

Cybersecurity Incident Report:

Network Traffic Analysis

Part 1: Provide a summary of the problem found in the DNS and ICMP traffic log.

The UDP protocol reveals that:

A request from my machine (192.51.100.15) was sent to the DNS server (203.0.113.2) on port 53 to access the site yummyrecipesforme.com.

This is based on the results of the network analysis, which show that the ICMP echo reply returned the error message:

“udp port 53 unreachable”

The port noted in the error message is used for:

This error message is used for reporting that a domain is not able to connect via the DNS.

The most likely issue is:

The DNS server, 203.0.113.2, is having a connection error and needs to be reestablished with the DNS service provider.

OR

The DNS service provider is having connection issues and needs to be reestablished in order to return service to the server, 203.0.113.2.

Part 2: Explain your analysis of the data and provide at least one cause of the incident.

Time incident occurred:

An incident occurred at 1:24PM (32 sec.).

A second incident occurred at 1:26PM (32 sec.) and 1:27PM (15 sec.).

A third incident occurred at 1:28PM (32 sec.)/(50 sec.).

Explain how the IT team became aware of the incident:

Some users tried to connect to yummyrecipesforme.com (203.0.11.2) and reported it to an analyst. I confirmed that error and began troubleshooting the issue.

Explain the actions taken by the IT department to investigate the incident:

A team member used tcpdump in order to begin investigating the route of a request to the domain, 203.0.11.2.

A team member observed the backend of the error in real-time, noting a connection issue on the DNS server's side.

Note key findings of the IT department's investigation (i.e., details related to the port affected, DNS server, etc.):

DNS Server IP: 203.0.11.2

Port affected: UDP 53

Response from the server: ICMP timed out/unreachable

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o-taylor-bryant@taylor-terminal:~$ dig yummyrecipesforme.com
;; communications error to 203.0.113.2#53: timed out
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; <<>> DiG 9.18.30-0ubuntu0.24.04.2-Ubuntu <<>> yummyrecipesforme.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; no servers could be reached
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Note a likely cause of the incident:

The domain could be configured incorrectly and this would prevent the webpage from loading.

OR

The domain service is not running at all.