

Subject: DHCP Server Implementation

Abstract

動態主機設定協定 (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol，縮寫為DHCP) 是一種網路協定，用於自動分配 IP 位址和其他網路配置參數給連接到網路的設備。DHCP的目的是簡化網路管理的工作，讓網路設備能夠更容易地獲取有效的IP位址和相關的網路設定。

本次 Project 實作了 DHCP Server，其執行於一台 Host 上，可使其成為一台 DHCP Server，為與該 Host 位於相同 LAN 之 Hosts 動態配置 IP 位置和其他網路配置參數。以此了解 DHCP 運作原理、方式，並深入了解封包格式、建立、傳送方式。最後發現了 DHCP 的 Reply 要自己去填 Dst MAC，不能透過 ARP 來幫忙填，因其尚未獲取 IP 位置，尚不能響應 ARP，因此 DHCP 的 Request 中包含 MAC 位置的資訊提供給 Server。

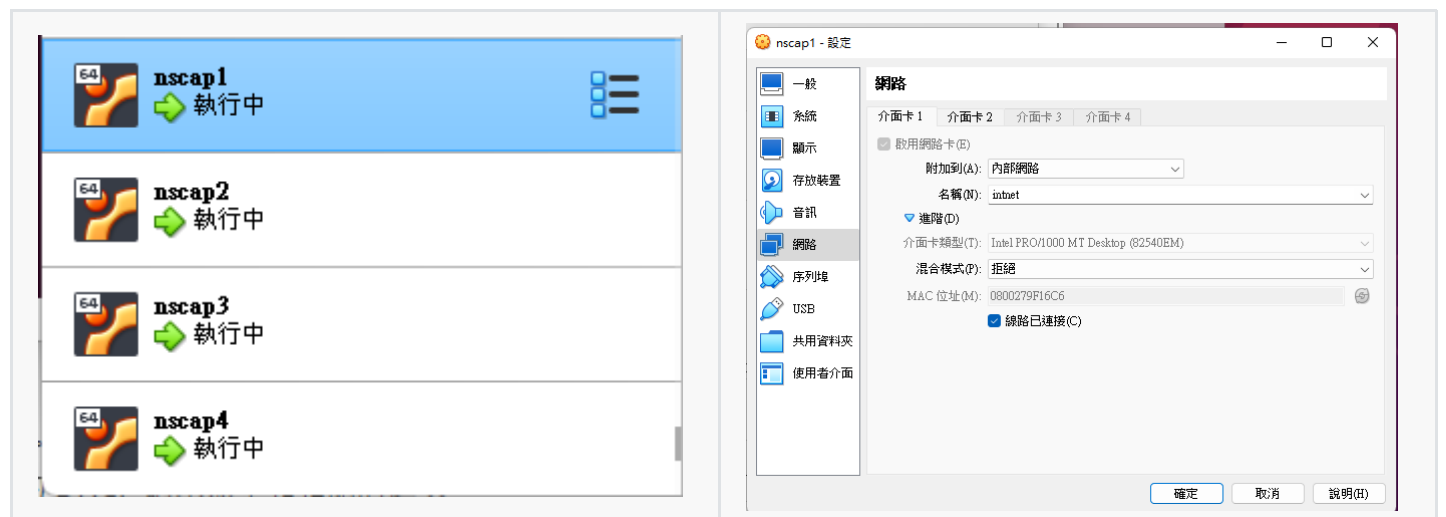
Motivation

於課中實作過 HTTP Server，另外於其他課程實做過 Chat Server、DNS Server、Proxy Server，於實作過程可以更詳細了解與之相關的 Protocol (HTTP、IRC、DNS、SOCKS4/4A)，因此於這次 Final Project 就決定再選一個 Protocol 進行實作，於是選中了 DHCP Server。

Results

實驗環境：

於 VirtualBox 中開啟四台虛擬機 (HW1 的虛擬機)。將網路介面卡設定更改為 Internal Network (內部網路)，可以使四台虛擬機處於相同的 LAN，且沒有 VirtualBox 預設提供的 DHCP Server，另外要注意其 MAC 位址是否一樣，若一樣要記得更換 MAC 位址，防止其 MAC 位址重複。



將第一台選為我們的 DHCP Server，並為其設定 Static IP。其它台則都設為 Dynamic IP，用以作為 Client 端對 Server 進行測試，可根據 Client 是否正確取得 IP 位址來判斷實作是否正確。


```

if (bind(serverSocket, (struct sockaddr *)&serverAddress, sizeof(serverAddress)) < 0) {
    cerr << "Error binding server socket" << endl;
    close(serverSocket);
    return 1;
}

cout << "DHCP server is running on port " << SERVER_PORT << endl;

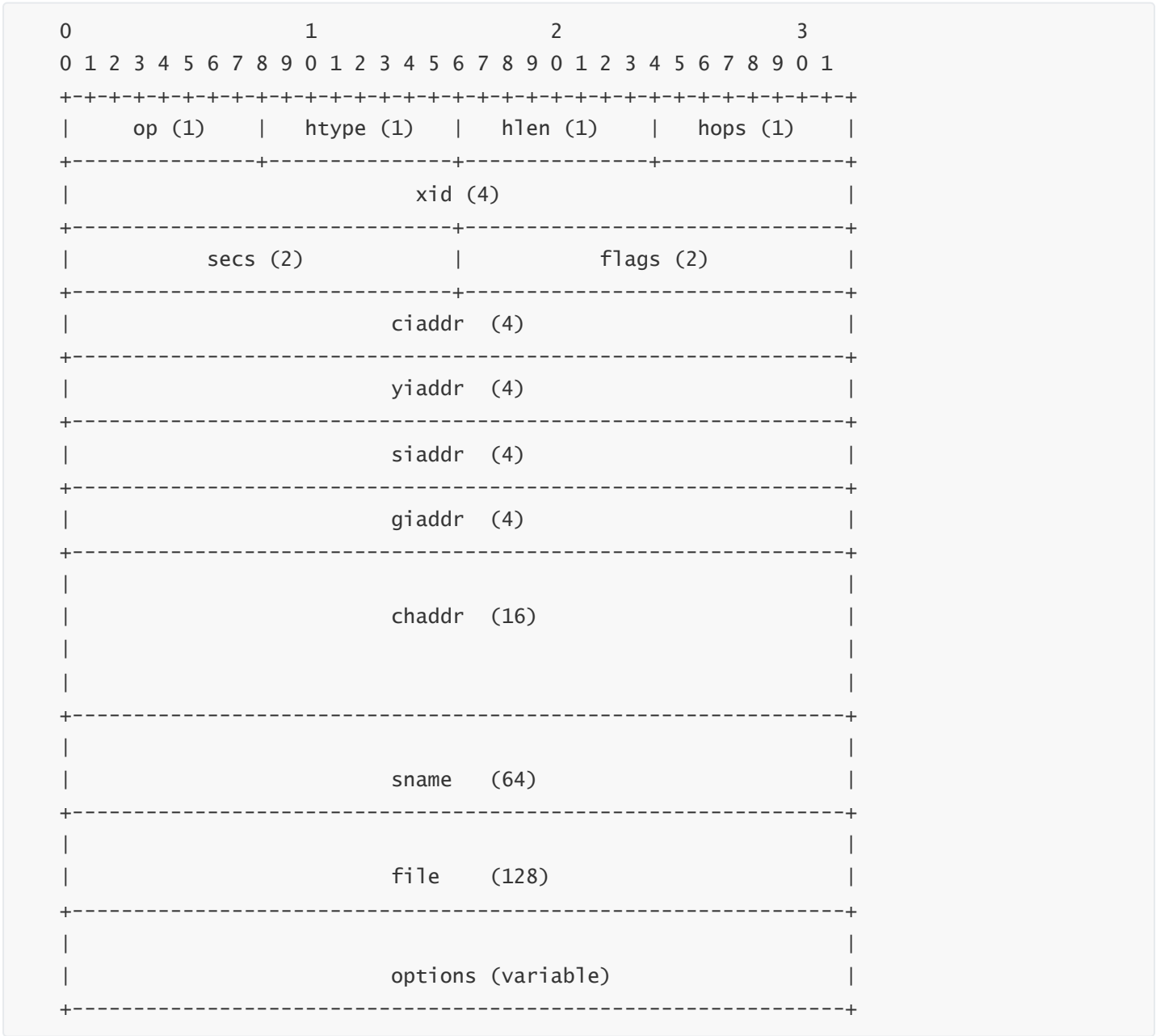
while (true) {
    handleDHCPRequest(serverSocket);
}

close(serverSocket);

```

再來根據 [1] 所提供的 DHCP 格式，去解析封包，並根據其意義輸出出來。

DHCP packet format:



```

struct DHCPMessage {
    uint8_t op;
    uint8_t htype;
    uint8_t hlen;
    uint8_t hops;

```

```
uint32_t xid;
uint16_t secs;
uint16_t flags;
uint32_t ciaddr;
uint32_t yiaddr;
uint32_t siaddr;
uint32_t giaddr;
uint8_t chaddr[16];
uint8_t padding[192];
uint32_t magic_cookie;
uint8_t options[64];
};
```

參數意義對照表：

FIELD	OCTETS	DESCRIPTION
----	-----	-----
op	1	Message op code / message type. 1 = BOOTREQUEST, 2 = BOOTREPLY
htype	1	Hardware address type, see ARP section in "Assigned Numbers" RFC; e.g., '1' = 10mb ethernet.
hlen	1	Hardware address length (e.g. '6' for 10mb ethernet).
hops	1	Client sets to zero, optionally used by relay agents when booting via a relay agent.
xid	4	Transaction ID, a random number chosen by the client, used by the client and server to associate messages and responses between a client and a server.
secs	2	Filled in by client, seconds elapsed since client began address acquisition or renewal process.
flags	2	Flags (see figure 2).
ciaddr	4	Client IP address; only filled in if client is in BOUND, RENEW or REBINDING state and can respond to ARP requests.
yiaddr	4	'your' (client) IP address.
siaddr	4	IP address of next server to use in bootstrap; returned in DHCPOFFER, DHCPACK by server.
giaddr	4	Relay agent IP address, used in booting via a relay agent.
chaddr	16	Client hardware address.
sname	64	Optional server host name, null terminated string.
file	128	Boot file name, null terminated string; "generic" name or null in DHCPDISCOVER, fully qualified directory-path name in DHCPOFFER.
options	var	Optional parameters field. See the options documents for a list of defined options.

DHCP messages type:

Message	Use
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- DHCPDISCOVER - Client broadcast to locate available servers.

- DHCPOFFER - Server to client in response to DHCPDISCOVER with offer of configuration parameters.

- DHCPREQUEST - Client message to servers either (a) requesting offered parameters from one server and implicitly declining offers from all others, (b) confirming correctness of previously allocated address after, e.g., system reboot, or (c) extending the lease on a particular network address.

- DHCPACK - Server to client with configuration parameters, including committed network address.

- DHCPNAK - Server to client indicating client's notion of network address is incorrect (e.g., client has moved to new subnet) or client's lease as expired

- DHCPDECLINE - Client to server indicating network address is already in use.

- DHCPRELEASE - Client to server relinquishing network address and cancelling remaining lease.

- DHCPINFORM - Client to server, asking only for local configuration parameters; client already has externally configured network address.

```
enum DHCPMessageType {
    DHCPDISCOVER = 1,
    DHCPOFFER = 2,
    DHCPREQUEST = 3,
    DHCPACK = 5
};

void handleDHCPRequest(int serverSocket) {
    struct sockaddr_in clientAddress;
    socklen_t clientAddressLength = sizeof(clientAddress);

    // Allocate memory for receiving the DHCP message
    DHCPMessage* request = (DHCPMessage*)malloc(sizeof(DHCPMessage));

    ssize_t bytesRead = recvfrom(serverSocket, request, sizeof(DHCPMessage), 0, (struct
sockaddr *)&clientAddress, &clientAddressLength);

    cout << "byteRead: " << bytesRead << '\n';
    if (bytesRead <= 0) {
        cerr << "Error receiving DHCP request" << endl;
        free(request);
        return;
    }

    if (request->op != 1 || request->options[0] != 53) {
        cout << "Received non-DHCPDISCOVER or non-DHCPREQUEST message. Ignoring." << endl;
    }
}
```

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        free(request);
        return;
    }

    DHCPMessageType messageType = (DHCPMessageType)request->options[2];

    if (bytesRead <= 0) {
        cerr << "Error receiving DHCP request" << endl;
        free(request);
        return;
    }

    cout << "DHCP Message Received:" << endl;
    cout << "-----" << endl;
    cout << "Operation: " << static_cast<int>(request->op) << endl;
    cout << "Hardware Type: " << static_cast<int>(request->htype) << endl;
    cout << "Hardware Address Length: " << static_cast<int>(request->hlen) << endl;
    cout << "Hops: " << static_cast<int>(request->hops) << endl;
    cout << "Transaction ID: " << std::hex << request->xid << endl;
    cout << "Seconds: " << request->secs << endl;
    cout << "Flags: " << request->flags << endl;
    cout << "Client IP Address: " << inet_ntoa(*(struct in_addr *)&(request->ciaddr)) <<
endl;
    cout << "Your IP Address: " << inet_ntoa(*(struct in_addr *)&(request->yiaddr)) <<
endl;
    cout << "Server IP Address: " << inet_ntoa(*(struct in_addr *)&(request->siaddr)) <<
endl;
    cout << "Gateway IP Address: " << inet_ntoa(*(struct in_addr *)&(request->giaddr)) <<
endl;

    string tMAC;
    tMAC.resize(12);
    cout << "Client MAC Address: ";
    for (int i = 0; i < 6; i++) {
        printf("%02x", request->chaddr[i]);
        sprintf(&tMAC[i * 2], "%02x", request->chaddr[i]);
        if (i < 5) {
            cout << ":";
        }
    }
    cout << endl;

    cout << "Client Hardware Padding: ";
    for (int i = 6; i < 16; i++) {
        printf("%02x", request->chaddr[i]);

        if (i < 15) {
            cout << ":";
        }
    }
    cout << endl;

    if (messageType == DHCPDISCOVER) {
        cout << "DHCPDISCOVER\n";
    } else if (messageType == DHCPREQUEST) {

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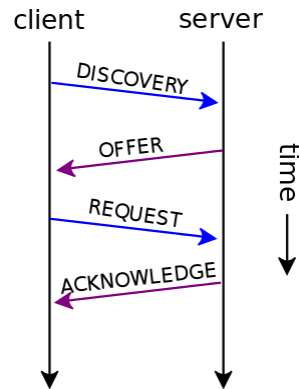
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    cout << "DHCPREQUEST\n";
}
cout << endl;
...
}

```

由此即可解析 Client 發送的 Request 的資訊了，其中注意到我們撰寫的格式中有一個 192 bytes 的 padding 這是由於 DHCP 的前身為 BOOTP 當初需要傳送開機檔案所留的位置，而此於 DHCP 就沒在用了，不過為了前後兼容於是保留了這樣一個區域。

DHCP Client-Server 交互流程、方法：



接著根據上述 Server、Client 的基本交互流程，可以簡化成收到 DHCPDISCOVER 時回 DHCP OFFER、收到 DHCPREQUEST 時回 DHCPACK，即可實作出最基本的 DHCP Server。

於時將回應的封包按照對應的格式回傳回去，發現並不能正常傳送出去，Wireshark 也沒有收到，但 sendto system call 也沒有錯誤訊息。

於是透過 Wireshark 觀察了一下 DHCP Server 的運作：

117	139.909467752	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	332	DHCP Request	- Transaction ID 0x697f9b9b
122	141.905157533	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	332	DHCP Discover	- Transaction ID 0xc25f0270
134	145.151229452	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	332	DHCP Discover	- Transaction ID 0x9e48cde7
139	149.946211961	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	332	DHCP Discover	- Transaction ID 0x7a221261
140	149.947393778	192.168.0.1	192.168.0.12	ICMP	62	Echo (ping) request	id=0xd958, seq=0/0, ttl=64 (no
142	151.104828867	192.168.0.1	192.168.0.12	DHCP	342	DHCP Offer	- Transaction ID 0x7a221261
143	151.104991851	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP	338	DHCP Request	- Transaction ID 0x7a221261
144	151.108838994	192.168.0.1	192.168.0.12	DHCP	342	DHCP ACK	- Transaction ID 0x7a221261
162	155.242736305	PcsCompu_9f:16:c6	PcsCompu_dd:aa:aa	ARP	60	Who has 192.168.0.12? Tell 192.168.0.1	
163	155.242768984	PcsCompu_dd:aa:aa	PcsCompu_9f:16:c6	ARP	42	192.168.0.12 is at 08:00:27:dd:aa:aa	
515	450.133756996	192.168.0.12	192.168.0.1	DHCP	326	DHCP Request	- Transaction ID 0xfedb8b5b
516	450.146773654	192.168.0.1	192.168.0.12	DHCP	342	DHCP ACK	- Transaction ID 0xfedb8b5b

可以發現在 Server 發完 DHCPACK 之後，才發送 ARP Request，Client 也才能回 ARP Reply，由於 Client 於收到 DHCPACK 之前都屬於尚未設定 IP 的狀態，因此無法響應 ARP，所以 Server 透過 UDP Socket 下去送封包時，可以將其放至 buffer，但無法填 Ethernet header，因為等不到 ARP 的 Reply，所以需要自己填 Ethernet header。

此時可以回來看到 DHCP 的 header 當中其時包含了：

htype	1	Hardware address type, see ARP section in "Assigned Numbers" RFC; e.g., '1' = 10mb ethernet.
hlen	1	Hardware address length (e.g. '6' for 10mb ethernet).
chaddr	16	Client hardware address.

用以提供 MAC 的資訊，方便我們填寫 Layer 2 header (Ethernet header)：

```
// Prepare the Ethernet frame
struct ethhdr ethernetHeader;
std::memcpy(ethernetHeader.h_source, srcMac, 6);      // Source MAC
std::memcpy(ethernetHeader.h_dest, dstMac, 6);        // Destination MAC
ethernetHeader.h_proto = htons(ETH_P_IP);              // Ethertype
```

再來填 Layer 3 header (IP header) :

```
// Prepare the IP packet
struct iphdr ipHeader;
std::memset(&ipHeader, 0, sizeof(struct iphdr));
ipHeader.version = 4;                                // IPv4
ipHeader.ihl = 5;                                     // Header length in 32-bit words
ipHeader.tos = 0;                                     // Type of service (0 for default)
ipHeader.tot_len = htons(sizeof(struct iphdr));       // Total length of the IP packet
ipHeader.id = htons(12345); ;                         // Identification (0 for default)
ipHeader.frag_off = htons(IP_DF);                    // Fragment offset (0 for default)
ipHeader.ttl = 64;                                    // Time-to-live (64 for default)
ipHeader.protocol = IPPROTO_UDP;                     // Protocol (UDP)
ipHeader.check = 0;                                   // Checksum (0 for now)
ipHeader.saddr = inet_addr(server_ip);               // Source IP address
ipHeader.daddr = inet_addr(ip_s);                    // Destination IP address
```

其中 Source IP 為 Server IP，而 Destination IP 則為預計要分配給 Client 的 IP，另外當中比較重要的是 IP header 的 checksum 範圍僅 IP header、tot_len 則是包含 payload，因此要先填完後面的內容得知總長度，填回 tot_len 再單獨拿 IP_header 算 checksum。

```
ipHeader.tot_len = htons(sizeof(struct iphdr) + sizeof(struct udphdr) + payloadLength);
ipHeader.check = in_cksum((unsigned short *)&ipHeader, sizeof(struct iphdr));
```

接著填 Layer 4 header (UDP header) :

```
struct udphdr udpHeader;
std::memset(&udpHeader, 0, sizeof(struct udphdr));
udpHeader.source = htons(67);                        // Source port
udpHeader.dest = htons(68);                          // Destination port
udpHeader.len = htons(sizeof(struct udphdr));         // Length of UDP header and payload
udpHeader.check = 0;                                  // Checksum (0 for now)
```

Server 固定為 67 Port，Client 固定為 68 Port，另外 len 也是包含 payload，不過 checksum 則不只是 header，也包含 payload。checksum 要先將 checksum 位置填 0，整段拿去算完再填會去。

```
unsigned short in_cksum(unsigned short *addr, int len) {
    int nleft = len;
    int sum = 0;
    unsigned short *w = addr;
    unsigned short answer = 0;
    // Sum all 16-bit words
    while (nleft > 1) {
        sum += *w++;
        nleft -= 2;
    }
    // Add the padding byte if necessary
```



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    if (nleft == 1) {
        *(unsigned char *)&answer = *(unsigned char *)w;
        sum += answer;
    }
    // Add the carry
    sum = (sum >> 16) + (sum & 0xFFFF);
    sum += (sum >> 16);
    answer = ~sum;
    return answer;
}

```

最後再將所有 header 、payload 組起來即可：

```

// Combine the headers and payload into a buffer
char buffer[sizeof(struct ethhdr) + sizeof(struct iphdr) + sizeof(struct udphdr) +
payloadLength];
std::memcpy(buffer, &ethernetHeader, sizeof(struct ethhdr));
std::memcpy(buffer + sizeof(struct ethhdr), &ipHeader, sizeof(struct iphdr));
std::memcpy(buffer + sizeof(struct ethhdr) + sizeof(struct iphdr), &udpHeader,
sizeof(struct udphdr));
std::memcpy(buffer + sizeof(struct ethhdr) + sizeof(struct iphdr) + sizeof(struct udphdr),
payload, payloadLength);

```

另外要傳出去，須設定 Interface，再 call sendto：

```

// Send the packet through the raw socket
struct sockaddr_ll socketAddress;
std::memset(&socketAddress, 0, sizeof(struct sockaddr_ll));
socketAddress.sll_family = AF_PACKET;
socketAddress.sll_protocol = htons(ETH_P_ALL);
socketAddress.sll_ifindex = if_nametoindex(interface);
socketAddress.sll_pkttype = PACKET_OTHERHOST;
socketAddress.sll_halen = ETH_ALEN;
std::memcpy(socketAddress.sll_addr, dstMac, 6);
if (sendto(rawSocket, buffer, sizeof(buffer), 0, (struct sockaddr*)&socketAddress,
sizeof(socketAddress)) == -1) {
    std::cerr << "Failed to send raw packet." << std::endl;
    return;
}

```

將其包成一個 function 方便使用：

```

void sendDHCP(unsigned char* dstMac, char ip_s[], DHCPMessage* payload){
    int rawSocket = socket(AF_PACKET, SOCK_RAW, htons(ETH_P_ALL));
    if (rawSocket == -1) {
        std::cerr << "Failed to create raw socket." << std::endl;
        return;
    }
    // Prepare the Ethernet frame
    ...
    // Prepare the IP packet
    ...
    // Prepare the UDP packet
    ...
}

```

```

// Combine the headers and payload into a buffer
...
// Send the packet through the raw socket
...
// Close the raw socket
close(rawSocket);
}

```

將收到的 Request，依據存有的數據確認可分配 IP，再將其填入 Response 中，其中 op 要設成 2 = BOOTREPLY、xid 要和 Request 一樣來用以識別、ciaddr (Client IP address) 只在 client 處於可以響應 ARP 時填寫 (用於續約時)、其它資訊則填至 options 中，要去確認各項資訊的 option 編號。

```

// Setting
// 192.168.0.0+x
int ip_begin = 100;
int ip_end = 200;
// netmask
uint32_t netmask = 0xFFFFFFFF;
// Interface
string interface = "enp0s3";
// Server MAC
unsigned char srcMac[6] = {0x08, 0x00, 0x27, 0x9f, 0x16, 0xc6};
// Server IP
uint32_t serverIP = 0xC0A80001;
void handleDHCPRequest(int serverSocket) {
    struct sockaddr_in clientAddress;
    socklen_t clientAddressLength = sizeof(clientAddress);
    // Allocate memory for receiving the DHCP message
    DHCPMessage* request = (DHCPMessage*)malloc(sizeof(DHCPMessage));
    ssize_t bytesRead = recvfrom(serverSocket, request, sizeof(DHCPMessage), 0, (struct
sockaddr *)&clientAddress, &clientAddressLength);
    // Parse
    ...
    // Find Usage IP
    ...
    // Fill DHCP
    ...
    // Send
    if (messageType == DHCPDISCOVER) {
        response->options[2] = 2; // DHCP offer
        sendDHCP((uint8_t*)request->chaddr, ip_s, response);
    } else if (messageType == DHCPREQUEST) {
        response->options[2] = 5; // DHCP Ack
        sendDHCP((uint8_t*)request->chaddr, ip_s, response);
    }
}
}

```

另外 option 中有一個是告知 client 多久需要續約，使得不會 client 沒在用，卻 IP 被占用的狀況發生。

以上即是簡易的 DHCP Server 的實作。

Reference

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc2131>