

a) Perform a DNS Query

- Use `nslookup` :

Bash

```
nslookup <hostname>
```

- Replace `<hostname>` with the domain name or hostname you want to resolve (e.g., `www.google.com` , `example.com`).

`nslookup` will query the DNS server and display the IP address(es) associated with the given hostname.

- Use `dig` :

Bash

```
dig <hostname>
```

`dig` is a more powerful and flexible DNS query tool that provides more detailed information than `nslookup` .

b) Test Network Connectivity

- Use `ping` :

Bash

```
ping -c 4 <hostname_or_ip_address>
```

- Replace `<hostname_or_ip_address>` with the hostname or IP address of the remote system.
- `-c 4` specifies that the `ping` command should send 4 packets.

If the `ping` command is successful, it indicates that a basic network connection can be established to the remote system. The output will display the Round Trip Time (RTT) for each packet, which can help assess the connection quality.

- Use `telnet` (for testing port connectivity):

Bash

```
telnet <hostname_or_ip_address> <port_number>
```

- Replace `<hostname_or_ip_address>` with the hostname or IP address of the remote system.
- Replace `<port_number>` with the port number you want to test (e.g., 22 for SSH, 80 for HTTP).

A successful `telnet` connection indicates that the port is open and accepting connections on the remote system.