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## 1 nslookup command

### 1.1 Run nslookup to obtain the IP address of a Web server in Asia

To begin with, I will use the command for the HCMUT-LMS website. The output will be as below:

```
C:\Windows\System32>nslookup lms.hcmut.edu.vn
Server: UnKnown
Address: 172.20.10.1

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: lms.hcmut.edu.vn
Address: 101.99.31.223
```

Figure 1: The output of the command.

IP address of the server: **101.99.31.223**

### 1.2 Run nslookup to determine the authoritative DNS servers for a university in Europe.

In this exercise, I choose Birmingham University in the UK. Here is the answer:

```
C:\Windows\System32>nslookup www.birmingham.ac.uk
Server: UnKnown
Address: 172.20.10.1

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: live-uob.contensis.com
Address: 185.18.139.213
Aliases: www.birmingham.ac.uk
```

Figure 2: Birmingham University

IP address of the Europe University server: **185.18.139.213**

### 1.3 Run nslookup so that one of the DNS servers obtained in Question 2 is queried for the mail servers for Yahoo! mail.

The output will be as below:

```
C:\Windows\System32>nslookup www.birmingham.ac.uk mail.yahoo.com
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
Server: UnKnown
Address: 180.222.116.12

DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
*** Request to UnKnown timed-out
```

Figure 3: Mail server.

IP address of Yahoo! mail server: **180.222.116.12**

## 2 Tracing DNS with Wireshark

### 2.1 Locate the DNS query and response messages. Are then sent over UDP or TCP.

Here is the output picture:

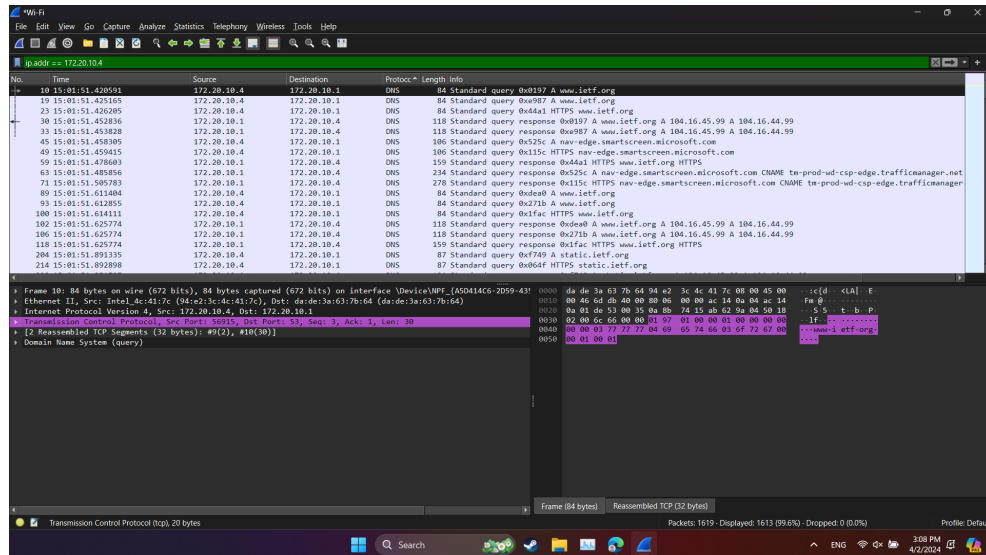


Figure 4: DNS query message.

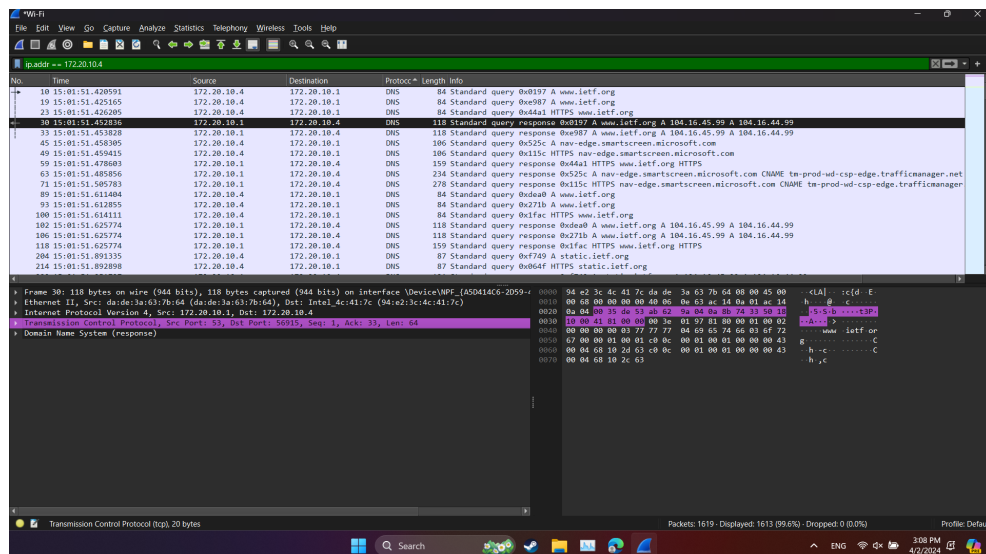


Figure 5: DNS response message.

It can be seen that both are used TCP protocol.

### 2.2 What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of DNS response message

- The destination port of DNS query message: 53
- The source port of DNS response message: 53

### 2.3 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

It's sent to **172.20.10.1**, which is the IP address of one of my local DNS server.

### 2.4 Examine the DNS query message. What “Type” of DNS query is it. Does the query message contain any “answers”

It's a **type A** and it doesn't contain any answers.

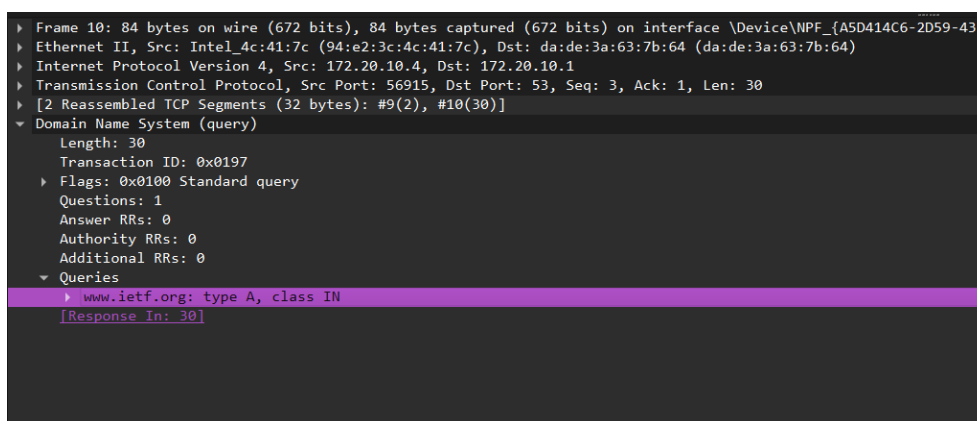


Figure 6: DNS query information

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

There are two answers and both of them contain the information about the name of the host, the type of address, class, the TTL, the data length and the IP address.

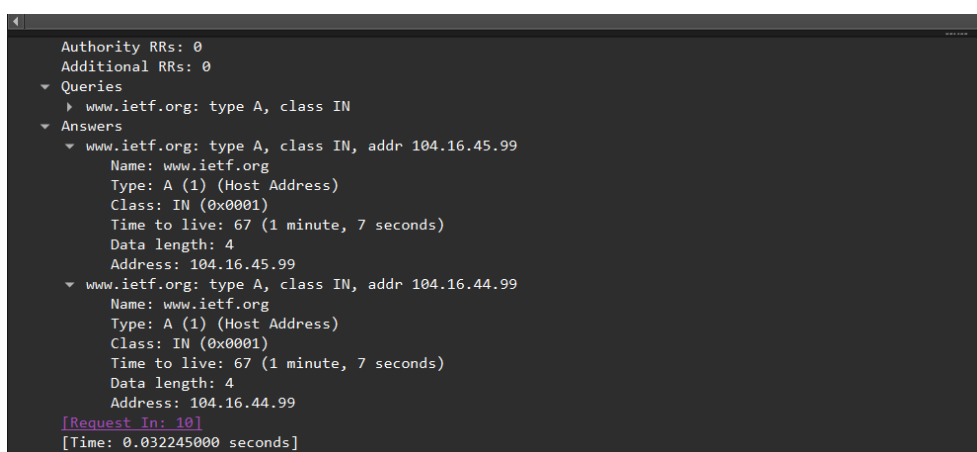


Figure 7: DNS response message.

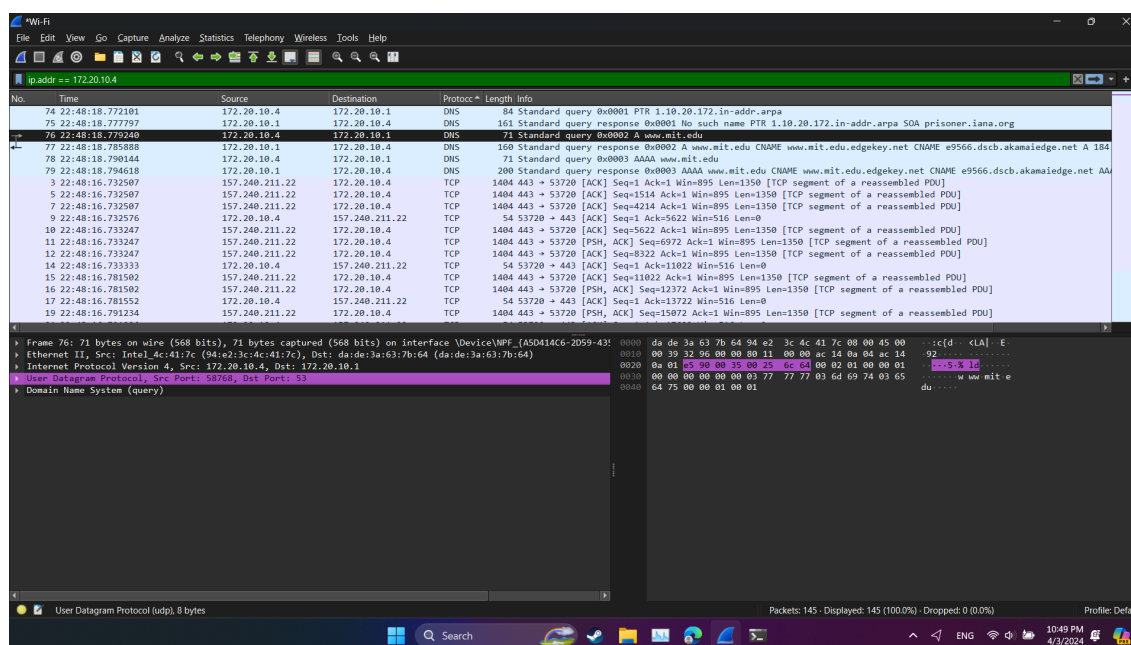
## 2.6 Consider the subsequent TCP SYN packet sent by your host. Does the destination IP address of the SYN packet correspond to any of the IP addresses provided in the DNS response message?

The first SYN packet was sent to 104.16.44.99 which corresponds to the first IP address provided in the DNS response message.

## 2.7 This web page contains images. Before retrieving each image, does your host issue new DNS queries?

No, we don't need any DNS queries more due to the fact that the images have been loaded in ietf.org

## 2.8 What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of DNS response message?



Destination Port: 53. Source Port: 58768.

## 2.9 To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Is this the IP address of your default local DNS server?

It's sent to 172.20.10.1, which is the IP address of one of my local DNS servers.

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

The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture of network traffic. The packet list pane displays a list of packets, with packet 76 selected, which is a DNS Standard query type A for www.mit.edu. The packet details pane shows the structure of the DNS query, including the Transaction ID (0x0002), Flags (0x0000), and a single question for www.mit.edu. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet.

The query is of type A and it doesn't contain any answers.

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

The response DNS message contains 3 answers containing the name of the host, the type of address, the class, and the IP address.

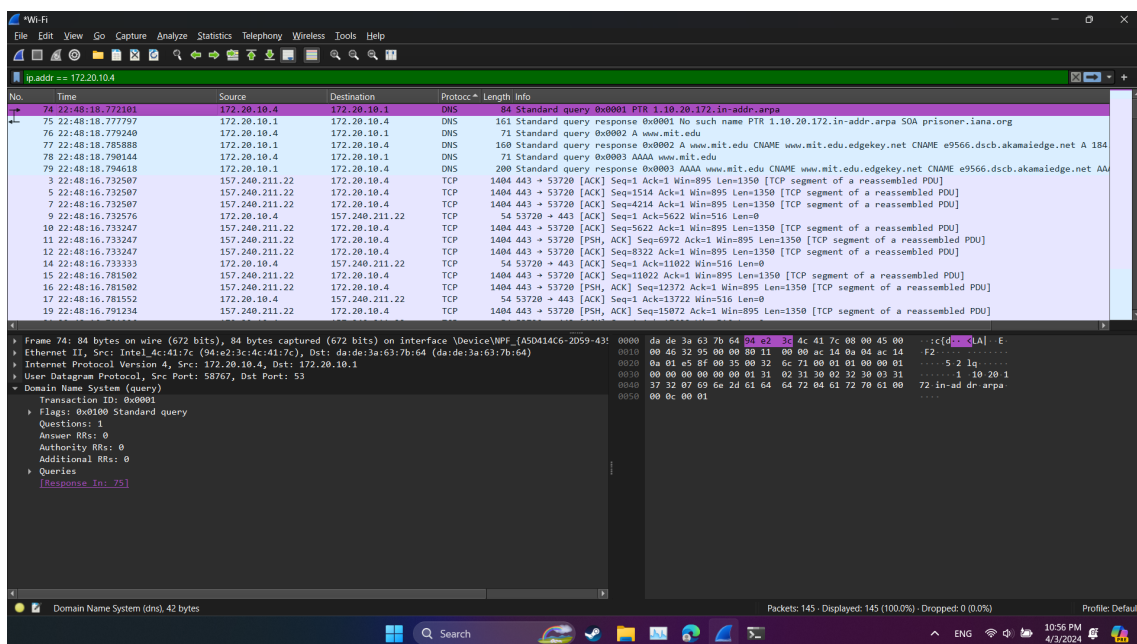
The screenshot shows a Wireshark capture of network traffic. The packet list pane displays a list of packets, with packet 77 selected, which is a DNS Standard query response type A for www.mit.edu. The packet details pane shows the structure of the DNS response, including the Transaction ID (0x0002), Flags (0x8180), and three answers for www.mit.edu, www.mit.edu.edgekey.net, and e9566.dscb.akamaiedge.net. The packet bytes pane shows the raw data of the packet.



## 2.12 Provide a screenshot.

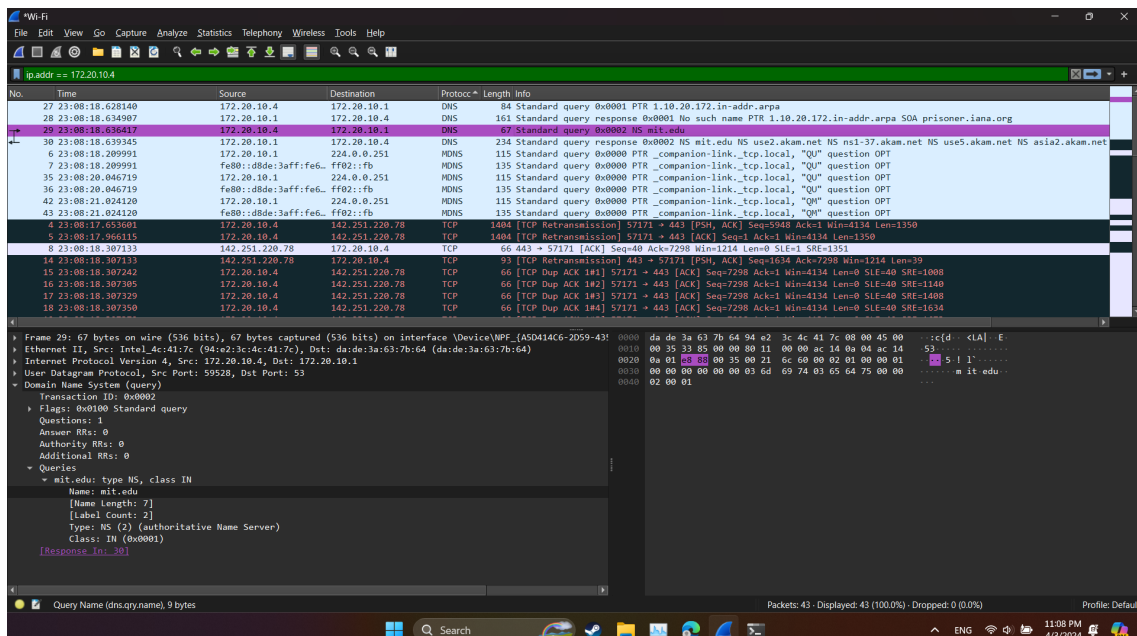
```
C:\Users\84909>nslookup www.mit.edu
Server: UnKnown
Address: 172.20.10.1

Non-authoritative answer:
Name: e9566.dscb.akamaiedge.net
Addresses: 2600:1417:8000:cae::255e
           2600:1417:8000:c8d::255e
           184.84.55.33
Aliases: www.mit.edu
         www.mit.edu.edgekey.net
```



```
C:\Users\84909>nslookup -type=NS mit.edu
Server: UnKnown
Address: 172.20.10.1

Non-authoritative answer:
mit.edu nameserver = use2.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = ns1-37.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = use5.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia2.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = eur5.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = ns1-173.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = usw2.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia1.akam.net
```



## 2.13 To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Is this the IP address of your default local DNS server?

It's sent to 172.20.10.1, which is the IP address of one of my local DNS servers.

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

- The DNS query is a type “NS” message and including one question.
- The query message did not contain any answers.

```
▶ Frame 29: 67 bytes on wire (536 bits), 67 bytes captured (536 bits) on interface \Device\NPF_{A5D414C6-2D59-43
▶ Ethernet II, Src: Intel_4c:41:7c (94:e2:3c:4c:41:7c), Dst: da:de:3a:63:7b:64 (da:de:3a:63:7b:64)
▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.20.10.4, Dst: 172.20.10.1
▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 59528, Dst Port: 53
▼ Domain Name System (query)
  Transaction ID: 0x0002
  ▶ Flags: 0x0100 Standard query
    Questions: 1
    Answer RRs: 0
    Authority RRs: 0
    Additional RRs: 0
  ▼ Queries
    ▼ mit.edu: type NS, class IN
      Name: mit.edu
      [Name Length: 7]
      [Label Count: 2]
      Type: NS (2) (authoritative Name Server)
      Class: IN (0x0001)
      [Response In: 30]
```

## 2.15 Examine the DNS response message. What MIT nameservers does the response message provide? Does this response message also provide the IP addresses of the MIT nameservers?

The MIT nameservers are:

- use2.akam.net
- ns1-37.akam.net
- use5.akam.net
- asia2.akam.net
- eur5.akam.net
- ns1-173.akam.net
- usw2.akam.net
- asia1.akam.net

The answer just contained the server names but did not contain the IP of those MIT servers.

```
[Name Length: 7]
[Label Count: 2]
Type: NS (2) (authoritative Name Server)
Class: IN (0x0001)
▼ Answers
  ▼ mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns use2.akam.net
    Name: mit.edu
    Type: NS (2) (authoritative Name Server)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
    Time to live: 2004 (33 minutes, 24 seconds)
    Data length: 15
    Name Server: use2.akam.net
  ▶ mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns ns1-37.akam.net
  ▶ mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns use5.akam.net
  ▶ mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns asia2.akam.net
  ▶ mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns eur5.akam.net
  ▶ mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns ns1-173.akam.net
  ▶ mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns usw2.akam.net
  ▶ mit.edu: type NS, class IN, ns asia1.akam.net
[Request In: 29]
[Time: 0.002928000 seconds]
```

2.16 Provide a screenshot.

```
C:\Users\84909>nslookup -type=NS mit.edu
Server: UnKnown
Address: 172.20.10.1

Non-authoritative answer:
mit.edu nameserver = use2.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = ns1-37.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = use5.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia2.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = eur5.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = ns1-173.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = usw2.akam.net
mit.edu nameserver = asia1.akam.net
```

9 00:03:17.083528	172.20.10.4	172.20.10.1	DNS	67 Standard query 0x0002 NS mit.edu
15 00:03:19.083305	172.20.10.4	172.20.10.1	DNS	67 Standard query 0x0003 NS mit.edu
16 00:03:19.178720	172.20.10.1	172.20.10.4	DNS	234 Standard query response 0x0003 NS mit.edu NS use5.akam.net NS usw2.akam.net NS ns1-37.akam.net NS ns1-173.akam.net

```
C:\Users\84909>nslookup www.aiit.or.kr bitsy.mit.edu
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
Server:  UnKnown
Address:  18.0.72.3

DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
*** Request to UnKnown timed-out
```

2.17 To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Is this the IP address of your default local DNS server? If not, what does the IP address correspond to?

- At the beginning, it was sent to the IP 172.20.10.1 which is my default local DNS server.
- After finishing query the **bitsy.mit.edu**, the IP address of the DNS query was changed to the IP of the **bitsy.mit.edu** as *18.0.72.3*

The image shows a Wireshark packet capture of network traffic. The top pane displays a list of packets, with packet 29 selected, which is a DNS Standard query response from 172.20.10.1 to 172.20.10.4. The middle pane shows the details of this packet, including the Domain Name System (DNS) section. The bottom pane shows the raw packet data in hexadecimal and ASCII. The DNS section details indicate that the query was for 'bitsy.mit.edu' and the response contains the IP address '18.0.72.3'.

Wireshark capture showing a DNS query. The packet list shows a query from 172.20.10.4 to 172.20.10.1. The packet details show a Standard query type PTR. The packet bytes show the raw data of the query.

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

It is type A and contains no answer.

Wireshark packet details for a DNS query. The packet is a Standard query type A. The query is for 3.72.0.18.in-addr.arpa. The packet details show the query structure and the response index.

## 2.19 Examine the DNS response message. How many “answers” are provided? What does each of these answers contain?

One answer is provided in the DNS response message

```

Questions: 1
Answer RRs: 1
Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 0
▼ Queries
  ▼ bitsy.mit.edu: type A, class IN
    Name: bitsy.mit.edu
    [Name Length: 13]
    [Label Count: 3]
    Type: A (1) (Host Address)
    Class: IN (0x0001)
  ▼ Answers
    ▼ bitsy.mit.edu: type A, class IN, addr 18.0.72.3
      Name: bitsy.mit.edu
      Type: A (1) (Host Address)
      Class: IN (0x0001)
      Time to live: 2252 (37 minutes, 32 seconds)
      Data length: 4
      Address: 18.0.72.3
      [Request In: 28]
      [Time: 0.078447000 seconds]

```

## 2.20 Provide a screenshot.

```

C:\Users\84909>nslookup www.aiit.or.kr bitsy.mit.edu
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
Server: UnKnown
Address: 18.0.72.3

DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
DNS request timed out.
    timeout was 2 seconds.
*** Request to UnKnown timed-out

```

28	23:24:05.528575	172.20.10.4	172.20.10.1	DNS	73 Standard query 0x530a A bitsy.mit.edu
29	23:24:05.607022	172.20.10.1	172.20.10.4	DNS	89 Standard query response 0x530a A bitsy.mit.edu A 18.0.72.3
30	23:24:05.614894	172.20.10.4	18.0.72.3	DNS	82 Standard query 0x0001 PTR 3.72.0.18.in-addr.arpa
43	23:24:07.616124	172.20.10.4	18.0.72.3	DNS	74 Standard query 0x0002 A www.aiit.or.kr
364	23:24:09.626709	172.20.10.4	18.0.72.3	DNS	74 Standard query 0x0003 AAAA www.aiit.or.kr
386	23:24:11.632575	172.20.10.4	18.0.72.3	DNS	74 Standard query 0x0004 A www.aiit.or.kr
442	23:24:13.647584	172.20.10.4	18.0.72.3	DNS	74 Standard query 0x0005 AAAA www.aiit.or.kr