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## ACIT 1620 Lab — DNS with nslookup, dig and Wireshark

### 2.1 Identify your default DNS resolver

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Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\lind3> nslookup
Default Server: ns1.bcit.ca
Address: 142.232.76.200

PS C:\Users\lind3> ping ns1.bcit.ca

Pinging ns1.bcit.ca [142.232.76.200] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 142.232.76.200: bytes=32 time=3ms TTL=59
Reply from 142.232.76.200: bytes=32 time=4ms TTL=59
Reply from 142.232.76.200: bytes=32 time=6ms TTL=59
Reply from 142.232.76.200: bytes=32 time=6ms TTL=59

Ping statistics for 142.232.76.200:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 3ms, Maximum = 6ms, Average = 4ms
PS C:\Users\lind3> |
```

Resolver IP: 142.232.76.200

### 3.1 — nslookup [example.com](https://example.com)

```
Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   example.com
Address: 23.192.228.84
Name:   example.com
Address: 23.215.0.136
Name:   example.com
Address: 23.215.0.138
Name:   example.com
Address: 23.220.75.232
Name:   example.com
Address: 23.220.75.245
Name:   example.com
Address: 23.192.228.80
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc1b
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1406:bc00:53::b81e:94c8
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1406:bc00:53::b81e:94ce
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1408:ec00:36::1736:7f24
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1408:ec00:36::1736:7f31
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc12

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |
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### Step 3.2 — dig example.com A

```
lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ dig example.com A

; <<>> DiG 9.18.39-0ubuntu0.24.04.1-Ubuntu <<>> example.com A
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 23274
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 6, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
;; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;example.com.                IN      A

;; ANSWER SECTION:
example.com.                170     IN      A      23.192.228.84
example.com.                170     IN      A      23.215.0.136
example.com.                170     IN      A      23.215.0.138
example.com.                170     IN      A      23.220.75.232
example.com.                170     IN      A      23.220.75.245
example.com.                170     IN      A      23.192.228.80

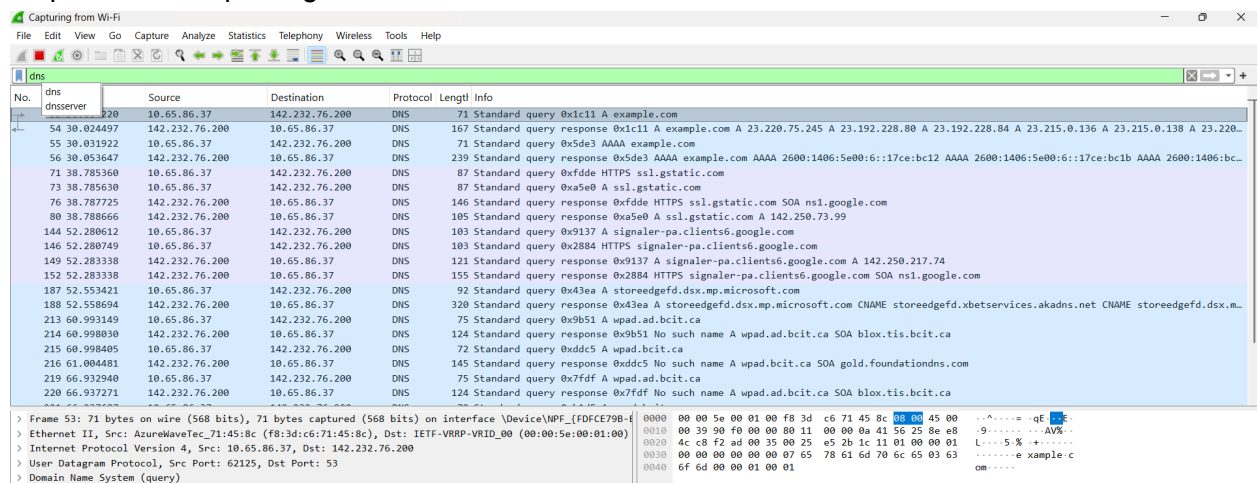
;; Query time: 32 msec
;; SERVER: 10.255.255.254#53(10.255.255.254) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Tue Oct 07 16:46:40 PDT 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 136

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$
```

### Step 3.3 — Quick formats with dig +short

```
lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ dig +short example.com A
23.220.75.245
23.192.228.80
23.192.228.84
23.215.0.136
23.215.0.138
23.220.75.232
lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$
```

### Step 3.4 nslookup using Wireshark



Wireshark packet capture showing DNS traffic. The packet list shows a query for example.com and its response. The packet details show the query and response structure. The packet bytes show the raw data.

No.	dns	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
54	Standard query 0xc111 A example.com	10.65.86.37	142.232.76.200	DNS	71	Standard query 0xc111 A example.com
55	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	167	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com A 23.220.75.245 A 23.192.228.80 A 23.192.228.84 A 23.215.0.136 A 23.215.0.138 A 23.220.75.232
56	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	71	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
71	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	239	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com AAAA 2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc12 AAAA 2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc1b AAAA 2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc1c AAAA 2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc1d
73	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	87	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
76	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	87	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
80	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	146	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
144	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	105	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
146	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	103	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
149	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	103	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
152	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	121	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
187	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	155	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
188	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	92	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
213	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	320	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
214	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	75	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
215	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	124	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
216	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	72	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
219	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	145	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com
220	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com	142.232.76.200	10.65.86.37	DNS	75	Standard query response 0xc111 A example.com

Frame 53: 71 bytes on wire (568 bits), 71 bytes captured (568 bits) on interface \Device\NPF\_{FDFCE798-...} Ethernet II, Src: AzureWaveTc\_71:45:8c (f8:3d:c6:71:45:8c), Dst: IETF-VRRP-VRID\_00 (00:00:5e:00:01:00) Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.65.86.37, Dst: 142.232.76.200 User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 62125, Dst Port: 53 Domain Name System (query)

#### Step 4.1 — IPv6 address (AAAA)

```
lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ nslookup -type=AAAA example.com
Server:          10.255.255.254
Address:         10.255.255.254#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc1b
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1406:bc00:53::b81e:94c8
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1406:bc00:53::b81e:94ce
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1408:ec00:36::1736:7f24
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1408:ec00:36::1736:7f31
Name:   example.com
Address: 2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc12

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |
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```
lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ dig example.com AAAA

;<<>> DiG 9.18.39-0ubuntu0.24.04.1-Ubuntu <<>> example.com AAAA
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 51475
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 6, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
;; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;example.com.                IN      AAAA

;; ANSWER SECTION:
example.com.      34      IN      AAAA    2600:1406:bc00:53::b81e:94c8
example.com.      34      IN      AAAA    2600:1406:bc00:53::b81e:94ce
example.com.      34      IN      AAAA    2600:1408:ec00:36::1736:7f24
example.com.      34      IN      AAAA    2600:1408:ec00:36::1736:7f31
example.com.      34      IN      AAAA    2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc12
example.com.      34      IN      AAAA    2600:1406:5e00:6::17ce:bc1b

;; Query time: 27 msec
;; SERVER: 10.255.255.254#53(10.255.255.254) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Tue Oct 07 17:03:04 PDT 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 208

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |
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#### Step 4.2 — Mail exchangers (MX)

```
lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ nslookup -type=MX ietf.org
Server:          10.255.255.254
Address:         10.255.255.254#53

Non-authoritative answer:
ietf.org          mail exchanger = 0 mail2.ietf.org.

Authoritative answers can be found from:

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |
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lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ dig ietf.org MX

; <<>> DiG 9.18.39-0ubuntu0.24.04.1-Ubuntu <<>> ietf.org MX
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 36993
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;ietf.org.                IN      MX

;; ANSWER SECTION:
ietf.org.                 60      IN      MX      0 mail2.ietf.org.

;; Query time: 21391 msec
;; SERVER: 10.255.255.254#53(10.255.255.254) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Tue Oct 07 17:07:24 PDT 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 59

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |

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#### Step 4.3 — Name servers (NS) & Start of Authority (SOA)

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lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ nslookup -type=NS example.com
Server:          10.255.255.254
Address:         10.255.255.254#53

Non-authoritative answer:
example.com      nameserver = b.iana-servers.net.
example.com      nameserver = a.iana-servers.net.

Authoritative answers can be found from:

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |

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lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ dig example.com NS

; <<>> DiG 9.18.39-0ubuntu0.24.04.1-Ubuntu <<>> example.com NS
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 64576
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;example.com.            IN      NS

;; ANSWER SECTION:
example.com.             55201   IN      NS      b.iana-servers.net.
example.com.             55201   IN      NS      a.iana-servers.net.

;; Query time: 8 msec
;; SERVER: 10.255.255.254#53(10.255.255.254) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Tue Oct 07 17:11:16 PDT 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 88

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |

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lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ dig example.com SOA

; <<>> DiG 9.18.39-0ubuntu0.24.04.1-Ubuntu <<>> example.com SOA
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->HEADER<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 52413
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1

;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;example.com.                IN      SOA

;; ANSWER SECTION:
example.com.                3600    IN      SOA      ns.icann.org. noc.dns.icann.org. 2025082258 7200 3600 1209600 3600

;; Query time: 44 msec
;; SERVER: 10.255.255.254#53(10.255.255.254) (UDP)
;; WHEN: Tue Oct 07 17:12:24 PDT 2025
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 96

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |

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#### Step 4.4 — Aliases (CNAME) & text records (TXT)

```

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ nslookup -type=CNAME www.wikipedia.org
Server:          10.255.255.254
Address:         10.255.255.254#53

Non-authoritative answer:
www.wikipedia.org canonical name = dyna.wikimedia.org.

Authoritative answers can be found from:

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |

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lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ nslookup -type=TXT google.com
;; Truncated, retrying in TCP mode.
Server:          10.255.255.254
Address:         10.255.255.254#53

Non-authoritative answer:
google.com      text = "google-site-verification=4ibFUGB-wXLQ_S7vsXVomSTVamu0XBivAzpR5IZ87D0"
google.com      text = "globalsign-smime-dv=CDYX+XFHUw2wml6/Gb8+59BsH31KzUr6c1L2BPvqkX8="
google.com      text = "onetrust-domain-verification=de0led21f2fa4d8781cbc3ffb89cf4ef"
google.com      text = "cisco-ci-domain-verification=47c38bc8c4b74b7233e9053220c1bbe76bcc1cd33c7acf7acd36cd6a5332004b"
google.com      text = "google-site-verification=wD8N7i1JTNTkezJ49swvWW48f8_9xveREV4oB-0Hf5o"
google.com      text = "docuSign=1b0a6754-49b1-4db5-8540-d2c12664b289"
google.com      text = "google-site-verification=TV9-DBe4R80X4v0M4U_bd_J9cpOJM0nikft0jAgjmsQ"
google.com      text = "MS=E4A68B9AB2BB9670BCE15412F62916164C0B20BB"
google.com      text = "apple-domain-verification=30afIBcvSuDV2PLX"
google.com      text = "docuSign=05958488-4752-4ef2-95eb-aa7ba8a3bd0e"
google.com      text = "v=spf1 include:_spf.google.com ~all"
google.com      text = "facebook-domain-verification=22rm551cu4k0ab0bxsw536tlds4h95"

Authoritative answers can be found from:

lind3@Lindy-B-Cglwn:~$ |

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