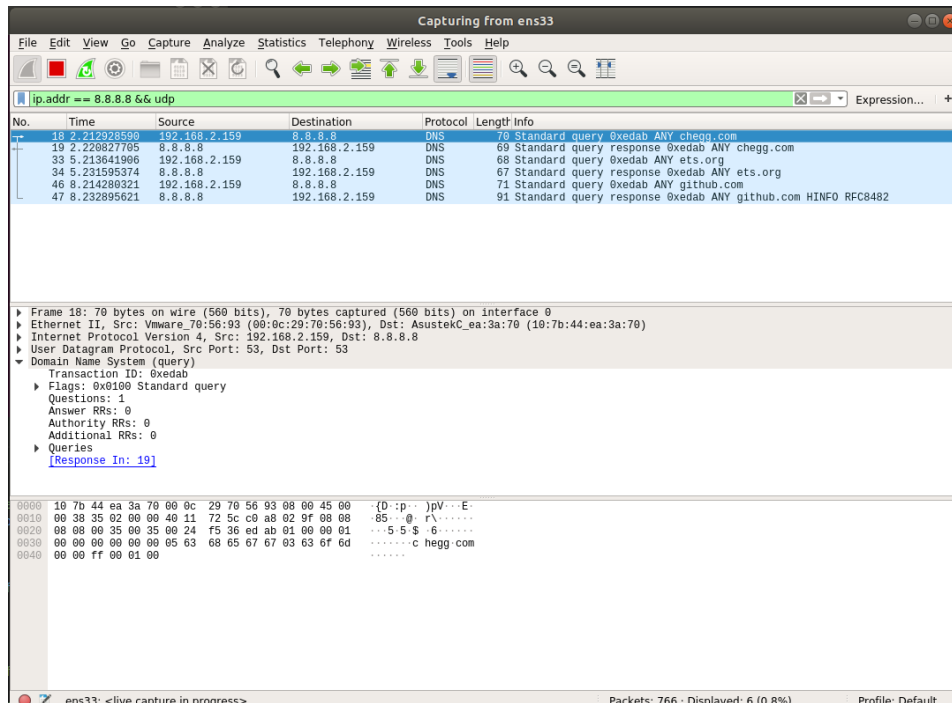
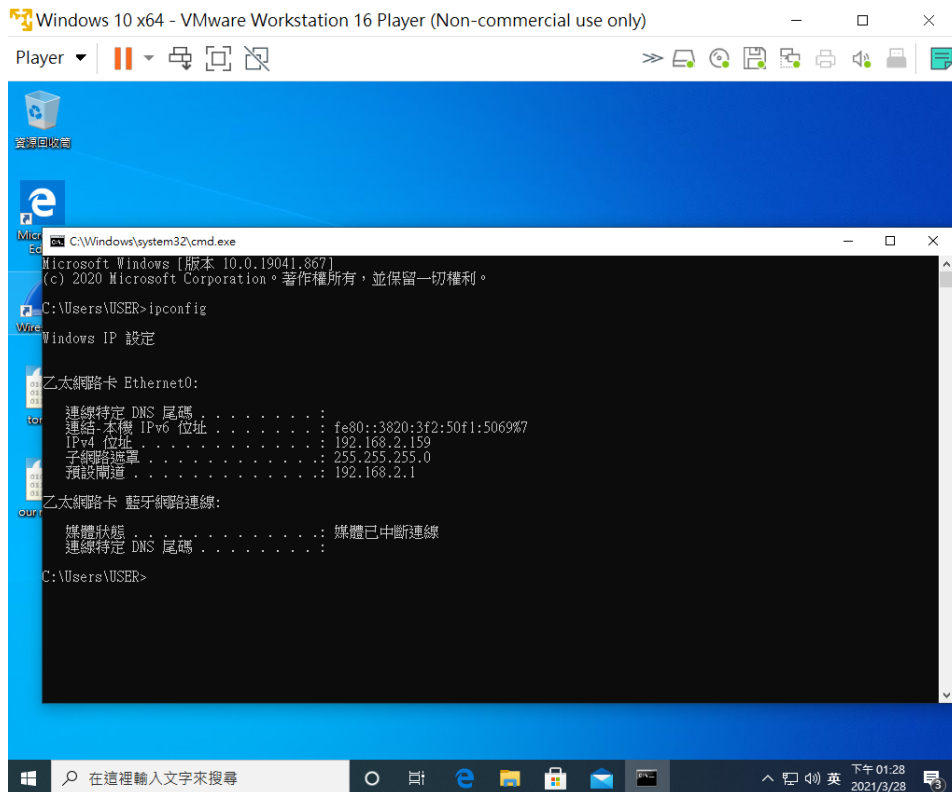


Computer Security Capstone Homework 1 Report

● 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

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
3	0.981028376	192.168.2.159	8.8.8.8	DNS	80	Standard query 0xedab ANY chegg.com OPT
4	1.089947520	8.8.8.8	192.168.2.159	DNS	1389	Standard query response 0xedab ANY chegg.com A 13.225.93.79 A 13.225...
28	3.982286064	192.168.2.159	8.8.8.8	DNS	78	Standard query 0xedab ANY ets.org OPT
30	3.996295996	8.8.8.8	192.168.2.159	DNS	1055	Standard query response 0xedab ANY ets.org MX 0 ets-org.mail.protect...
34	6.982968858	192.168.2.159	8.8.8.8	DNS	81	Standard query 0xedab ANY github.com OPT
35	7.006612266	8.8.8.8	192.168.2.159	DNS	1038	Standard query response 0xedab ANY github.com A 52.69.186.44 NS dns1...

Checksum: 0x5326 [correct]
 [Checksum Status: Good]
 [Stream Index: 0]
 Domain Name System (response)
 Transaction ID: 0xedab
 Flags: 0x8180 Standard query response, No error
 Questions: 1
 Answer RRs: 24
 Authority RRs: 0
 Additional RRs: 1
 Queries
 Answers
 Additional records
 [Request In: 34]
 [Time: 0.023843408 seconds]

0020 02 0f 00 35 00 35 03 ec 53 26 ed ab 01 00 00 01 ...5-5 S&
 0030 00 18 00 00 01 06 67 69 74 68 75 62 03 63 6f ...g ithub-co
 0040 6d 00 00 ff 00 01 c0 0c 00 01 00 01 00 00 00 3b m-
 0050 00 04 34 45 ba 2c c0 0c 00 02 00 01 00 00 03 83 --4E,
 0060 00 14 04 64 6e 73 31 03 70 30 38 05 6e 73 6f 6e --dns1- p08-nson
 0070 65 03 6e 65 74 00 c0 0c 00 02 00 01 00 00 03 83 e-net-
 0080 00 07 04 64 6e 73 32 c0 3d c0 0c 00 02 00 01 00 --dns2-
 0090 00 03 83 00 07 04 64 6e 73 33 c0 3d c0 0c 00 02 --dn s3-
 00a0 00 01 00 00 03 83 00 07 04 64 6e 73 34 c0 3d c0 --dns4-
 00b0 0c 00 02 00 01 00 00 03 83 00 17 07 6e 73 2d 31 --ns-1
 00c0 32 38 33 09 61 77 73 64 6e 73 2d 33 32 03 6f 72 283-awsd ns-32-or
 00d0 67 00 c0 0c 00 02 00 01 00 00 03 83 00 19 07 6e g-
 00e0 73 2d 31 37 00 07 00 61 77 73 64 6e 73 2d 32 31 s-1707 a wsdns-21
 00f0 02 63 6f 02 75 6b 00 c0 0c 00 02 00 01 00 00 03 co-uk-
 0100 83 00 13 06 6e 73 2d 34 32 31 09 61 77 73 04 6e --ns-4 21-awsdn

Identification of transaction (dns.id), 2 bytes
 Packets: 211 · Displayed: 6 (2.8%) · Dropped: 0 (0.0%) Profile: Default

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.