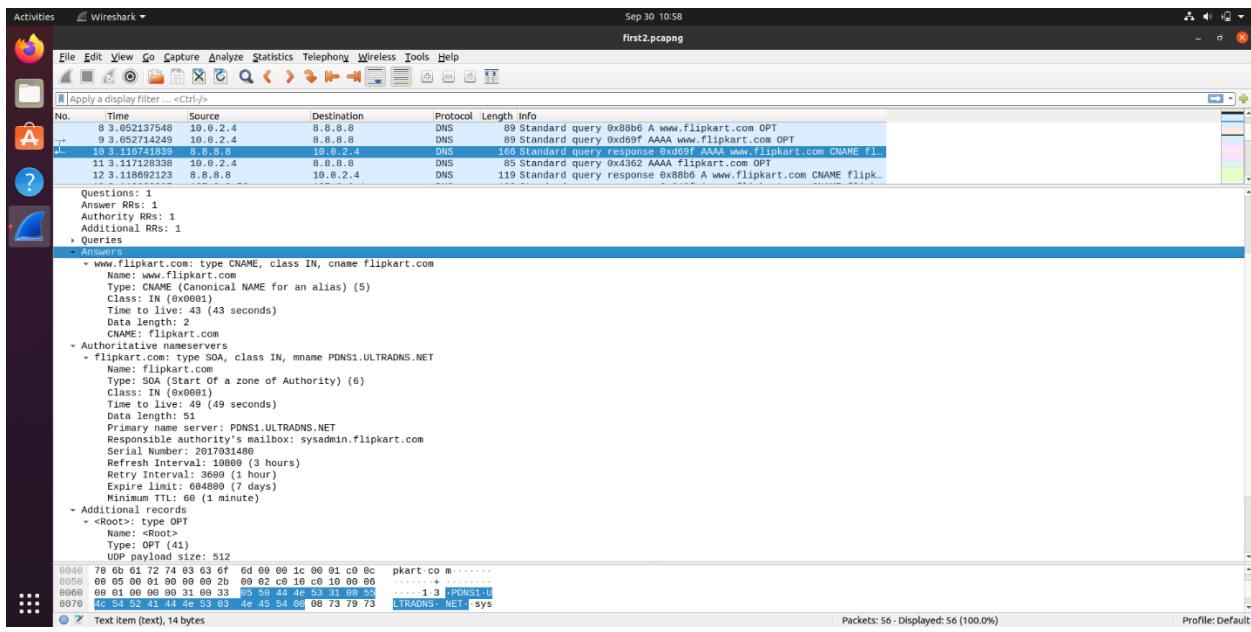
### Queries-





## Responses-





**Observation:** The ping request is resolved by first requesting the ISP; the DNS request created is A record, which requests TLD and that requests Authoritative Servers for the IP address.

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

They are sent over UDP.

2) What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of DNS response message?

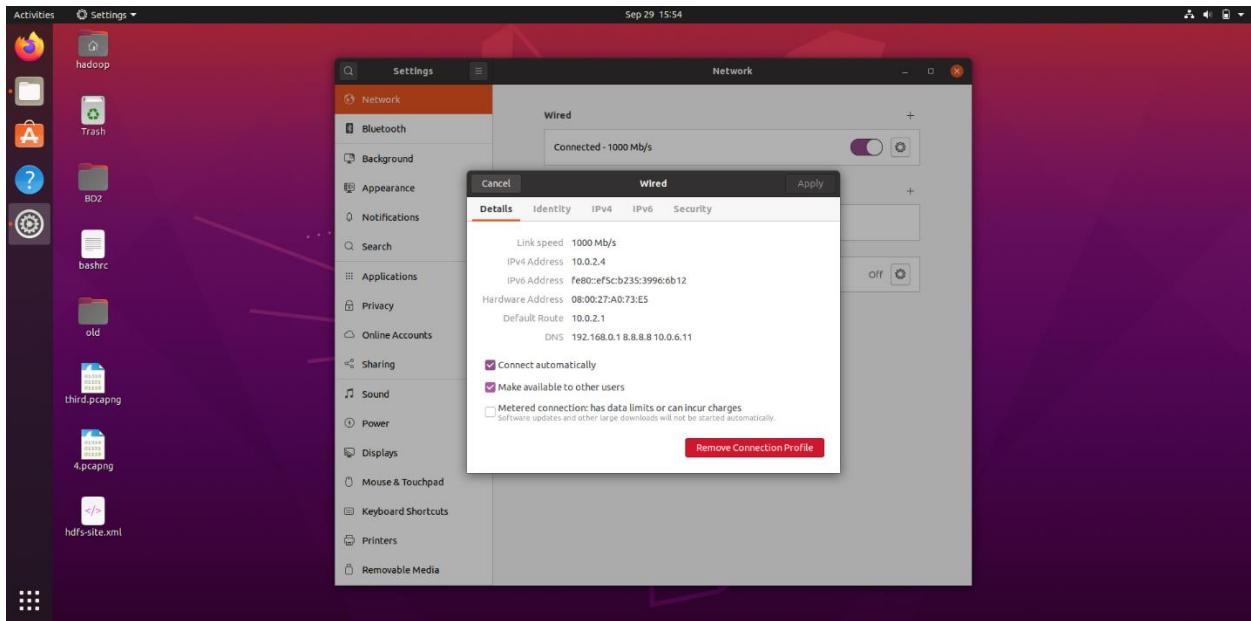
Destination Port for DNS query message: 53

Source Port for DNS response message: 53

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

The DNS query message is sent to 8.8.8.8. As we can see in the screenshot below, the IP address is present in the list of IP addresses for my local DNS server.

8.8.8.8 comes by default in the list of DNS for every connection that is already created or I create on my own.



4) Examine the DNS query message. What “Type” of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any “answers”?

The query highlighted in the first screenshot is a Type A Standard Query which stores hostname and its corresponding IPv4 address.

Below that we can also see Type AAAA Standard Query which stores hostname and its corresponding IPv6 address.

In the second screenshot, we can also see one PTR query message that resolves an IP address to a domain or host name, unlike an A record which points a domain name to an IP address.

The query messages do not contain any answers.

5) Examine the DNS response message. How many “answers” are provided? What do each of these answers contain?

2 answers are provided in the response message for the A type query. The answers contain name of the host, type of the address, class, TTL, data length. The first answer has CNAME (has the canonical name of [www.flipkart.com](http://www.flipkart.com) as flipkart.com) in the end and the second answer has the IP address.

Answers

www.flipkart.com: type CNAME, class IN, cname flipkart.com

Name: www.flipkart.com

Type: CNAME (Canonical NAME for an alias) (5)

Class: IN (0x0001)

Time to live: 48 (48 seconds)

Data length: 2

CNAME: flipkart.com

flipkart.com: type A, class IN, addr 163.53.76.86

Name: flipkart.com

Type: A (Host Address) (1)

Class: IN (0x0001)

Time to live: 18 (18 seconds)

Data length: 4

Address: 163.53.76.86

1 answer is provided in the response message for the AAAA type query. It has a CNAME record.

Answers

www.flipkart.com: type CNAME, class IN, cname flipkart.com

Name: www.flipkart.com

Type: CNAME (Canonical NAME for an alias) (5)

Class: IN (0x0001)

Time to live: 43 (43 seconds)

Data length: 2

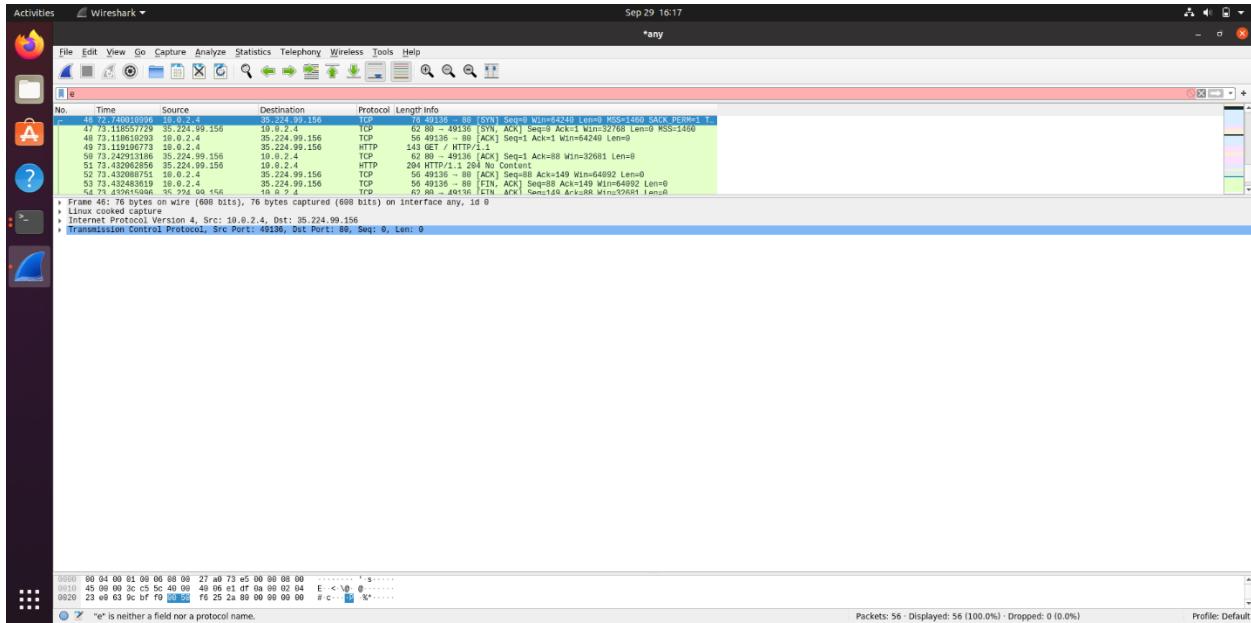
CNAME: flipkart.com

0 answers are provided for the PTR type query.

6) 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?

No, the destination IP address of the SYN packet does not correspond to any of the IP addresses provided in the DNS response message. I get the IP address as 35.224.99.156 which is of Google Cloud.

[Note: As I understand, I was supposed to get an IP address that was returned in the Answers section of the DNS response. However, despite trying three-four times this is what I got.]



## Task 1: Configure the User Machine

### Second Test:

#### Queries-

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| No. | Time        | Source    | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info  |
|-----|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|--------|---|
| 1   | 0.000000000 | 10.0.2.4  | 10.0.2.15   | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0x84a2 A www.flipkart.com    |
| 2   | 0.000034913 | 10.0.2.4  | 10.0.2.15   | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0xa2a6 AAAA www.flipkart.com |
| 3   | 0.000524292 | 10.0.2.15 | 10.0.2.4    | ICMP     | 106    | Destination unreachable (Port unreachable)  |
| 4   | 0.000539113 | 10.0.2.15 | 10.0.2.4    | ICMP     | 106    | Destination unreachable (Port unreachable)  |
| 5   | 0.001369666 | 10.0.2.15 | 127.0.0.1   | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0xbdbb A www.flipkart.com    |
| 6   | 0.001498216 | 10.0.2.4  | 192.168.0.1 | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0xdbb A www.flipkart.com     |
| 7   | 0.001553416 | 10.0.2.15 | 127.0.0.1   | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0xa2a6 AAAA www.flipkart.com |

Frame 1: 78 bytes on wire (624 bits), 78 bytes captured (624 bits) on interface any, id 0

- Linux cooked capture
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.15, Dst: 10.0.2.15
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 44239, Dst Port: 53
- Domain Name System (query)
  - Transaction ID: 0x84a2
  - Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
  - Questions: 1
    - Answer RRs: 0
    - Authority RRs: 0
    - Additional RRs: 0
  - Queries
    - www.flipkart.com

0000 60 04 00 01 00 00 00 00 27 a0 73 e5 00 00 00 00 E->k0@ 0 1 5 \* . www fili

Packets: 39 - Displayed: 39 (100.0%) Profile: Default

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dns

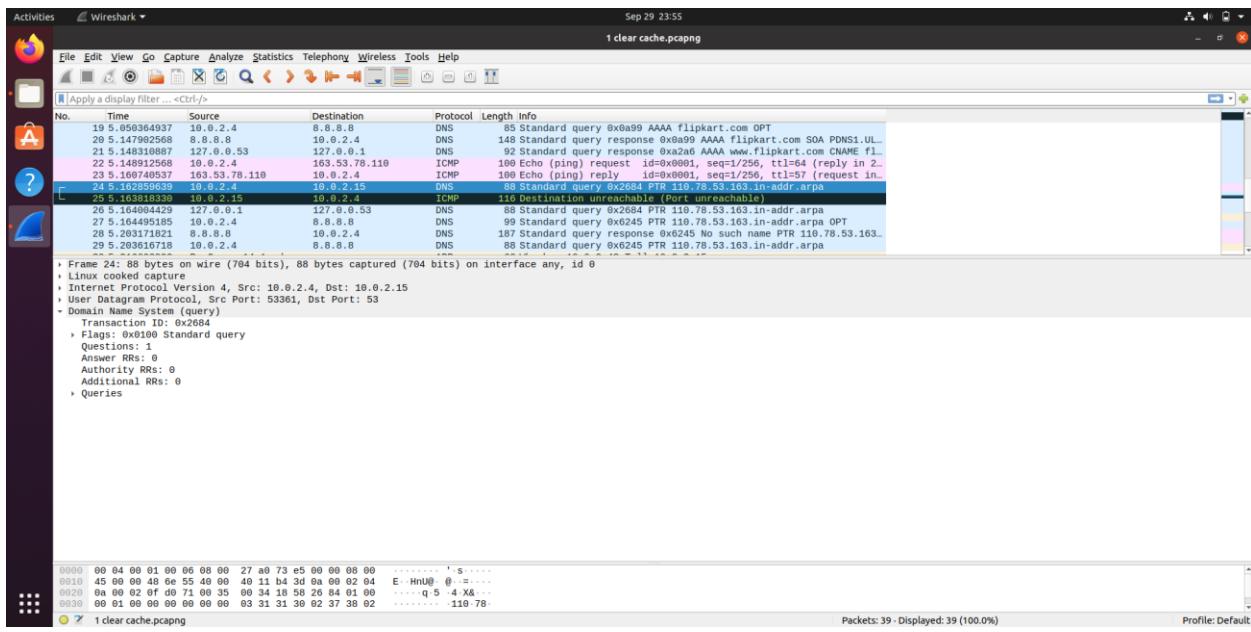
| No. | Time        | Source      | Destination | Protocol | Length | Info   |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------|--|
| 1   | 0.000000000 | 10.0.2.4    | 10.0.2.15   | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0x84a2 A www.flipkart.com                           |
| 2   | 0.000034913 | 10.0.2.4    | 10.0.2.15   | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0xa2a6 AAAA www.flipkart.com                        |
| 3   | 0.000524292 | 10.0.2.15   | 10.0.2.4    | ICMP     | 106    | Destination unreachable (Port unreachable)                         |
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| 5   | 0.001369666 | 127.0.0.1   | 127.0.0.53  | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0x84a2 A www.flipkart.com                           |
| 6   | 0.001498216 | 10.0.2.15   | 192.168.0.1 | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0xdbb A www.flipkart.com                            |
| 7   | 0.001553416 | 127.0.0.1   | 127.0.0.53  | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0xa2a6 AAAA www.flipkart.com                        |
| 8   | 0.001767225 | 10.0.2.4    | 192.168.0.1 | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0xd2d4 AAAA www.flipkart.com                        |
| 9   | 0.001800000 | 192.168.0.1 | 10.0.2.4    | DNS      | 150    | Standard query 0xd2d4 AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME fili...          |
| 10  | 0.008344083 | 10.0.2.4    | 192.168.0.1 | DNS      | 74     | Standard query 0x117b AAAA flipkart.com SOA PDNS1.UL...            |
| 11  | 0.012638398 | 192.168.0.1 | 10.0.2.4    | DNS      | 137    | Standard query response 0x117b AAAA flipkart.com SOA PDNS1.UL...   |
| 12  | 0.012825342 | 127.0.0.53  | 127.0.0.1   | DNS      | 92     | Standard query response 0xa2a6 AAAA www.flipkart.com CNAME fili... |
| 13  | 0.004219691 | 127.0.0.1   | 127.0.0.53  | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0x84a2 A www.flipkart.com                           |
| 14  | 0.005368383 | 10.0.2.4    | 8.8.8.8     | DNS      | 60     | Standard query 0x84a2 A www.flipkart.com OPT                       |
| 15  | 0.048781398 | 8.8.8.8     | 10.0.2.4    | DNS      | 119    | Standard query response 0x84a2 A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipk...   |
| 16  | 0.049517348 | 127.0.0.53  | 127.0.0.1   | DNS      | 108    | Standard query response 0x84a2 A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipk...   |
| 17  | 0.049598657 | 127.0.0.1   | 127.0.0.53  | DNS      | 78     | Standard query 0xa2a6 AAAA www.flipkart.com                        |
| 18  | 0.049801465 | 127.0.0.53  | 127.0.0.1   | DNS      | 108    | Standard query response 0x84a2 A www.flipkart.com CNAME flipk...   |
| 19  | 0.049840407 | 10.0.2.4    | n/a         | DNS      | 0      | Standard query 0x84a2 AAAA flipkart.com OPT                        |

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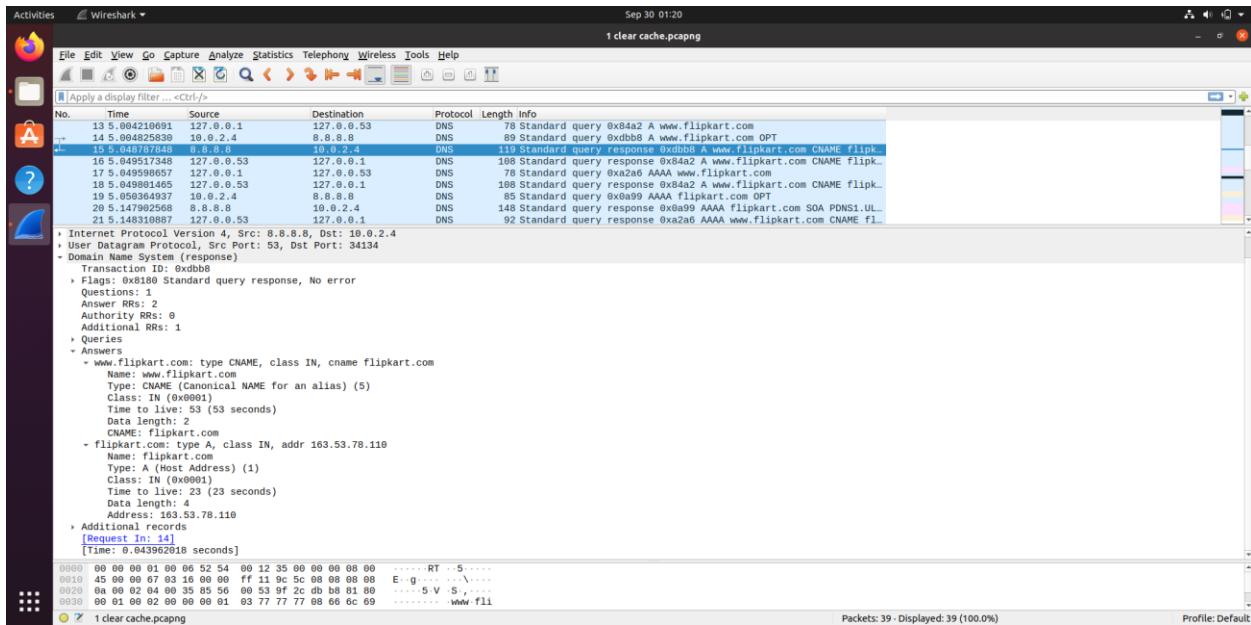
- Linux cooked capture
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.4, Dst: 192.168.0.1
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 56310, Dst Port: 53
- Domain Name System (query)
  - Transaction ID: 0xd2d4
  - Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
  - Questions: 1
    - Name: www.flipkart.com
      - Name Length: 16
      - Label Count: 3
      - Type: AAAA (IPv6 Address) (28)
      - Class: IN (0x0001)
      - [Response In: 9]
  - Answers
    - www.flipkart.com type AAAA, class IN
      - Name: www.flipkart.com
      - Name Length: 16
      - Label Count: 3
      - Type: AAAA (IPv6 Address) (28)
      - Class: IN (0x0001)
  - Authorities
    - flipkart.com type SOA, class IN
      - Name: flipkart.com
      - Name Length: 16
      - Label Count: 3
      - Type: SOA (Domain Admin) (25)
      - Class: IN (0x0001)
      - Serial: 1
      - Refresh: 3600
      - TTL: 3600
      - Retry: 600
      - Expire: 1209600
      - Minimum TTL: 3600
  - Additional
    - flipkart.com type NSEC3PARAM, class IN
      - Name: flipkart.com
      - Name Length: 16
      - Label Count: 3
      - Type: NSEC3PARAM (24)
      - Class: IN (0x0001)

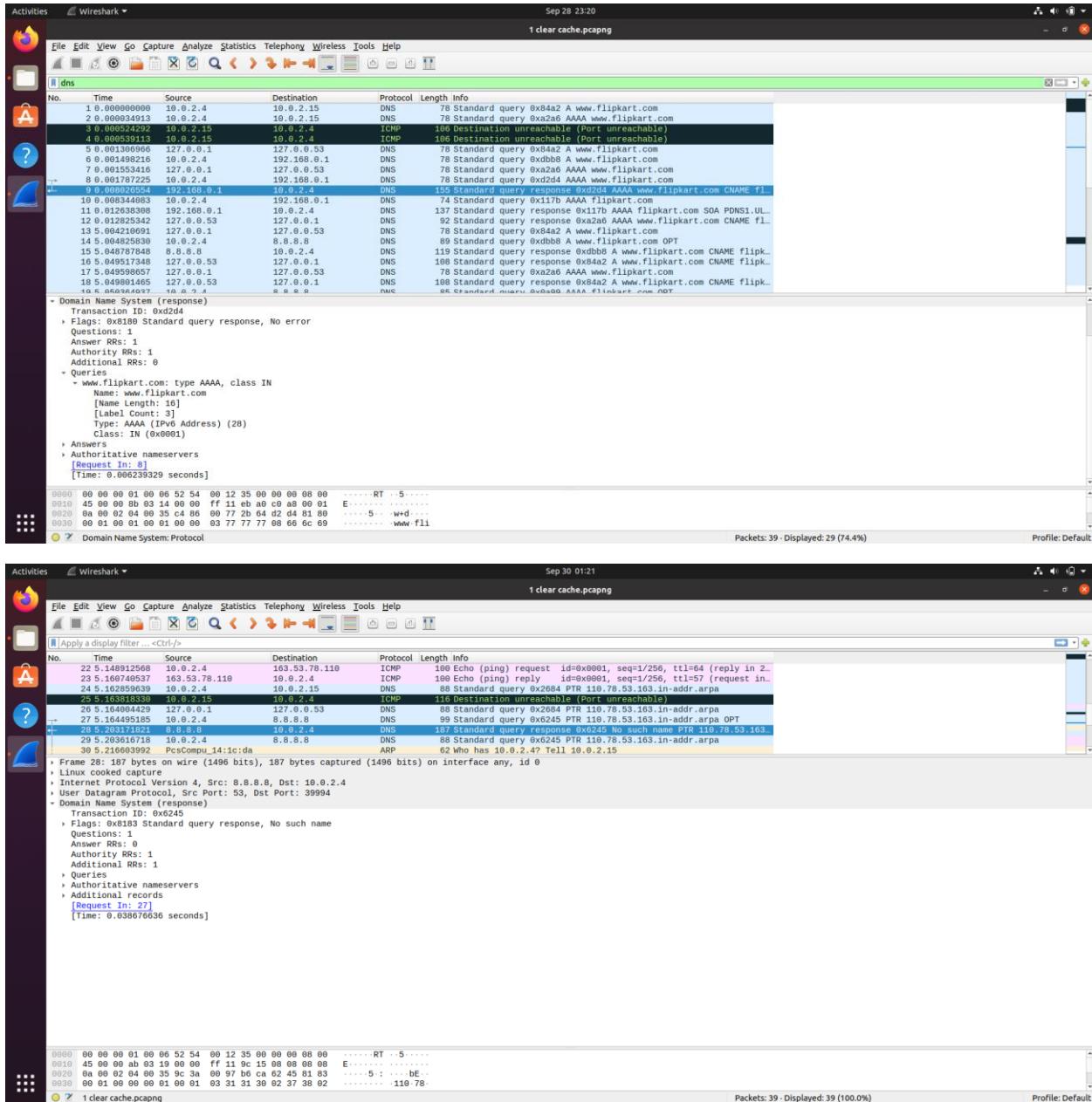
0000 60 04 00 01 00 00 00 00 27 a0 73 e5 00 00 00 00 E->Pb@ 0 1 5 \* . www fili

Packets: 39 - Displayed: 29 (74.4%) Profile: Default



## Responses-





**Observations:** In this test, the request is sent to the local DNS (the IP address we set: 10.0.2.15) instead of the ISP. Since the server VM is not yet configured we get an ICMP error message saying that the port is unreachable. The request is then sent by the client VM to ISP for domain name resolution.

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

They are sent over UDP.

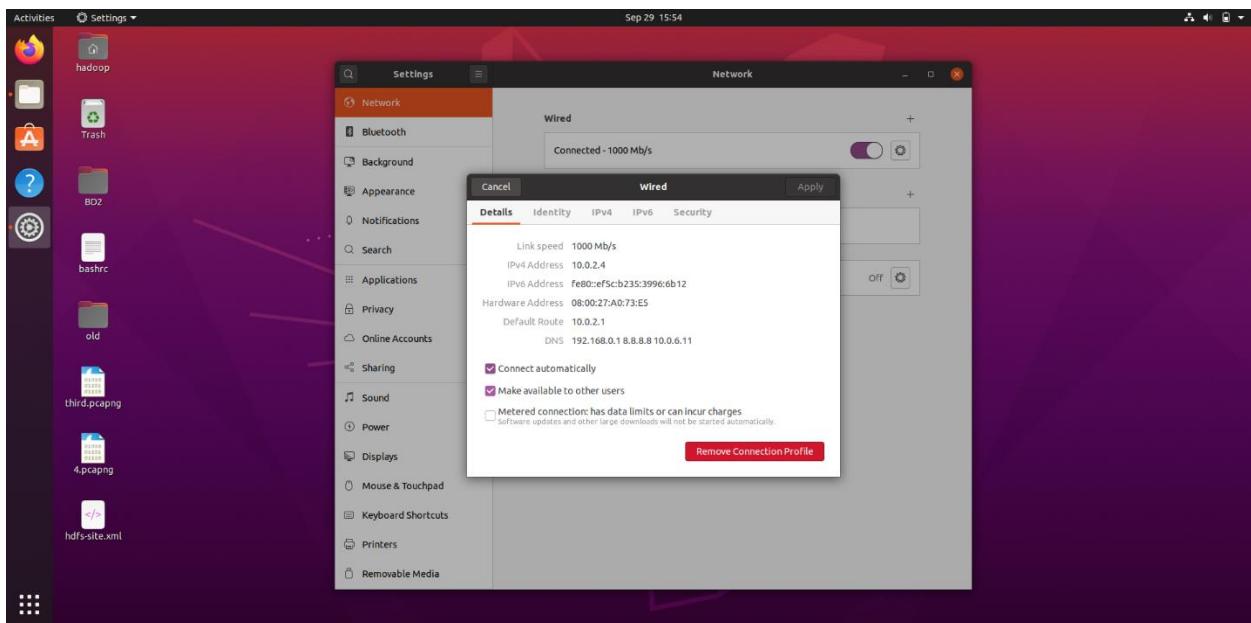
2) What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of DNS response message?

Destination Port for DNS query message: 53

Source Port for DNS response message: 53

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

The query message is sent to 10.0.2.15. Because the port was unreachable, it was sent from 10.0.2.4 to 192.168.0.1 which is the client's local DNS.



4) Examine the DNS query message. What “Type” of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any “answers”?

The query highlighted in the first screenshot is a Type A Standard Query which stores hostname and its corresponding IPv4 address.

The query highlighted in the second screenshot shows Type AAAA Standard Query which stores hostname and its corresponding IPv6 address.

In the third query screenshot, we can also see one PTR query message that resolves an IP address to a domain or host name, unlike an A record which points a domain name to an IP address.

The query messages do not contain any answers.

5) Examine the DNS response message. How many “answers” are provided? What do each of these answers contain?

2 answers are provided in the response message for the A type query. 1 answer is provided for type AAAA and none for the PTR type. The format is the same as in the first test.

6) 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?

Output similar to that of first test.

## Task 2: Set Up a Local DNS Server

### Third Test:

#### Queries-

Wireshark analysis of network traffic (third.pcapng) on Sep 29 17:32:

**Frame 1: 78 bytes on wire (624 bits), 78 bytes captured (624 bits) on interface any, id 0**

- Linux kernel capture
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.4, Dst: 10.0.2.15
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 40550, Dst Port: 53
- Domain Name System (query)
  - Transaction ID: 0x7d8a
  - Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
  - Questions: 1
    - Answer RRs: 0
    - Authority RRs: 0
    - Additional RRs: 0
  - Queries
    - [Response In: 161]

Packets: 474 · Displayed: 474 (100.0%) · Profile: Default

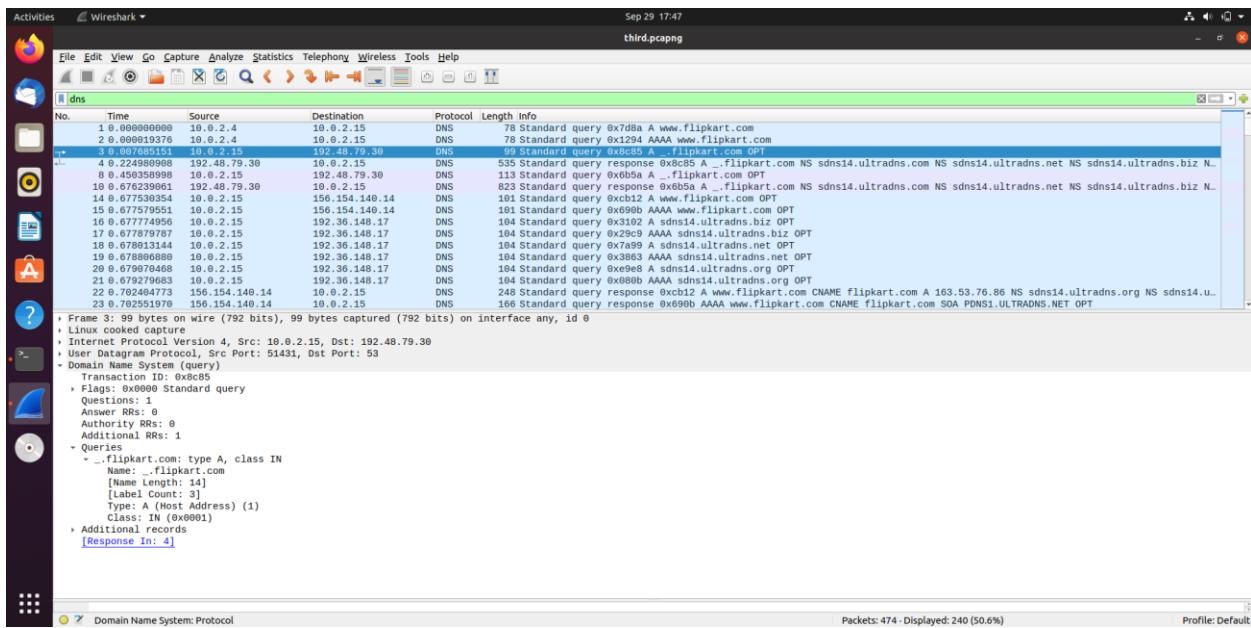
  

Wireshark analysis of network traffic (third.pcapng) on Sep 30 00:20:

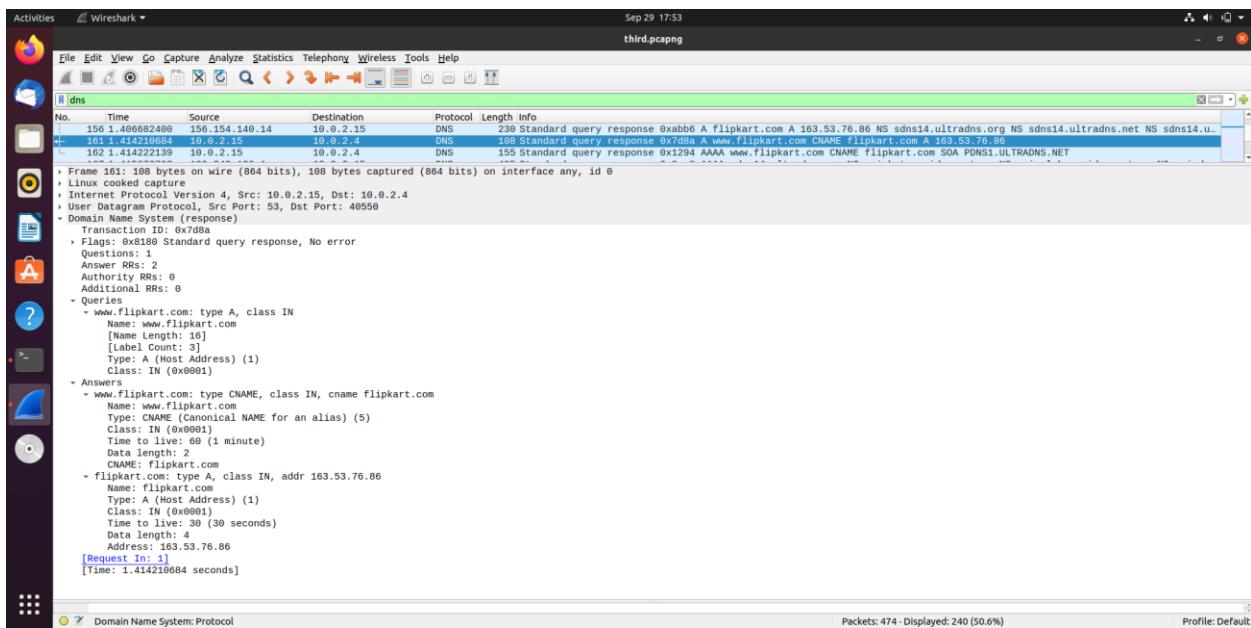
**Frame 2: 78 bytes on wire (624 bits), 78 bytes captured (624 bits) on interface any, id 0**

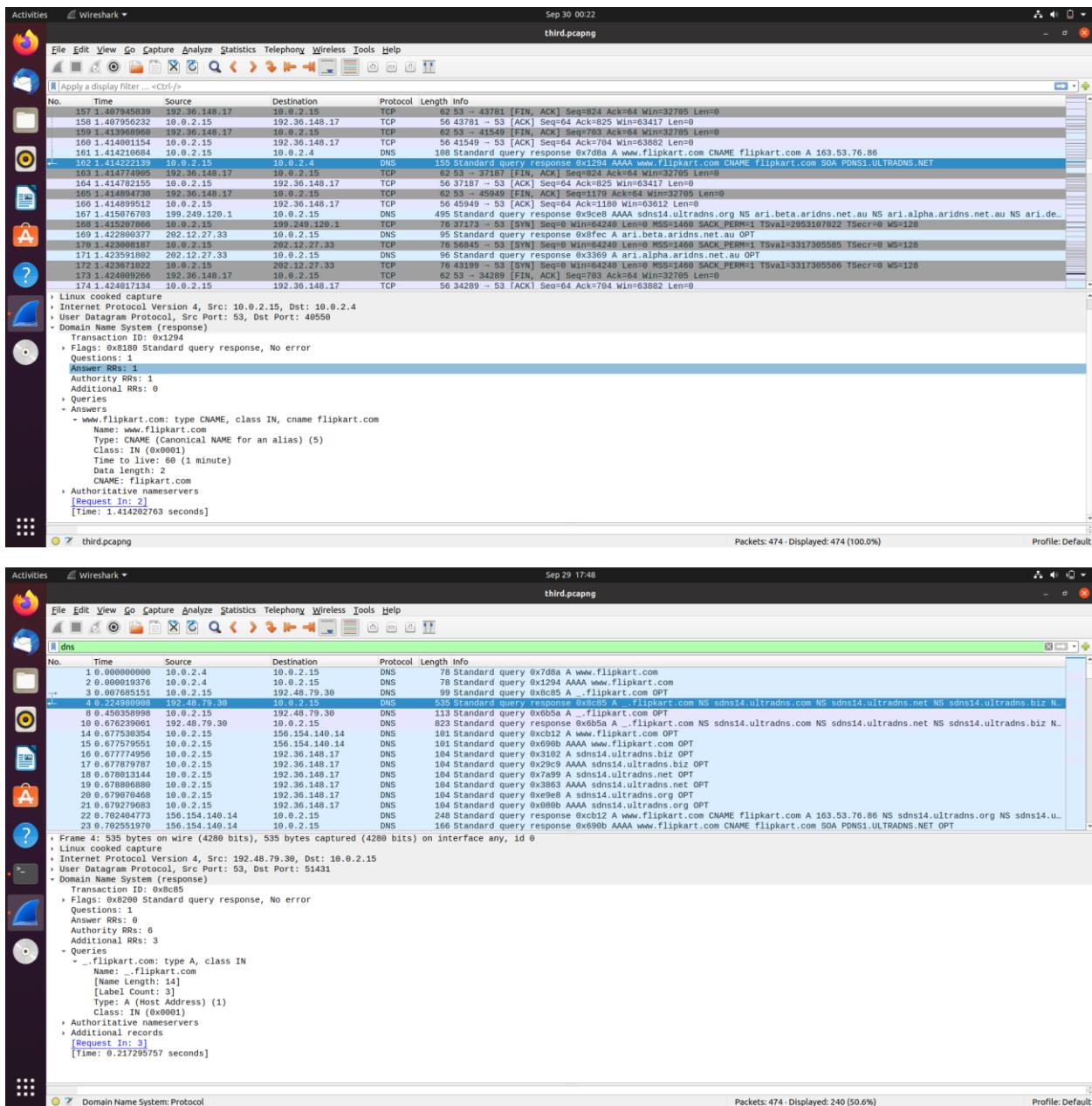
- Linux kernel capture
- Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.4, Dst: 10.0.2.15
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 40550, Dst Port: 53
- Domain Name System (query)
  - Transaction ID: 0x1294
  - Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
  - Questions: 1
    - Answer RRs: 0
    - Authority RRs: 0
    - Additional RRs: 0
  - Queries
    - [Response In: 162]

Packets: 474 · Displayed: 474 (100.0%) · Profile: Default



## Responses-





Cache-

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Activities Terminal Sep 28 21:58
khushel@khushel-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ sudo cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db
; Start view _default
;
; Cache dump of view '_default' (cache _default)
; using a 604800 second stale ttl
$DATE 20200921160556
; secure
1122728 IN NS a.root-servers.net.
1122728 IN NS b.root-servers.net.
1122728 IN NS c.root-servers.net.
1122728 IN NS d.root-servers.net.
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1122728 IN NS f.root-servers.net.
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459IfptjvQL14B/XUCH9BKd0qxt1DHQDfm0r
vDn7F7T3iYuGzYhMu5L950Maoc1no+AAu4p

Activities Terminal Sep 28 21:59
khushel@khushel-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$ sudo cat /var/cache/bind/dump.db | grep "flipkart"
flipkart.com. 777419 NS sdhs14.ultradns.biz.
; flipkart.com. SOA PDNS1.ULTRADNS.NET. sysadmin.flipkart.com. 2017031480 10800 3600 604800 60
www.flipkart.com. 604679 CNAME flipkart.com.
khushel@khushel-VirtualBox:~/Desktop$
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**Observations:** Since the local DNS with IP address 10.0.2.15 is set up and configured, the IP address of [www.flipkart.com](http://www.flipkart.com) is fetched from the local DNS itself. When the cache is cleared on server and we ping from the client, the first wireshark capture has the entire trace which is being cached, as shown above.

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

They are sent over UDP.

2) What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of DNS response message?

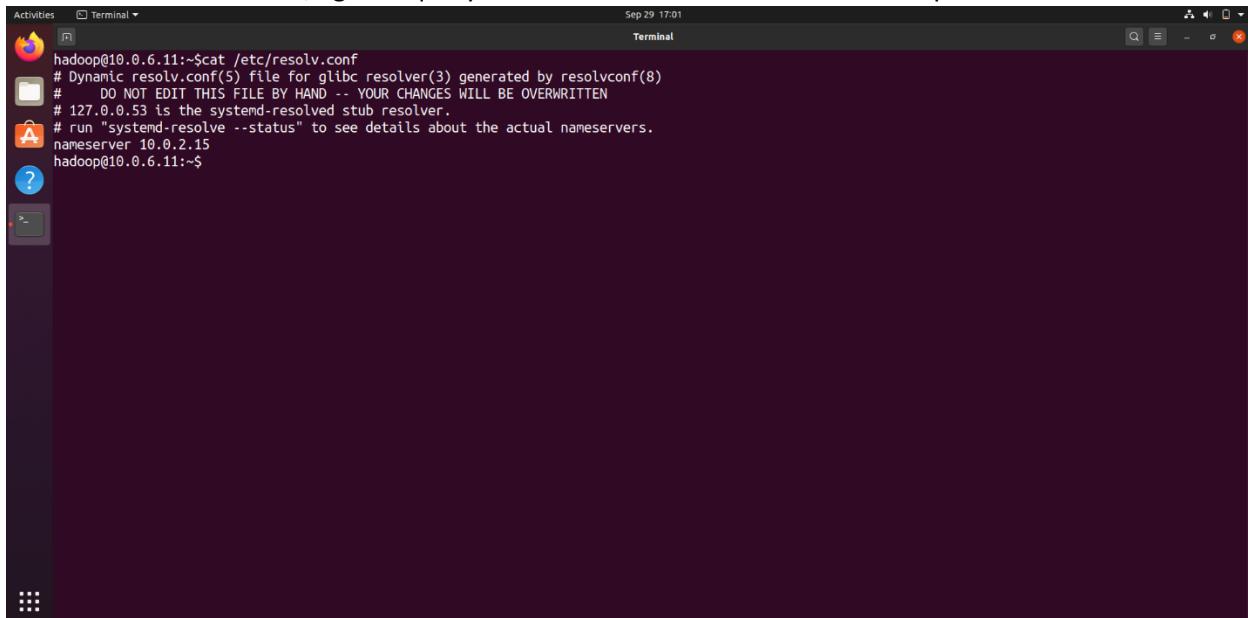
Destination Port for DNS query message: 53

Source Port for DNS response message: 53

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

The query message is sent to 10.0.2.15.

From the server machine, again a query is made to 156.154.140.14 which is flipkart.com's name server.



```
hadoop@10.0.6.11:~$ cat /etc/resolv.conf
# 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
# 127.0.0.53 is the systemd-resolved stub resolver.
# run "systemctl resolve --status" to see details about the actual nameservers.
nameserver 10.0.2.15
hadoop@10.0.6.11:~$
```

4) Examine the DNS query message. What “Type” of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any “answers”?

The query highlighted in the first screenshot is a Type A Standard.

The next screenshot shows Type AAAA Standard Query.

The query messages do not contain any answers.

5) Examine the DNS response message. How many “answers” are provided? What do each of these answers contain?

2 answers are provided in the response message for the A type query. 1 answer is provided in the response message for the AAAA type query. The format is same as that of the first test.

6) 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?

The destination IP address is shown as 192.48.79.30.

No, the destination IP address does not correspond to any of the IP addressed provided in the DNS response message.

## Task 4: Restart the BIND server and test

```
Activities Terminal Sep 28 22:29
hadoop@10.0.6.11:~$dig www.example.com

; <>> DiG 9.16.1-Ubuntu <>> www.example.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->HEADER<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 17170
;; flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 2
;;
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
;; EDNS: version: 0, flags: udp: 4096
;; COOKIE: 4c23b9e60d4d4a86010000005f7216648e18bb1c8ea237a3 (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.example.com.           IN      A
;;
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.example.com.      259200  IN      A      10.0.2.101
;;
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
example.com.          259200  IN      NS      ns.example.com.
;;
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.example.com.        259200  IN      A      10.0.2.10
;;
;; Query time: 0 msec
;; SERVER: 10.0.2.15#53(10.0.2.15)
;; WHEN: Mon Sep 28 22:29:15 IST 2020
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 121

hadoop@10.0.6.11:~$
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Activities Wireshark Sep 28 22:32
4.pcapng

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Apply a display filter ... <Ctrl-/>
No. Time Source Destination Protocol Length Info
1 0.000000000 10.0.2.4 10.0.2.15 DNS 160 Standard query 0x4312 A www.example.com OPT
2 0.000369593 10.0.2.15 10.0.2.4 DNS 165 Standard query response 0x4312 A www.example.com A 10.0.2.101 NS ns.example.com A 10.0.2.10 OPT
3 2.058720823 10.0.2.15 8.8.8.8 DNS 102 Standard query response 0xb496 A connectivity-check.ubuntu.com OPT
4 2.671788793 8.8.8.8 10.0.2.15 DNS 134 Standard query response 0xb496 A connectivity-check.ubuntu.com A 35.224.99.156 A 35.222.85.5 OPT

Frame 2: 165 bytes on wire (1320 bits), 165 bytes captured (1320 bits) on interface any, id 0
  Linux cooked capture
  Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.2.15, Dst: 10.0.2.4
  User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 33378
  Domain Name System (response)
    Transaction ID: 0x4312
    Flags: 0x0580 Standard query response, No error
    Questions: 1
      www.example.com
        Authority RRs: 1
        Additional RRs: 2
    Queries
    Answers
      www.example.com: type A, class IN, addr 10.0.2.101
        Name: www.example.com
        Type: IN (address) (1)
        Class: IN (0x0001)
        Time to live: 259200 (3 days)
        Data length: 4
        Address: 10.0.2.101
    Authoritative name servers
      example.com: type NS, class IN, ns ns.example.com
        Name: example.com
        Type: NS (authoritative Name Server) (2)
        Class: IN (0x0001)
        Time to live: 259200 (3 days)
        Data length: 5
        Name server: ns.example.com
    Additional records
      [Request ID: 1]
      [Time: 0.000369593 seconds]

Packets: 12 - Displayed: 12 (100.0%) Profile: Default
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