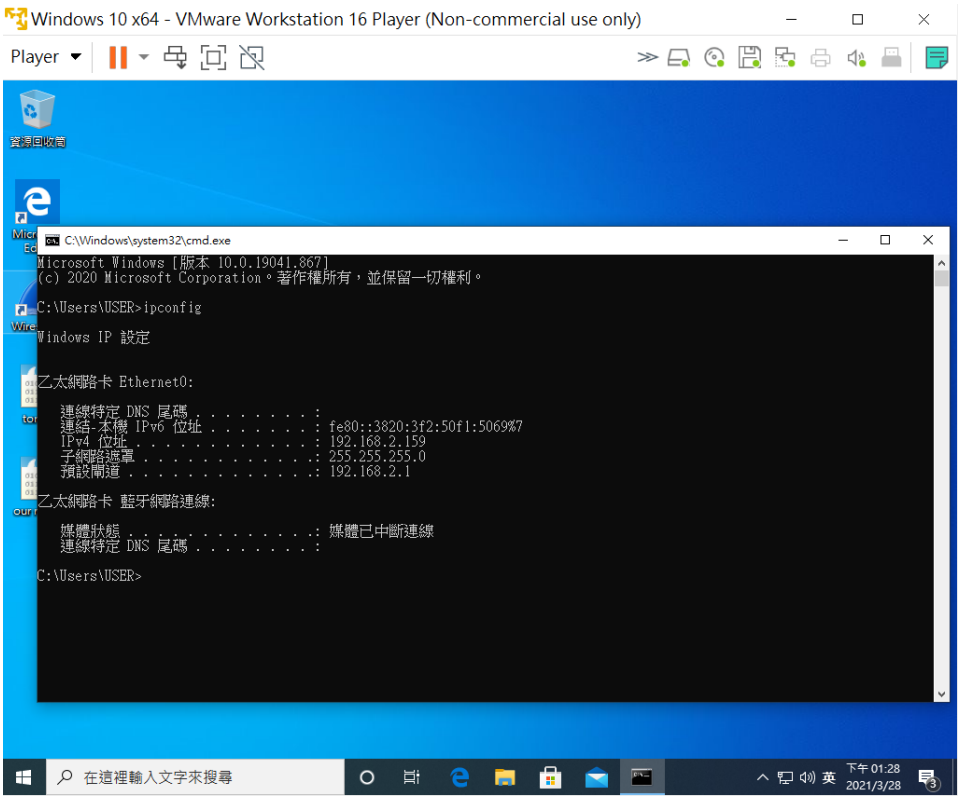
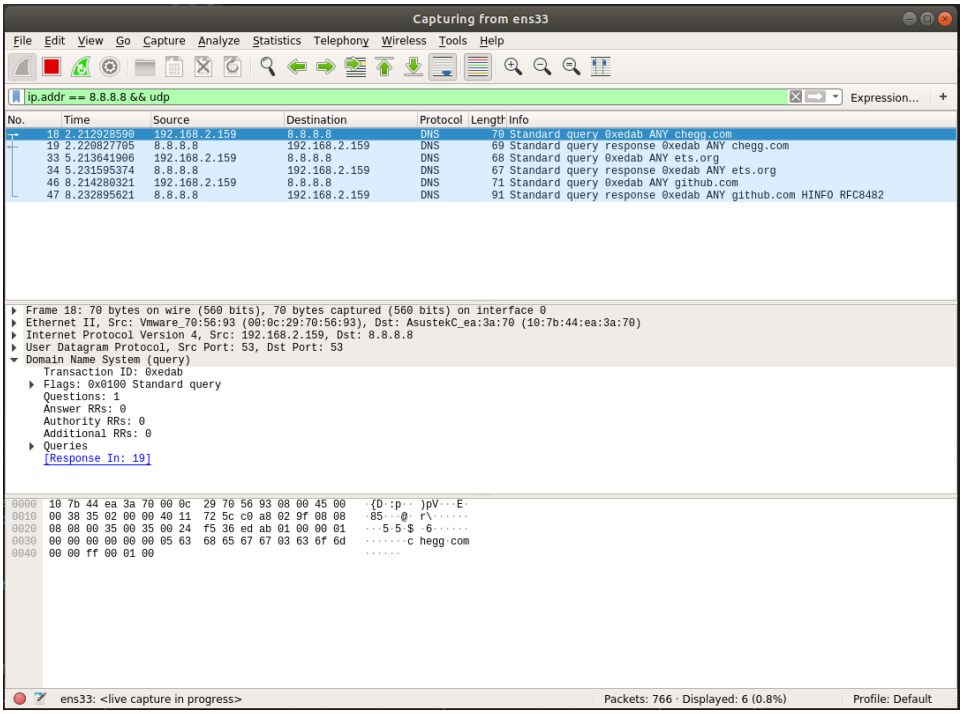
Computer Security Capstone Homework 1 Report

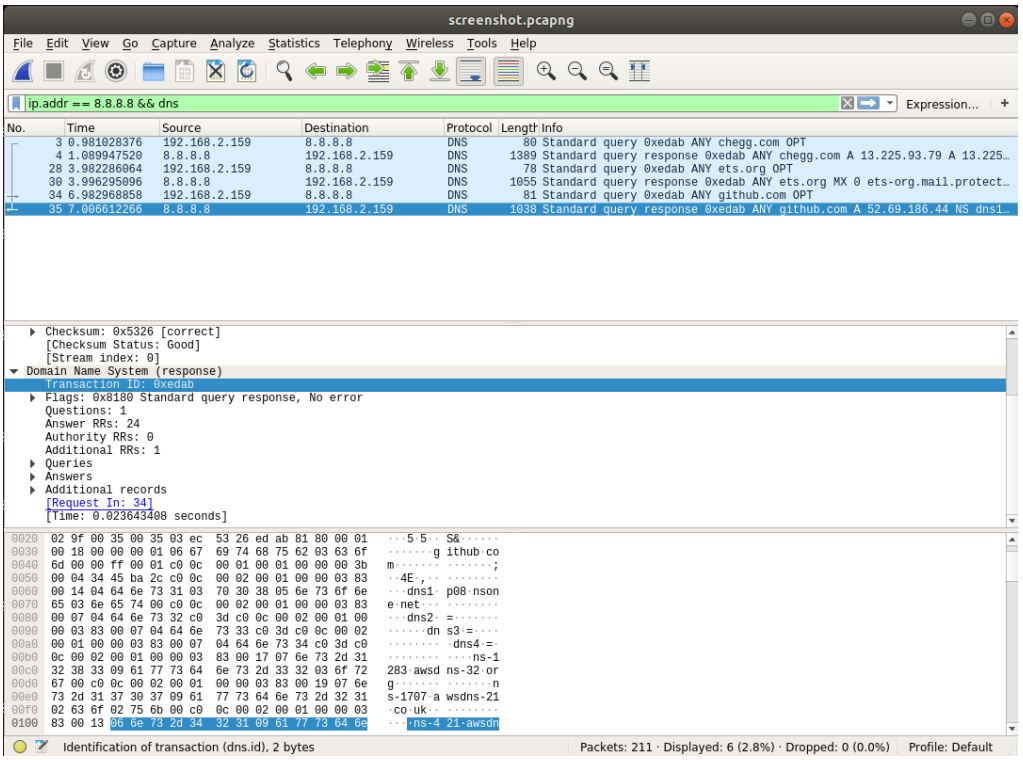
- Part 1 : Snapshot of creating ip spoofing packets and DNS query message





  - Victim's ip is 192.168.2.159
  - We spoofed the victim's ip as the sender and send a DNS query to google.com
  - Google server replies to the victim
  - The responding packet size isn't large enough
  - Snapshot of task 2 is in part 2

- Part 2 : How we amplify the DNS response



In order to make the DNS response larger, we use type ANY to get larger packets and add additional section in the DNS structure to increase the upper limit of UDP payload size.

We've tried out many websites to acquire the DNS responses with the largest length. At first, we thought that websites such as youtube.com or netflix.com will respond to us with huge response length. However, it's far from what we expected. After trying it out several times, we figured out that the three websites that will stably respond to us with long-length packets are "chegg.com", "ets.org" and "github.com".

The above screenshot shows that the amplification ratio is 1389/80 = 17.3 in the query name "chegg.com", 1055/78 = 13.5 in the query name "ets.org" and 1038/81 = 12.8 in the query name "github.com".

- Part 3 : Solution that can defend against the DoS attack based on the DNS reflection

We considered source IP verification a feasible way to defend DoS attack. Since the attacker will spoof the source IP address to the victim's IP, letting Internet service providers (ISPs) reject traffic with spoofed IP will surely reduce the efficiency of amplification attack. If a packet is being sent from inside the network with a source address that makes it appear like it originated outside the network, it's likely a spoofed packet and can be dropped. Furthermore, implementing ingress filtering helps reaching out to ISPs who are unknowingly taking part in DDoS attacks and let them realize their vulnerability at times.