

Lab 1: DNS

nslookup

1. **Run *nslookup* to obtain the IP address of a Web server in Asia. What is the IP address of that server?**

The web server I used for this is www.aiit.or.kr. The IP address of this server is 58.229.6.225

2. **Run *nslookup* to determine the authoritative DNS servers for a university in Europe.**

The web server I used for this is www.ucl.ac.uk. The authoritative DNS servers for this university are:

ns0.gtm.ucl.ac.uk

ns1.gtm.ucl.ac.uk

3. **Run *nslookup* so that one of the DNS servers obtains in Question 2 queries for the mail servers for Yahoo! Mail. What is its IP address?**

The IP address for ns1.gtm.ucl.ac.uk is 193.60.224.2. For this question I tried “nslookup ns1.gtm.ucl.ac.uk mail.yahoo.com” which returned “;; connection timed out; no servers could be reached”. I also tried “nslookup www.mail.yahoo.com ns1.gtm.ucl.ac.uk” which returned “** server can't find www.yahoo.com: REFUSED”. I tried this with www.mail.google.com and with the DNS ns2.google.com which also returned the same result.

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

There were 4 total DNS messages, 2 query and 2 response. All these messages are sent over UDP.

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

The destination port for the DNS query message is port 53.

The source port of the DNS response message is port 53.

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

The DNS query is sent to the IP address 137.207.32.2. The IP address of my local DNS server is 137.207.32.2. These addresses are the same.

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

The DNS query is type A. The query message does not contain any answers.

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

In the DNS response message, 3 answers are provided. These answers contain attributes of domains. These attributes name, type, class, time to live, data length, cname, and address

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

The destination IP address of the SYN packet is 104.20.0.85. This IP corresponds to the IP of an answer given in the DNS response message. It is the IP for www.ietf.org.cdn.cloudflare.net.

- 10. This web page contains images. Before retrieving each image, does your host issue new DNS queries?**

No, the only DNS queries my host issues are at the very beginning.

- 11. What is the destination port for the DNS query message? What is the source port of the DNS response message?**

The destination port for the DNS query message is 53. The source port of the DNS response message is 53.

- 12. To what IP address is the DNS query message sent? Is this the IP address of your default local DNS server?**

The DNS query message is sent to the IP address 192.168.0.1. This is the IP address of my default local DNS server.

- 13. Examine the DNS query message. What “Type” of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any answers?**

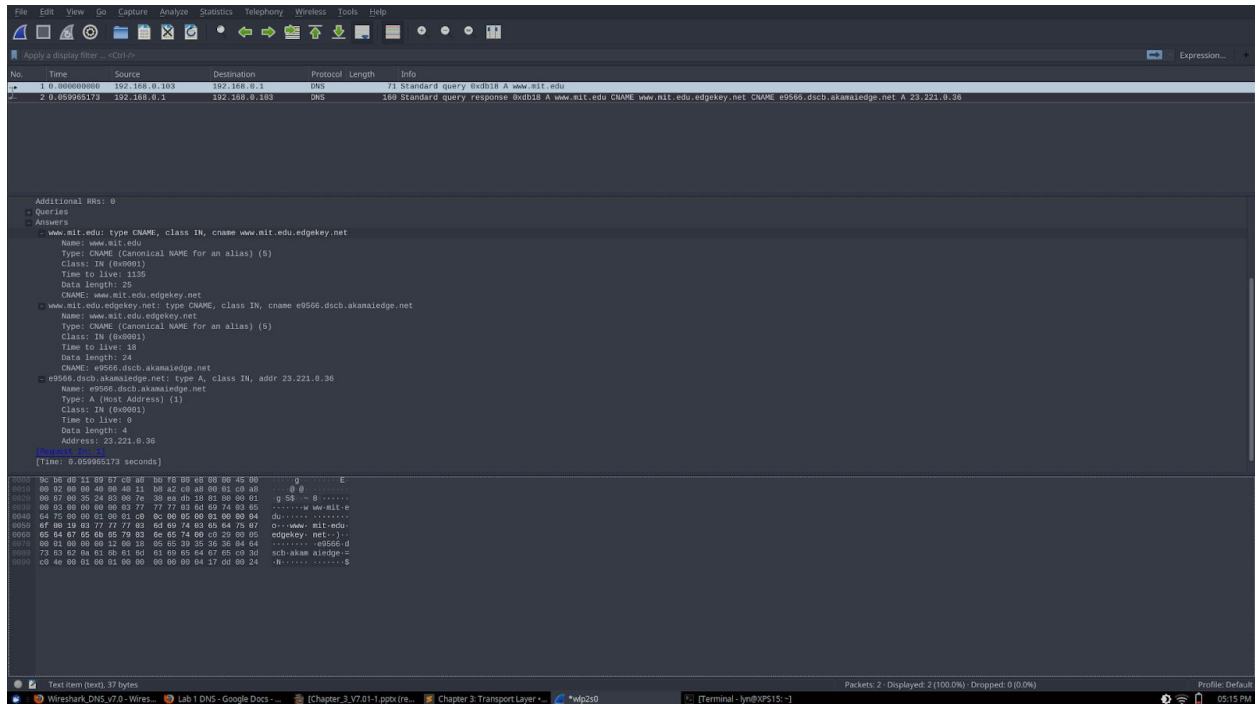
The DNS query is type A. The query message does not contain any answers.

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

The DNS response message contains 3 answers. These answers contain attributes of domains. These attributes name, type, class, time to live, data length, cname, and address.

15. Provide a screenshot.

Below is a screenshot of the wireshark state from question 14.



“nslookup -type=NS mit.edu”

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

The DNS query message is sent to the IP address 192.168.0.1. This is my default local DNS server at home.

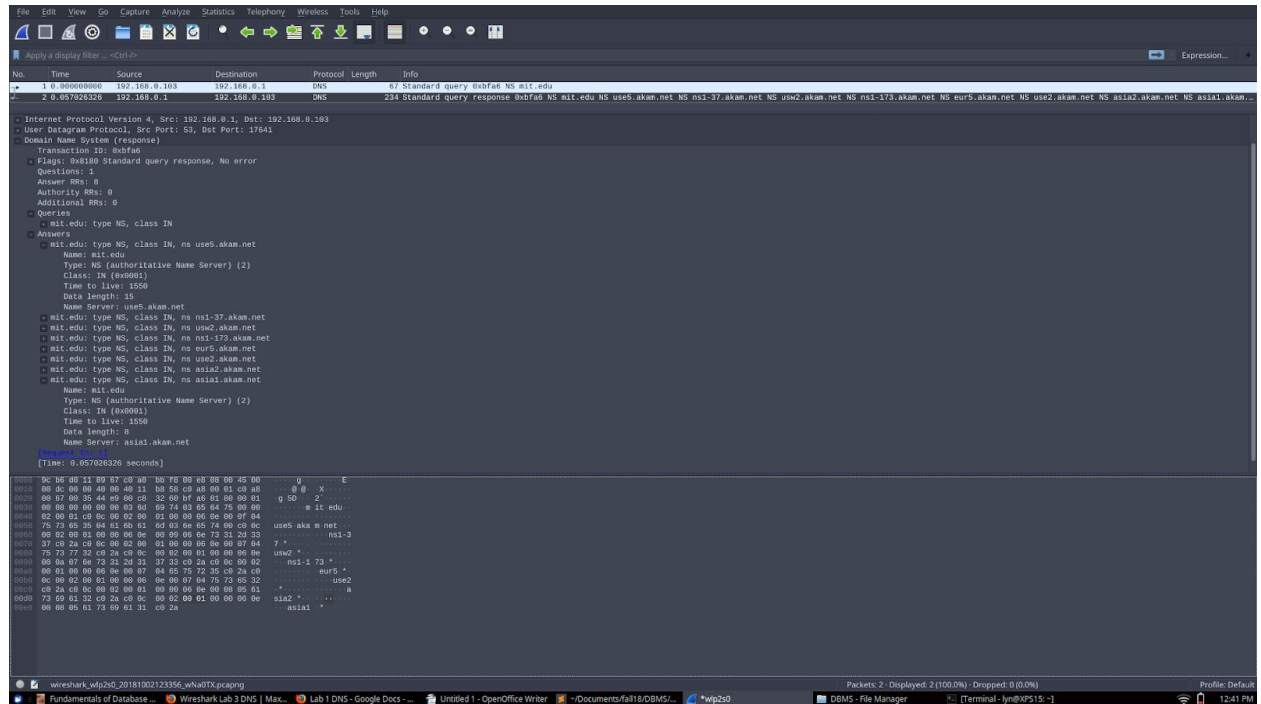
17. Examine the DNS query message. What “Type” of DNS query is it? Does the query message contain any “answers”?

The DNS query is of type “NS”. The query does not contain any answers.

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

The DNS response message provided 8 MIT nameservers. These are: use5.akam.net, ns1-37.akam.net, usw2.akam.net, ns1-173.akam.net, eur5.akam.net, use2.akam.net, asia2.akam.net, asia1.akam.net. The response did not provide IP addresses of the MIT nameservers.

19. Provide a screenshot



“nslookup www.aiit.or.kr bitsy.mit.edu”

20. 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?

The DNS query message is sent to the IP address 192.168.42.129. This is the default local DNS server on my phone data connection.

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

The DNS query is of type “A”. It does not contain any answers.

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

The DNS response message contains 1 answer. This answer contains the bitsy.mit.edu IP address, 18.72.0.3.

23. Provide a screenshot.

The screenshot displays the Wireshark network protocol analyzer interface. The top pane shows a list of captured packets, with the first 14 packets highlighted. The second pane shows the details of the selected packet (No. 1), which is a DNS Standard query response. The third pane shows the raw packet data in hexadecimal and ASCII format.

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000000	192.168.42.84	192.168.42.129	DNS	73	Standard query 0xc095 A bitly.mit.edu
2	0.000000000	192.168.42.84	192.168.42.129	DNS	73	Standard query 0xb11e AAAA bitly.mit.edu
3	0.000125433	192.168.42.129	192.168.42.84	DNS	89	Standard query response 0xc095 A bitly.mit.edu A 18.72.0.3
4	0.000125433	192.168.42.129	192.168.42.84	DNS	73	Standard query response 0xb11e AAAA bitly.mit.edu
5	0.004458711	192.168.42.84	18.72.0.3	DNS	74	Standard query 0xab89 A www.mit.or.kr
6	0.004458711	192.168.42.84	18.72.0.3	DNS	74	Standard query 0xab89 A www.mit.or.kr
12	10.004848521	192.168.42.84	18.72.0.3	DNS	74	Standard query 0xab89 A www.mit.or.kr
13	10.006267278	192.168.42.84	192.168.42.129	DNS	82	Standard query 0x1092 A blackboard.u Windsor.ca
14	10.710954666	192.168.42.129	192.168.42.84	DNS	98	Standard query response 0x1092 A blackboard.u Windsor.ca A 137.207.71.40

Frame 3: 89 bytes on wire (712 bits), 89 bytes captured (712 bits) on interface 0
Ethernet II, Src: 32:ed:08:43:bd:19 (02:80:08:03:bd:19), Dst: 3e:15:4c:be:b3:ec (Jel:15:4c:be:b3:ec)
Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.42.129, Dst: 192.168.42.84
User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 53, Dst Port: 45855
Domain Name System (response)
Transaction ID: 0xc095
Flags: 0x180 Standard query response, No error
Questions: 1
Answer RRs: 1
Authority RRs: 0
Additional RRs: 0
Queries
- bitly.mit.edu: type A, class IN
Answers
- bitly.mit.edu: type A, class IN, addr 18.72.0.3
[Time: 0.003125433 seconds]

3e 15 4c be b3 ec 32 ed 08 43 bd 19 3e 15 4c be b3 ec x L 2 s E
08 40 3e 2c 00 00 00 11 cf 1f c0 08 28 01 c0 05 x 0 0
0020 2a 54 00 3e b3 1f 00 37 3c 08 cb 05 01 00 00 01 *T S 7 <.....
0030 00 01 00 00 00 00 05 62 69 74 73 70 03 60 69 74b itty-mit
0040 03 05 64 75 00 00 01 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00edu.....
0050 00 06 06 00 04 12 48 00 03M.....